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President Tsai delivers a speech at the Ketagalan Forum: 2019 Asia-Pacific Security Dialogue

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President Tsai Ing-wen opens the Ketagalan Forum: 2019 Asia-Pacific Security Dialogue

On 20 August, the president opened the Ketagalan Forum: 2019 Asia-Pacific Security Dialogue, a day-long forum hosted by the Prospect Foundation on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which aims to advance cooperation with like-minded partners in the fields of regional peace, prosperity and stability. The forum focused on four main topics: cross-strait stability, the Indo-Pacific strategy as well as China's behaviour in the South China Sea and power projection in the Pacific, featuring speeches from President Tsai, Taiwan Deputy Foreign Minister Szu-chien Hsu, former Australian Defence Minister Christopher Payne, Center for the National Interest (CFTNI) Lieutenant General Wallace C. Gregson and other experts from abroad.

Pointing out the serious challenges to global freedom, including maritime military expansion and authoritarian regimes taking advantage of the freedom, diversity and openness that democracies enjoy, the president stressed in her remarks that Taiwan's geostrategic importance as a bastion of democracy in the region is now more important than ever. She emphasised that Taiwan will continue to advocate the values of freedom, democracy and human rights throughout the Indo-Pacific. In terms of Taiwan's cooperation with partners in the region on relevant issues, President Tsai cited the examples of the establishment of the Ocean Affairs Council, several coast agreements with Pacific allies as well as the Taiwan-US Global Cooperation and Training Framework. Looking forward, the president expressed hope to see more regional partners join Taiwan to share their experiences and explore solutions.

President Tsai comments on clashes in Hong Kong and rejects China's accusations of interference

“We should be confident about Taiwan’s democratic achievements, and determined to defend our sovereignty, because only sovereignty can ensure our free and democratic lifestyle.”

Tsai Ing-wen



Responding to the clashes between police and protesters in Hong Kong in early August,

President Tsai issued a statement on 12 August pointing out that violent suppression is not a solution. President Tsai called on the Hong Kong authorities to address the public's aspirations for democracy and freedom, in order to return to peace and prosperity.

On 14 August, the president also responded to China's accusation of interference from Taiwan in Hong Kong. She pointed out that such accusations are an insult to the Hong Kong people's pursuit of freedom and democracy. President Tsai emphasised that Taiwan, as a democratic country and responsible member of the international community, is concerned about Hong Kong. She also urged Beijing and Hong Kong authorities not to blame the deteriorating situation on non-existent external forces or refuse dialogue with the public: "don't make misjudgements and be condemned by history," she stated.

Foreign Minister calls for building an inclusive UN with Taiwan on board

Taiwan Minister of Foreign Affairs Joseph Wu called on the UN to include Taiwan on 23 August, in the run-up to the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly in September. The Minister highlighted Taiwan's contributions to advancing UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as urged the global body to allow Taiwan's participation. Minister Wu highlighted the UN's own principles of inclusiveness, citing its SDGs as well as Secretary-General António Guterres's calls to advance the "Inclusion Imperative". The minister pointed out that although Taiwan, a full-fledged democracy, has made considerable progress in fulfilling UN SDGs, it continues to be barred from participating in related meetings, mechanisms and activities due to political interference. Minister Wu stressed that this has seriously undermined the principle of partnership and the foundation of the SDGs, which requires the participation of all countries, stakeholders and people.

Minister Wu emphasised Taiwan's significant contributions to advancing SDGs, such as the country's reducing low-income households to 1.6%, National Health Insurance programme covering 99.8% of the population, waste recycling rate reaching 55.69% in 2018, literacy rate at 98.8% and infant mortality rate at 4.2 per 1,000. The foreign minister pointed out that it is absurd that Taiwan is barred from sharing experience and critical information that could be used to better coordinate international efforts. Minister Wu stated the UN sits idly by whenever China seeks to impose its so-called "one China principle" on the UN system. He cited dozens NGOs that were recently denied Consultative Status by the UN Economic and Social Council simply because a reference to Taiwan in their documents contradicted China's demands, Taiwan passport holders remaining blocked from entering UN premises for public visits and meetings as well as Taiwanese journalists and media outlets being denied accreditation to cover UN meetings. "These practices are unjust and discriminatory, and contravene the principle of universality upon which the UN was founded," the minister said.

