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JUNE 11 2019, 12:01AM, THE TIMES**The world must not ignore  
China's threats to Taiwan**

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**I**f Taiwan falls, who is next? China is spreading its influence throughout the world with the ambition to dominate in a new world order. It is militarising the South China Sea, enticing smaller countries into debt traps through its Belt and Road initiative, making overblown promises of financial assistance it doesn't keep.

Taiwan Foreign Minister Joseph Wu's article is published in *The Times' Thunderer*.

**IN THE NEWSLETTER**

Key events featured in this issue include President Tsai's statement on the situation in Hong Kong, Taiwan Foreign Minister Joseph Wu's article in *The Times' Thunderer*, Representative Lin's letter in *The Times*, UK parliamentarians expressing alarm over the deterioration of human rights in China and democracy in Hong Kong, Taiwan participating in the International Grains Council's annual assembly and conference in London, the first annual Taiwan Scholar Workshop at Manchester, the TRO promoting educational opportunities in Taiwan at the SOAS Taiwan Studies Summer School and EATS announcing a call for papers for its 17th annual conference in 2020.

**President Tsai issues statement on the situation in Hong  
Kong**



On 13 June, President Tsai issued a statement regarding the situation in Hong Kong stressing the protests not only made Taiwanese cherish their existing democratic system and way of life even more, but also made it clear that “one country, two systems” is not viable for a democratized Taiwan. The president pointed out that the Hong Kong police’s use of tear gas and rubber bullets against demonstrators was especially shocking and intolerable. President Tsai stated the people of Hong Kong have the right to pursue their own democracy and freedom, adding that as a bastion of democracy in Asia, Taiwan will always support these universal values.

The president expressed hope that the Hong Kong government will take the protest demands seriously, engage in dialogue and communicate with the public and refrain from rashly forcing through the legislation in question. She concluded by stating Taiwan will do everything in its power to help the people of Hong Kong maintain their democracy and freedom of speech during these protests.

### **Foreign Minister Joseph Wu calls on likeminded countries to support Taiwan in *The Times’ Thunderer***

On 11 June, Foreign Minister Joseph Wu called on likeminded countries to support Taiwan in the face of Chinese pressure and interference. Citing China’s ambition to dominate in a new world order, Minister Wu pointed out that it is taking advantage of the openness of democratic societies to influence and infiltrate them through fake news, cyber-attacks, economic coercion and other means. The foreign minister said that Hong Kong, where more than a million people protest against a proposed extradition law, serves as another warning of China’s constant desire to interfere and suppress democracy. In addition to pressure on Hong Kong, he pointed out that China also insists the world accept its “one China principle” as well as intimidates transnational companies into listing Taiwan as part of China, even though most countries have their own policies for Taiwan and China.

Minister Wu stressed that Taiwan is a sovereign democratic state that is not part of the People's Republic of China and never has been, adding that Taiwan has its own elected president, legislators and enjoys all kinds of freedoms: speech, press, assembly, religion, political participation, the rule of law, and since May, same-sex marriage. He pointed out that China wishes to annex Taiwan and destroy its democracy, threatening the use of force to unify Taiwan, despite the fact that a great majority of Taiwanese have zero interest in being part of China. He concluded by urging democracies to support Taiwan: "Taiwan is proud to be a successful democratic story; we deserve the support of like-minded countries."

