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President Tsai Ing-wen reiterates Taiwan's support for the people of Hong Kong.

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Taiwan expresses further support for Hong Kong protestors against proposed extradition bill

Responding to Hong Kong protestors' further action against the proposed extradition bill on 1 July, the 22nd anniversary of Hong Kong's handover, Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen expressed support for the people of Hong Kong and called on the Hong Kong government to engage with protestors' demands. President Tsai tweeted that "as President of a country that walked the long road to democracy, I urge the Hong Kong government to address the

legitimate concerns of the people and their pursuit of freedom and democracy.”

Taiwan’s Minister of Foreign Affairs Joseph Wu also expressed his support for Hong Kong on 1 July, stressing that the citizens of Hong Kong are seething with anger and frustration. He tweeted that it’s clear the Chinese Communist Party regime’s “one country, two systems” is nothing but a lie. The Minister also urged the global community to support the Hong Kong people’s struggle for freedom and fully democratic elections.

Taiwan’s Minister of Foreign Affairs gives keynote speech at 2019 Copenhagen Democracy Summit



On 3 July, Taiwan’s Minister of Foreign Affairs Joseph Wu delivered the keynote speech at the 2019 Copenhagen Democracy Forum, marking the first time a Taiwanese foreign minister has participated in the event. Minister Wu pointed out although Taiwan is still young as a democracy, it has made great strides and now ranks in the top tier in Asia for political, press and speech freedoms. The Foreign Minister stressed that Taiwan’s hard-earned democracy is not fully secured as the country faces increasing military pressure, international suppression and interference. The Minister emphasised that despite these threats, the country will not give up its democratic way of life. Commenting on the protests in Hong Kong, Minister Wu pledged that Taiwan will hold firm and succeed “so that the people of Hong Kong and beyond can still see the beacon light of hope.”

The Minister also highlighted Taiwan’s efforts to become a force for good in the world, including holding the first regional conference on religious freedom in Asia as well as promoting democracy under the Pacific Island Leadership Programme and the Global Cooperation Training Framework (GCTF). Minister Wu pointed out the suppression of Hong Kong’s popular elections, press freedom and rule of law by Beijing as well as the deterioration of religious freedom in China, including the internment of over a million Muslims, forced exile of Tibetan leaders and destruction of Buddhist statues as well as

Christian churches. The Minister pointed out there is still a long way to go in the campaign for democracy, but stressed the world can count on Taiwan as a rock-solid partner in this endeavor: “We’re determined to thrive, not just survive, and prove democracy is a better path for mankind.”

Representative Lin leads a delegation to Cornwall to strengthen Taiwan-UK cooperation



From 20-21 June, Representative Lin led a delegation to Cornwall to boost cooperation between Taiwan and the UK. During the visit, Representative Lin met with parliamentarians Scott Mann MP for North Cornwall, Sheryll Murray MP for South East Cornwall, Steve Double MP for St Austell and Newquay and Liberal Democrat peer Lord Teverson as well as the Mayors and Councillors of Cornwall Council and Cornish business representatives, to exchange ideas on boosting bilateral collaboration in renewable energy, smart healthcare and Cornish agricultural exports. Scott Mann MP praised Taiwan as one of the most vibrant democracies in Asia and commented on its potential as a lucrative market for Cornish goods. Representative Lin stressed that many sectors with potential for future bilateral cooperation were successfully identified during the visit.

The delegation also toured the famous local Tintagel Castle to view the construction of a new bridge which was being carried out by a Taiwanese owned company. One of Cornwall's local papers, *The Camelford and Delabole Post*, published a report on 4 July highlighting the success of the visit.

Representative Lin attends diplomatic reception at London's National Liberal Club



On 24 June, Representative Lin participated in a diplomatic reception held at the National Liberal Club in London. During the reception, Representative Lin met and exchanged views with UK parliamentarians, including Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP and Baroness Garden, members of London's diplomatic corps, such as the ambassadors of Paraguay, Poland, Australia and Peru, as well as representatives from international organisations. The event featured a speech from Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP, briefing international guests about the UK's current parliamentary arithmetic and atmosphere.

