



The Foreign Relations Yearbook 2021

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Preface

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During National Day celebrations on October 10, 2021, President Tsai Ing-wen delivered an address entitled “Forging a Stronger Consensus: Standing United to Protect Taiwan.” She stated that despite the unabated spread of COVID-19 across the globe over the past year, the people of Taiwan were able to successfully contain the disease and protect their homeland by collaborating with government policy and demonstrating a high level of solidarity and self-discipline. In addition, faced with China’s authoritarian expansion and threats to stability across the Taiwan Strait and peace in the region, President Tsai noted that more and more democratic nations stood with Taiwan, showed concern for cross-strait peace and stability, and bolstered cooperation in response to regional and global developments. She asserted that Taiwan needed to enhance its strengths and defense capabilities and, more importantly, to foster consensus domestically and strive together to overcome adversity. She stressed that only when the people of Taiwan presented a united stand to the world could they forge ahead with pride and confidence.

The year 2021 presented many formidable challenges, including the global spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and authoritarian China’s rhetorical attacks, military intimidation, and diplomatic suppression against Taiwan. However, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) remained committed to actively assisting other countries in fighting the pandemic. It also staunchly safeguarded national sovereignty, dignity, rights, and interests, firmly promoted steadfast diplomacy, and realized many important diplomatic accomplishments. Taiwan worked with the United States, the European Union, Japan, and other like-minded partners on a deeper and broader scale. As the atmosphere worldwide became more friendly to Taiwan, international support for Taiwan likewise increased significantly. The year 2021 was one in which Taiwan earned worldwide attention and acclaim.

Taiwan and the United States share a close friendship and are steadily enhancing their bilateral partnership in all dimensions. Since assuming office, President Joe Biden has upheld the consistent US support of Taiwan. He adopted several friendly measures and expressed explicit support for Taiwan in his first *Interim National Security Strategic Guidance*. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin III, and other high-level US officials publicly

emphasized at multiple major events that the United States' security commitment to Taiwan was rock-solid. They also continued to convey support for Taiwan through concrete actions. In April, the Department of State issued new guidelines for the interaction of US government agencies with their Taiwan counterparts, easing past restrictions. In August, the Biden administration announced a US\$750 million arms sales package, continuing the US policy of regularizing arms sales to Taiwan.

The US Senate and House of Representatives staunchly extended bipartisan support to Taiwan. In April, former Senator Christopher Dodd, a close friend of President Biden, led a cross-party delegation to Taiwan. In June, Senator Tammy Duckworth and two other senators traveled to Taiwan on a military aircraft. Senator John Cornyn and Representative Mark Takano also led delegations to Taiwan. Furthermore, the Senate adopted the US Innovation and Competition Act of 2021, which incorporated provisions from multiple Taiwan-friendly bills, including the Taiwan Symbols of Sovereignty Act, the Strategic Competition Act, and the Taiwan Fellowship Act. Both houses of Congress passed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022, calling for more extensive military cooperation and exchanges with Taiwan. The bill took effect after being signed into law by President Biden on December 27.

Taiwan and the United States steadily broadened collaboration in many areas. They signed a memorandum of understanding to establish a Coast Guard Working Group in March; held the 11th Trade and Investment Framework Agreement Council meeting in June; convened the third Taiwan-US Consultations on Democratic Governance in the Indo-Pacific Region and the second Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue in November; and launched the Technology Trade and Investment Collaboration in December. Following Japan, Australia became a partner to the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF). GCTF franchise events were launched overseas, namely, in the Czech Republic, Saint Christopher and Nevis, and Eswatini. Despite the pandemic, 16 such events were held with remarkable success.

Relations between Taiwan and Europe also grew steadily. The European Parliament adopted 13 resolutions containing text favorable to Taiwan. Among these, the joint communication issued in September—*EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific*—included Taiwan for the first time and expressed concern over security in the Taiwan Strait. The *EU-Taiwan Political Relations and Cooperation*

report, which was resoundingly approved in October, recommended that the European Union pursue a comprehensive and enhanced partnership with Taiwan and that the European Economic and Trade Office in Taiwan be renamed the European Union Office in Taiwan. Meanwhile, national parliaments, including those of France, Ireland, Switzerland, and the Netherlands, also passed resolutions backing Taiwan.

Our European friends showed strong support by visiting Taiwan. Alain Richard, Chairman of the French Senate's Taiwan Friendship Group, and François de Rugy, Chairman of the French National Assembly's France-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group, visited Taiwan. A joint delegation of the heads and members of parliamentary groups for friendship with Taiwan from the three Baltic states also conveyed their commitment to safeguarding democracy with Taiwan. The European Parliament's first official delegation to Taiwan—comprising members of the Special Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes in the European Union, including Disinformation—exchanged in-depth views on countering such hybrid threats as disinformation and cyberattacks with related Taiwan government agencies and experts.

There were many other major developments in Taiwan-EU relations. On November 18, the Taiwanese Representative Office in Lithuania was officially established, the first overseas mission to be opened in Europe by Taiwan in 18 years. A scientific cooperation agreement was signed remotely by Taiwan and Finland in June and August, respectively. Taiwan also signed an aviation service agreement with Germany in July and an arrangement on judicial cooperation in criminal matters with Slovakia in August. Karol Galek, State Secretary of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic, led a delegation to Taiwan in December. During his visit, he signed the protocol of the first session of the Taiwanese-Slovak Commission on Economic Cooperation and nine MOUs. These developments added momentum to the relations and cooperation between Taiwan and the European Union.

Taiwan-Japan relations have been stable and cordial, with exchanges across all domains growing ever closer. In recent years, Japan has shown greater support for Taiwan in the international arena. In its white paper *Defense of Japan 2021*, the Japanese government for the first time explicitly stated the importance of maintaining stability across the Taiwan Strait. Key officials, including former

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, then Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, and then Minister of Defense Nobuo Kishi, as well as many parliamentarians, strongly supported cross-strait peace and stability and spoke up in favor of Taiwan. On multiple occasions, they stressed that Taiwan affairs were closely linked to Japan's national security and expressed support for Taiwan's international participation.

Parliamentary exchanges between Taiwan and Japan have also grown more frequent. The Legislative Yuan founded a Taiwan-Japan exchange friendship group early in the year, with membership encompassing more than 80 percent of legislators from different political parties. In June, the Japanese House of Councillors unanimously approved a resolution that the World Health Organization (WHO) should address the issue of Taiwan's participation. It called on the Japanese government to work with other countries to ensure that Taiwan had an opportunity to partake in the World Health Assembly (WHA). Japan hosted a trilateral strategy forum for parliamentarians from Taiwan, the United States, and Japan in July for the first time. Initiated by Keiji Furuya, Chairman of the Japan-ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council, the forum highlighted the increasingly close parliamentary cooperation between Taiwan and Japan.

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, Taiwan has successfully contained the disease. It shared the Taiwan Model of democratic response to the virus and donated medical masks and antipandemic supplies to other countries. As a result of its charitable acts, Taiwan received speedy and generous assistance in the form of vaccine donations from friendly countries, including Japan (4.2 million doses), the United States (4 million), Lithuania (255,900), the Czech Republic (30,000), Poland (400,000), and Slovakia (160,000). This highlighted the virtuous cycle of mutual support and united antipandemic response among democratic countries and showed that virtuous countries such as Taiwan would never stand alone and would always have friends.

As Taiwan did its utmost to fulfill its international responsibilities and actively assist other countries in combating the pandemic, the international community recognized the urgency and appropriateness of Taiwan's participation in WHO. Support for Taiwan's participation in the WHA as an observer reached unprecedented magnitude. For the first time, the Group of Seven and the European Union categorically endorsed Taiwan's meaningful participation in WHO. In

addition, high-level officials of the United States, Japan, Canada, Sweden, Belgium, the Netherlands, France, and other countries publicly voiced support for Taiwan's bid for WHO participation. The US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and House Committee on Foreign Affairs launched an international campaign on social media with the hashtag #LetTaiwanHelp in April, inviting parliamentary leaders and members from around the world to post videos and messages backing Taiwan. The campaign elicited an enthusiastic response from more than 250 foreign friends from over 50 countries. In addition, members of the Japanese Diet strongly supported Taiwan's participation in WHO. The French Senate passed a resolution advocating Taiwan's international participation, with 304 votes in favor and zero against. Meanwhile, following the establishment of regional Formosa Clubs in Europe, Latin America, and Africa, new chapters were founded in West Asia, the Indo-Pacific, and the Caribbean between April and August, while Canadian parliamentarians also joined the platform. In total, more than 1,000 lawmakers from more than 100 countries are participating in the Formosa Club. They speak up strongly for Taiwan in the international arena, consolidate global friendship and support for Taiwan, and help build momentum for Taiwan's participation in WHO and other international organizations.

To highlight Taiwan's values of freedom and democracy in the international arena, in 2021 I gave 32 exclusive and joint interviews to international media, meeting with a total of 47 journalists from 32 foreign media outlets. This resulted in 189 news reports. Taiwan earned international recognition for its press freedom. In the *2021 World Press Freedom Index* released by Reporters Without Borders, it ranked 43rd among 180 countries in the world and second in Asia, following the Republic of Korea. As of the end of December 2021, a total of 133 foreign journalists from about 70 media outlets were stationed in Taiwan.

Looking ahead, the global pandemic and international developments continue to pose serious challenges. In addition, the rivalry between democratic countries and authoritarian regimes is expected to grow more intense. In particular, Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February has led to a war between the two countries. All of these have introduced elements of uncertainty in the international order. Taiwan stands on the front line of defense against China's authoritarian expansion, cognitive warfare, and disinformation campaigns. We have gained considerable experience in countering these tactics and have played a proactive role in

safeguarding the values of democracy and freedom. Our government will remain committed to steadfast diplomacy in line with the principle of mutual assistance for mutual benefit, while doing its utmost to protect national sovereignty, seek the greatest benefits for our people, staunchly uphold democracy and freedom, and ensure regional peace and stability. Taiwan will leverage its values-based alliances with like-minded nations to deepen collaboration, protect common interests, and actively participate in regional cooperation mechanisms. We are confident that with Taiwan's unity, resilience, professionalism, and vitality, countries worldwide will further recognize our country's international strategic value.

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Jaushieh Joseph Wu

December 2022

Foreword

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1. In line with promotion of the 2030 Bilingual Policy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs translated part of the 2019 and 2020 Foreign Relations Yearbook and published an electronic English version in 2021 and 2023, respectively. Likewise, the electronic English version of the 2021 Foreign Relations Yearbook is being made available in 2024.
2. This yearbook is organized into chapters with three distinct parts: main text, photographs of diplomatic events, and appendix. The main text encompasses various topics related to diplomatic governance, strategy, and foreign relations. The full-color photographs have been carefully curated and captioned to highlight important diplomatic work. The appendix collects six diplomatic documents, including addresses made by the President, the Premier, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, in relation to Taiwan foreign policy.
3. The national designations, personal names, and specific terms that appear in this yearbook follow official guidelines, approved bilingual glossaries, and general conventions. Regarding personal names, in the absence of established English names or translations, phonetic transliteration is used and names presented in the standard format with the surname first, followed by given names. The Republic of China (Taiwan) is referred to either as “Taiwan” or the “Republic of China (R.O.C.),” depending on context. Where names of international events, organizations, institutions or agencies appear for the first time in a chapter, they are presented in full, while subsequent references within the same chapter are abbreviated.
4. This yearbook focuses on diplomatic affairs and activities in 2021. Events that occurred outside of 2021 may be added where needed to provide context and clarity.

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Portraits of Top Leadership and Foreign Service Officers



President Tsai Ing-wen



Vice President Lai Ching-te



Premier Su Tseng-chang



**Minister of Foreign Affairs
Jaushieh Joseph Wu**



**Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
Harry Ho-jen Tseng**



**Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
Tien Chung-kwang**



Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs
Alexander Tah-ray Yui
(Since June 23, 2021)



Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs
Miguel Li-jey Tsao
(Until June 23, 2021)

Chapter 1

Photographs of High-level Diplomatic Engagement



President Tsai Ing-wen receives new Representative of the British Office John Dennis. (January 19, 2021)



President Tsai Ing-wen and Chief Representative of the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association Taipei Office Hiroyasu Izumi attend a special friendship exhibition commemorating the 10th anniversary of the earthquake on March 11, 2011, in northeastern Japan. (March 18, 2021)



President Tsai Ing-wen meets with President Surangel Whipps, Jr. and the first lady of Palau. (March 30, 2021)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a senior delegation sent by US President Joe Biden. (April 15, 2021)



President Tsai Ing-wen accepts the credentials of Belizean Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Taiwan Candice Pitts (third left). (April 20, 2021)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a US delegation that includes Senator Tammy Duckworth (third left) and Senator Dan Sullivan (second left). (June 6, 2021)



President Tsai Ing-wen confers the Order of Brilliant Star with Grand Cordon on Director of the American Institute in Taiwan/Taipei Main Office Brent Christensen. (June 25, 2021)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives new Director of the American Institute in Taiwan/Taipei Main Office Sandra Oudkirk. (August 10, 2021)



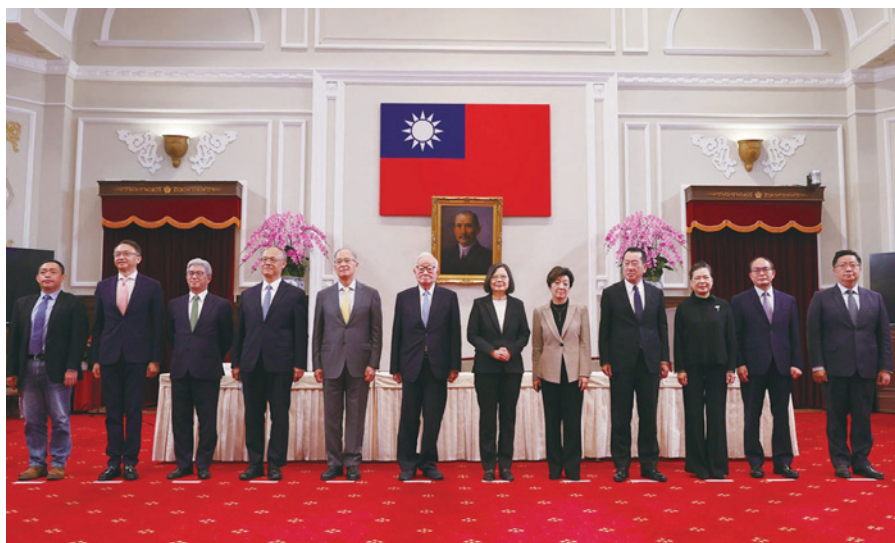
President Tsai Ing-wen receives new Representative of the Australian Office Jenny Bloomfield. (August 12, 2021)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives former Prime Minister of Australia Tony Abbott. (October 7, 2021)



President Tsai Ing-wen confers the Order of Propitious Clouds with Special Grand Cordon on Chairman of the French Senate's Taiwan Friendship Group Alain Richard. (October 7, 2021)



President Tsai Ing-wen holds a press conference to announce her representative to the 29th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Economic Leaders' Meeting. (November 2, 2021)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives an official delegation from the European Parliament's Special Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes in the European Union, including Disinformation. (November 4, 2021)



President Tsai Ing-wen meets with President Juan Orlando Hernández Alvarado and the first lady of Honduras. (November 13, 2021)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a delegation led by Chairman of the US House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Mark Takano (D-CA). (November 26, 2021)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a joint delegation of heads and members of parliamentary groups for friendship with Taiwan from the three Baltic states. (November 29, 2021)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a delegation from the 2021 Open Parliament Forum. (December 1, 2021)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a delegation led by Chairman of the French National Assembly's France-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group François de Rugy. (December 16, 2021)



Vice President Lai Ching-te (sixth right), Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (fifth right), and Palauan President Surangel Whipps, Jr. (sixth left) attend a ceremony marking the launch of the Palau-Taiwan Travel Corridor. (March 30, 2021)



Vice President Lai Ching-te receives Director of the American Institute in Taiwan/Taipei Main Office Brent Christensen. (July 12, 2021)



Vice President Lai Ching-te receives new Representative of the Australian Office Jenny Bloomfield. (August 5, 2021)



Vice President Lai Ching-te receives new Director of the American Institute in Taiwan/Taipei Main Office Sandra Oudkirk. (August 13, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (fourth right), serving as President Tsai Ing-wen's special envoy, and President of Palau Surangel Whipps, Jr. (fifth left) cut the ribbon for a project in the Palauan state of Ngaraad that was completed with Taiwan's assistance. (January 21, 2021)



Foreign Minister Jaushieh Joseph Wu (center), American Institute in Taiwan/Taipei Main Office Director Brent Christensen (second left), Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association Taipei Office Chief Representative Hiroyasu Izumi (second right), and British Office Taipei Representative John Dennis (left) cohost the Global Cooperation and Training Framework international seminar on Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disaster. (March 10, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu and President of the Czech Senate Miloš Vystrčil cohost a virtual ceremony marking Taiwan's donation of a mask production line to the Czech Republic. (March 11, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (second left) and Director of the American Institute in Taiwan/Taipei Main Office Brent Christensen (second right) pose for a photo at a reception to announce the Taiwan-US MOU on Coast Guard Cooperation. (March 26, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu accepts a copy of the credentials of new Belizean Ambassador to Taiwan Candice Pitts. (April 6, 2021)



Foreign Minister Jaushieh Joseph Wu (second right), American Institute in Taiwan/Taipei Main Office Director Brent Christensen (second left), Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association Taipei Office Chief Representative Hiroyasu Izumi (right), and European Economic and Trade Office Head Filip Grzegorzewski (left) pose for a photo at the opening ceremony of the Global Cooperation and Training Framework Webinar on Supply Chain Restructuring and SME Financing. (April 14, 2021)