## Representative Lin urges democracies to stand against China's aggression in *The Times*

<p><b>and AI</b></p> <p>our report "Hospitals or using robots and humans" (Jun 6), making humans has research ever since his "Turing Test" tending to be a nation, to see if it is human. Sixty-five years, such an influential. equivalent of the reward aeroplanes ping wings and feet. medicine like focus on building help doctors with hand. AI-supported is more accurate than care. It is not to duplicate humans, strengths that</p> <p>decision-making helps second opinions. perfect sources of an and one hundred per cent when combined are on their own,</p>	<p>provided that their analysis is different. We are pleased to see that AI is being adopted further by the NHS. There is great potential for improvements in decision-making. But as this technology is rolled out we must bear in mind that machines cannot yet think like doctors, and nor do we necessarily want them to. <b>William Warr</b>, doctoral researcher, University of Oxford; <b>Matthew Willetts</b>, doctoral researcher, Alan Turing Institute</p> <p><b>Closed regime</b></p> <p>Sir, Your leading article ("Chinese Whispers", Jun 4) rightly voices concerns about the lack of contrition shown by the Chinese defence minister General Wei Fenghe in the run-up to the 30th anniversary of the Tiananmen massacre. Objectionable as this attitude may be, the consequences go beyond a failure to acknowledge a historical wrong. The mindset that led to the terrible events in 1989 continues to prevail in Beijing, as shown in Didi Tang's piece ("Beijing minister threatens action over Taiwan", Jun 3). China's rulers are still prepared to use force to crush</p>	<p>dissident views, whether they be within the People's Republic of China or the wishes of the 23 million people of Taiwan to determine their own future. The world's democracies must make it clear that this is unacceptable. <b>David Y.L. Lin</b>, Representative, Taipei Representative Office in the UK</p> <p><b>Farm antibiotics</b></p> <p>Sir, The doctor attending Carol Midgley's friend (Notebook, Jun 3) can take solace from the government's latest One Health report, which shows that antibiotic treatments for UK farm animals have fallen by 40 per cent in the past five years, leaving UK citizens using three times more antibiotics than livestock, kilo for kilo. Antibiotics may be "pumped" into farm animals in some countries, but not here: the Department of Health has been clear that "the clinical issues with antimicrobial resistance that we face in human medicine are primarily the result of antibiotic use in people, rather than the use of antibiotics in animals". <b>Gwyn Jones</b>, Chairwoman, Responsible Use of Medicines in Agriculture Alliance</p>	<p>makes the import who took part in had a real understanding efforts led in due of a peaceful and Europe that for over riven with war for 26th birthday drive Beach. In 1984, we through central B me and said: "It's here now than it" <b>Alex Rae</b>, Hucknall, Notts</p> <p>Sir, My memory ("Wartime Waiter" was in 1944. My the peas and put the meat safe (we in the coal cellar Sunday. Unfortun along the road, sl knocked the mea and the peas all e coal. We had to p Sunday dinner. <b>Les Sharp</b>, Hershham, Surrey</p> <p><b>Open-door</b></p> <p>Sir, My gift to ear</p>
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On 10 June, Representative Lin's letter urging the world's democracies to stand against China's aggression was published in *The Times*. Commenting on the Chinese defence minister threatening action against Taiwan in the run-up to the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tiananmen massacre, Representative Lin pointed out that not only does this show a lack of contrition from China, but also demonstrates the mind-set which led to the terrible events in 1989 continues to prevail in Beijing. He stressed that China's rulers are still prepared to use force to crush dissident views, whether they be within the People's Republic or the wishes of the 23 million people of Taiwan to determine their own future. Representative Lin concluded by stating that the world's democracies must make it clear that such behaviour is unacceptable.

## UK parliamentarians express concern over deterioration of human rights in China and democracy in Hong Kong

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## Joint Statement concerning the deterioration of democracy and freedom in Hong Kong

As the Co-Chairs of the British-Taiwanese All-Party Parliamentary Group, we have for many years supported Taiwan's remarkable achievements in human rights, democracy and the rule of law. A beacon for freedom and democracy in Asia, Taiwan enjoys freedom of speech, press, assembly, religion, political participation, the rule of law as well as same-sex marriage, and serves as a model for the social reform and democratic development of neighbouring countries who currently fall short of international standards. We are proud to stand by Taiwan and promote their status as one of Asia's most vibrant democracies.



On 13 June, Co-Chair of the British-Taiwanese All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Lord Rogan issued a statement on the deterioration of human rights and religious freedom in China. The British parliamentarian highlighted Taiwan's remarkable achievements in human rights, democracy and the rule of law, adding that Taiwan serves as a model for China's social reform and democratic development. Lord Rogan expressed alarm over the rapid and significant deterioration of human rights, political reform, freedom of religion and expression in China, citing the imprisonment of millions of Uighurs, suppression of religious groups, detaining of dissidents and recent protests in Hong Kong against the proposed extradition bill.

