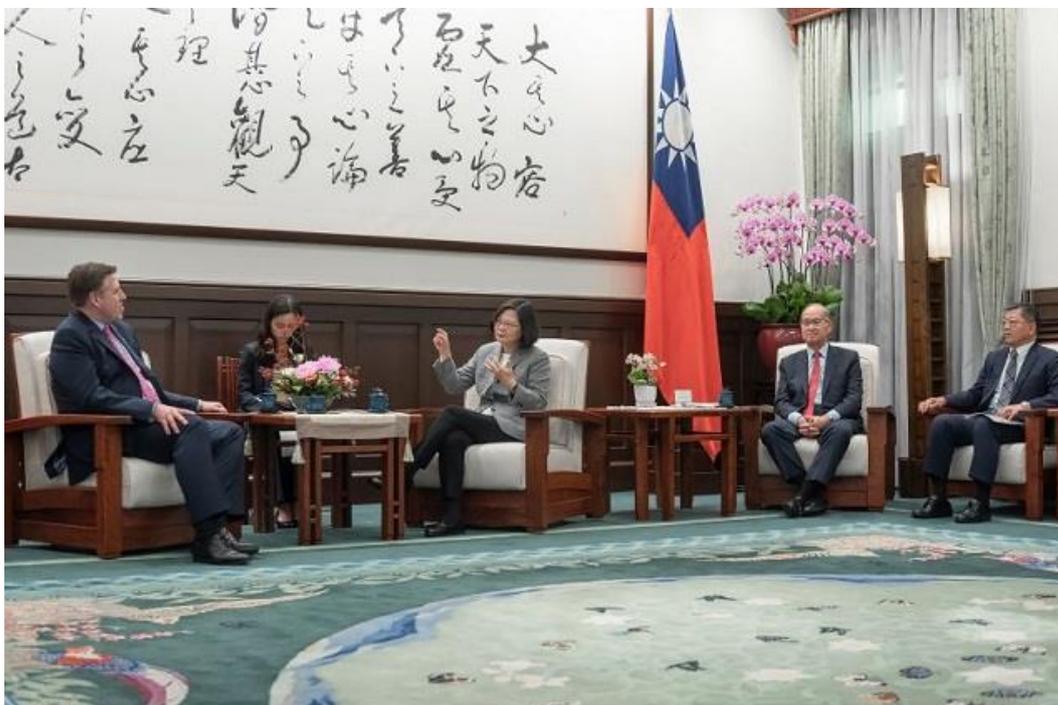


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Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen meets the third UK Parliamentary delegation visiting Taiwan in 2018.

IN THE NEWSLETTER

This issue features key events in Taiwan-UK relations in 2018, including the third UK parliamentary delegation visiting Taiwan this year, Taiwan and the UK strengthening climate change collaboration, the 21st Taiwan-UK annual trade talks in Taipei, Taiwan and the UK signing an MoU promoting FinTech cooperation, the second UK parliamentary delegation visiting Taiwan, President Tsai's meeting with Lord Faulkner of Worcester, Taiwan's opening its market to British pork imports, the President of Taiwan's Legislative Yuan and Taiwan's Deputy Minister of Science and Technology's visits to the UK, UK Investment Minister Graham Stuart and the first delegation of British parliamentarians' visits to Taiwan in April, Taiwan Vice President and UK Foreign Office Chief Scientific Adviser launching the UKTW I2P and five UK cities participating in the 2018 Smart City Summit and Expo in Taipei.

UK Parliamentary delegation visits Taiwan and meets with President Tsai

From 2-7 November, a delegation of British parliamentarians comprised of Sir Graham Brady and Lyn Brown from the House of Commons, and Lord Gilbert and Baroness McGregor-Smith from the House of Lords, visited Taiwan to learn more about the country's defense, economy, foreign affairs as well as political and cross-strait relations. On 5

November, President Tsai Ing-wen received the delegation at the Office of the President.