Foreign Minister Jaushieh Joseph Wu (third right) and American Institute in Taiwan/Taipei Main Office Director Brent Christensen (second right) welcome former US Senator Christopher Dodd (left) and former US Deputy Secretaries of State Richard Armitage (third left) and James Steinberg (second left) on their arrival in Taiwan on a US government aircraft. (April 14, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu accepts a copy of the credentials of new Haitian Ambassador to Taiwan Roudy Stanley Penn. (May 19, 2021)



Foreign Minister Jaushieh Joseph Wu (second right) and American Institute in Taiwan/Taipei Main Office Director Brent Christensen (right) welcome US Senators Dan Sullivan (R-AK) (second left), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) (third left), and Chris Coons (D-DE) (third right) on their arrival in Taiwan on a US military aircraft. (June 6, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu confers the Grand Medal of Diplomacy on Director of the American Institute in Taiwan/Taipei Main Office Brent Christensen. (June 24, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu confers the Grand Medal of Diplomacy on Director General of the German Institute Taipei Thomas Prinz. (July 16, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu meets with new Director of the American Institute in Taiwan/Taipei Main Office Sandra Oudkirk. (August 9, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (third right) poses with a delegation from the French Senate's Taiwan Friendship Group. (October 6, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu meets with Mayor of Prague Zdeněk Hřib. (October 27, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (fifth left) poses with a joint delegation of heads and members of parliamentary groups for friendship with Taiwan from the three Baltic states. (November 29, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu welcomes former President of the French National Assembly and Chairman of the France-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group François de Rugy. (December 16, 2021)



Deputy Foreign Minister Harry Ho-jen Tseng (right), Health and Welfare Minister Chen Shih-chung (center), and American Institute in Taiwan/Taipei Main Office Director Sandra Oudkirk (left) receive a US donation of 1.5 million doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport. (November 1, 2021)



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Harry Ho-jen Tseng (fourth right) poses with an official delegation from the European Parliament's Special Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes in the European Union, including Disinformation. (November 3, 2021)



Deputy Foreign Minister Harry Ho-jen Tseng (center), Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association Deputy Representative Akira Yokochi (right), American Institute in Taiwan/Taipei Main Office Deputy Director Jeremy Cornforth (second right), Australian Office Deputy Representative Michael Googan (second left), and MOFA Department of North American Affairs Director General Douglas Yu-tien Hsu (left) pose for a photo at a Global Cooperation and Training Framework Joint Committee meeting. (December 17, 2021)



Deputy Foreign Minister Harry Ho-jen Tseng (second left), MOFA Department of European Affairs Director General Remus Li-kuo Chen (left), Ministry of Transportation and Communications Department of Railways and Highways Director Chen Wen-juei (right), and British Office Taipei Representative John Dennis (second right) pose for a photo at the signing ceremony of the MOU for the Exchange of Driving Licenses between Taiwan and the United Kingdom. (December 23, 2021)



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Tien Chung-kwang, concurrently Chancellor of the Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs, and Saint Lucia Ambassador to Taiwan Edwin Laurent (left), concurrently head of his country's Diplomatic Academy, sign a cooperation agreement. (April 29, 2021)



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Tien Chung-kwang and Representative of the Indonesian Economic and Trade Office to Taipei Budi Santoso (left) pose at a ceremony for Taiwan's donation of oxygen concentrators to Indonesia. (July 14, 2021)



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Tien Chung-kwang delivers remarks at an Indian Diwali celebration in Taiwan. (November 12, 2021)



Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Alexander Tah-ray Yui confers the Friendship Medal of Diplomacy on Representative of the Liaison Office of South Africa Robert Seraki Matsebe (left). (June 24, 2021)



Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Alexander Tah-ray Yui (third right) receives a painting entitled *Life on Daji Lu* from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Ambassador to Taiwan Andrea Bowman (second left) on behalf of Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu. (October 26, 2021)



Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Alexander Tah-ray Yui confers the Order of Brilliant Star with Grand Cordon on Honduran Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Lisandro Rosales Banegas. (November 13, 2021)



Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Miguel Li-jeY Tsao (left) attends the online founding ceremony of the Formosa Club in the Caribbean. (May 14, 2021)

Chapter 2

Foreign Policy Objectives and Strategies

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I. Foreign Policy Objectives

1. To adhere to principles of steadfast diplomacy and mutual assistance for mutual benefits; uphold universal values of peace, freedom, democracy, and respect for human rights; strengthen relations with diplomatic allies; advance substantive ties with friendly, like-minded nations; and strive for international participation.
2. To continue to advance the New Southbound Policy through the amalgamation of public and private resources and contributions, with a focus on the four pillars of promoting economic collaboration, conducting people-to-people exchanges, enhancing resource sharing, and forging regional links to foster new cooperative models that are beneficial to Taiwan and target nations.
3. To safeguard Taiwan's membership and interests in international organizations of which it is already a member; seek participation in important functional international organizations of which Taiwan is not yet a member; and use pragmatism and creativity to overcome obstacles and actively contribute to the international community.
4. To use civil-society strengths, resources, and experiences to form lasting partnerships with key domestic and foreign non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in key areas of international cooperation, such as international humanitarian aid, public health, disease prevention and control, food security, green energy, agrotechnology, and e-governance; and to build on these partnerships to contribute to the achievement of international sustainable development goals.
5. To address the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic by adopting flexible methods to promote international engagement, expand diplomatic outreach through virtual meetings and diverse diplomacy, including signing agreement and sharing pandemic response experience; strive to be a force for good in the world and make tangible contribution to the international community.

II. Policy Goals and Strategies

1. Reinforcing diplomatic ties with allied countries

- (1) Continuing to promote mutual visits and exchanges between high-level officials and key dignitaries of Taiwan and allied countries in order to deepen diplomatic relations.
- (2) Adhering to the principle of mutual assistance for mutual benefit, and launching projects and initiatives that cater to the economic and social development needs of Taiwan's allies while introducing industry and market dynamics to drive bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

2. Strengthening substantive ties with countries without formal diplomatic relations

- (1) Facilitating mutual visits between Taiwanese dignitaries and their counterparts in countries without formal diplomatic relations to enhance substantive bilateral ties.
- (2) Negotiating and signing bilateral agreements and participating in important regional economic integration agreements, such as the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), to establish a foundation for substantive exchanges between Taiwan and countries without formal diplomatic relations, progressively expand areas of cooperation, and comprehensively strengthen substantive bilateral ties.
- (3) Enhancing cooperation programs between Taiwan and countries without formal diplomatic relations to promote sustainable bilateral development.
- (4) Advancing the people-centric New Southbound Policy to deepen comprehensive relationships with target countries.
- (5) Actively collaborating with the international community and establishing communication channels to jointly combat transnational crime.

3. Actively participating in intergovernmental organizations to enhance the degree and extent of Taiwan's international engagement

- (1) Actively contributing to international organizations in which Taiwan holds

formal membership, such as the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), and seeking candidacy for important decision-making positions so as to safeguard Taiwan's membership status and participation rights.

- (2) Establishing and leveraging multilateral channels of communication to seek support from other countries for Taiwan's participation in intergovernmental organizations and mechanisms, such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) so as to consolidate and expand Taiwan's international interests.

4. Assisting domestic NGOs with international participation and enhancing their contributions to the international community

- (1) Supporting domestic NGOs in their efforts to actively participate in international conferences and events and expand their contributions to the international community.
- (2) Strengthening domestic NGO participation in international cooperation and humanitarian aid, and supporting their efforts to launch humanitarian aid programs in regions and countries in need.

5. Leveraging Taiwan's soft power to promote public diplomacy, strengthen international communication, garner public support, and elevate Taiwan's image

- (1) Incorporating new communication technologies into resource integration and targeted international campaigns to enhance Taiwan's promotional efforts and create favorable opportunities to shape a positive image of Taiwan internationally.
- (2) Generating further publicity for Taiwan's foreign policy goals and achievements through in-person promotion, such as multimedia events, social gatherings, music festivals, conferences, and marketing campaigns, and through digital channels, such as websites, video productions, and

radio interviews.

- (3) Issuing press releases and holding press briefings to communicate major foreign policies and address issues of public concern.
- (4) Launching domestic and international campaigns to promote the universal values of democracy, respect for human rights, and the rule of law; raising public awareness of and support for Taiwan's diplomatic affairs; fostering ongoing relations with the international community; and expanding Taiwan's international footprint.

6. Utilizing diplomatic resources to enhance service efficiency and quality

- (1) Improving the convenience and safety of outbound travel for Taiwanese citizens.
- (2) Streamlining visa application processes.
- (3) Improving the quality of document authentication services.

7. Appropriately allocating resources to increase the efficiency of budget execution

- (1) Improving budget allocation and boosting the efficiency of capital budget execution.
- (2) Reasonably allocating resources to meet medium-term policy objectives; reviewing existing policy plans to ensure the efficient use of resources; and forecasting prudent annual expenditures to fit the medium-term budget allocated to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the Executive Yuan.
- (3) Continuing to review acquisition of properties for overseas missions to meet space demand as well as increasing property ownership so as to reduce rental expenses.
- (4) Administering the Zhiyuan New Village Revitalization Project to renovate derelict dormitories used to house diplomatic personnel on rotation, and building modern diplomatic archives center.

Chapter 3

Foreign Relations

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Section 1 Overview of Foreign Relations

Item 1 Taiwan's relations with Asia-Pacific countries

I. Introduction

The Asia-Pacific region encompasses 37 independent countries across Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Australasia, and the Pacific, including the R.O.C. (Taiwan). In the region, Taiwan has formal diplomatic relations, marked by the establishment of mutual embassies, with the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, and Tuvalu, as well as close, substantive ties and mutual representative offices with Australia, Brunei, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The Asia-Pacific region encompasses nations with distinct ethnic, historical, cultural, religious, and social characteristics, and particularly in recent years has been a focal point in international politics, economics, and diplomacy. Taiwan is fully committed to strengthening its friendships with diplomatic allies in the Asia-Pacific region, enhancing relations with like-minded, friendly nations, and continuing to advance the New Southbound Policy and its four pillars: promoting economic collaboration, conducting people-to-people exchanges, enhancing resource sharing, and forging regional links. Taiwan aspires to leverage its soft power to foster new models conducive to mutual cooperation; ensure peace, stability, and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region; contribute to the regional economic integration agenda; and strengthen regional cooperation.

In 2021, Taiwan continued to strengthen friendships with its Pacific diplomatic allies and substantive ties with regional friendly nations. Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu attended the inauguration ceremony of Palau's newly elected President Surangel Whipps, Jr. in January as a special envoy of the President of the R.O.C. (Taiwan). President Surangel S. Whipps Jr. visited Taiwan at the end of March, becoming the first head of state to visit during the

pandemic. Taiwan donated two multi-functional patrol vessels to Palau to enhance its maritime security and patrol capabilities. Taiwan also continued to deepen cooperation with Pacific diplomatic allies in clean energy, agricultural technology, and healthcare, aiming to improve the economic and social development as well as the living standards of its allies. Additionally, masks, protective clothing, isolation gowns, respirators, and other epidemic prevention equipment were donated to enhance their pandemic response capabilities. In terms of enhancing relations with friendly nations, Taiwan continued to promote its New Southbound Policy in 2021 to strengthen substantive ties with regional countries. To garner support for Taiwan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs launched the Formosa Club in the Indo-Pacific Region in May, serving as a platform for exchange and cooperation between Taiwanese officials and members of parliament from regional countries. To date, 250 parliamentarians from 17 regional countries have participated in the initiative. Former Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott visited Taiwan in October to attend the 5th Yushan Forum and delivered a speech reinforcing friendly relations. The Japanese government welcomed Taiwan's accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) and reiterated support for its participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA) with the unprecedented passing of a resolution by the Japanese House of Councillors in support of Taiwan's participation in the WHA. Regarding regional security, officials from Australia, Japan, and the Republic of Korea repeatedly emphasized the importance of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait on various international occasions this year.

II. Relations with Individual Countries

1. Relations with the Republic of the Marshall Islands

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established diplomatic relations with the Republic of the Marshall Islands on November 20, 1998, and opened an embassy in the capital Majuro on December 5 of the same year. The Republic of the Marshall Islands opened an embassy in Taiwan in July 1999 and stationed an ambassador in Taiwan in May 2002.
- (2) Cultural and educational relations: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Taiwan

Scholarship Program and the International Cooperation and Development Fund's International Higher Education Scholarship Program have assisted the Marshall Islands in enhancing its education capabilities. Currently, there are 37 Marshallese students studying at higher education institutions in Taiwan.

(3) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation:

A. Taiwan has signed an agreement of cooperation on agricultural technology with the Marshall Islands, marked by the establishment of the Taiwan Technical Mission in the Marshall Islands to assist in promoting local agricultural and livestock development, as well as coordinate balanced nutrition programs. The mission produces an average of 450 kilograms of fruits and vegetables per month for Majuro Hospital and Marshall Islands High School. Additionally, over 1,000 piglets are raised annually, greatly benefiting residents in the capital city of Majuro and the outer islands. Other collaborations include livestock and horticulture skill enhancement courses, jointly organized with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Commerce of the Marshall Islands, to foster extension personnel and enhance the effectiveness of agricultural technology promotion in the outer islands, as well as a horticulture project, mobile nutritious food trucks, and nutritional food clubs in schools to raise awareness about nutrition and healthy eating.

B. Taiwan and the Marshall Islands have also entered agreements concerning fishery and volunteer work, whereby various professional training courses have been introduced to improve the nation's capacity-building and technology transfer capabilities and create local job opportunities.

(4) COVID-19 cooperation: In response to the global COVID-19 outbreak, Taiwan has been actively assisting the Marshall Islands in epidemic preparedness. This year, Taiwan facilitated the signing of procurement contracts between Taiwanese vendors and the RMI Ministry of Health and Human Services. Using Taiwan's humanitarian aid funds, the Taiwanese vendors curated nine medical containers, which were sent in June and successively handed over to the Marshall Islands starting in September.

Additionally, Taiwan continued its trilateral epidemic prevention collaboration with the Marshall Islands and the United States, donating US\$500,000 to the Marshall Islands to start a vaccine deployment fund that would accelerate the deployment of vaccines provided by the United States. Taiwan also continued to donate various pandemic supplies to the Marshall Islands, including rapid test kits, surgical masks, and isolation gowns. In November, Shuang Ho Hospital (Ministry of Health and Welfare) and Taiwan Health Center jointly organized the 2021 International COVID-19 Symposium with the RMI Ministry of Health and Human Services, in which President David Kabua of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, as well as several health officials and local mayors attended sessions related to epidemic governance.

(5) Medical cooperation:

A. Taiwan and the Marshall Islands are working closely together to improve healthcare and have signed an Agreement of Cooperation in Health and a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the establishment of a Taiwan Health Center in the Marshall Islands. Other notable achievements include the signing of MOUs to make Taipei Hospital (Ministry of Health and Welfare) a sister hospital to Majuro Hospital and Ebeye Hospital; the signing of an MOU to make Shuang Ho Hospital (Ministry of Health and Welfare) and Majuro Hospital sister hospitals; the signing of referral agreements between Taipei Hospital and the Ministry of Health and Human Services of the Marshall Islands (MOHHS), and between Shuang Ho Hospital and the MOHHS; and the signing of the Clinical Internship and Resident Mentorship Program, Master's Degree in Nursing Program, and Hospital Information System Procurement Agreement between Shuang Ho Hospital and the MOHHS.

B. The Taiwan Health Center operates out of Majuro Hospital. A Taiwanese public health nurse is also stationed at the hospital to assist the MOHHS in implementing public health policy and promoting health education. In addition, each year Taiwan runs short-term mobile medical missions to the Marshall Islands and every month rotates one or two short-term resident physicians on and off the main island to

provide high-quality medical care and training, as well as assist the MOHHS in training local medical professionals.

- (6) Technological cooperation: Over the years, Taiwan has provided assistance to the Marshall Islands in installing solar street lights. Currently, close to a thousand solar street lights in the capital city of Majuro and on outer islands have been installed, improving safety for pedestrians at night.
- (7) Human rights cooperation: Taiwan and the Marshall Islands have completed the launch of the Women Business Start-up Small Loan Revolving Fund, providing Marshallese women with access to low-interest microloans to develop their businesses and empower women economically.

2. Relations with the Republic of Nauru

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established diplomatic relations with Nauru on May 4, 1980, and opened a consulate general, which was upgraded to an embassy on August 17, 1990. Diplomatic relations were severed on July 23, 2002, and reinstated on May 14, 2005, with the embassy reopening on August 8 of the same year. Nauru opened an embassy in Taiwan on March 27, 2007.
- (2) Cultural and educational relations: Eight outstanding Nauruan students were given scholarships to study in Taiwan under the Taiwan Scholarship Program this year.
- (3) Agricultural cooperation: The technical mission stationed in Nauru has been promoting the Dietary Diversity Extension Project in Nauru and the Prison Farm Project. The mission provides eggs as a nutritional supplement to over 3,000 primary and secondary school students in Nauru every week.
- (4) COVID-19 cooperation: To strengthen Nauru's epidemic prevention and enhance its capacity for post-epidemic medical response, Taiwan continued to offer assistance in procuring vaccines and vaccine storage equipment, as well as establishing negative-pressure isolation wards and purchasing related equipment in Nauru hospitals.
- (5) Medical cooperation: Taichung Veterans General Hospital signed a 5-year referral agreement with the Nauru Ministry of Health on January 22. The two parties also renewed their 5-year MOU on medical cooperation on

October 10. Four physicians were stationed in Nauru this year, and a total of three charter flights were arranged to transport 104 Nauru government-referred patients to Taichung Veterans General Hospital for treatment in March, August, and November.

