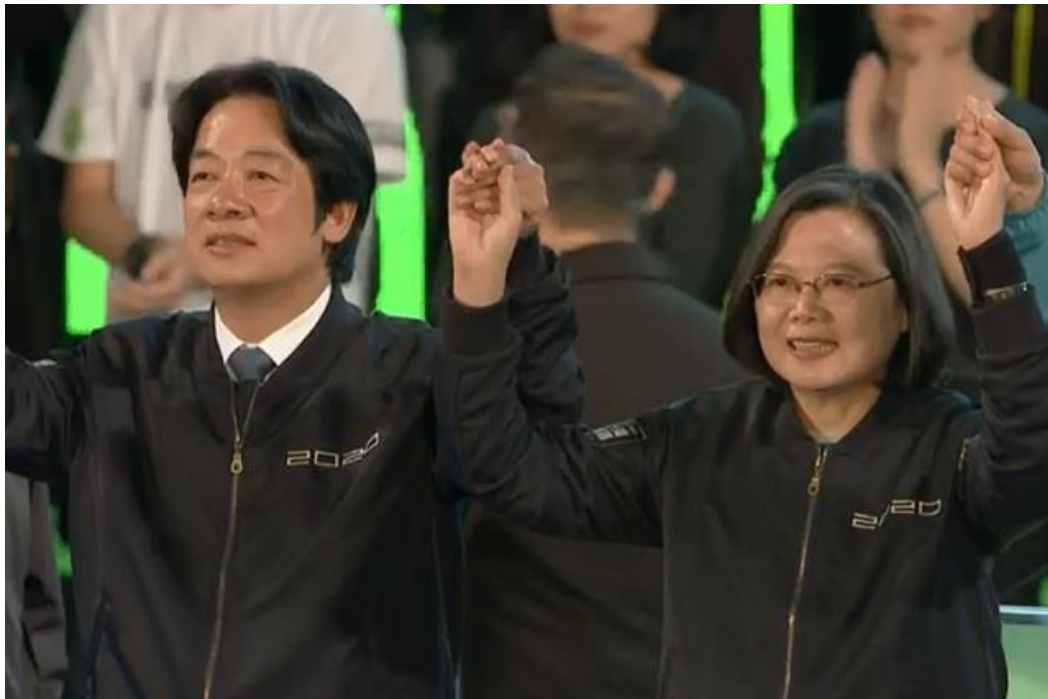


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President Tsai Ing-wen wins a landslide victory in Taiwan's 2020 elections.

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President Tsai's landslide victory in Taiwan's 2020 elections

On 11 January, President Tsai Ing-wen won a landslide victory in Taiwan's presidential elections, earning a second term as president of the ROC (Taiwan). Winning 8.17 million votes, or 57.13 per cent, President Tsai defeated Han Kuo-yu of the major opposition party Kuomintang (KMT) by 2.65 million votes, while People First Party candidate James Soong received 4.3 per cent of the ballot. President Tsai's party, the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), secured a majority in the legislative election, winning 61 of 113 seats. In the run-up to the event, the TRO hosted an election watch party at its London office, which

was attended by UK parliamentarians as well as representatives from London's diplomatic corps and press.



Following her victory, President Tsai held an international news conference to express gratitude for the support of the people and stress her commitment to advancing reforms, building Taiwan into a country with a better education environment and a more competitive economy, as well as fast-tracking infrastructure development and social care. The president stressed this election has shown that the Taiwanese people hope the international community will witness our commitment to democratic values and will respect our national identity, and expressed hope that Taiwan will be given fair opportunity to participate in international affairs. “As an indispensable member of the international community, Taiwan will continue working with the rest of the world to ensure regional peace, stability and prosperity,” she added. President Tsai emphasised the results of this election carry an added significance as they have shown that when Taiwan’s sovereignty and democracy are threatened, the Taiwanese people will shout their determination even more loudly back. She reiterated the government’s commitment to maintaining cross-strait stability, adding that peace, reciprocity, democracy and dialogue are key to the healthy and long-term development of relations between the two sides.