In her remarks during the meeting, President Tsai highlighted that robust economic and trade relations between Taiwan and the UK are helping connect the markets of Asia and Europe while spurring regional trade. The President pointed out that the two countries enjoy close exchanges across a broad spectrum of areas, which is evident in the signing of several memorandums of understanding this year on joint collaboration across a range of sectors. President Tsai also noted this is the third delegation from the British Parliament to visit Taiwan this year, illustrating the desire of parliamentarians from both countries to ramp up exchanges and learn from respective legislative experiences. The government welcomes this trend and is committed to working with like-minded partners in safeguarding shared values, she added.

Taiwan and UK strengthen collaboration in fighting climate change



(Photo source: British Office in Taipei Facebook)

Facing the urgent threat of global warming and climate change, Taiwan's Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) and the British Office Taipei jointly held the 2018 Taiwan-UK Climate Change Forum at National Taiwan University on 31 October. Nick Bridge, UK Special Representative for Climate Change, was invited to give a speech in the forum of more than 100 participants. The British climate change representative called for closer partnership between Taiwan and the UK to tackle climate change together by turning both countries' economies into cleaner and greener economies.

During his stay in Taiwan, Nick Bridge had dynamic conversations with experts and scholars from different fields about Taiwan's policy making and development on green energy and climate change. On 12 December, he met with Taiwan's Acting Minister of the EPA Tsai, Hung-teh at this year's UNFCCC meetings and discussed the UK's development in offshore wind power and potential for collaborations between Taiwan and the UK.

UK Trade Policy Minister visits Taiwan to attend bilateral trade talks



The 21st UK-Taiwan annual trade talks, co-chaired by UK Trade Policy Minister George Hollingbery and Taiwan Vice Minister of Economic Affairs Mei-Hua Wang, were held in Taipei on 25 September. The talks focused on building stronger trade and investment links, resolving market access issues and celebrating the recent introduction of British pork products to the Taiwanese market.

During his visit to Taiwan, Minister Hollingbery also met with President Tsai Ing-wen, Minister of Economic Affairs Jong-Chin Shen and Minister of Foreign Affairs Joseph Wu to discuss Taiwan-UK trade relations and opportunities for growth, including in the financial services sector. The visit marked further development in the already close bilateral cooperation in finance, as Minister Hollingbery witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the British Office in Taipei and the Taiwan Financial Services Roundtable committing to close cooperation and promotion of our financial technology sectors. Taiwan-UK bilateral trade rose to £5.75 billion in 2017, making Taiwan the UK's eighth largest trading partner in the Asia Pacific region. Britain is currently the most popular destination for Taiwanese investors in Europe, accounting for 21% of Taiwan's foreign direct investment in the region in 2017.

Taiwan and UK sign MoU promoting bilateral FinTech cooperation



On 25 September, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the Taiwan Financial Services Roundtable and the British Office Taipei committing to closer bilateral cooperation in the financial technology (FinTech) industry. Taiwan Financial Supervisory Commission Chairman Wellington Koo and UK Trade Policy Minister George Hollingbery were both present to witness the signing of the MoU. The two sides agreed to take various measures to promote and reinforce bilateral exchanges in the FinTech industry. For example, UK FinTech companies will enjoy free market guidance at the FinTech Space in Taipei and will be entitled to the same subsidies as local start-ups when they establish a base in Taiwan's FinTech innovation park.

In his remarks, Chairman Koo said that through the strengthening of bilateral cooperation in the FinTech industry, Taiwan welcomes more British companies to establish bases in the country and hopes to further develop its FinTech sector as well as expand its businesses to the UK. Minister Hollingbery stated that while trying to boost trade and investment between Britain and Taiwan, his government sees the financial service sector as a promising area.

UK parliamentary delegation led by Mark Garnier visits Taiwan



From 30 September to 6 October, a seven-member UK delegation led by former Minister of State for International Trade Mark Garnier MP visited Taiwan to promote bilateral interparliamentary exchange. The delegation was composed of both members of the House of Lords and House of Commons, including Lord Collins of Highbury, Baroness Falkner of Margravine, Baroness Bloomfield of Hinton Waldrist, as well as MPs Kate Hollern, Philip Hollobone and Stephen Morgan.