TRO hosts Mid-Summer Reception at the Travellers Club in London



On 2 July, Representative Lin hosted a mid-summer reception at the historical library of the Travellers Club in London. Several UK parliamentarians, including British-Taiwanese All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Co-Chairs Nigel Evans MP and Lord Rogan, as well as APPG Honorary President Lord Steel of Aikwood, Baroness D'Souza, Andrea Jenkyns MP, the Mayor of West of England Tim Bowles, and members of London's diplomatic corps attended the event and expressed their support and friendship for Taiwan. The event featured singing from the Andrea Jenkyns MP as well as renowned Taiwanese musician Der-Shin Hwang.

In his opening remarks, Representative Lin thanked British government officials, members of the APPG and diplomatic corps for their long-standing friendship and support for Taiwan. Representative Lin highlighted Taiwan and the UK's growing bilateral trade, investment and deepening industrial cooperation, including Taiwan's decision to open its market to British pork exports last year as well as its ranking the UK's 2nd fastest growing export market in April. APPG Co-Chairs Nigel Evans MP and Lord Rogan stressed they would do their utmost to promote Taiwan-UK relations in the future. APPG Honorary President Lord Steel of Aikwood expressed that the UK would continue to work with likeminded countries to support Taiwan and protect the shared values of freedom and democracy. Former Lord Speaker Baroness D'Souza stated that she will lead a delegation of UK parliamentarians to visit Taiwan later this month, and looks forward to exploring opportunities for greater cooperation between Taiwan and the UK.

Taiwan keeps Tier 1 ranking in Trafficking in Persons Report



Taiwan maintained its Tier 1 status for the 10th consecutive year in the “2019 Trafficking in Persons Report” published by the US Department of State on 20 June. The report confirmed that Taiwan meets the standards for the elimination of human trafficking, as well as highlighted Taiwan’s serious and sustained efforts in investigating trafficking, prosecuting offenders, protecting victims and raising awareness of the issue. Taiwan was one of the six countries in the Asia-Pacific to achieve Tier 1 status, alongside Australia, Japan, New Zealand, the Philippines and South Korea. Taiwan’s Ministry of the Interior said the ranking is recognition of government efforts in safeguarding human rights and fulfilling its responsibility as a member of the international community.

***Weiwuying* Architect Participates in London Festival of Architecture**



The architect behind the National Kaohsiung Centre for the Arts (Weiwuying) Francine Houben was invited to deliver a lecture titled “Designing for Culture” at the V&A Museum as part of the London Festival of Architecture on 24 June. Houben explained to an enthralled crowd of 120 people how she infuses local cultural elements into modern architectural design. Houben said that her architectural philosophy is "People, Place, Purpose", emphasising that architecture must consider human culture, value the local environment and understand the functions the venue requires. She cited Weiwuying as an example of cultural architecture, pointing out the design was inspired by the local Banyan trees which represent Kaohsiung’s climate, and its shipbuilding industry, thus inspiring the creation of the building. In his welcome speech, Deputy Representative Mr Shyang-Yun Cheng thanked the architect for her role in what he called “Taiwan’s greatest cultural investment in a generation”.

Taiwanese Musicians Attract Full House at Glastonbury Festival



On 27 June, two Taiwanese musicians performed at Glastonbury Festival, one of the world's largest music events, to a full house of music fans. Internationally-acclaimed indie band No Party for Cao Dong and renowned indigenous singer-songwriter and activist Suming took to the Pussy Parlure Stage, a venue known for featuring the best up-and-coming acts, performing sets to an enthusiastic audience. Prior to the festival, UK publication *Gigwise* lauded No Party for Cao Dong as "great for Taiwan [and] great for rock music." Alongside Glastonbury, Suming performed at the Scene Taiwan Film Festival in Edinburgh, as part of his world tour.

This is the fifth year that Taiwanese artists have been invited to participate in the world's largest music festival. Performers in previous years include Paiwan reggae band Matzka, indie-songstress Joanna Wang and indigenous R&B star ABAO.

Taiwan Studies Programme Conference 2019 takes place at University of Nottingham



From 27-28 June, the Taiwan Studies Programme (TSP) Conference 2019 convened at the University of Nottingham under the theme of “Review and prospective: the challenge and opportunity of Taiwan’s past, present and future”. Several prominent academics from the field of Taiwan Studies participated in the conference, including Professor Kerry Brown from King’s College London, Dr Dafydd Fell and Professor Steve Tsang from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), Professor Shelley Rigger from Davidson College and Dr Da-chi Liao of National Sun Yat-sen University. The roundtable was also attended by scholars and opinion leaders from countries around the world. Participants were invited to brainstorm and review the democratisation process and social changes in Taiwan.

Taiwan in the news:

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