(6) Technological cooperation:

A. Clean energy cooperation: Since 2010, Taiwan has been promoting the Clean Energy Project in Nauru, with solar photovoltaic systems installed in Nauru government buildings, hospitals, public health centers, and schools. In addition, the solar power generation system at Nauru International Airport, constructed with the assistance of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government, was inaugurated on August 4.

B. ICT cooperation: The Nauru Taiwan Digital Opportunity Center (TDOC) was officially launched on August 13. Taiwan provided the necessary computer equipment and expertise to train ICT instructors and narrow the digital divide in Nauru.

(7) Judicial cooperation: Taiwan and Nauru completed the bilateral notification process for the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Between the Government of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and the Government of the Republic of Nauru on May 7.

3. Relations with the Republic of Palau

(1) Background: The R.O.C. established diplomatic relations with Palau on December 29, 1999. The Embassy of the R.O.C. in Palau was established on February 17, 2000, and commenced official operations on March 5 of the same year. Palau opened an embassy in Taiwan on October 4, 2001.

(2) Bilateral relations:

A. Development cooperation: Taiwan and Palau have joint projects in a number of sectors, including infrastructure development, farming, animal husbandry, aquaculture, clean energy, information technology, transportation, healthcare, education, and human resources training.

B. Agriculture cooperation: Taiwan dispatched a technical mission to promote its Horticulture Extension Project in Palau. In addition to organizing workshops on fruit and vegetable cultivation and promoting

healthy eating and health education, the mission supports school farms and healthy school lunch programs.

- C. Human resources training: Under the Taiwan Scholarship Program, International Higher Education Scholarship Program hosted by the Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF), and Naval Academy Scholarship Program, Taiwan offers scholarships to outstanding students recommended by the Palauan government. Palau also nominates outstanding candidates from all backgrounds to attend seminars and training courses in Taiwan. In an effort to help diplomatic allies cultivate medical specialists, in September 2013, the Executive Yuan approved the launch of a post-baccalaureate program for international medical students at I-Shou University.
- (3) Medical cooperation: Taiwan assists Palau in developing medical and public health capabilities. Taipei Municipal Wanfang Hospital and Shin Kong Wu Ho-Su Memorial Hospital in Taiwan successively established sister relations with Belau National Hospital (BNH) in Palau. Other notable achievements include the launch of the Taiwan Medical Project (TMP) by Shin Kong Hospital to reduce rates of non-communicable diseases (NCD) in Palau and a collaboration with TaiwanICDF to launch the Healthcare Personnel Training Program, wherein clinical and medical teams are sent to Palau to provide medical and consultation services. To date, E-DA Hospital, Taiwan Adventist Hospital, Cheng Hsin General Hospital, MacKay Memorial Hospital, and Shuang Ho Hospital have all signed medical referral memorandums with Palau.
 - (4) Mutual visits by dignitaries:
 - A. Visits from Taiwan were made by Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu and Deputy Director General of the Coast Guard Administration (Ocean Affairs Council) Tsai Chang-meng.
 - B. Visits from Palau were made by President of Palau Surangel Whipps, Jr. and the First Lady, the Vice President of the Palau Senate Kera Mariur, Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Mason Whipps, Social and Cultural Affairs Committee Chairwoman Vicky Kanai, Former

President of Palau Tommy Remengesau, Jr. and the former First Lady, and former State Minister Faustina Rehuher-Marugg.

4. Relations with Tuvalu

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established diplomatic relations with Tuvalu on September 19, 1979. The Embassy of the R.O.C. was initially co-accredited to the Kingdom of Tonga, and subsequently to the Solomon Islands. In December 1998, a liaison office was established in Funafuti, and an ambassador has been officially stationed there since April 2004. Tuvalu opened an embassy in Taiwan in March 2013.
- (2) Agricultural cooperation: Taiwan sent agricultural technical missions to Funafuti and the outer island of Vaitupu in order to promote its Happy Friendship Farm and Vaitupu Hope Garden horticultural projects. These projects aim to increase fruit and vegetable production in Tuvalu, improve cultivation in the outer islands, and advocate healthy dietary habits to improve public health. Since 2019, Taiwan's technical mission has centered its efforts on the construction of the Wonderful Farm in Funafala to address Tuvalu's increasing demand for fruits and vegetables. Construction of the garden began in 2021. Furthermore, efforts have been made to stabilize the production of Happy Friendship Farm, improve the yield of Hope Farm and Wonderful Farm, and strengthen the promotion of cultivation techniques on other outer islands to assist Tuvalu in ensuring food security during the pandemic.
- (3) Medical cooperation: Taiwan launched the Taiwan Medical Program (TMP) in Tuvalu. The program is spearheaded by Chung Shan Medical University Hospital, which has a project coordinator stationed in Tuvalu. Achievements of the TMP as of 2021 include the establishment and stable operation of the Health Information System, provision of remote specialist consultations in Tuvalu, provision of online education and training for local healthcare personnel, implementation of a national oral health program for local school children, provision of dengue fever screening, and promotion of health education to residents and in local schools, which encompass preventive measures for chronic diseases, dengue fever, COVID-19, and oral and personal hygiene education.

- (4) Technological cooperation: Since 2010, Taiwan has launched annual collaborative clean energy projects in Tuvalu, including donating solar-powered home appliances and street lights. These efforts have had a substantive positive impact on the local population.
- (5) Human resources development cooperation: Outstanding students from Tuvalu are selected to apply for the Taiwan Scholarship Program. Exceptional candidates from all backgrounds are also nominated to remotely attend various symposiums and training programs organized by the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF) and TaiwanICDF.

5. Relations with the Commonwealth of Australia

- (1) Background: Taipei Economic and Cultural Offices in Canberra, Sydney, and Melbourne were established on January 22, 1991. On April 30 of the same year, the Sydney and Melbourne offices were formally renamed Taipei Economic and Cultural Offices, and a new Representative Office was established in Canberra. On December 9, 2005, the Australian government approved the setting up of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Brisbane. Australia set up the Australian Commerce and Industry Office (ACIO) in Taipei on October 30, 1981. It was renamed the Australian Office in March 2012.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade reached US\$19.571 billion in 2021, accounting for 2.36% of Taiwan's total trade volume. Australia is Taiwan's 10th-largest trading partner, 13th-largest export market, and 6th-largest source of imports. Owing to pandemic restrictions in 2021, bilateral meetings were held by videoconference, including the 17th Agricultural Working Group (AWG) in June, the 26th Taiwan-Australia Joint Energy and Minerals, Trade and Investment Cooperation Meeting (JEMTIC) in September, and the 34th Joint Conference of the ROC-Australia and Australia-Taiwan Business Council (JBC) and 25th Bilateral Economic Consultation (BEC) in November.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. The Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the Australia National

University, implemented the Taiwan Studies Program, which included offering Hokkien and Taiwan-related courses, as well as organizing the Drawing Near art exhibition in March, the Wayfaring: Photography in 1970s-80s Taiwan exhibition and Remembering Taiwan's Martial Law Conference in July, and the Indigenous Peoples' Land Rights and Development in Taiwan seminar in November. Two Australian students received scholarships under the Taiwan Scholarship Program, while 27 students were granted scholarships under the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program to study Mandarin in Taiwan. Other achievements include the MOE Top 100 Universities Scholarship with Australia National University and the University of Sydney.

- B. Working holidays: Taiwan and Australia signed an MOU on working holiday visas in July 2004, affording many young Taiwanese adults the opportunity to visit and work in Australia. However, owing to pandemic restrictions, the number of Taiwanese young people obtaining working holiday visas for Australia in 2020-21 fell to 3,765.
- (4) Technological cooperation: In February, the National Applied Research Laboratories (NARLabs) held a videoconference with Australian biomedical research institutes. In August, NARLabs jointly organized a quantum and semiconductor video seminar with the Australian National Fabrication Facility (ANFF). In November, the Science and Technology Division at the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Australia jointly launched the Australia Sustainable Development Symposium - Smart Application, Biomedicine, Environment, Inclusion, and Technology with the Taiwanese Scholar Association of Australia (TSAA).
- (5) Media exposure: Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu granted seven exclusive interviews to major Australian media outlets, including The Australian, Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), Sky News Australia, Sydney Morning Herald, and Australian Financial Review. The Australian stationed a journalist in Taiwan in August.
- (6) Think tank exchanges: Former Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott attended the opening ceremony of the Yushan Forum held in Taiwan in October, as well as a dinner with Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu, where he delivered a speech. David Hazlehurst, the Deputy

Secretary of Agriculture, Water, and the Environment, participated in the forum via video and served as a speaker. In November, Tang Feng, Minister without Portfolio of the Executive Yuan, was invited to write an article titled Digital Democracy in Taiwan Crowdsourcing for an Inclusive and Resilient Indo-Pacific for the inaugural Sydney Dialogue in Australia.

- (7) Visits from Australia were made by former Prime Minister Tony Abbott.

6. Relations with Brunei Darussalam

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established the Far Eastern Trade and Cultural Center in Bandar Seri Begawan, the capital of Brunei Darussalam, on June 27, 1978. The center was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Brunei Darussalam on July 1, 1996. It closed on April 17, 2006, but resumed operations on March 1, 2007. Brunei Darussalam set up its Brunei Darussalam Trade and Tourism Office in Taipei on October 8, 2002.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$172 million in 2021, with exports reaching US\$24 million and imports reaching US\$148 million.
 - B. Brunei's imports of Taiwanese food, agricultural products, and epidemic prevention supplies saw significant growth in 2021. This included assistance from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Brunei Darussalam in helping Hua Ho Department Store purchase food products from Taiwan, totaling US\$1.2 million, facilitating S&W Company, a major fruit supplier in Brunei, in purchasing over 102 metric tons of high-quality fruits and vegetables from Taiwan, and aiding local importers place orders for medical and epidemic prevention supplies from Simpor Pharma. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Brunei Darussalam requested the contact information of 92 Taiwanese vendors from the Ministry of Agriculture (Executive Yuan), International Trade Commission (MOEA), and Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA), facilitating procurement negotiations between Brunei enterprises, department stores, and Taiwanese suppliers.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: The Taipei Economic and Cultural

Office in Brunei Darussalam invited Brunei government departments to recommend candidates for the Taiwan Fellowship Program, as well as the chance to participate in various youth entrepreneurship forums jointly organized by Taiwan's Ministry of Education and APEC or to study in Taiwan to enhance cultural and educational exchanges between Taiwan and Brunei. Other achievements include donating new laptop computers to eight Chinese schools in Brunei and working with the Overseas Community Affairs Council (OCAC) to replace/upgrade various teaching equipment and hardware in eight Chinese schools.

- (4) Medical cooperation: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Brunei Darussalam donated high-quality domestically produced wheelchairs to two charitable organizations in Brunei, namely Pusat Ehsan and Pusat Bahagia Tutong. Other donations included epidemic prevention and medical supplies, including domestically produced medical masks and face shields, made to the Brunei Darussalam National Isolation Centre, as well as domestically manufactured oxygen concentrators to the Taiwan Business Association in Brunei Darussalam, Teng Yun Temple, Taiwan Graduates Association of Brunei, Chinese Chamber of Commerce Bandar Seri Begawan, and Chinese Chamber of Commerce Kuala Belait to assist in their epidemic prevention efforts.
- (5) Human resources development cooperation: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Brunei Darussalam invited Brunei government officials, female parliamentarians, and representatives from women's and charitable organizations to participate in a series of video conferences under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF) to share experiences and exchange ideas. Brunei government officials, representatives from agricultural organizations, and industry representatives also participated in various online training courses organized by the TaiwanICDF. Moreover, representatives from the Brunei Ministry of Health and public hospitals attended an online training course provided by the Taiwan International Health Training Center (TIHTC).
- (6) Tourism: Taiwan continues to grant Brunei citizens (including those holding CI Travel certificates) a visa-free stay of 14 days, while Brunei grants Taiwanese citizens a 14-day visa on arrival. Due to the recent

impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, both governments have implemented epidemic prevention measures, temporarily suspending travel and visits between the two countries, including direct flights. Royal Brunei Airlines will resume direct flights once both sides reopen tourism.

7. Relations with the Republic of Fiji

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established the Trade Mission to Fiji in Suva, the capital of Fiji, on May 15, 1971. The mission was renamed East Asian Trade Center on February 29, 1976, reverted back to Trade Mission of the R.O.C. to Fiji on December 21, 1987, and was renamed Taipei Trade Office in Fiji on August 1, 2019. On December 1, 1997, the Fiji government established the Fiji Trade and Tourism Representative Office in Taiwan in Taipei. The office was decommissioned on May 1, 2017, owing to fiscal considerations.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Taiwan runs a trade surplus with Fiji. The major imports from Fiji are water, molasses, and fish waste, while Taiwan's exports to Fiji are plastic raw materials, machinery, and hardware. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$54.22 million in 2021, with Taiwan's exports reaching US\$52.27 million and imports reaching US\$1.95 million.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: The International Higher Education Scholarship Program hosted by the TaiwanICDF and the Taiwan Scholarship Program hosted by Taiwan's Ministry of Education offers scholarships to one or two outstanding Fijian students to complete their master's or doctoral studies in Taiwan. Additionally, Taiwan collaborated with the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) in the establishment of the Taiwan/ROC-Pacific Islands Forum Scholarship Scheme, providing scholarships to students from Pacific Island countries to study locally or in Taiwan.
- (4) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation:
 - A. Agricultural technology cooperation: In 1978, Taiwan sent the Technical Mission to Fiji. Currently, agricultural cooperation is based on the Agreement on Technical Cooperation, signed on August 23, 2013. Headquartered in Sigatoka, the mission offers assistance in the production and marketing of fruit and vegetables. In addition, Taiwan

continued to assist Fiji in modernizing agricultural practices. This year, Taiwan established two smart agricultural demonstration farms near the Fijian capital, Suva, in the town of Nausori.

B. Fisheries cooperation: The TaiwanICDF sent experts in September 2017 to assist Fiji's Ministry of Fisheries in planning aquaculture development and to give instruction in aquacultural techniques. On September 26, 2018, Taiwan and Fiji signed an MOU on fisheries cooperation to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, ensuring the ecological safety and sustainability of Fiji's fisheries industry. The TaiwanICDF collaborated with Fiji's Ministry of Fisheries to implement the first phase of the aquaculture project in 2018, which lasted for 4 years. The project achieved successful shrimp fry breeding and fish seedling cultivation. In 2022, the second phase of the 4-year project was launched to further expand the scale of aquaculture.

(5) Medical cooperation:

A. Cathay General Hospital has been promoting Taiwan's National Mobile Medical Missions in allied and friendly countries in the Asia-Pacific region since 2014. Two missions have been sent to hospitals in Viti Levu and Vanua Levu each year for six consecutive years to provide free medical services. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, physical missions were suspended in 2020 and 2021 and online medical exchanges were opted for instead. Cathay General Hospital also donated medical supplies worth approximately US\$160,000 to Labasa Hospital to assist in strengthening its medical infrastructure and improving the quality of medical services.

B. Other donations from Taiwan included infrared thermal imaging equipment, N95 masks, medical masks, isolation gowns, and other medical equipment to support healthcare personnel in Fiji in their efforts to combat COVID-19.

(6) Humanitarian assistance: Fiji was severely affected by Tropical Cyclone Yasa. In addition to expressing concern, Taiwan initiated a special fund for humanitarian assistance to help with post-disaster reconstruction efforts in Fiji.

8. Relations with the Republic of India

- (1) Background: India set up the India-Taipei Association in Taiwan in July 1995. The R.O.C. set up the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in New Delhi in September of the same year and renamed it the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in India in February 2012. The Economic and Cultural Center in Chennai was set up in the same year.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to US\$7.69 billion in 2021, with exports reaching US\$4.52 billion and imports reaching US\$3.17 billion. India is Taiwan's 17th-largest trade partner, accounting for 0.93% of Taiwan's overall trade volume. As of the end of 2021, Taiwan's cumulative investment in India reached US\$1.131 billion, while India's cumulative investment in Taiwan reached US\$70.22 million.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Educational exchanges between Taiwan and India continued without interruption during the COVID-19 pandemic. From 2020 to 2021, a total of 16 Indian schools signed cooperation agreements to set up Taiwan Education Centers. In addition, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in India selected and assisted 20 Mandarin teachers to teach in India. Taiwan continues to offer scholarships to Indian students to study in Taiwan, with approximately 2,301 students benefiting in 2021.
- (4) Technological cooperation: As of this year, Taiwan and India have jointly supported 94 bilateral cooperation research projects and organized 25 bilateral academic seminars. The areas of cooperation include artificial intelligence, renewable energy (solar energy, bioenergy, clean energy), Internet of Things, big data, information security, micro/nanoelectronics, sensors, and biotechnology, among others, with fruitful results from the project implementations. In order to promote bilateral social sciences, humanities, science and technology cooperation between Taiwan and India, the Ministry of Science and Technology signed a memorandum of understanding on bilateral cooperation with the Indian Council of Social Science Research, a subsidiary of India's Ministry of Education, on July 26, 2019.
- (5) Overseas community affairs: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in

India actively coordinated with China Airlines and the Taiwanese travel agency, Friendship Tours, to facilitate the third chartered flight from Taipei to New Delhi on January 19 after the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. The chartered flight carried 61 citizens back to Taiwan and transported 37 people to India.