On 18 June, Lord Rogan and fellow APPG Co-Chair Nigel Evans MP issued a statement commenting further on the deterioration of democracy and freedom in Hong Kong. The parliamentarians pointed out that the extradition law threatens Hong Kong's right to freedom and democracy, and stressed that the repression of democracy, and those living in democratic countries, poses a serious threat not only to Taiwan, but to democracies around the world. The APPG Co-Chairs concluded by urging the UK and other likeminded countries to uphold democratic values and ideals.

**Taiwan participates in the International Grains Council annual assembly and conference in London**



From 10-12 June, Taiwan was invited to participate as an observer in the 49th Council Session and conference of the International Grains Council (IGC) in London. Representative Lin led a delegation to partake in all events on behalf of Taiwan. During the annual session and conference, Representative Lin met and exchanged views with UK Minister of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Robert Goodwill MP, Ambassador of Japan to the UK H.E. Koji Tsuruoka as well as IGC Chairman and Economic Minister of the Embassy of Japan Mr Shuichi Akamatsu.

## **First annual Taiwan Scholar Workshop at Manchester promotes ‘smart future’**



On 15 June, the first annual 'Taiwan Scholar Workshop at Manchester' was held by the TRO Division of Science and Technology at the University of Manchester. Under the theme of 'smart future', the workshop aimed to traverse interdisciplinary exchanges, integrate different age groups, promote government policies and recruit talents. Around 70 participants from academia and industry attended the event to participate in various interdisciplinary activities. Co-organised by the Taiwan Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) and the University of Manchester Taiwanese Society, the workshop was presided over by Director of the TRO Science and Technology, Professor Jiun-Huei Protty Wu, and Yiju Chen from Manchester.

The meeting included 9 talks with 4 keynote speeches focusing on the sciences and social issues related to 'smart future'. The event also featured a series of interactive workshops which involved group discussions and brainstorming on mentorship, critical decisions, bottlenecks and dreams. The workshop received positive feedback and strong online support, founding the basis a new community in research and innovation.

## **TRO promotes educational opportunities in Taiwan at SOAS Taiwan Studies Summer School**



From 17-21 June, the TRO helped to promote educational opportunities in Taiwan during the Taiwan Studies Summer School at London's School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS). During the event, TRO Education Division Director Dr Nicole Yen-Yi Lee led colleagues in running a 'Study in Taiwan' desk, which provided information about opportunities to study at Taiwanese universities as well as Taiwanese government scholarship programmes. In addition to promoting the Summer School amongst scholarship students and alumni, members of the Education Division also handed out brochures and answered questions from interested visitors at the event.

This year's SOAS Taiwan Studies Summer School convened under the theme of documenting Taiwanese society and politics, and featured talks from prominent academics and cultural practitioners. The programme has become one of the most popular events in the European Taiwan Studies calendar. SOAS Taiwan Studies Summer School events are free to attend and very popular among students of East Asian Studies in the UK.

## **EATS announces call for papers for 17<sup>th</sup> annual conference in 2020**

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### **EATS Conference 2020:**

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### **The 17th EATS Annual Conference**

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#### **Narrating Taiwan: Re-imagining, re-writing, and re-connecting Taiwan**

The 17th Annual Conference of the European Association of Taiwan Studies

Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), KU Leuven Campus Brussels, Brussels

6-8 April 2020

**Submission Deadline: 31 August 2019**

(Original source: EATS website)

The European Association of Taiwan Studies (EATS) announced a call for papers for the 17<sup>th</sup> EATS annual conference taking place in Brussels from 6-8 April 2020. Next year's conference will convene under the theme of "Narrating Taiwan: Re-imagining, re-writing, and re-connecting Taiwan". The submission deadline for abstracts is 31 August 2019, and for students currently enrolled in MA programmes 31 October 2019. Successful submissions will be announced by 30 November 2019. For more information, please see the EATS page (<https://bit.ly/2XZ2hyp>).

#### **Taiwan in the news:**

- [Taiwanese wins Oniros Film Awards' best monthly director](#)
- [NTU rises to 69th in QS world university rankings](#)
- [Two Taiwanese bag gold at taekwondo tourney in Europe](#)
- [NTHU research team introduces smart garbage can in Hsinchu](#)
- [Taiwan dance, theater groups to perform in France, UK festivals](#)



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