In addition to promoting bilateral interparliamentary exchange, the delegation's visit aims to gain a deeper understanding of Taiwan's overall developments and cross-strait relations. On 2 October, the delegation met with President Tsai Ing-wen to exchange views on further strengthening bilateral relations. During their stay, the parliamentarians also visited the Legislative Yuan, the National Security Council and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, among many others.

President Tsai meets UK Trade Envoy to strengthen bilateral relations



On 20 September, President Tsai Ing-wen welcomed UK Trade Envoy to Taiwan Lord Faulkner of Worcester at the Presidential Office to discuss further enhancing bilateral relations in the field of renewable energy. During the meeting, President Tsai highlighted Taiwan's commitment to developing renewable energy and building a nuclear free homeland. She cited the UK's successful experience in energy transformation and power industry reform as a potential model for Taiwan to achieve its goal of becoming nuclear free by 2025. The President remarked on the positive results achieved in the first "Taiwan-UK Energy Dialogue" held in London in June this year and expressed hope to further explore opportunities for bilateral cooperation in related fields. At the invitation of Taiwan's Ministry of Economic Affairs, Lord Faulkner also participated in the "Energy Taiwan 2018 Forum" and spoke at the "Hydrogen Energy Industry Trend Forum" during his stay.

Taiwan opens its market to British pork imports



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BREAKING NEWS: following ongoing UK government effort, Taiwan is preparing to open its market to British pork for the first time. The agreement is expected to be worth more than £50m to 🇬🇧 farmers over the next 5 years #FreeTradeUK #FoodisGREAT @UKinTaiwan



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Taiwan is preparing to open its market to pork imports from the UK for the first time on 6 August. The new agreement between Taiwan and the UK is expected to profit British farmers £50 million over the first five years. Remarking on the positive implications of this move for bilateral relations, UK Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board International Market Director Phil Hadley said “this is an exciting development and a great step forward for the UK and Taiwan.” Secretary of State for International Trade Liam Fox MP publicly voiced his support for the agreement, stating “the opening of the Taiwanese market to British pork is another vote of confidence in our world-renowned, high quality UK food and drink.” Former Trade Minister Greg Hands MP publicly lauded the agreement as “great news” and expressed gratitude to Taiwanese and UK officials. Taiwan is the UK’s eighth largest trading partner in the Asia-Pacific with bilateral trade now worth more than £5.4 billion, and this development signifies the deepening of trade relations between Taiwan and the UK for the future.

President of Taiwan’s Legislative Yuan leads delegation visit to UK promoting bilateral parliamentary exchanges



From 18-20 July, President of Taiwan’s Legislative Yuan Su Chia-Chyuan led a delegation visiting the UK in an effort to further enhance bilateral parliamentary exchanges. The delegation was composed of prominent Taiwanese legislators, including Chiu Chih-Wei, Mei-Nu Yu, Shih-Ying Tsai, Tshiong-Tso Lim (Freddy Lim) and several representatives from Taiwanese enterprises.

During the visit, President Su met with Lord Speaker Lord Fowler to exchange views on promoting bilateral relations as well as strengthening industrial cooperation between Taiwan and the UK. President Su was accompanied to the meeting by the President of the British-Taiwanese APPG Lord Steel, Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords and the Prime Minister’s Trade Envoy to Taiwan Lord Faulkner as well as Lord Foster. President Su also met with Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP, and was

accompanied by the Chair of the British-Taiwanese APPG Nigel Evans. In the meeting, President Su expressed hope that based on such strong foundations, the UK and Taiwan could further deepen bilateral ties. The President of the Legislative Yuan also delivered remarks at a welcoming reception hosted by the British-Taiwanese APPG in Westminster Hall at the invitation of Nigel Evans and Lord Steel.