That day, UK Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab offered his warm congratulations to the people of Taiwan on the smooth conduct of the elections and to President Tsai and her party upon her re-election. Secretary Raab stressed that Taiwan’s presidential and legislative elections are testament to the country’s vibrant democracy, and expressed hope that the two sides of the Taiwan Strait will renew dialogue to resolve differences and build constructive relations.

Press release

Taiwan elections, January 2020: Foreign Secretary's statement

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab offers congratulations to Dr Tsai Ing-wen on her re-election.

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Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said:

" The presidential and legislative elections in Taiwan today are testament to Taiwan's vibrant democracy. I offer warm congratulations to the people of Taiwan on the smooth conduct of those elections and to Dr Tsai Ing-wen and her party on her re-election. I hope that the 2 sides of the Taiwan Strait will renew dialogue to resolve differences and build constructive relations across the Strait."

(Original source: gov.uk)

In addition to the Foreign Secretary, British-Taiwanese All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Co-Chair Lord Rogan and President Lord Steel of Aikwood issued a statement of congratulations to President Tsai on her re-election. "Taiwan has once again demonstrated its maturity as a beacon of democracy in a region of the world where these values are not present everywhere and at times suppressed," the parliamentarians stated. The APPG leaders expressed confidence that under President Tsai's leadership in her second term, Taiwan's commitment to human rights, democracy and freedom will continue to grow, and be a shining example to others in the Asia-Pacific region and the world.

British-Taiwanese APPG statement on the 2020 Taiwan elections

11 January 2020

On behalf of the British-Taiwanese All-Party Parliamentary Group, we would like to convey our warmest congratulations to President Tsai Ing-Wen on her re-election through a democratic process that reflected the aspiration of the Taiwanese people. We look forward to continuing working with President Tsai, her Party and colleagues in the Legislative Yuan in the promotion of the many ties between Taiwan and the UK.

The Presidential and legislative elections held in Taiwan are testament to Taiwan's thriving democracy. Taiwan has once again demonstrated its maturity as beacon of democracy in a region of the world where these values are not present everywhere and at times suppressed. We are confident that under President Tsai's leadership in her second term, Taiwan's commitment to human rights, democracy and freedom will continue to grow, and be a shining example to others in the Asia-Pacific region and the world.

Lord Rogan, Co-Chair

Lord Steel of Aikwood, President



President Tsai delivers 2020 New Year's Address



On 1 January, President Tsai delivered her 2020 New Year's Address under the theme of "Working Together to Lead Taiwan Forward", emphasising the government's commitment to uniting the Taiwanese people, continuing to improve the economy, and making Taiwan's democracy, freedom and sovereignty stronger and more sustainable. President Tsai stressed the government's economic reforms, including raising the minimum wage and extending childcare subsidies, and expressed hope that all Taiwanese citizens can be well cared for. The president also highlighted the endurance of Taiwan's economy despite massive changes in the international economic system, pointing out that Taiwan's growth rate returned to the top spot among the Four Asian Tigers and that 2019 saw the largest wave of investment by returning Taiwan businesses in decades.

The president also pointed out the challenges posed by China, including its diplomatic offensives, military coercion, interference and infiltration, as well as its proposal of "one country, two systems" for Taiwan. President Tsai reiterated that Taiwan will never accept "one country, two systems", adding that Hong Kong's people have shown us that this formula is absolutely not viable. The president stressed the "four musts": China must face the reality of the Republic of China's existence, respect the Taiwanese people's commitment to freedom and democracy, handle cross-strait differences peacefully and on the basis of equality as well as engage in negotiations between governments or government-authorised agencies. President Tsai also reiterated the "four understandings": first, that China is undermining the cross-strait status quo and Taiwan must stand together in the face of China's suppression, second, that China is using the "1992 consensus" to undermine the ROC and Taiwan must be even more determined in defense of its sovereignty, third, that sovereignty cannot be exchanged for short-term economic benefits and fourth, that Taiwan must be aware that China is infiltrating all facets of Taiwanese society to sow division and Taiwan must establish democratic defense mechanisms to prevent infiltration. The president also announced the passing of the Anti-Infiltration Act, which will more strongly protect Taiwan's democracy and freedom, and will not affect any regular cross-strait exchanges or interactions.