9. Relations with the Republic of Indonesia

- (1) Background: On July 4, 1972, the R.O.C. established the Taiwan Chamber of Commerce in Jakarta, which on January 19, 1990, was renamed the Taipei Economic and Trade Office in Indonesia. The Indonesian Chamber of Commerce in Taipei was established in Taipei on June 1, 1971, and renamed the Indonesian Economic and Trade Office to Taipei in January 1995. The Taipei Economic and Trade Office in Surabaya officially commenced operations in December 2015.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$10.97 billion in 2021, indicating a growth of 61.69% on the previous year. Taiwan's exports reached US\$3.07 billion, while imports reached US\$7.9 billion. According to statistics from the Indonesian Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM), Taiwan invested in 458 projects in Indonesia in 2021, totaling approximately US\$316 million. This makes Taiwan Indonesia's 14th-largest source of foreign investment, with a 30% decline in the number of investment projects compared to the previous year and accounting for roughly 1% of Indonesia's overall foreign investments in 2021.
 - B. According to statistics released by the Investment Commission of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taiwan undertook a total of 17 projects in Indonesia in 2021, for a cumulative investment of US\$985,200. To date, 814 projects have been recorded, for a total investment of US\$134 million. Important bilateral agreements signed this year include the Memorandum of Understanding between Taiwan and Indonesia Regarding the Application of Competition Laws and the Memorandum of Understanding for the Promotion of Trade between Taiwan and Indonesia.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

- A. Indonesia's Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology designated Taiwan as one of the four major recommended countries for Indonesian government scholarship recipients. A total of 16,426 Indonesian students studied in Taiwan in 2021, making Indonesia the second-largest source of foreign students in Taiwan.
- B. Through the signing of the memorandum of understanding on higher education cooperation between the two countries in May 2011, Indonesia's Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology selects outstanding scholarship recipients to pursue master's or doctoral degrees in Taiwan each year. Additionally, Taiwan and Indonesia alternate each year in hosting the Taiwan-Indonesia Higher Education Forum. In November, the forum was held online due to pandemic restrictions, with 112 universities from both countries participating and signing inter-university cooperation memoranda.

(4) Agricultural cooperation:

- A. Taiwan has had technical missions to Indonesia with headquarters in Jakarta since 1976 and has an Agribusiness Incubation Center and Demonstration Farm in Lembang in the outskirts of Bandung in West Java. Since 2018, Taiwan has been promoting the Modern Agriculture Demo Farm in Karawang and Strengthening Incubator Agribusiness with Human Resources Development in Bandung projects in West Java.
- B. In April this year, Taiwan and Indonesia signed an agreement on Expanding High-Quality Rice Seed Production in South Sulawesi (Indonesia). Hasanuddin University is designated to spearhead this project.

(5) Humanitarian assistance:

- A. In November, Taiwan Representative to Indonesia Chen Chung donated a batch of COVID-19 prevention supplies to Palang Merah Indonesia (PMI) on behalf of Taiwan through the US-based Taiwanese charity organization SimplyHelp.
- B. In December, Taiwan Representative to Indonesia Chen Chung

donated 11 high-flow cannulas to Indonesia's Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs. The donation was received by Deputy Minister Wahyu Utomo.

(6) Media exposure:

- A. The largest newspaper in Indonesia, Kompas, conducted a video interview with Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu on December 16 this year. The interview, focusing on Taiwan's New Southbound Policy and bilateral cooperation between Taiwan and Indonesia, was published the next day. The newspaper featured a photo of Minister Wu on the front page and dedicated one-third of its international news section on page four to re-running the interview content on December 29 of the same year.
- B. In October, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs produced and aired a special TV program titled Embracing Taiwan on Indonesia's mainstream TV channel, Kompas, highlighting Taiwan's economic and social developments across the country in recent years and showcasing tourist attractions, including Muslim-friendly spaces. The program ranked second in Indonesia's national TV viewership rankings that week, with approximately 150 million viewers tuning in.
- C. In November, the Taipei Economic and Trade Office in Indonesia collaborated with the Indonesian media group, Media Indonesia, to produce a special video on Taiwan-Indonesia agricultural cooperation. The video detailed the efforts of TaiwanICDF's agricultural technical mission in running the Demo Farm in Karawang in West Java, Indonesia, assisting local farmers in improving farming techniques and promoting production and marketing systems, showcasing concrete collaborative achievements.

(7) Labor cooperation:

- A. According to statistics released by the Ministry of Labor, as of the end of 2021, the number of migrant workers in Taiwan reached 664,733. Of which, Indonesian nationals accounted for 235,739, or 35% of the migrant worker population – the largest migrant worker group. Indonesian workers in Taiwan primarily serve as caregivers for families

and account for nearly 80% of all foreign caregivers in Taiwan, with duties including caring for the elderly, weak, young, or sick in Taiwanese households.

- B. Taiwan and Indonesia signed MOUs on labor force cooperation in 2004, 2011, and 2018, establishing principles for the recruitment, introduction, and protection of Indonesian workers.
- C. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, physical meetings between the two countries' labor officials were suspended. Instead, online meetings were held in April and November, where Deputy Minister of Labor Wang An-pang and Director-General of Indonesia's Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration Suhartono discussed epidemic-related entry measures for Indonesian workers in Taiwan under strict border controls, aiming to safeguard the rights and interests of both Taiwanese employers and Indonesian workers while strengthening bilateral communication.

(8) Overseas community affairs:

- A. To cater to the educational needs of Taiwanese business expatriates' children, Taiwan established Taiwanese schools in Jakarta and Surabaya. The Overseas Community Affairs Commission annually dispatches cultural teachers to these Taiwanese schools and local trilingual schools (including Bina Bangsa School Jakarta, Sekolah Terpadu Pahoa, Bina Mulia School Pontianak, and Phor Tay School Medan) to teach cultural studies and assist in enhancing students' understanding of Taiwanese culture.
- B. Taiwanese business organizations are divided by region, currently consisting of nine associations in Jakarta, Surabaya, Bandung, and other regions, collectively forming the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce (and a youth chamber under its umbrella). Other Taiwanese organizations include the Indonesian Chinese Traders Federation and the Timor Leste Taiwan Chamber of Commerce (TLTCC).
- C. Taiwanese alumni organizations are also divided by region, currently consisting of ten associations in Jakarta, North Sumatra, South Sumatra, and other regions, collectively forming the Indonesia

Federation of Taiwan Alumni Associations. Other similar organizations include the Perhimpunan Alumni Taiwan Indonesia (PATI).

- (9) Visits from Indonesia were made by Minister of Investment Bahlil Lahadalia and Secretary General of Investment Ikmal Lukman.

10. Relations with Japan

(1) Background:

- A. Diplomatic relations between the R.O.C. and Japan were severed on September 29, 1972. In December of the same year, the Association of East Asian Relations and the Interchange Association were set up as channels to maintain substantive ties. The former has offices in Tokyo and Osaka, while the latter has offices in Taipei and Kaohsiung. In 1992, the Association of East Asian Relations in Tokyo was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan, with branches set up in Yokohama, Naha, and Sapporo. The Association of East Asian Relations in Osaka was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Osaka, with a branch in Fukuoka, for a total of six branches. In 2017, Taiwan and Japan renamed the Association of East Asian Relations the Taiwan-Japan Relations Association, and the Interchange Association became the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association, while the names of the representative offices remain unchanged.
- B. Taiwan and Japan continue to expand cooperation and exchanges in various fields, such as economy, trade, tourism, culture, education, and sports, under the framework outlined by the Taiwan-Japan Relations Association and Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association. Despite the impact of the pandemic this year, Taiwan-Japan relations have made significant progress.
- C. Japan continued to support Taiwan's international participation: The Japanese government has reiterated its support for Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA) as an observer on multiple occasions. The House of Councillors of Japan unanimously passed a resolution supporting Taiwan's participation in the WHA on

June 11 for the first time. Thirty-nine prefectural assemblies across Japan have since passed resolutions supporting Taiwan's participation in the WHA.

- D. Japan intensified its focus on the situation in the Taiwan Strait: After 52 years, parties of the Japan-United States Leaders' Summit held in April this year issued a joint statement explicitly emphasizing the importance of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait. In addition, the Japanese government continued to stress this issue during the G7 Summit and in other international forums.
- E. Parliamentary exchanges:
 - a. The Foreign Affairs Division of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) established the Taiwan Policy Project Team, providing policy recommendations regarding Taiwan. The LDP also held inaugural dialogues concerning defense and economic policies with Taiwan to facilitate the extensive exchange of views.
 - b. The bipartisan parliamentary alliance in Japan, the Japan-ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council, held its inaugural Taiwan-US-Japan Strategic Dialogue among Parliamentarians this year with the aim of enhancing parliamentary exchanges among Taiwan, Japan, and the United States.
- F. Local exchanges:
 - a. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan actively promoted local exchanges between Taiwan and Japan, with a total of 139 cases of alliances between local Taiwanese and Japanese governments and councils. Since assuming office, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) Representative to Japan Frank Chang-ting Hsieh has successfully concluded 77 cases, including friendship agreements between Tainan and Kaohsiung with Kyoto City.
 - b. The 7th Summit on Taiwan-Japan Exchanges was held in Kobe City, with 368 local councilors from Japan participating. The Kobe Declaration was issued during the summit, urging the Japanese government to actively support Taiwan's participation in international organizations and promote the formulation of a basic

law for governing Taiwan-Japan relations.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$85.314 billion in 2021, a 23.1% increase on the previous year. Taiwan's imports reached US\$56.105 billion and exports reached US\$29.209 billion. Japan is Taiwan's 3rd-largest trading partner, 4th-largest export market, and 2nd-largest source of imports.
- B. According to trade statistics released by the Ministry of Finance of Japan, Taiwan's ranking as a source of imports rose to 4th place in 2021, reaching a historic high and only following China, the United States, and Australia. Amid the immense impact of COVID-19 on global trade, where other countries experienced significant decreases in exports, Taiwan emerged as a stable and reliable supply source for Japan. In 2021, Taiwan was Japan's 3rd largest export market, following China and the United States, highlighting the increasingly close economic and trade relations between the two countries.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

A. Cultural exchanges:

- a. A virtual bust unveiling ceremony was held in Taiwan and Japan to raise awareness in Taiwan about the British engineer William Barton, who was commissioned by the Japanese government to build a water supply system in Taiwan. Great great-grandson of Mr. Barton Kevin Kmetz, former Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism Takeshi Maeda, Chief Representative of the Taipei Office of the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association Hiroyasu Izumi, and Representative of the British Office Taipei John Dennis attended the ceremony to offer their congratulations.
- b. A grand virtual ceremony was held between Taiwan and Japan to commemorate the 100th Anniversary Celebration for the Commencement of the Chianan Irrigation Channel Project. Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Chairman of the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association Mitsuo Ohashi, former Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori, Chairman of the Japan-ROC Diet

Members' Consultative Council Keiji Furuya, and Representative Seishiro Eto recorded congratulatory videos for the occasion.

- c. The Japanese government announced the recipients of the 2021 Autumn Conferment of Decorations, with former President of the Legislative Yuan Jin-pyng Wang receiving the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun, current Presidential Office Policy Advisor Mei-yueh Ho receiving the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star, and Chairman of Paochueh Temple in Taichung Shan-chao Lin receiving the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays.
- B. Film and media exchanges: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan organized several events this year, including a virtual screening and lecture of Taiwan films, an in-person screening event co-organized with Yamagata International Documentary Film Festival, the HOT Islands Music Festival in Okinawa co-organized with the National Taitung Living Art Center, as well as a series of art exhibitions, concerts, forums, and documentary screenings to promote Austronesian culture. Other notable achievements include jointly hosting the first-ever Taiwanese language film exhibition and seminar at the National Film Center, the only one in Japan, as well as jointly hosting a screening event with the Osaka Asian Film Festival to showcase six new and two classic Taiwanese films.
- C. Higher education cooperation:
- a. Taiwan Studies Project: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan collaborated with Waseda University, Osaka University, and Kyushu University to establish academic hubs for Taiwan studies. These hubs include courses, workshops, seminars, and publications centered on Taiwan. The office also worked closely with think tanks, such as the Research Society for Japan-Taiwan Relations Research and the Chinese Association of Asia-Pacific Studies, to promote academic exchange between the two countries.
 - b. 3rd Taiwan-Japan University Presidents' Forum: The theme this year was new areas of Taiwan-Japan university collaboration in

the global pandemic era. The event was held online, with 117 university presidents or vice presidents from Taiwan and Japan in participation.

D. Youth exchanges:

- a. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan facilitated exchanges between Taiwanese and Japanese elementary and junior high schools through online platforms to foster friendly relations among Taiwanese and Japanese youth.
- b. Additionally, the office carried out the screening process under the Taiwan Scholarship Program and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship to select outstanding Japanese students to pursue further education in Taiwan. It also organized an exposition to encourage Japanese students to study in Taiwan.

(4) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation:

- A. Agricultural cooperation: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan has actively engaged with various sectors in Japan to assist in promoting and marketing Taiwanese pineapples and sugar apples, alleviating the impact of China's temporary import suspension. In 2021, Taiwan exported up to 17,500 metric tons of pineapples to Japan, accounting for 63.2% of the total exports and marking an 8.2-fold increase compared to the previous year. Additionally, frozen sugar apples were exported to Japan for the first time in February, marking a new step in expanding into overseas markets.
- B. Fisheries cooperation: Taiwan and Japan have continued negotiations on operational rules based on the Taiwan-Japan Fisheries Agreement to safeguard the rights and interests of Taiwanese fishermen. Additionally, both countries conducted bilateral cooperation within international regional fisheries management organizations to coordinate assistance and ensure Taiwan's fishing vessels receive fishing quotas across major oceans.

- (5) COVID-19 cooperation: Japan became the leading donor of vaccines to Taiwan on June 4, 2021, providing over 4.2 million doses across six

batches. Taiwan has reciprocated by providing medical supplies such as pulse oximeters, oxygen concentrators, and medical masks. This mutual assistance in combating COVID-19 has established a solid foundation for cooperation in epidemic prevention between Taiwan and Japan.

(6) Medical cooperation and technological exchanges:

- A. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan, in collaboration with Fu Jen Catholic University, National Tsing Hua University, Kyoto University in Japan, and Nara Institute of Science and Technology, organized the 2021 Japan and Taiwan Symposium - Foresight Advanced Materials for Biotechnology and Precision Health and Medicine with AI on November 11.
- B. The office also co-organized the 2021 Japan-Taiwan Advanced Materials and Semiconductor Technology Workshop on October 28 with the Taiwan Semiconductor Research Institute, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, and Tohoku University in Japan.
- C. The Chairman of the Japan Science and Technology Agency Michinari Hamaguchi visited the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan and met with Representative Frank Chang-ting Hsieh. This visit marked the first time the head of a Japanese technological cooperation agency visited the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan, setting precedence for high-level bilateral visits and regular meetings.

(7) Media Exposure:

A. Interviews and reports:

- a. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan assisted the Japanese publishing company Bungeishunjū in setting up a virtual interview with President Tsai Ing-wen and subsequent publication.
- b. Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu was invited for the first time to participate in an international press conference of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan (FCCJ) and deliver a keynote speech.

B. Advertising cooperation: This year, the Taipei Economic and Cultural

Representative Office in Japan continued its collaborations with Chiba Television Broadcasting and 50 other local Japanese TV stations to produce and broadcast Taiwanese promotional programs. It also partnered with the national television station Fuji Television to produce videos promoting Taiwan's soft power and achievements in epidemic prevention, and with Nikkei Radio to produce programs introducing Taiwan, especially political, economic, cultural, and tourism-related topics.

C. Issue Publicity:

- a. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan invited Japanese media outlets to publish a total of 50 op-eds on topics such as Taiwan's epidemic prevention policies, participation in the World Health Assembly, and engagement with the United Nations.
- b. Japan's national newspaper Sankei Shimbun was invited to publish a month-long series of interviews with Representative to Japan Frank Chang-ting Hsieh. The series was promoted on the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan's Facebook page and Twitter account in both Chinese and Japanese.

(8) Sport exchanges:

A. Participation in the Tokyo Olympics:

- a. The Tokyo Olympics, originally scheduled for 2020, took place from July 23 to August 9, 2021, with the participation of 193 countries and 11,321 athletes. Taiwan's delegation consisted of 138 members, including 68 athletes competing in 18 sports, winning two gold, four silver, and six bronze medals.
- b. Visits to host cities of the Tokyo Olympics: Representative Frank Chang-ting Hsieh led a delegation to visit the Japanese host cities that accommodated Taiwanese athletes from April to June, including Kagoshima Prefecture, Ibaraki Prefecture, Kasama City, Choshi City in Chiba Prefecture, and Shizuoka City and Matsuyama City in Ehime Prefecture. Gifts of Taiwanese pineapples and bananas were presented, and a Taiwanese media delegation accompanied the visit

to enhance Taiwan-Japan media interaction and exposure.

- c. Special Exhibition Taiwan's First Olympian - Chang Hsing-hsien: The National Museum of Taiwan History and the National Museum of Japanese History jointly organized a special exhibition for Chang Hsing-hsien, which was displayed at the Taiwan Cultural Center at the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan in mid-April. The exhibition showcased Chang Hsing-hsien's athletic career from Taiwan to Tokyo to highlight Taiwan's enterprising spirit and Taiwan-Japan friendship.

B. Participation in the Tokyo Paralympics:

- a. The Tokyo Paralympics, also originally scheduled for 2020, took place from August 24 to September 5, 2021, with the participation of approximately 4,403 athletes from 163 countries. Taiwan's Paralympic delegation was made up of 38 members, with 10 athletes competing in six sports, winning one bronze medal.
- b. Assistance from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan included facilitating the delegation's participation in August, with Representative Frank Chang-ting Hsieh and colleagues attending to cheer for the ten Taiwanese participants, visiting Olympic village workers, conveying the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' encouragement to the delegation, and sending congratulatory messages to medal-winning athletes, totaling 12 events to inspire athletes to achieve outstanding results.