Taiwan Deputy Minister of Science and Technology visits UK to promote bilateral cooperation



From 4-5 July, Taiwan's Deputy Minister of Science and Technology (MOST) Professor Fong-Chin Su led a delegation to the UK to promote bilateral collaboration in fields of science, research and innovation. Delegation members included two MOST Director Generals, Professor Hsinya Huang and Professor Shawn Shuo-Hung Hsu. Target areas for further bilateral cooperation include artificial intelligence, biotechnology, clean energy, future manufacturing and digital economy. Accompanied by Representative Lin, the delegation met with Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation Sam Gyimah at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to discuss ongoing and future bilateral collaboration. Deputy Minister Su also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) of UK Research and Innovation. During their time in the UK, the delegation also visited the British Library, Alan Turing Institute and Royal Society.

UK Investment Minister discusses strengthening Taiwan-UK relations with President Tsai



From 9-10 April 2018, Minister for Investment at the UK's Department for International Trade Mr Graham Stuart visited Taiwan and met with President Tsai Ing-wen. They discussed the substantial bilateral progress and collaboration achieved in the sectors of green energy, finance, and agriculture. President Tsai stated that based on this strong cooperation, the two sides will continue to deepen ties. She also stressed that as the UK prepares to depart from the EU, there will be more opportunities to upgrade the bilateral relationship. For instance, several British enterprises have expressed interest in expanding trade and investment in many of the sectors covered by Taiwan's 'Five-Plus-Two Innovative Industries Initiative', she added.

Following his meeting with President Tsai, Mr Stuart and Taiwan's Minister of Economic Affairs Shen Jong-Chin concluded the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the British Office Taipei and the Taiwan Offshore Wind Turbine Foundation and Marine Engineering Association, marking further bilateral cooperation in the offshore wind power and marine engineering sectors. On 10 April, Mr Stuart visited Taoyuan County-based vertical farm YesHealth iFarm accompanied by County Mayor Cheng Wen-tsan. The UK Minister announced YesHealth iFarm's £18 million investment in the UK, as the Taiwanese company is set to establish its European headquarters in York.

UK parliamentarians visit Taiwan and meet President Tsai



From 7-13 April 2018, a delegation of six UK parliamentarians visited Taiwan and met President Tsai Ing-wen on 10 April. The delegation was comprised of Members of the House of Lords, including Lord Steel of Aikwood, Lord Northbrook, Lord Dholakia, Lord Rogan, as well as Members of the House of Commons, including Marie Rimmer MP and Rupa Huq MP. During the meeting, both sides discussed how Taiwan and the UK can pool resources to tackle global challenges together. President Tsai gave special thanks to the British-Taiwanese All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) as well as the UK government for their long-term support for Taiwan's participation in international organisations, such as the World Health Organisation, and expressed hope that the visiting delegation will continue to assist Taiwan's case for international participation upon their return to the UK.

On 11 April, the delegation met with President of the Legislative Yuan Su Chia-chyuan and two Taiwanese legislators to exchange ideas on several strategic areas in the bilateral partnership. The delegation members visited Taiwan's Legislative Yuan, accompanied by DPP legislator Yu Mei-nu of the Taiwan-UK Parliamentary Friendship Association.

Taiwan's VP and UK Foreign Office Chief Scientific Adviser launch Innovative Industries Programme