Taiwan passes Anti-Infiltration Act to safeguard national security and democracy



On 31 December 2019, the Anti-Infiltration Act was passed by Taiwan's Legislature, underscoring the government's commitment to safeguarding national security and democracy. Described as an effective democratic defense mechanism by the Ministry of the Interior (Mol), the legislation prohibits intervention in Taiwan's democratic political system through infiltration sources—namely, individuals, institutions or organisations affiliated with or sponsored by a government, political party or other political group of an external hostile force.

In a statement released later that day, the Cabinet-level Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) backed the legislation, saying it would help maintain orderly, stable and transparent cross-strait exchanges. According to MAC, China's infiltration campaign is posing a serious threat to Taiwan's national security, democracy and social order. Core values of freedom and democracy are at the heart of the legislation, and it will in no way target any specific group or impact regular cross-strait exchanges, according to MAC. This position was echoed by President Tsai Ing-wen during her New Year's Day address the following day. "The act will not infringe upon human rights, but better protect Taiwan's freedom and democracy," she said. The president stressed that the government is opposed to infiltration, but not cross-strait exchanges, and the legislation will not affect normal areas of interaction such as business, education, religious and tourism exchanges.

Taiwan's Foreign Minister discusses country's elections in interview with *The Sunday Times*

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Bullied yet buoyant, Taiwan voters seek to damage Xi

Despite Chinese scare tactics, the 'renegade' island looks set to give Beijing a bloody nose in its upcoming election

Philip Sherwell, Taipei

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The name of Xi Jinping, China's president, is not on the ballot in Taiwan's elections. But as the campaign heads into its final fortnight, his spectre looms large in a vote that looks set to damage the island's already fractious relations with its superpower neighbour.

Beijing has staged a wide-ranging "manipulation campaign" to influence the outcome of the January 11 ballot, said Joseph Wu, the foreign minister, in an interview.

(Original source: *The Times and Sunday Times*)

On 28 December 2019, Foreign Minister Joseph Wu's interview about the Taiwanese elections on 11 January 2020 was published in *The Sunday Times* under the title "Bullied yet buoyant, Taiwan voters seek to damage Xi". Minister Wu pointed out that Beijing has staged a wide-ranging "manipulation campaign" to influence Taiwan's election results, but despite this, China's leader is heading for his own defeat at the ballot box. "This is Taiwan's election for Taiwan's people to make their voice heard," said Minister Wu, adding that "this election will allow people to decide whether they want Taiwan's fate to be manipulated and even determined by China, or whether Taiwan will maintain its own political system, its own democracy and its own direction." Commenting on the situation in Hong Kong, Minister Wu said that "Beijing wanted to use Hong Kong as a showcase to Taiwan for the future unification," but that the protests have sounded the alarm to people in Taiwan.

MOFA highlights Taiwan's achievements in 2019 report card



On 26 December 2019, Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) issued its report card for the year, stressing that "steadfast diplomacy is paying handsome dividends for Taiwan by greatly expanding the country's international space while safeguarding the values of freedom and democracy." The year 2019 is one marked with tremendous achievements in promoting relations with the country's diplomatic allies, the MOFA said, adding that ties with the U.S. are at an all-time high, while relations with Japan and the EU continue to go from strength to strength. The ministry also cited its efforts in bolstering international cooperation through various initiatives, including the Taiwan-U.S. Global Cooperative Training Framework launched in 2015, which saw Australia, Japan and Sweden co-organize workshops for the first time this year, as well as the joint staging with the EU of a gender mainstreaming workshop and an LGBTI human rights conference.