(9) Tourism exchanges:

- A. Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic this year, Taiwan and Japan continued to restrict the entry of tourists. Approximately 10,000 Japanese tourists visited Taiwan, while roughly 14,000 Taiwanese tourists traveled to Japan.
- B. The Colorful Taiwan Food and Travel Pavilion (来て観て食べて台遊館) event was held between August 6 and 10 to promote Taiwan and showcase local cuisine, culture, and goods. The event also featured an exhibition area highlighting Olympic athletes and the achievements of Taiwan-Japan friendship exchanges.

- (10) Overseas community affairs: To promote Taiwan's pandemic and medical diplomacy efforts, Taiwanese residents in Japan donated medical masks to local Japanese governments and other entities on numerous occasions. In line with "pineapple diplomacy," Honorary Chairman of the Japan Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chen Wu-fu purchased pineapples from Taiwan and organized a pineapple-tasting event in Japan, which received enthusiastic support from national and Kanto-specific associations.

11. Relations with the Republic of Korea

(1) Background:

- A. The R.O.C. and South Korea signed the New Relations Framework Agreement in July 1993. Subsequently, the Korean Mission in Taipei and the Taipei Mission in Korea were set up in November 1993 and January 1994, respectively, to promote substantive bilateral exchanges and cooperation. In January 2005, an office was established in Busan to enhance cooperation with local governments in the southern part of South Korea.
- B. Dignitary exchanges:
 - a. Former Deputy Prime Minister of South Korea Oh-seok Hyun attended the Ketagalan Forum-2021 Asia-Pacific Security Dialogue virtually in August.
 - b. Chairman of the Sejong Institute in South Korea Chung-in Moon participated in the 5th Yushan Forum virtually in October.
 - c. Taipei Mayor Ko Wen-je participated in the opening ceremony of the Third International Forum for East Asia Peace and Balanced Development organized by the Presidential Committee for Balanced National Development of South Korea via a pre-recorded video in November.
 - d. Congressman Hyung-du Choi attended the 2021 Open Parliament Forum virtually in December.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. In November, Taiwan and South Korea signed the Agreement for the

Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income.

- B. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$50.76 billion in 2021, with exports reaching US\$20.14 billion and imports reaching US\$30.62 billion. South Korea is Taiwan's 5th-largest trading partner, and vice versa.

(3) Culture, education, science, and technology relations:

- A. The number of Taiwanese students studying in various levels of schools in South Korea this year was 1,558, while the number of South Korean students studying in Taiwan was 2,248. The Ministry of Education provided six scholarships to outstanding South Korean students to pursue master's or doctoral degrees in Taiwan under the Taiwan Scholarship Program and 21 scholarships to South Korean students to study Mandarin in Taiwan under the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program. South Korean universities offered eight scholarships to outstanding Taiwanese students to study Korean in South Korea under the Korean Universities' Korean Language Learning Reciprocal Scholarships program.
- B. Thirty South Korean Mandarin teachers and 15 students were subsidized to participate in online Mandarin language courses. The Ministry of Education dispatched one Mandarin teacher to Asia United Theological University in South Korea to promote and teach traditional Chinese.
- C. Taiwan jointly launched a co-funded, co-named doctoral scholarship program with the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology and collaborated with the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies to implement the Taiwan Studies Project, expand Taiwanese studies in South Korea, and enhance academic exchanges between Taiwan and South Korea.
- D. In December, the Taipei Mission in Korea assisted Minister without Portfolio Audrey Tang in pre-recording a video as a means to attend the Third South Korea Future Forecast Conference hosted by the Korea Information Society Development Institute - an organization affiliated with the National Research Council for Economics, Humanities, and

Social Sciences, a public entity under the Prime Minister of South Korea.

(4) Think tank exchanges:

- A. The Taipei Mission in Korea assisted the Center for Taiwan Studies of the Asiatic Research Institute, Korea University, in organizing the South Korea and Taiwan's Response to COVID-19 and the Role of International Health Governance Online Seminar in May.
- B. The Prospect Foundation jointly hosted the 27th Taipei Seoul Forum with the Seoul Forum for International Affairs virtually in June.
- C. The Center for Contemporary China Studies National Chung Hsing University and Korea National Diplomatic Academy jointly hosted the Eighth Taipei-Seoul Strategy Forum in December.

(5) Tourism exchanges: Due to the impact of COVID-19, the number of Taiwanese tourists visiting South Korea this year was 8,269, while the number of South Korean tourists visiting Taiwan was 3,300.

12. Relations with Malaysia

- (1) Background: On August 3, 1974, the R.O.C. set up the Far East Trade and Tour Centre in Malaysia. It was renamed Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in Malaysia on September 22, 1988, and later renamed Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Malaysia on August 17, 1992. Malaysia operates the Malaysian Friendship and Trade Centre in Taiwan.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to US\$27.6 billion in 2021, making Taiwan Malaysia's 5th-largest trading partner and Malaysia Taiwan's 7th-largest trading partner. As of the end of December 2021, Taiwan's total investment in Malaysia was US\$13.977 billion, making Taiwan Malaysia's 8th-largest source of foreign investment.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Malaysia has approximately 6.71 million citizens of Chinese descent and a robust Mandarin education system. Currently, 1,302 Mandarin-language primary schools and 62 independent Mandarin-language secondary schools are in operation in Malaysia. In 2021, 12,510 Malaysian students pursued higher education studies in Taiwan, with roughly 80,000 Malaysian alumni year-to-

date. Approximately 33 Taiwanese students studied at higher education institutions in Malaysia in 2021.

- (4) Tourism exchanges: Due to the impact of COVID-19, a total of 1,373 Taiwanese citizens visited Malaysia, and 6,205 Malaysian citizens visited Taiwan in 2021.
- (5) Overseas community affairs: There are more than 1,700 Taiwanese business people residing in Malaysia. The Taiwan Chamber of Commerce & Industry in Malaysia (TWCHAM) is an alliance of seven standing committees, including the Kuala Lumpur Standing Committee and the Penang Standing Committee.

13. Relations with the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

- (1) Background: The TaiwanICDF Office was set up in Yangon in 2014 and the Myanmar Trade Office was set up in Taipei in 2015. The Myanmar government approved the setting up of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Myanmar on March 28, 2016.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. According to statistics released by the Investment Commission, Ministry of Economic Affairs, there have been 49 Taiwanese investment projects in Myanmar year-to-date, with a total investment of US\$475 million. Major investments are in the financial, insurance and manufacturing sectors. In the same period, Myanmar has invested in 26 projects in Taiwan, totaling US\$3.556 million, primarily in the support services, manufacturing, wholesale, and retail industries.
 - B. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$234 million in 2021, with exports at US\$172 million and imports at US\$62 million.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Myanmar facilitated the signing of a cooperation agreement between the National Pingtung University of Science and Technology and educational institutions in Myanmar. This agreement aims to train agricultural talent in Myanmar and offer distance learning courses on mushroom and asparagus cultivation techniques.

- B. The Taiwan Digital Center in Lashio City, Myanmar continued offering the second phase of computer classes to assist local youth in enhancing their computer knowledge and skills.
 - C. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Myanmar handled the enrollment process for four recipients of the Ministry of Education's Taiwan Scholarship Program and one recipient of the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program from Myanmar.
- (4) Medical cooperation:
- A. The Taiwan Association for Dental Sciences, together with the Department of Oral Health Promotion, Ministry of Health of Myanmar, facilitated the signing of a memorandum of cooperation between Taiwanese and Burmese dental associations in October.
 - B. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Myanmar donated 110 oxygen concentrators to medical facilities in remote areas of Myanmar. Additionally, they coordinated with Shin Kong Hospital, Changhua Christian Hospital, and the Tzu Chi Foundation to donate oxygen concentrators, medical masks, protective clothing, and other epidemic prevention supplies.
- (5) Humanitarian assistance: During the epidemic, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Myanmar, together with the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar, successfully arranged chartered flights to assist 79 Taiwanese businesspeople in safely returning to Taiwan. Additionally, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the R.O.C. (Taiwan), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Hong Kong collaborated to assist over 400 stranded Myanmar nationals in taking rescue flights back to Myanmar.

14. Relations with New Zealand

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. set up the East Asian Trade Center in Auckland in May 1973. The center was relocated to the capital city of Wellington in July 1981, and a branch was established in Auckland in the same year. New Zealand set up the New Zealand Commerce and Industry Office in Taiwan in 1987. The East Asian Trade Center was renamed the Taipei

Economic and Cultural Office in November 1991.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. The Agreement between New Zealand and the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, and Matsu on Economic Cooperation (ANZTEC) came into effect on December 1, 2013, bringing significant positive benefits to the economic and trade relations between Taiwan and New Zealand. Currently, five sub-committees have been established, covering food safety inspection and quarantine measures for animals and plants, technical trade barriers, indigenous cooperation, trade and labor, and trade and environment. These sub-committees are gradually establishing broader and more regular exchange and cooperation mechanisms.
- B. Bilateral trade amounted to approximately US\$1.75 billion in 2021, with exports reaching US\$790 million and imports US\$960 million, making Taiwan New Zealand's 7th-largest export market and 16th-largest import market. Taiwan's main exports to New Zealand include turbocharger components, bicycles, screws and nuts, information products, PVC, and steel products. Major imports from New Zealand to Taiwan include dairy products, kiwifruit, frozen beef, cheese, and lamb. Taiwan is New Zealand's 8th-largest agricultural export market, with Taiwan being the largest export market for New Zealand cherries, the 3rd-largest for frozen beef, and the 5th-largest for kiwifruit.

(3) Indigenous peoples exchanges:

- A. According to Chapter 19 of ANZTEC, a special chapter on indigenous cooperation, the Council of Indigenous Peoples of Taiwan and New Zealand's Ministry of Maori Development take turns hosting annual coordination meetings for the special chapter. They collaborate on issues related to the economy, tourism, and education, among others. Currently, they are discussing post-pandemic indigenous revitalization policies, indigenous transitional justice, and assisting indigenous small and medium enterprises.
- B. On December 23, the Council of Indigenous Peoples publicly expressed support for New Zealand's proposal that Taiwan join New

Zealand, Australia, and Canada as founding economic entities in the Indigenous Peoples Economic and Trade Cooperation Arrangement (IPETCA). Additionally, the annual economic and trade meeting between Taiwan and New Zealand was held via video conference on November 5.

15. Relations with the Independent State of Papua New Guinea

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. set up a trade mission in Papua New Guinea on February 12, 1990. The mission was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Papua New Guinea on May 17, 2018. On May 20, 1990, the Office of the Honorary Representative of Papua New Guinea was established in Taiwan. The office was renamed the Honorary Consulate-General of Papua New Guinea in August 1994. The appointment was suspended in August 2014. It was re-established on December 31, 2015 as the Papua New Guinea Trade Office in Taiwan.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$850 million in 2021, with exports of US\$60 million and imports of US\$790 million.
 - B. A fishing agreement was signed between the Taiwan Tuna Purse Seiners Association and the National Fisheries Authority of Papua New Guinea. The total operating time for association fishing vessels was 1,814 days, and total fishing access fees of US\$19.60 million were paid under the agreement.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Scholarships were awarded to two Papuan students under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Taiwan Scholarship Program, one student under the Ministry of Education's Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program, and one student under the TaiwanICDF's International Higher Education Scholarship Program.
- (4) Agricultural cooperation:
 - A. The Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund established the Papua New Guinea Technical Mission in 1990 and set up promotion centers in the capital of Port Moresby and the second-largest city of Lae the following year. Since 2020, in cooperation with

the Papua New Guinea Department of Agriculture and Livestock and the National Agriculture Research Institute's Rice Seed Production Project, efforts have been made to produce rice seed and repair two rice seed storage warehouses. The goal of producing 20.57 metric tons of rice seeds in the first year was achieved. The TaiwanICDF technical mission also provides training related to planting and seed harvesting to farmer groups.

- B. In September, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Papua New Guinea donated rice seeds to East New Britain Province in Papua New Guinea, assisting farmers in promoting rice cultivation in the province.

(5) COVID-19 cooperation:

- A. On February 18, Taiwan Representative to Papua New Guinea Oliver Liao donated a total of 35 boxes of N95 masks, protective clothing, and telemedicine consultation equipment to the government of Papua New Guinea on behalf of Changhua Christian Hospital. The donation, received by Papua New Guinea's Minister of Health Jelta Wong, aimed to assist Papua New Guinea in combating the COVID-19 pandemic.
- B. In October, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Papua New Guinea urgently transported 2,500 pieces of protective clothing to East Highlands Province in Papua New Guinea, supporting healthcare personnel in provincial hospitals in their response to the rapidly escalating COVID-19 situation.

(6) Medical cooperation:

- A. Collaboration with Port Moresby General Hospital involved organizing two specialized care experience-sharing webinars, conducting a series of online training courses for medical personnel, providing training for one resident physician from Port Moresby General Hospital to enhance their specialized skills and pass the urology specialty certification exam, and assisting in improving the quality of medical care in the capital.
- B. Changhua Christian Hospital donated epidemic prevention supplies to Nonga Hospital in East New Britain Province in Papua New Guinea to support their COVID-19 response. Medical referral consultation

services were also provided to patients in Papua New Guinea.

- (7) Technological cooperation: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Papua New Guinea donated US\$100,000 worth of solar lamps and portable solar panels to the Autonomous Region of Bougainville in Papua New Guinea, benefiting rural schoolchildren and medical institutions.
- (8) Humanitarian assistance: Taiwan Representative to Papua New Guinea Oliver Liao donated 950 kilograms of white rice produced by Taiwan's technical mission in Papua New Guinea in February, June, and December, along with a cargo truck to the Archdiocese of Port Moresby, assisting in its efforts in caring for disadvantaged and impoverished children.

16. Relations with the Republic of the Philippines

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established the Pacific Economic and Cultural Center in Manila on July 28, 1975, which became operational on October 8 of the same year. The center was later renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines on March 7, 1990. The Philippines established the Asian Exchange Center in Taipei on March 16, 1976, and it was renamed the Manila Economic and Cultural Office on December 20, 1989.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to US\$9.07 billion in 2020, with exports of US\$6.07 billion and imports of US\$3 billion. Taiwan has invested in around 600 companies in the Philippines, with a cumulative investment of approximately US\$2.259 billion from 1952 to date.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: A total of 2,256 students from the Philippines studied in Taiwan this year. Taiwan's Ministry of Education commissioned National Sun Yat-sen University to set up a Taiwan Education Center at Trinity University of Asia in the Philippines to promote Taiwan's higher education and Mandarin learning. In addition, Guang Ming College and Trinity University of Asia employed two Mandarin-language teachers recommended by Taiwan's Ministry of Education.
- (4) COVID-19 cooperation: As part of its international aid efforts, Taiwan

donated 200 domestically produced oxygen concentrators to the Department of Health in the Philippines on August 31 to assist the Philippines in combating the COVID-19 pandemic.

- (5) Humanitarian assistance: In 2021, Taiwan donated a total of US\$500,000 and dispatched a C-130 cargo plane carrying disaster relief supplies to the Philippine government to aid in post-typhoon reconstruction following the devastation of Typhoon Rai in December.
- (6) Overseas community affairs: There are approximately 1.5 million ethnic Chinese in the Philippines, with the majority concentrated in the Greater Manila Metropolitan Area, Cebu, and Davao, among other cities. In recent years, roughly 20,000 technology, commerce, and industry professionals from Taiwan have worked or invested in the Philippines, primarily in traditional industries, construction, technology, agriculture and animal husbandry, tourism, and services.
- (7) Tourism exchanges: Strict border controls were instated in Taiwan and the Philippines in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of 9,183 Taiwanese tourists visited the Philippines, and 1,619 Filipino tourists visited Taiwan in 2021.

17. Relations with the Republic of Singapore

- (1) Background: The Trade Mission of the R.O.C. was set up in Singapore on March 6, 1969, and renamed the Taipei Representative Office in Singapore on September 30, 1990. The Singapore Trade Representative Office in Taipei was set up on August 1, 1979, and renamed the Singapore Trade Office in Taipei on September 30, 1990.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: According to data published by the Singapore Department of Statistics, bilateral trade amounted to approximately US\$73.916 billion in 2021, with roughly US\$50.77 billion in imports and US\$23.146 billion in exports. There was a trade deficit of US\$27.624 billion this year. Taiwan is Singapore's 4th-largest trading partner. According to the Ministry of Economic Affairs' International Trade Administration, Singapore is Taiwan's 6th-largest trading partner.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:

- A. Since 1983, Taiwan and Singapore have organized annual friendly visits of 80 high school students for mutual exchanges. By 2019, approximately 5,640 high school students had participated. Although the program was temporarily suspended starting in 2020 due to the pandemic, schools on both sides have maintained exchange activities through online meetings and courses. The Ministry of Education also offers scholarships under the Taiwan Scholarship Program and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program to outstanding young Singaporeans to pursue degrees or study Mandarin in Taiwan.
 - B. This year, Taiwan continued to sponsor events such as the Singapore Chinese Film Festival, World Book Day Reading Session, and Grassroots Book Room Taiwan Reading. The Taipei Representative Office in Singapore hosted exhibitions at the Taipei Gallery, including the Joint Photography Exhibition by Chen Wei Hao, the World Schoolchildren's Art Exhibition, and Contemporary Arts of Taiwan. Additionally, an exhibition titled A Sculptor's Secret Garden by Taiwanese artist Lee Kuang-yu received attention from Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, who posted photos of the exhibition on Facebook. This garnered significant interest in Singapore, leading the organizers to extend the exhibition until the end of August. The Taiwan Public Television Service also sent a crew to produce a special program and interview Taipei Representative to Singapore Francis Kuo-Hsin Liang and the organizers from Singapore.
- (4) Tourism exchanges: Due to the impact of COVID-19, only 2,417 Singaporean tourists visited Taiwan, and 3,400 Taiwanese tourists visited Singapore in 2021.