Minister Wu emphasised that if the UN continues to yield to China's coercion, rejecting Taiwan's participation, it will only encourage Beijing's callousness. He warned that efforts to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, as stated in Article 1 of the UN Charter, will also be impared. He concluded that if the host of nations is serious about promoting inclusion

and making development sustainable for all, it should open its doors to Taiwan.

Minister of Transportation and Communications urges support for Taiwan's participation in ICAO



On 19 August, Taiwan's Minister of Transportation and Communications Lin Chia-lung called on the international community to support Taiwan's participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in the run-up to the global aviation body's 75th anniversary and 40th Assembly Session in September. The minister stressed that Taiwan should not be left out, called on ICAO to allow Taiwan's participation and stressed the need for international support. Minister Lin pointed out that Taiwan, located at a key position in the Asia-Pacific region, has long enjoyed close air transport ties with countries and areas in the region, citing the Taipei Flight Information Region (Taipei FIR) which provided services to over 1.75 million controlled flights in 2018. The transport minister stressed that Taiwan is an active stakeholder in the international civil aviation community, and the Taipei FIR is an inseparable part of the global network of FIRs.

The minister called on ICAO to allow for Taiwan's participation, highlighting the hard work of Taiwan's Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) to maintain the highest level of aviation safety and service quality in the Taipei FIR. However, Minister Lin pointed out that as CAA Taiwan is excluded from participating in ICAO's meetings, mechanisms and activities, it is forced to make a substantial extra investment of both time and resources to understand the rationale behind ICAO's decisions and properly implement its Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). Minister Lin said that allowing Taiwan to participate in ICAO and attend its Assembly would be in line with the global aviation body's goals of a seamless sky and having "No Country Left Behind". He added that it would also create a win-win situation for Taiwan, the Asia-Pacific region and ICAO.

The Minister also emphasised the need for international support. The Taiwan official

highlighted the G7 Foreign Ministers' Communique on 7 April, which expressed support for all active members of the international aviation community in ICAO forums and pointed out that exclusion of members for political purposes compromises aviation safety and security. The minister concluded by emphasising Taiwan's willingness to share its experience in developing the aviation industry as well as technical expertise to pursue the common goal of safe, orderly and sustainable development in international civil aviation.

Representative Lin interviewed by *Monocle* magazine



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Preface
We talk to Taiwan's man in London about diplomatic tussles with China, the Swiss build their second-largest embassy and Russia's backfire in the Baltics.

Taiwanese diplomacy isn't a cakewalk these days. Just ask David Lin, the country's former foreign minister and current representative to the UK. Since taking up his London post in 2016 he has seen the People's Republic of China ramp up pressure on Taiwan's allies to abandon the nation of 23 million people – with some success. *Monocle* met Lin at the Taipei Representative Office in London to discuss his role and the demonstrations in Hong Kong.

MONOCLE: Tensions between Taiwan and China have escalated. How challenging has diplomacy become for Taiwan?

(Original Source: *Monocle* website)

Representative Lin's interview with the UK's *Monocle* was published in the "Diplomacy Briefing" section for the magazine's September 2019 issue. In the interview, Representative Lin discussed cross-strait relations, diplomatic challenges and developments in Hong Kong. Commenting on cross-strait relations, Representative Lin pointed out that since Taiwan's last presidential elections in 2016, China has increased pressure on the nation to accept the so-called "one country, two systems". He stressed that people in Taiwan simply are not interested, especially after the protests in Hong Kong. Representative Lin also commented on Beijing's efforts to steal diplomatic allies from Taiwan as well as entice Taiwanese investment, stating "economically, [China] is trying to do everything to attract Taiwan but politically it is trying to do everything to isolate Taiwan."