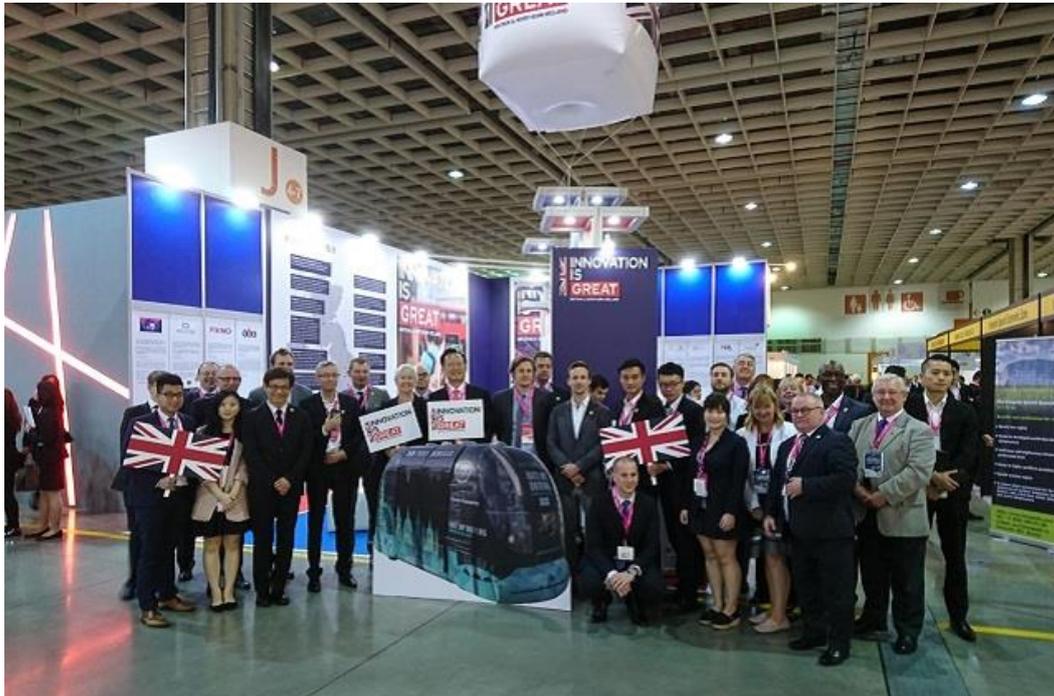


(Photo source: British Office in Taipei)

From 20-22 March 2018, UK Foreign Office Chief Scientific Adviser Professor Robin Grimes visited Taiwan and together with Taiwan's Vice President Chen Chien-jen launched the 'UK-Taiwan Innovative Industries Programme' (UKTW I2P). Under the UKTW I2P, the British government will provide approximately £200,000 (NT\$8 million) to support Taiwanese researchers seeking to conduct projects at British universities and institutions, helping to increase bilateral cooperation in the areas of IC industry innovation, biotechnology, artificial intelligence, digital economy, green energy, robotics, and outer space. Vice President Chen remarked the programme demonstrates increased bilateral cooperation and is an opportunity for both countries to achieve great success.

During his visit, Professor Grimes visited key Ministries and research facilities in Taiwan, including the National Development Council, the Ministry of Science and Technology, and precision machining companies in Taichung. He also gave a speech about scientific research at Academia Sinica as well as National Cheng Kung University. In addition, Professor Grimes toured Gogoro's electric scooter production facilities, among other sites.

Five UK cities attend 2018 Smart City Summit and Expo in Taipei



From 27-30 March, the 2018 Smart City Summit and Expo (SCSE) was held in Taipei and attended by a British delegation composed of leaders from five UK cities including Bristol, Greenwich, Milton Keynes, Peterborough, and West Lothian as well as representatives of 17 British companies and research institutes. On a mission to share insights and innovations in promoting smart cities in the UK, the British delegation also aimed to encourage more collaboration between British and Taiwanese cities and businesses.

On 28 March, the delegation attended the second UK-Taiwan Smart Cities Forum which was co-hosted by the TRO and the British Office in Taipei. The theme of the forum was “Driving the Future: Developments in Connected and Autonomous Vehicles”, aiming to advance Taiwan-UK cooperation on Smart City-related projects. Mr Steve Firstbrook, Head of Department for International Trade Taiwan, and Ms Hsing-Hsing Chen, Deputy Director-General of European Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, gave opening remarks at the forum. This year’s SCSE featured around 1,050 booths from 41 countries, with approximately 30,000 professional visitors and buyers in attendance. Taiwan’s Deputy Foreign Minister François Chih-Chung Wu welcomed the leaders representing each UK city.



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