18. Relations with the Kingdom of Thailand

- (1) Background: Diplomatic relations between the R.O.C. and Thailand were established on May 7, 1946, and severed on July 1, 1975. Subsequently, the R.O.C. set up an office in Bangkok, currently named the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Thailand, and Thailand set up an office in Taipei named the Thailand Trade and Economic Office.

- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to US\$15.166 billion in 2021, with exports of US\$10.509 billion and imports of US\$4.657 billion, making Taiwan Thailand's 10th largest trade partner. Taiwan's investment in Thailand amounted to approximately US\$559 million, representing a 15.3% increase compared to 2020, placing Taiwan as Thailand's 5th largest source of foreign income. Statistics released by Taiwan's Department of Investment Review show that Thailand's investment in Taiwan reached a record high of US\$419 million in 2021, a 70-fold increase compared to 2020.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: The 2021 Taiwan Documentary Film Festival in Thailand opened on December 15 in Bangkok, featuring the digital restoration of Taiwanese director Hou Hsiao-Hsien's classic film *Flowers of Shanghai*, screened for the first time in Thailand. In 2021, 18 Thai students received grants under the Taiwan Scholarship Program, and 24 received grants under the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program. 18 Mandarin teaching assistants and teachers from Taiwan are currently working in Thai schools.
- (4) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation: Taiwan and Thailand signed the Agricultural Agreement between Taiwan and Thailand in 2003, convening cooperation meetings every two years. The mid-term meeting of the 7th Taiwan-Thailand Agricultural Cooperation Meeting was held on December 28, 2021, via videoconferencing.
- (5) COVID-19 cooperation: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Thailand invited Thai PBS to interview Executive Yuan's Minister without Portfolio Audrey Tang and film a documentary on Taiwan's pandemic prevention achievements and its successful pandemic control measures.
- (6) Medical cooperation: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Thailand, along with the Department of Nursing, Ministry of Public Health of Thailand, Changhua Christian Hospital, and Siriraj Hospital, jointly organized three conferences: the Impact and Response of the Medical Professional Education in the Post-pandemic Era, Impact and Response of the Medical Professional Education in the Post-pandemic Era (International Seminar), and Promoting International Industrial Cooperation for Smart Societies.

- (7) Technological cooperation: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Thailand and the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) co-organized the Presidents' Forum 2021 on March 26. Former Vice President of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) Chen Chien-jen attended online as an expert on epidemic prevention, delivering a keynote speech on Taiwan's successful epidemic prevention model and engaging in discussions with international scholars. Taipei representative to Thailand Lee Ying-yuan was also invited to attend and give a speech, sharing the achievements of bilateral cooperation.
- (8) Media exposure:
 - A. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Thailand secured publications in mainstream Thai media such as Bangkok Post, The Journalist, Prachachat, MGROnline, Daily News, Matichon, The Nation, and World Journal, publishing articles on Taiwan's participation in the United Nations, World Health Organization, International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol), and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
 - B. Additionally, the office utilized Facebook and Twitter social media platforms to share content promoting Taiwan's involvement in major international organizations and important national policies. The posts garnered approximately 590,000 and 290,000 engagements, respectively.
 - C. The mainstream English newspaper in Thailand, Bangkok Post, selected the President of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) Tsai Ing-wen as Women of the Year on March 1st.
- (9) Overseas community affairs: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Thailand, together with various Thai-Chinese community groups, collaborated with the National Blood Center of the Thai Red Cross Society to organize a blood donation week from October 5 to 9. This event encouraged Taiwanese expatriates in Thailand to contribute by donating blood, with nearly 30 community groups participating in the initiative.

19. Relations with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Vietnam in Hanoi and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Ho Chi Minh City on November 15, 1992. Vietnam established the Vietnam Economic Cultural Office in Taipei on July 10, 1993.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$25.3 billion in 2021, representing a 20.6% growth compared to the previous year. Taiwan exports reached US\$20.8 billion and imports reached \$4.5 billion, making Taiwan Vietnam's 5th-largest trading partner, 11th largest export market, and 4th largest import market.
 - B. According to data published by Vietnam's Ministry of Planning and Investment, from 1988 to 2021, Taiwan accumulated a total of 2,845 investment projects in Vietnam, with a cumulative investment amounting to approximately US\$35.3 billion, primarily in manufacturing. Taiwan is the 4th-largest source of foreign investment in Vietnam. In recent years, large Taiwanese electronic product manufacturers have established operations in northern Vietnam, leading to the gradual formation of an electronic industry cluster.
 - C. Over 80,000 Taiwanese business people reside in Vietnam, comprising 14 Taiwanese business associations representing the Council of Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce in Vietnam and various provinces, cities, and industries.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Vietnam is an important country for promoting Mandarin language education. Vietnam has the highest number of dispatched Mandarin language teachers from Taiwan, as well as the highest number of recipients of scholarships under the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program. Also, Vietnam has the highest number of candidates taking the Chinese language proficiency test each year. In 2021, 18,755 Vietnamese students studied in Taiwan, making it the largest group of foreign students in Taiwan.
- (4) Tourism exchanges: In 2019, Taiwanese tourists visiting Vietnam exceeded 920,000, while Vietnamese tourists visiting Taiwan numbered

around 400,000, totaling approximately 1.3 million visits. Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, bilateral tourism exchanges have been suspended since 2020.

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Ambassador to the Marshall Islands Jeffrey Hsiao (front row, third from right), President of the Marshall Islands David Kabua (front row, fourth from right), Speaker of the Legislature of the Marshall Islands Kenneth Kedi (front row, second from right), and cabinet ministers and legislative members at the launch of the Formosa Club Indo-Pacific. (April 27, 2021)



Ambassador to the Marshall Islands Jeffrey Hsiao delivers medical containers donated by Taiwan to Minister of Health of the Marshall Islands Bruce Bilimon. In attendance are representatives from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Marshall Islands, nurses from the Taiwan Health Center of the Marshall Islands, and staff members of the Embassy of the R.O.C. (July 16, 2021)



Ambassador to the Marshall Islands Jeffrey Hsiao and his wife Jasmine Du (fourth from right, third from right), Kwajalein Senator David Paul (second from left), Kwajalein Atoll local government Mayor Hirata Kabua (second from right), and US Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Thomas Pugsley (third from left) attend the launch of a community farm established by a technical mission from Taiwan in Ebeye, Kwajalein. (September 10, 2021)



Ambassador to Nauru Wang Hai-long (second from left), Nauru President Lionel Aingimea (third from left), and Minister of Finance and Transport Martin Hunt (fourth from right) represent their respective governments in delivering and receiving a solar power system for Nauru International Airport. (August 4, 2021)



Ambassador to Nauru Wang Hai-long (right) and Minister for Media, Information and Communications Technology Pyon Deiye (left) unveil the plaque for Taiwan Digital Opportunity Center Nauru (TDOC Nauru). (August 13, 2021)



Ambassador to Nauru Wang Hai-long (third from right), Minister of Health and Home Affairs Isabella Dageago (fourth from right), and Minister of Finance and Transport Martin Hunt (third from left) attend the initiation ceremony of a negative pressure isolation room donated by Taiwan to the Republic of Nauru Hospital. (November 26, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (second from right) attends, as a presidential envoy, the inauguration of Paulau's tenth President Surangel Whipps, Jr. (third from right). Others present include the vice president and members of congress. (January 21, 2021)



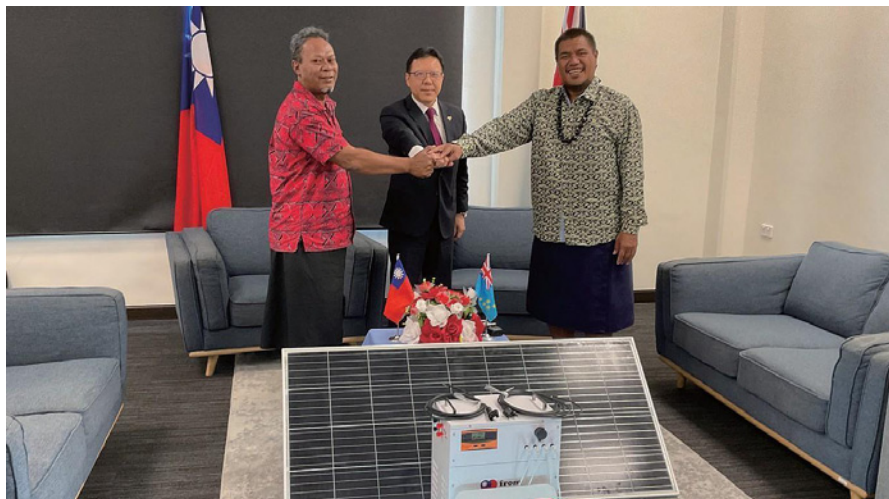
President of the Republic of Palau Surangel Whipps, Jr. visits President Tsai Ing-wen in Taiwan. (March 30, 2021)



Ambassador to Palau Jessica Chienyi Lee (sixth from left); Deputy Director-general Tsai Chang-meng of Taiwan's Coast Guard Administration, Ocean Affairs Council (seventh from left); Vice President and Minister of Justice of Palau Uduch Senior (seventh from right); Minister of State for the Republic of Palau Gustav Aitaro (fifth from right); and Minister of Public Infrastructure and Industries of Palau Charles Obichang (sixth from right) take a group photo when Taiwan patrol vessel Hsun Hu No. 8 docks in Palau. (November 2, 2021)



Ambassador to Tuvalu Su Jen-chung (left), Governor-General of Tuvalu Tofiga Vaievalu Falani (center), and Prime Minister of Tuvalu Kausea Natano (right) celebrate the National Day of the R.O.C. in 2021. (October 8, 2021)



On behalf of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government, Ambassador to Tuvalu Andrew Lin (center) donates supplies under the 2021 Clean Energy Program to Tuvalu. The supplies include small household solar power systems and street lamps. The donation is received by Minister for Public Utilities & Environment Ampelosa Tehulu (first from left) and Minister for Transport, Energy and Tourism Nielu Meisake (first from right). (November 11, 2021)



The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Australia and the Diplomatic Club of Canberra host a Taiwan-themed night. (March 17, 2021)



Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Australia Representative Elliott Charng (center) attends the opening ceremony of Taiwan Studies Program: Wayfaring: Photography in 1970s-80s Taiwan, jointly organized by the Ministry of Education and Australian National University. (July 29, 2021)



Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Brisbane) Director-General Edward Tao (fifth from right) and guests at an event celebrating the National Day of the R.O.C. in 2021. (October 7, 2021)



Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Brisbane) Director-General Edward Tao (fourth from right) attends celebrations for the National Day of the R.O.C. in 2021, organized by the overseas Taiwanese community in Darwin, Northern Territory. Local dignitaries, delegates, and representatives of the overseas community slice a cake together. (October 16, 2021)



The Taiwanese Association of Australia Melbourne Chapter advocates for Taiwan to join the WHO. (May 1, 2021)



Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Melbourne Director-General Abraham Chi-wen Lin celebrates the National Day of the R.O.C. online with dignitaries from Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania. (October 10, 2021)



The overseas Taiwanese community in Sydney holds a rally in front of Sydney Town Hall advocating for Taiwan to join the WHO, joining forces with Taiwanese communities in major cities across Australia to voice their demand. (May 1, 2021)



Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Sydney Director-General Fiona Huei-Chun Fan (left) signs an MOU with Biennale of Sydney CEO Barbara Moore (right). (November 22, 2021)



Dignitaries including Taiwan Representative to Brunei Andrew Lee (fourth from right), Ambassador of Thailand to Brunei Wanthanee Viputwongsaku (second from right), and US Embassy in Brunei Chargé d’Affaires Emily Fleckner (second row, first from right), and business representatives, including Taiwan Business Association in Brunei Honorary President Zhuang Xi Shan (fifth from right) and Brunei East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Special Consultant Yura Yusuf (fourth from left), visit a Golden Cooperation shrimp farm. (January 28, 2021)



Representative to Brunei Andrew Lee (fourth from right) donates wheelchairs to Pusat Bahagia Tutong. In attendance are Tutong County Department of Community Development Head of the Division of People with Disabilities Dayangku Dewi Kartika Puteri (fourth from left), Chairman Yap Ong-chuan (third from right) and Honorary President Zhuang Xi Shan (third from left) of the Taiwan Business Association in Brunei. (June 9, 2021)



On behalf of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government, Representative to Fiji Jessica Lee (right) presents a donation to Fiji in the wake of Cyclone Yasa. The donation is received by the Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management Deputy Secretary Arieta Dimuri (left). (February 3, 2021)



On behalf of Cathay General Hospital, Representative to Fiji Joseph Chow donates medical supplies to Labasa Hospital in Vanua Levu, Fiji, aiding the hospital in reinforcing its medical service quality. (December 22, 2021)



On behalf of SimplyHelp, an NGO established by the expat community in the US, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) Representative to Indonesia John Chen (left) donates epidemic prevention supplies to the Indonesian Red Cross (PMI). (November 23, 2021)



On behalf of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government, Representative to Indonesia John Chen (right) donates 11 high-flow nasal cannulas and oxygen systems to Indonesia's Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs. The donation is received by Deputy Minister Wahyu Utomo. (December 18, 2021)



On behalf of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government, Director General of Taipei Economic and Trade Office in Surabaya Lin Dean-shiang (second from left) donates oxygen makers and medical masks to the Surabaya government. The donation is received by Surabaya Deputy Mayor Ir. H. Armuji MH (third from left). (September 9, 2021)



Director General of Taipei Economic and Trade Office in Surabaya Lin Dean-shiang (fifth from right) meets with H. Muhammad Sudjak, the religious leader of the Great Mosque of Surabaya in Indonesia, and donates epidemic prevention supplies and computer equipment on behalf of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government. (November 24, 2021)



During its annual assembly, the Japan-R.O.C. Diet Members' Consultative Council passed a resolution on the 2021 Basic Policy, supporting Taiwan's participation in the WHO and the ICAO, and accession to the CPTPP, as well as other proposals. Representative to Japan, Frank Chang-ting Hsieh (right) presents Taiwanese pineapples to the Japan-R.O.C. Diet Members' Consultative Council Chairman Keiji Furuya (left) as a gesture of gratitude. (March 22, 2021)



Representative to Japan Frank Chang-ting Hsieh (front right), and Kagoshima Prefectural Assembly and Taiwan Friendship and Exchange Legislators' Alliance Chairman Tsurumaru Akito (front left) hold a signing ceremony for an MOU on friendly exchanges between the Kagoshima Prefectural Assembly and the Taiwan Friendship and Exchange Legislators' Alliance and the Pingtung County Council and Taiwan-Japan Friendship Legislators' Alliance via video link between the Kagoshima Prefectural Assembly and the Pingtung County Council. (April 27, 2021)



Representative to Japan Frank Chang-ting Hsieh gives remarks at the Seventh Summit on Taiwan-Japan Exchanges in Kobe. (November 12, 2021)



Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Osaka Lee Shyh-bing (standing on the right), attends the 100th Anniversary Celebration for the Commencement of the Chianan Irrigation Channel Project organized by Kanazawa City in Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan. (May 8, 2021)



Representative to Myanmar Charles C. Li (left), and Myanmar's SML International Education Services founder Soe Min Latt attend the signing ceremony of an MOU between the National Pingtung University of Science and Technology and SML International Education Services. (January 21, 2021)



Representative to Myanmar Charles C. Li (center), along with the Director of the Overseas Community Affairs Council Chang Wen-hua (first from the left), and Secretary-General of the Myanmar-Taiwan Business Association Yang Chung-ching (first from the right) bid farewell to Taiwanese entrepreneurs boarding a charter flight back to Taiwan at Yangon International Airport. (August 15, 2021)



Director General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Auckland Jeff Y. J. Liu (first from right) attends Turangawaewae Royal Regatta at the invitation of Māori King Tūheitia Pahi (second from left). (March 19, 2022)



On behalf of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government, Representative to Papua New Guinea Oliver Liao (second from right) donates epidemic prevention supplies to Minister for Health Jelta Wong. (February 18, 2021)



Representative to Papua New Guinea Oliver Liao (second from left) donates rice to the Archdiocese of Port Moresby on behalf of the TaiwanICDF's technical mission in Papua New Guinea. The donation is received by Cardinal John Ribat. (December 20, 2021)



On behalf of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government, Representative to the Philippines Michael Hsu (third from right) donates 200 oxygen concentrators to the Philippines. The donation is received by the Undersecretary of Health Maria Carolina Vidal-Taiño (third from left), and Manila Economic and Cultural Office (MECO) Director Cesar Drilon, Jr. (fourth from left). (August 31, 2021)



Representative to the Philippines Michael Hsu (third from right), Philippines Secretary of the Department of Agriculture William Dar (fourth from left), Director of the Manila Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei Cesar Drilon, Jr. (third from left), and Philippines' Agricultural Training Institute Coordinator Rosana Mula (first from right) take a group photo with Filipino youth farmers who plan on visiting Taiwan. (September 29, 2021)



Representative to the Philippines Michael Hsu (third from right) delivers ten metric tons of relief supplies, flown into the Philippines on a C-130 transporter from Taiwan at Mactan-Cebu International Airport, to be given to the Philippine government in the aftermath of Typhoon Rai. (December 26, 2021)



Representative to Singapore Francis Liang (center) promotes fruit and other agricultural products from Taiwan. (September 20, 2021)



Representative to Singapore Francis Liang (front row, center) celebrates the National Day of the R.O.C. both in person and online. (October 10, 2021)



Deputy Representative to Thailand Hsu Wei-Ming (first row, sixth from left) attends the ribbon cutting ceremony for a week-long blood drive, jointly organized by the overseas Taiwanese community and the National Blood Center, Thai Red Cross Society. (October 5, 2021)



Deputy Representative to Thailand Hsu Wei-Ming (second from left); Executive Director Nitaya Kanokmongkol (third from left) of the Office of National Museums, Fine Arts Department, Ministry of Culture, Thailand; Director Chalida Uabumrunjiit (first from left) of the Film Archive of Thailand; and representatives from Thailand's film industry welcome viewers to enjoy quality Taiwanese productions. (December 15, 2021)



On behalf of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government, Representative to Vietnam Richard R. C. Shih (left) donates 300 oxygen concentrators to Vietnam. The donation is received by Secretary General of the Taiwan Affairs Office in Vietnam Tran Duy Hai (right). (August 10, 2021)



The Council of Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam donates high-flow nasal cannulas and oxygen concentrators to Vietnam. The donation is received by Secretary General of the Taiwan Affairs Office in Vietnam Tran Duy Hai, and Hanoi Medical University Vice President Nguyen Thanh Binh (from left to right: Vice Chairman Hong Chih-hua, Taiwan Representative to Vietnam Richard R. C. Shih, Chairman Kao Kuo-hua, Secretary General Tran Duy Hai, Vice President Nguyen Thanh Binh). (September 24, 2021)



Representative to Vietnam Richard R. C. Shih (fourth from right) invites members of the Overseas Community Affairs Council, the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam, and executives and directors of various chambers of commerce in northern Vietnam to celebrate the National Day of the R.O.C. together online. (October 8, 2021)

Item 2 Taiwan's relations with West Asian countries

I. Introduction

The West Asia region includes countries from the Middle East, Afghanistan, the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Georgia, Mongolia, Pakistan, and Ukraine, totaling 29 countries and one autonomous government, spanning over 30 million square kilometers, with a population exceeding 750 million. The Middle East comprises 14 countries, namely Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Türkiye, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen, along with the Palestinian National Authority (PNA). The CIS includes nine member states, namely Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, and one associate member, Turkmenistan.