In response to questions about maintaining the status quo, Representative Lin stressed that the basis for Taiwan's continued stability and prosperity is its multi-party democracy and strong economy which ranks among one of the top 20 in the world. "We don't want to have any military confrontation with China; nor do we want to see any political interference by the Chinese," he stated. The Taiwan Head of Missions also highlighted the importance of the status quo for other countries in the region so Taiwan can continue to play a positive role in maintaining peace. Commenting on the international community's response to protests in Hong Kong, Representative Lin expressed optimism and stressed Taiwan's strong support for the people of Hong Kong to pursue more freedom and autonomy.

Representative Lin also pointed out that if China cannot abide by its own commitment to maintaining peace, stability and a high-degree of autonomy for the people of Hong Kong, then how can we past any trust in the PRC government? “This is the key point here that we want to make to the international community,” he added.

Experts from UK think tanks visit Taiwan to boost cooperation in security and defence research

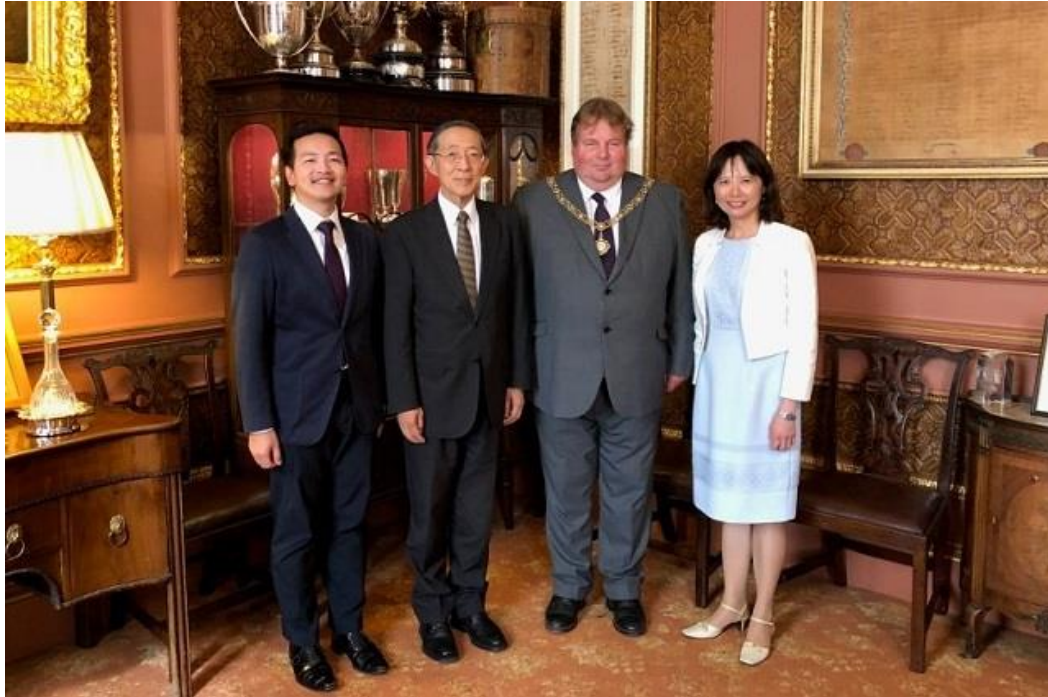


(Left: President Tsai meets Lord Truscott, Right: President Tsai receives a copy of *Asian Waters* from author Humphrey Hawksley)

From 10-16 August, a delegation of high-level members from UK-based think tanks led by parliamentarian and British-Taiwanese All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) member Lord Truscott visited Taiwan to strengthen bilateral cooperation in issues related to security and defence. Delegation members included former parliamentarian Jim Murphy MP, Centre for European Reform (CER) Director of Foreign Policy Ian Bond CVO, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) Senior Associate Fellow Charles Parton OBE, former BBC correspondent Humphrey Hawksley, Henry Jackson Society founder and Global Britain Programme Director James Rogers and International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) Research Fellow for Defence Economics and Procurement Lucie Béraud-Sudreau.

