

TAIWAN NEWSLETTER

Lai receives Taiwan's WHA delegation

Taiwan will continue to deepen its partnership with other countries as they look to build an even more resilient global public health system, President Lai Ching-te pledged as he welcomed the World Health Assembly (WHA) action team back to the country, June 1.

In remarks addressing the group, Lai paid tribute to their collective efforts, stating that they stood on the front lines and fought for the human right to health for both Taiwan and the world. While Taiwan was regrettably not allowed to participate once again, he noted that the bilateral talks that the delegation held were not only more numerous this year, but also involved officials of even higher level.

The backing for Taiwan's participation grows stronger every year, the President



said, citing the fact that 26 member states of the World Health Organization (WHO), as well as the European Union, all directly or indirectly voiced their support for the bid. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs also issued a statement, June 1, offering sincere appreciation on behalf of the government

and people for the staunch support from allies and like-minded partners for Taiwan's participation in the WHA. The Ministry also reaffirmed the government's commitment to working with countries all around the world to reach the WHO's goal of "All for Health, Health for All".

MOFA welcomes US president's commitment to Taiwan security

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) thanked US President Joe Biden, June 5, for his reaffirmation of the US' commitment to both Taiwan's security and the peaceful and stable status quo in the region.

The Ministry's statement followed comments made by Biden in an interview with Time Magazine, during which he reiterated the US policy of refusing to rule out the use of military force to defend Taiwan. He also added that the US continues to supply Taiwan with re-

sources to defend itself, and has been in consultation with allies in the region. The MOFA also welcomed the decision by the US government to approve two arms sales with a total value of US\$300 million (€275.51 million) to Taiwan, June 6. The deal, which was initiated at the behest of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the US, is the 14th announced by the Biden administration and reflects a policy of normalising arms sales to Taiwan, the Ministry added.

Amb. Lee and former Minister of Mainland Affairs Council Chiu attend Dragon Boat Festival event in Luxembourg

Ambassador Roy Lee and Former Minister of Mainland Affairs Council Taisan Chiu attended a celebration of the Dragon Boat Festival hosted by the "Association des Taiwanais de la Grande Région de Luxembourg", June 1.

Addressing the roughly 100 attendees, both Ambassador Lee and former Minister Chiu expressed thanks to the overseas community for their meticulous preparation of the event. The Ambassador also pledged that the office will continue to strongly support activities organized by the Association in the future.



TRO holds education information session with the Flemish Government

The Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium (TRO) held an information session along with the Flemish Government, June 4, titled "10 Years of Taiwan-Flanders Educational Relations: How Can We Enhance the Benefit of our Educational Communities".

Speaking at the event, Ambassador Roy Lee emphasised the importance of the decade-long cooperation between both sides and celebrated the ongoing efforts. To this end, he noted that Ghent University is currently leading a delegation to Taiwan and will participate in the

European Education Fair Taiwan (EEFT) in November. The Ambassador also expressed confidence in the continued success of the collaboration, underscoring education as the cornerstone of the bilateral relationship.

Ann Verhaegen, Secretary General of the Flemish Department of Education and Training, also spoke during the session, highlighting a number of past achievements, including visits and exchanges involving key figures such as former Minister of Digital Affairs Audrey Tang and Professor Ping-Cheng Yeh.

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