Taiwan maintains substantive relations with 10 countries in the West Asia region, namely Bahrain, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Mongolia, Oman, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Türkiye, and the United Arab Emirates, with representative offices or branches established in these countries. The Taiwan External Trade Development Council has trade centers in Iran, Israel, Kazakhstan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Türkiye, Ukraine, and the United Arab Emirates. Additionally, seven countries, including Israel, Jordan, Mongolia, Oman, Russia, Saudi Arabia, and Türkiye, have representative offices in Taiwan.

II. Relations with Individual Countries

1. Relations with the Kingdom of Bahrain

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. set up the Trade Mission of the R.O.C. in Manama, Bahrain on April 15, 1977. It was renamed the Trade Mission of Taiwan to the Kingdom of Bahrain on January 28, 2005, and then the Taipei Trade Office in the Kingdom of Bahrain in July 2017.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bahrain is Taiwan's 65th largest trading partner, with bilateral trade totaling approximately US\$299 million in 2021. Taiwan's exports to Bahrain amount to roughly US\$41.63 million, primarily consisting of automobiles and their components, plastic products,

and boiler components. Imports from Bahrain to Taiwan reached US\$257 million, including aluminum products, organic chemicals, mineral fuels, and mineral oils. Taiwan has a trade deficit with Bahrain of approximately US\$215 million.

- (3) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation: Taiwan and Bahrain signed the Agreement of Agricultural Technical Cooperation in February 1987. Presently, Taiwan's technical advisors assist Bahrain with the improvement of its agriculture and fishery practices. In addition, in order to enhance cooperation and exchanges in vocational training and research, every year Taiwan provides several opportunities for Bahrainis to study in Taiwan.
- (4) Sports: The Chinese Taipei women's national football team and the delegation for the 2021 Asian Youth Para Games participated in sports competitions held in Bahrain in October and December of this year, including the AFC Women's Asian Cup Qualification and the 2021 Asian Youth Para Games.

2. Relations with the State of Israel

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. set up the Taipei Economic and Trade Office in Tel Aviv on March 29, 1993, and Israel established the Israel Economic and Trade Office in Taipei in July of the same year. On September 11, 1995, the two countries agreed to rename their offices the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Tel Aviv and the Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei, respectively.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to US\$2.496 billion in 2021, marking a three-fold growth with Taiwan exports reaching US\$974 million and imports US\$1.522 billion. Taiwan's major exports included integrated circuits, computers and peripherals, and wired communication devices, while imports to Taiwan consisted of measuring instruments, oscilloscopes, and radiation monitoring devices.

3. Relations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

- (1) Background: On May 15, 1977, the R.O.C. set up the Far East Commercial Office in Amman, which was renamed the Commercial Office of the R.O.C.

on April 16, 1992, and further renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office on April 7, 2018. Jordan established the Jordanian Commercial Office in Taiwan on November 25, 1977.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

A. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$399 million, with Taiwan exports reaching US\$312 million and imports reaching approximately US\$86.79 million. Currently, six Taiwanese manufacturers have factories in Jordan: three garment processors/exporters, one textile restorer, one LED manufacturer, and one educational equipment importer. In total, the companies employ around 6,300 workers. Garments produced in Jordan are primarily exported to the United States, with an output of roughly US\$300 million, which accounts for 28% of all garment exports from Jordan. The textile restorer provides restoration services to Jordan's garment and textile industries, while the LED manufacturer supplies lighting fixtures for public projects, including streetlight replacement along the streets and highways of Amman.

B. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Jordan collaborated with the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) to host online seminars and matchmaking sessions for exploring business opportunities. In June of this year, TAITRA signed memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with the Jordan Chamber of Industry, both locally and abroad.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

A. Each year, the International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF), Ministry of Education, provides three scholarships under the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program and three for students pursuing master's or doctoral degrees. Similarly, Jordan also offers three scholarships each year for Taiwanese students to study the Arabic language and pursue master's or doctoral degrees in Jordan.

B. The TaiwanICDF has sent Taiwanese teachers to Jordan to teach Mandarin language courses with traditional script and to promote Taiwanese culture at Princess Sumaya University for Technology,

Amman Baccalaureate School, and Jordan Tour Guide Association.

- (4) Humanitarian assistance: Taiwan has been working with government agencies, the parliament, and charitable organizations in Jordan to provide humanitarian aid to Syrian refugees and vulnerable populations in Jordan. This includes vocational training for disadvantaged women, girls' empowerment programs in Syrian refugee camps, improvements to community centers and gathering spaces in underprivileged communities in Amman, assistance for victims of landmines and unexploded ordnance, and child safety and protection.

4. Relations with the State of Kuwait

- (1) Background:
 - A. The Commercial Office of the R.O.C. in the State of Kuwait was set up on April 23, 1986, and was later renamed the Taipei Commercial Representative Office in the State of Kuwait on August 26, 1996.
 - B. The Taiwan External Trade Development Council set up the Taiwan Trade Center in Kuwait in 2012. As of October 2020, the center's operations have been transferred to the Taiwan Trade Center in Dubai. The Institute for Information Industry of Taiwan set up a liaison office at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research in 2015.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Kuwait is Taiwan's 24th-largest trading partner. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$4.666 billion in 2021, with Taiwan imports, primarily crude oil, reaching US\$4.535 billion, and exports, primarily vehicles and automotive parts and components, plastic products, and electrical equipment, reaching US\$131 million.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: In August of this year, Taipei Medical University and National Tsing Hua University respectively signed MOUs for medical and technical cooperation with Kuwait University.
- (4) Medical cooperation: The Taipei Commercial Representative Office in the State of Kuwait hosted a video briefing on Taiwan-Kuwait medical tourism, during which Vice Superintendent See-Tong Pang and Dr. Ma Ai-mei from Linkou Chang Gung Memorial Hospital along with representatives from five major travel agencies, introduced medical tourism programs and

advanced medical technologies to the Taiwan-Kuwait Friendship Group.

- (5) Technological cooperation: The Taipei Commercial Representative Office in the State of Kuwait collaborated with the Taiwan Center for Security Studies at National Chengchi University to host a cybersecurity video conference in March of this year. Over ten experts, including Khaled Mahdi, Secretary-general of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development in Kuwait, professors from Kuwait University, the COO of Concept Combined, and personnel from the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences, were invited to participate, laying the groundwork for bilateral cooperation in telecommunications and cybersecurity.
- (6) Think tank exchanges:
 - A. The Prospect Foundation and Kuwaiti think tank Reconnaissance Research held an online seminar in May. Chairman Tan Sun Chen of the Prospect Foundation and Reconnaissance Research CEO Abdulaziz Alanjeri delivered speeches, while scholars and experts in attendance addressed topics such as security in the Asia-Pacific and cross-strait relations.
 - B. On July 28th, Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu engaged in a video interview with Abdulaziz Alanjeri, the CEO of the Kuwaiti think tank Reconnaissance Research. They exchanged views on bilateral relations, the threat posed by China, and the latest political developments in the Persian Gulf.
- (7) Media exposure:
 - A. The Kuwaiti English-language newspaper Arab Times published a report on August 1 regarding the Reconnaissance Research's video interview with Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu.
 - B. The Kuwaiti Arabic-language newspaper Al-Jarida and the English-language newspaper The Times Kuwait published an article by Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-chung on May 8 of this year, urging the international community to steadfastly support Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization. Additionally, the two newspapers published articles by Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh

Joseph Wu on September 1 and September 4, respectively, highlighting Taiwan's willingness to collaborate with the international community to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

5. Relations with Mongolia

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established the Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar on September 1, 2002, and Mongolia established the Ulaanbaatar Trade and Economic Representative Office in Taipei on February 17, 2003.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$22.59 million in 2021, with Taiwan exports of US\$7.84 million and imports of US\$14.75 million. Major export products from Taiwan included electronics and audiovisual products and machinery and parts. Primary imports to Taiwan were copper and copper products and basic and precious metal-related products.
 - B. The Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA) and the Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MNCCI) have hosted the Joint Meeting between the CIECA and MNCCI annually in Taipei and Ulaanbaatar since 2002, alternating between the two cities. However, this year's conference was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. Under the MOU on educational cooperation between Taiwan and Mongolia, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government and public and private universities offer annually a number of scholarships to Mongolian students to study in Taiwan. In 2021, around 1,600 Mongolian students pursued a degree or studied Mandarin in Taiwan.
 - B. In December, the National Central Library collaborated with the National Library of Mongolia to host the exhibition Treasures from Taiwan: Taiwanese-Mongolian joint exhibition, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the National Library of Mongolia.
 - C. The National Palace Museum and the National Museum of Mongolia

held a videoconference to exchange experience in volunteer work.

- D. The Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar produced promotional videos on themes, such as the history and culture of both countries, human resource training in higher education, and cooperation in healthcare and epidemic prevention, showcasing Taiwan as a reliable and positive partner for collaboration.

(4) Medical cooperation:

- A. In January and July, National Taiwan University Hospital collaborated with the National Center for Communicable Diseases, as well as the Second and Third State Central Hospitals of Mongolia, to host multiple videoconferences on epidemic prevention.
- B. In June, the Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar partnered with the Ulaanbaatar City Health Department to organize a videoconference on epidemic prevention, where NRICM101, a treatment for COVID-19 developed in Taiwan, was introduced.
- C. In July, Tzu Chi Hospital and the Fourth Hospital of Mongolia co-hosted a videoconference on epidemic prevention, during which the two parties signed an MOU.
- D. In December, Representative Grace Chin-ru Lo of the Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar, along with the Tzu Chi Foundation, donated isolation shields developed in Taiwan to the National Center for Communicable Diseases in Mongolia.

(5) Humanitarian assistance:

- A. The Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar has actively assisted Taiwanese civil organizations in providing humanitarian assistance to Mongolia. This year, donations, including wheelchairs, walkers, isolation gowns, isolation shields, computers, and books, were made to rural communities in Mongolia. In addition, the Taiwan Fund for Children and Families Mongolia Office, also known as the Mongolia (TFCF Mongolia Office) has been providing long-term assistance to disadvantaged families and children in Mongolia since 2004. This assistance includes providing daily essentials, awarding

scholarships, and offering vocational training for parents. To date, the TFCF Mongolia Office has supported over 32,000 Mongolian children, with nearly 12,000 successfully lifted out of poverty. Additionally, the TFCF Mongolia Office has assisted in establishing nearly 30 water supply stations and related facilities for people in impoverished areas.

- B. On behalf of Taiwan's Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation, the Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar donated medical-grade silicone gloves, protective gowns, and medical masks to the National Centre for Maternal and Child Health in Mongolia.
- C. The Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar collaborated with the Mongolian non-governmental organization Setgeliin shim dem to donate books and computers, establishing a Taiwan Classroom at the Uvs Provincial High School.
- D. The Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar donated equipment, including oxygen machines, to the National Rehabilitation Center for the Disabled in Mongolia to assist the center in its epidemic prevention efforts.

6. Relations with the Sultanate of Oman

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. set up the Trade Mission of the R.O.C., Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, on January 11, 1977, and the mission officially opened on March 31 of the same year. It was re-established as the Representative Office, Far East Trade Service, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman on September 6, 1979. The office was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Muscat, Oman, on July 1, 1991. Oman established the Commercial Office of the Sultanate of Oman Commercial Office in Taiwan on October 1, 1991.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2021, Oman ranked as Taiwan's 32nd-largest trading partner, contributing to a total bilateral trade value of US\$1.853 billion, with Taiwan's exports to Oman amounting to US\$80.83 million and imports from Oman at US\$1.772 billion. Oman ranked as Taiwan's 76th-largest export destination and 27th-largest source of imports. Taiwan's imports from Oman consist mainly of crude oil and

petrochemical products, while Taiwan's exports to Oman consist mainly of transportation equipment, machinery, and industrial products.

- (3) Cultural and educational relations: In December of this year, National Taiwan University of Science and Technology held a videoconference with Oman's National University of Science & Technology.

7. Relations with the Russian Federation

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established the Representative Office in Moscow for the Taipei-Moscow Economic and Cultural Coordination Commission in Moscow on July 12, 1993. Russia established the Representative Office in Taipei for the Moscow-Taipei Coordination Commission on Economic and Cultural Cooperation in Taiwan on December 15, 1996.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2021, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Russia reached US\$6.322 billion, marking a 48.56% growth from last year. Exports from Taiwan grew by 29.13% to US\$1.318 billion, and imports grew by 54.69% to US\$5.004 billion. Owing to the impact of COVID-19, most bilateral trade and investment cooperation and exchange activities took place online. To enhance economic and trade relations, the Representative Office in Moscow for the Taipei-Moscow Economic and Cultural Coordination Commission participated in events including Russian Industry Week, international science and technology development forums, and international fisheries forums. The representative office also organized the Taiwan Smart Machinery Online Presentation and visited 16 professional exhibitions in Russia, including mold and healthcare expos.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. In the cultural sphere, efforts continued this year to promote the publication of contemporary Taiwanese literary works in Russia. Additionally, collaborations were forged with institutions such as the State Museum of Oriental Art, the Garage Museum of Contemporary Art, and the Novosibirsk State Art Museum to organize exhibitions featuring works by Taiwanese artists.
 - B. In the education sector, seven Mandarin-language teachers from Taiwan taught Mandarin at five key universities in Russia. Furthermore, the

Representative Office in Moscow for the Taipei-Moscow Economic and Cultural Coordination Commission collaborated with academic institutions, including the National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow State University, Moscow City University, Moscow Institute of Electronic Technology, and the Association for the Advancement of Sinology in Russia, to co-organize various online lectures and academic conferences. These initiatives aimed to promote Mandarin-language education and attract students to Taiwan for further studies or cultural exchanges. Additionally, efforts were made to deepen high school education exchanges, with collaborations between Taipei Municipal Zhong-zheng Senior High School and schools in Moscow and Samara for various online language exchanges.

- (4) COVID-19 cooperation: The Representative Office in Moscow for the Taipei-Moscow Economic and Cultural Coordination Commission organized online conferences, including the Taiwan-Russia webinar on BioMedicine and COVID-19: Influenza Research and the Taiwan-Russia webinar on Chinese Medicine Targeting COVID-19. The representative office also promoted NRICM101, a COVID-19 treatment developed in Taiwan. Additionally, the representative office was honored with a medal from We Together, a Russian-based medical volunteer organization, and a medal and certificate of appreciation signed by Russian President Vladimir Putin in recognition of Taiwan's surgical mask donations.
- (5) Medical cooperation: The Representative Office in Moscow for the Taipei-Moscow Economic and Cultural Coordination Commission organized the Taiwan-Russia webinar on Surgical Robots and assisted the Russian Medical Women's Association in hosting the Taiwan-Russia Obstetrics and Pediatrics Medicine webinar.
- (6) Technological cooperation: The Ministry of Science and Technology, along with institutions, such as the Russian Foundation for Basic Research, the Russian Science Foundation, the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and the Far East Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, jointly subsidized 57 bilateral long-term research projects. Furthermore, the Representative Office in Moscow for the Taipei-Moscow Economic and Cultural Coordination Commission organized webinars, including the

Taiwan-Russia Photon webinar, the Taiwan-Russia webinar on the Space Technology Industry, and the Taiwan-Russia webinar on Sustainability and Disaster Prevention, through videoconferencing.