On 12 August, President Tsai met with the delegation to discuss strengthening cooperation in aerospace, naval technology and cyber security. During the meeting, the delegation also talked about the Indo-Pacific strategy, China's sharp power and the situations in Hong Kong and Taiwan. President Tsai stressed that she looks forward to Taiwan and the UK deepening their partnership in all areas under Prime Minister Boris Johnson and expressed hope that delegation members will give Taiwan their full support and continuously upgrade Taiwan-UK relations. During the visit, the delegation also met with Secretary-General of Taiwan's National Security Council David Tawei Lee, Foreign Minister Joseph Jaushieh Wu and called on the Mainland Affairs Council and held discussions with Taiwanese think tanks, including the National Defense Security Research

Representative Lin visits Bath to explore opportunities for bilateral cooperation



On 28 August, Representative Lin visited Bath to meet with the city's mayor, Councillor Gerry Curran, as well as Councillors Dine Romeo & Andrew Fursec, and explore opportunities for bilateral collaboration. During the meeting, they talked about promoting Taiwan-UK educational exchanges with Bath College as well as through the Youth Mobility Scheme (YMS), a programme giving young Taiwanese and British the opportunity to travel abroad and experience the culture of both countries. During the visit, Representative Lin also exchanged ideas with the local government officials about increasing bilateral collaboration in smart cities. In addition to meeting Bath's mayor and local councillors, Representative Lin met British Taiwanese All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) member Lord Truscott and exchanged views on Brexit and the UK's current political situation.

Success of Taiwan-UK pork trade cited in UK government report

Executive Summary – Permanent Under-Secretary

Sir Simon McDonald KCMG KCVO



In an interconnected and uncertain world, the security and prosperity of the United Kingdom increasingly depends on action overseas. That's why the Foreign and Commonwealth Office works across the breadth of government business—from helping victims of forced marriage to improving global patient safety, from securing market access in Taiwan for British pork producers to tackling those who launch cyber-attacks.

Day in day out around the world, our diplomats are fostering the relationships we need to call on in order to respond to security threats, to unlock economic opportunities and to help British citizens when they are in need.

This year, much of our work has focused on preparing to leave the EU, both in a deal and no deal scenario. We have delivered an extensive set of agreements for Gibraltar, supported the arrangements for other Overseas Territories and the Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus, negotiated continued trade access with a number of third countries and prepared for implementing an autonomous sanctions policy. And above all, we have strived to ensure that UK nationals living in the EU retain the same rights as they now do and are informed about any action they need to take.

(Original source: Foreign and Commonwealth Office website)

The success of Taiwan's imports of British pork was cited in the UK Foreign and Commonwealth (FCO)'s "Annual Report & Accounts 2018-2019" on 11 July by Permanent Under-Secretary Sir Simon McDonald KCMG KCVO as a positive result of the department's work. The report demonstrates the British government places high importance on the UK's pork exports to Taiwan. This follows Taiwan ranking Britain's second fastest growing export market with growth up 40.8% to £2.8 billion between 2017-2018, according to data from the UK Office for National Statistics published on 24 April. Citing Taiwan's ranking, the UK Department for International Trade (DIT) stressed this trend "reflects the growing prosperity and economic potential of the region, and its attractiveness as a destination for British goods and services."

Taiwan opened its market to pork imports from the UK last year, presenting business opportunity worth more than £50 million over the next five years and signifying deepening trade relations between the two countries. Taiwan is the UK's 7th largest trading partner in the Asia Pacific region with bilateral trade amounting to £6.6 billion in 2018.

Taiwan Changhua County Magistrate leads delegation visit to the UK to promote bilateral exchanges



Taiwan Changhua County Magistrate Hui-Mei Wang led a delegation to visit the UK from 16-21 August to promote bilateral exchanges in the areas of culture, green energy, light rail construction and smart transportation. During their stay, the delegation visited some important UK cities including Edinburgh, Blyth, Manchester and London's Newham Borough, to meet with the local government officials, council leaders, business representatives, as well as Taiwanese performance groups participating in this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The delegation also met with Lord Faulkner, Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Taiwan, at a welcome luncheon hosted by Representative Lin on 21 August to exchange views on bilateral cooperation on renewable energy.