MOFA also highlighted the unprecedented support from the global community for Taiwan's pragmatic and professional participation in the meetings and mechanisms of the UN, such as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and World Health Organization (WHO). The year saw frequent exchanges among leaders and dignitaries of Taiwan and its allies, including state visits by President Tsai Ing-wen to the Pacific and Caribbean, as well as visits to Taiwan by high level officials from Belize, Guatemala, Nauru, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The ministry said it will continue working all out to expand Taiwan's international space and promote the country's democratic achievements while contributing to a free, open and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

Taiwan Tourism Bureau celebrates Grand Opening of London Office



On 17 December 2019, a reception celebrating the grand opening of the Taiwan Tourism Bureau London Office was held at London's Le Méridien Hotel. The event was hosted by Taiwan Tourism Bureau Executive Director-General Dr Chou Yung-Hui and attended by around 120 people. Representative Lin, Representative Yang Tzu-Pao of the Taipei Representative Office in Ireland, seven UK parliamentarians, including Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Taiwan Lord Faulkner of Worcester, as well as members of London's diplomatic corps and the Taiwanese overseas community all participated in the celebration.



In his opening speech, Dr Chou stressed that the UK had the greatest number of tourists visiting Taiwan compared to other European countries, and expressed hope that with the establishment of the Taiwan Tourism Bureau's London Office would support agencies in arranging travel to Taiwan for UK visitors. In his opening remarks, Representative Lin

highlighted the steady growth of Taiwan-UK tourism exchanges over the past few years, with the number of visitors between both countries totalling 140,000. He stressed that tourism between Taiwan and Europe also paints a very encouraging picture, with 320,000 European tourists visiting Taiwan from January to October this year, marking an 11% increase from the previous year. Representative Lin expressed confidence that with the establishment of the new tourism office in London that bilateral tourism will grow even faster and further. He concluded by congratulating Dr Chou and the Taiwan Tourism Bureau for the opening of their new London office. The Taiwan Tourism Bureau, London Office is headed by Director Sylvia Lee and located on 5F, 29 Wilson Street, London, EC2M 2SJ. The office can be reached by phone at 44-20-80752577, or email at info@taiwantourism.co.uk



Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing's technology development spotlighted in *The Economist*

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Semiconductors

A look inside the factory around which the modern world turns

(Original source: *The Economist*)

On 18 December 2019, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd (TSMC)'s technology development was spotlighted in a piece by *The Economist* titled "A look inside the factory around which the modern world turns" which featured in the magazine's Christmas Specials. The article highlighted TSMC's significance in the global semiconductor supply chain, pointing out that major international firms, including Apple, Alibaba, Visa, Disney and others, would be nowhere without the Taiwanese chip-maker. TSMC's fabrication plants provide many of the high-performance chips which make those products and services possible, *The Economist* stated, adding that phones, online marketplaces, smart cards, etc., all depend on them. The piece pointed out that with up to 90% of the market for third-party manufacture of advanced chips, TSMC dominates the production of infrastructure on which the modern world relies by manipulating matter with a precision no other company can match.

EU foreign and security policy highlights support for Taiwan



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The EU and the UN are increasing cooperation to promote women's meaningful participation in all roles and areas of expertise (civilian, military, police) at all

levels in UN peacekeeping and EU crisis management missions and operations, as well as in peace processes.

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On 4 December 2019, the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee approved a resolution on its annual foreign and security policy, part of which highlighted the EU's support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organisations and activities. In the annual resolution assessing the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), the committee mentioned the military build-up in East and Southeast Asia and called for all parties involved to respect freedom of navigation, to solve differences through peaceful means and refrain from taking actions to change the status quo, including the East China and South China Seas as well as the Taiwan Strait. Part of the policy also highlighted the committee's concerns over foreign interferences from autocratic regimes through disinformation and cyber-attacks on the upcoming general elections, stating that such activity threatens Asian democracies and regional stability. The CFSP also reiterated the European Parliament's support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organisations and activities. The legislation was passed in conjunction with the Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP).

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