Taiwan and UK universities sign MoU to boost collaboration in offshore wind energy



On 6 August, a delegation led by National Taiwan Ocean University Vice Principal Hsu Tai-Wen and representatives from Edinburgh University signed a memorandum of understanding to increase Taiwan-UK research collaboration and exchanges in the offshore wind energy sector. The signing of the MoU was witnessed by the TRO Edinburgh office.

The MoU is part of the efforts of the Center of Excellence for Ocean Engineering, National Taiwan Ocean University to expand its international academic links as well as collaborate with top research centres. In addition to signing the MoU, the delegation also held small-scale conferences to exchange ideas with UK counterparts on wind and wave energy as well as research and development.

TRO hosts forums across the UK promoting recruitment of young talent and scientific collaboration



On 12, 13, and 15 of August, the TRO hosted forums organised by its Science and Technology Division at Oxford, London and Cambridge, to promote international programmes for recruiting young talents across the globe and Taiwan-UK collaboration in medical sciences, healthcare and biotechnology. The forums spotlighted key programmes funded by Taiwan's Ministry of Science and Technology, including the Leaders in Future Trends (LiFT), Young Scholar Fellowship Programs and Support Measures for S&T Talent Development. Around 80 people attended, including scholars at the postdoctoral level and above as well as prominent academics such as National Taiwan University College of Medicine Associate Dean of International Affairs Professor Chia-Hui Chen and Assistant Dean of International Affairs Professor Chih-Kang Chiang. Representative Lin hosted the forum in London while TRO Science and Technology Director Professor Jiun-Huei Protu Wu hosted those in Oxford and Cambridge, encouraging young people to take advantage of these precious opportunities.

Taiwan performance groups take centre stage at Edinburgh Festival Fringe



On 5 August, four Taiwanese performance groups participating in the sixth consecutive Taiwan Season at the 2019 Edinburgh Festival Fringe took to the historic Royal Mile in Edinburgh, giving the international crowd a taste of what Taiwan's vibrant performance scene has to offer. Supported by the Ministry of Culture, the sixth Taiwan Season at the Fringe kicked off on 2 August at venues Dance Base and Summerhall. The line-up included B.Dance, Chang Dance Theatre and Dua Shin Te Production, as well as Shinehouse Theatre.

On 5 August, Representative Lin gave opening remarks at a reception for Taiwan Season. In his speech, he stressed that art is a universal language connecting the nation with the world and thanked the Fringe organisers and venues for their long-term support of the event. This year's Fringe featured over 3,800 shows from a record 63 countries and territories across 320-plus venues. This year Taiwan Season performances received positive reviews from several media outlets. B. Dance's "Floating Flowers" was lauded by *Broadway Baby* as "an extraordinary piece in its sheer beauty, its piercing emotion, energy and originality," while Chang Dance Theatre's "Bout" was recommended by *The Guardian* "as one of the must-see shows of the festival."

Taiwan's Oh Bear soars to new heights at Bristol's International Balloon Fiesta



On 8 August, the Taiwan Tourism Bureau's "Oh Bear" hot air balloon took to the skies alongside 56 other balloons from countries around the world in the 41st Bristol International Balloon Fiesta.

Taiwanese illustrator invited to participate in International Book Festival



From 14-15 August, Taiwanese illustrator Fifi Kuo was invited to participate in the 2019 Edinburgh International Book Festival in a series of events. During the festival, she held several workshops called “Scribbling on the Sofa”, where she encouraged children to be creative and develop their own distinct artistic style through drawing, and took part in a talk titled “Illustration in Translation”. Moderated by festival Illustrator in Residence Eilidh Muldoon, Fifi was joined by artists from Syria and Poland to discuss picture books in translation, visual differences and how they can enhance our understanding of other cultures.

Fifi has been shortlisted for the prestigious Klaus-Flugge Prize for illustration, the winner of which will be announced 11 September. Three of her books have been published in the UK, with further plans for publication in other countries across North America and Europe.

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