- (7) Media exposure: The Russian newspaper Nezavisimaya published an article supporting Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization Assembly. Additionally, Profile and Nezavisimaya featured articles by Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-chung advocating for Taiwan's involvement in the World Health Organization. Moreover, Nezavisimaya also published an article by Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu urging support for Taiwan's participation in the United Nations. News.ru published a piece by Huang Chia-lu, Commissioner of the Criminal Investigation Bureau of Taiwan's Ministry of the Interior, urging backing for Taiwan's involvement in the International Criminal Police Organization. Furthermore, Izvestia and the Panorama Publishing Group ran an article by Chang Tzi-ching, Minister of the Environmental Protection Administration, calling for support for Taiwan's participation in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Lastly, the President conducted an interview with Taiwan's representative to Russia, Keng Chung-yung, discussing Taiwan's efforts to promote participation in the United Nations and its epidemic prevention measures.

8. Relations with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

- (1) Background: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Jeddah Office, were established on February 13, 1991. The two offices commenced operations on the same day. Saudi Arabia established the Saudi Arabian Trade Office in Taipei on October 14, 1992. The Jeddah office was merged with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on July 28, 2017.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. In 2021, the bilateral trade volume amounted to approximately US\$8.81 billion; Taiwan's exports reached US\$923 million, and

imports totaled US\$7.887 billion. Notably, Saudi Arabia stands as Taiwan's 15th-largest trading partner and its biggest supplier of crude oil.

- B. With a focus on Taiwan's economic and trade policies, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia worked with Saudi Arabia's economic transformation plan and engaged in proactive industry matchmaking. In 2021, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the office hosted the Taiwan-Saudi Arabia Enterprise Leaders Summit and the Taiwan-Saudi Arabia Smart City Industry Exchange Forum. In addition, the office played a crucial role in supporting the establishment of the Taichung-Saudi Friendship Association, promoting a comprehensive understanding of the industry's current status, and identifying development opportunities for future cooperation.
 - C. The Agreement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income and the Prevention of Tax Evasion, signed by Taiwan and Saudi Arabia in 2020, took effect in November 2021 after the respective legal procedures in each country were completed, marking the first income tax agreement between Taiwan and a country in the Middle East. The agreement is aimed at facilitating bilateral industry cooperation and technology exchange between the two nations.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Taiwan and Saudi Arabia enjoy close cultural and educational cooperation, with mutual exchange of students between the two countries. In April of this year, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized the Islamic Cultural Exhibition, which received support from the Secretary-General of the Muslim World League, Dr. Mohammad Al-Issa, who provided a pre-recorded video message for the opening ceremony.

9. Relations with the Republic of Türkiye

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Ankara, Türkiye, on August 21, 1989. It was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Mission in Ankara on November 16, 1993. Türkiye

established the Turkish Trade Mission in Taipei on November 12, 1993. It was renamed the Turkish Trade Office in Taipei in 1994.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. In 2021, bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Türkiye reached approximately US\$1.767 billion. Taiwan's exports accounted for US\$1.368 billion, primarily comprising metal processing equipment, integrated circuits, and stainless-steel products. Imports from Türkiye amounted to US\$399 million, mainly consisting of motor vehicles and semi-finished steel products.
- B. In April 2021, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Mission in Ankara collaborated with the Taiwan-Turkey Business Association, Taiwan Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association, and Türkiye's Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK) to organize the Taiwan-Türkiye EV Industry Business Cooperation Webinar.
- C. In October 2021, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Mission in Ankara collaborated with the Turkish Machinery Federation (MAKFED) to organize the Taiwan-Türkiye Smart Machinery Industry Collaboration webinar.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

- A. In 2021, National Central University signed an academic cooperation agreement with Alanya Alaaddin Keykubat University in Türkiye.
- B. Taiwan provided Huayu Enrichment Scholarships and Taiwan Scholarships to Turkish students to study Mandarin in Taiwan and also offered the Taiwan Fellowship for distinguished scholars from Türkiye to conduct research in Taiwan. The Turkish government also offered scholarships for Taiwanese students to study abroad in Türkiye.

(4) Humanitarian assistance:

- A. In August 2021, Representative Volkan Chih-Yang Huang from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Mission in Ankara, along with the Mayor of Reyhanlı, Mehmet Hacıoğlu, signed an MOU with Chiu Chen-yu, the CEO of the Taiwan-Reyhanlı Center for World Citizens, and Muhammed Velid Abdi, the President of the Taiwan-Reyhanlı Centre for World Citizens.

- B. In August 2021, Taiwan collaborated with the Turkish Red Crescent (Türk Kızılay) to donate 40 metric tons of rice to Syrian refugees and vulnerable communities within Türkiye.

10.Relations with the United Arab Emirates

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established the Honorary Consulate of the R.O.C. in Dubai, UAE, in May 1979. The consulate was renamed the Honorary Consulate-General of the R.O.C. in Dubai, UAE, in July 1980, Commercial Office of the R.O.C. in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in May 1988, and most recently the Commercial Office of Taipei, Dubai, UAE, in May 2017.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2021, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and the UAE reached US\$6.305 billion. Exports from Taiwan amounted to US\$1.365 billion, primarily comprising machinery, electrical equipment, and plastic products. Imports reached US\$4.94 billion, consisting of crude oil and plastic raw materials. Dubai, situated at the crossroads of Europe, Asia, and Africa, hosts various large-scale international conferences and exhibitions every year. In 2021, Taiwanese manufacturers participated in exhibitions such as the Gulf Information Technology Exhibition (GITEX), Gulfood, and Arab Health in Dubai.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Over 30 Taiwanese students are currently enrolled at New York University Abu Dhabi (NYU Abu Dhabi). Additionally, Taiwanese academic and sports delegations have achieved outstanding results in competitions in the UAE. Among them, Taiwan won six gold medals and ranked first overall in the International Junior Science Olympiad.

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Representative to Bahrain Sun Shyi-ren (center) with the Chinese Taipei women's national football team. (October 25, 2021)



Representative to Bahrain Sun Shyi-ren (center right) with members of Taiwan's delegation to the Asian Youth Para Games. (November 28, 2021)



President Tsai Ing-wen (center), Legislative Yuan President You Si-kun (second from right), Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (left), Israeli Representative to Taiwan Omer Caspi (third from right), and Germany's Representative to Taiwan Thomas Prinz (second from left) at the 2021 International Holocaust Remembrance Day event. (March 25, 2021)



Representative to Jordan Ismail Mae (second from left) with Mercy Corps Jordan Deputy Country Director Arthur Molenaar (left) and Syrian adolescent refugees during his visit to the Azraq refugee camp in Jordan to inspect the implementation of the Adolescent Girls' Empowerment Initiative. (July 27, 2021)



In the presence of Khaleel Atieh, Lower House Member of the Jordanian House of Representatives, Ismail Mae (left), Representative to Jordan, and Sadia Mohmed Issa Fleifel, Director of the Irth Al-Khair Foundation, exchange a memorandum of understanding for the donation and establishment of an activity center. (December 19, 2021)



Representative to Kuwait Tan Kuo-ting (right) visits Kuwait Football Association President Ahmad Alsabah (left) to promote sports exchanges between Taiwan and Kuwait. (April 19, 2021)



Representative to Kuwait Tan Kuo-ting (second from left) with Kuwait Football Association President Ahmad Alsabah (center) and distinguished guests at the celebration of the 110th National Day of the R.O.C. (October 6, 2021)



Representative to Mongolia Lo Chin-ru (center) presides over a ceremony marking the donation of isolation shields by the Tzu Chi Foundation and the government of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) to the National Center for Communicable Diseases of Mongolia (NCCD). NCCD Director Dr. Ts. Bilegsaikhan (right) accepts the donation on behalf of Mongolia. (November 21, 2021)



Representative to Mongolia Lo Chin-ru (right) presides over the donation of exhibition items to the National Library of Mongolia during the opening ceremony of Treasures from Taiwan: Taiwanese-Mongolian Joint Exhibition Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the National Library of Mongolia, with Director of the National Library of Mongolia Ichinkhorloo Bayarkhuu (left) accepting the donation on behalf of the library. (December 29, 2021)



Representative to Oman Chen Kang-i (left) meets with Chairman of the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry Redha Al Saleh (right). (September 21, 2021)



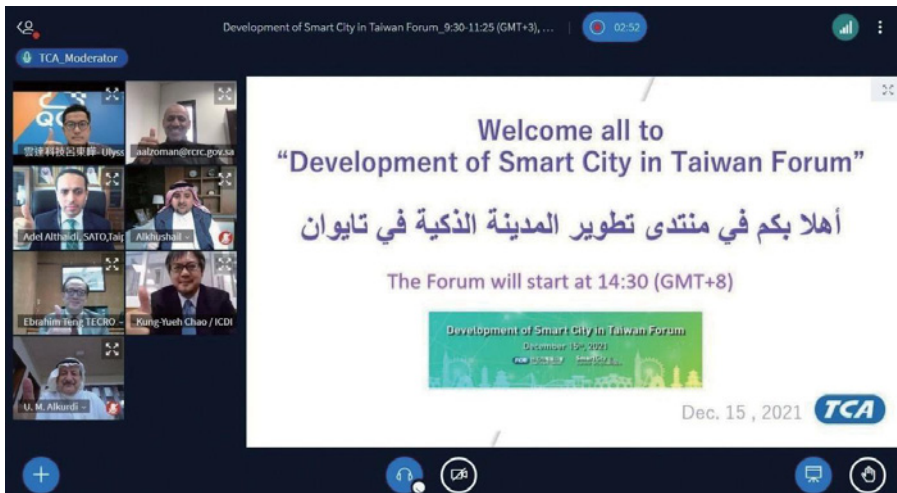
Representative to Russia Keng Chung-yung (third from left) attends the opening ceremony of the Garage Museum of Contemporary Art in Russia. (September 8, 2021)



Representative to Russia Keng Chung-yung (second row, center) attends the 2021 Taiwan-Russia Higher Education Online Roundtable. (April 14, 2021)



Representative to Saudi Arabia Teng Sheng-ping (left) with the Secretary General of the Muslim World League Dr. Mohammad Al-Issa (right). (April 1, 2021)



Representative to Saudi Arabia Teng Sheng-ping (left column, third from top), Representative Adel Fahad A. Althaidi (left column, second from top) of the Saudi Arabian Trade Office, and industry leaders from Taiwan and Saudi Arabia attend the Development of Smart City in Taiwan Forum. (December 15, 2021)



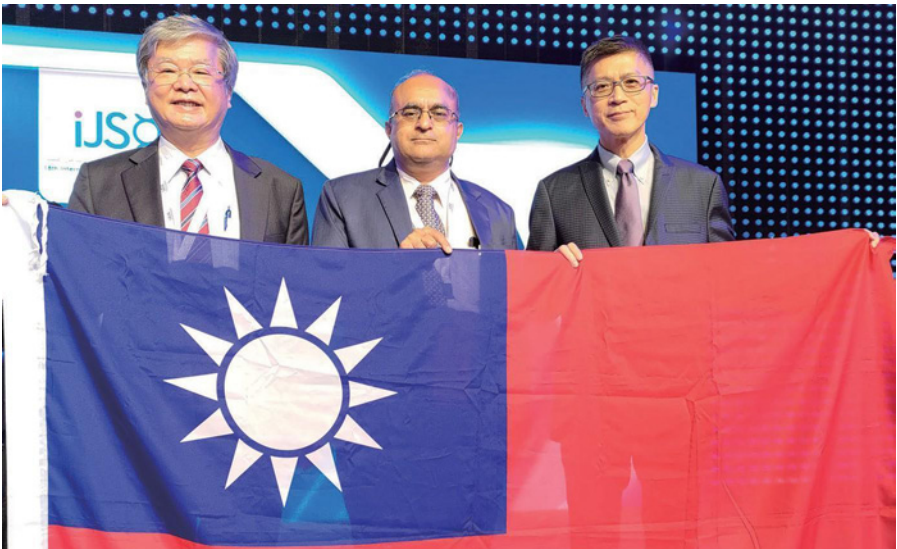
Representative to Türkiye Huang Chih-yang (third from right) and Mayor Mehmet Hacıoğlu (second from right) of Reyhanlı, Türkiye sign a memorandum of understanding on humanitarian aid, with Taiwan Ambassador-at-large Lin Ching-yi (left) attending the ceremony. (August 19, 2021)



Representative to Türkiye Huang Chih-yang (second row, center left) donates 40 metric tons of rice to Syrian refugees and underprivileged groups in Türkiye on behalf of Taiwan. (August 20, 2021)



Director General Jerry Yang (third from left) of the Commercial Office of Taipei, Dubai, UAE, with exhibitors at the Taiwan Pavilion at the Gulf Information Technology Exhibition (GITEX). (October 18, 2021)



Director General Jerry Yang (right) of the Commercial Office of Taipei, Dubai, UAE, with Dr. P. K. Joshi (center), President of the International Junior Science Olympiad, and Professor Chang Yung-ta (left), head of the Taiwanese delegation. (December 20, 2021)

Item 3 Taiwan's relations with African countries

I. Introduction

Africa is home to 55 countries. Taiwan has formal diplomatic relations with the Kingdom of Eswatini. Taiwan and Eswatini each maintain embassies within the other's territories, and Eswatini has further designated an honorary consul in Taipei. Taiwan has also set up representative offices in Nigeria, Somaliland, and South Africa. In South Africa, in addition to the representative office in the capital, Taiwan has set up an office in Cape Town. Also, the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) has set up Taiwan Trade Centers in Algeria, Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa to facilitate economic and trade relations with African countries. South Africa and Nigeria have set up offices in Taiwan, while Somaliland established the Republic of Somaliland Representative Office in Taiwan.

II. Relations with Individual Countries

1. Relations with the Kingdom of Eswatini

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established diplomatic relations with the Kingdom of Swaziland on September 6, 1968, the same day Swaziland became independent, and opened an embassy in the capital, Mbabane, on November 21 of the same year. The Embassy of the Kingdom of Swaziland in the R.O.C. officially opened in Taipei on January 26, 2000. The Kingdom of Swaziland changed its name to the Kingdom of Eswatini on April 19, 2018.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. In 2021, the bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Eswatini reached US\$17.97 million, a 41.4% growth from 2020. In 2021, Eswatini was Taiwan's 121st-largest trading partner, with exports from Taiwan amounting to US\$11.29 million, an 11.9% growth from 2020.
 - B. Owing to the impact of COVID-19, the 23rd ROC-KOE Economic and Technical Cooperation Conference was jointly hosted by Minister of

Economic Affairs Wang Mei-hua and Minister of Economic Planning and Development of Eswatini Dr. Thambo Gina via videoconference on July 15, 2021; the inaugural meeting of the Economic Joint Committee under the Economic Cooperation Agreement between the R.O.C. and the Kingdom of Eswatini took place on September 29, 2021. This meeting was held by videoconference and was co-chaired by Minister of Economic Affairs Wang Mei-hua and Honourable Minister of Trade, Industry and Commerce Manqoba Khumalo.

- C. Jeremy H. S. Liang, Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini, and Themba Masuku, Acting Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Eswatini, jointly hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Love from Taiwan surgical mask production line donated by Taiwan on May 21, 2021. This is the first medical epidemic prevention cooperation between Taiwan and Eswatini, which aims to enhance Eswatini's epidemic prevention capabilities.
 - D. To help Eswatini expand exports to the Taiwanese market, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government assisted the Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA) and exhibitors in organizing an Eswatini pavilion at various trade shows. These include the 2021 Giftionery & Culture Creative, Taipei, Food Taipei, MEDICAL TAIWAN Taiwan Int'l Medical & Healthcare Expo/Taiwan Int'l Beauty Show, and the Kaohsiung Food Show.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: In 2021, 26 Eswatini students were awarded scholarships under the MOFA Taiwan Scholarship Program and the International Higher Education Scholarship provided by TaiwanICDF. In 2021, more than 370 Eswatinis were studying in Taiwan. TaiwanICDF also holds a range of short-term workshops and courses each year, providing opportunities for Eswatini officials and professionals from various sectors to pursue short-term studies in Taiwan. Due to the impact of COVID-19, the workshops and courses have been converted to videoconferencing format. In addition, in 2019, Taiwan launched a program providing 100 full three-year scholarships to students at the Swaziland College of Technology (SCOT). The scholarships are designed to support academically exceptional, economically disadvantaged students

from Eswatini as they pursue three-year degree programs at the institute. This initiative contributes to the development of vital human resources that are essential to Eswatini's economic growth.

- (4) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation: Taiwan established a technical mission in Eswatini in accordance with the Agreement of Agricultural Technical Cooperation between the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and the Kingdom of Eswatini. The mission was set up to implement a variety of projects, including the Fruit Tree Production and Marketing Project (Phase II), the Pig Industry Enhancement Project (Phase II), and the Eswatini Aquaculture Project. Taiwan also deploys experts to Eswatini to provide training and facilitate participation by Eswatini officials in training programs in Taiwan.
- (5) Medical cooperation: Taiwan has set up medical missions in Eswatini to provide medical and healthcare operations. In addition, medical teaching missions offer guidance to Eswatini resident doctors as they carry out their medical practice. Programs, such as Early Diagnosis, Treatment and Care of Cancer, Improvement of Maternal and Infant Health Care (Phase II), and the Rehabilitation of Mbabane Government Hospital: Out-patient Department and the Emergency Complex, have been implemented to advance bilateral initiatives. In 2021, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Taiwan provided Eswatini with medical supplies and sent expert medical teams to Eswatini on short-term assignments to assist in treatment and epidemic prevention efforts.
- (6) Additional bilateral cooperation: Bilateral cooperation initiatives in 2021 include the Eswatini Technical and Vocational Skills Certification Enhancement Project, Capacity Building Project for Microfinance Focusing on Grassroots Women in Eswatini, Planning and Management Consultation for the National Data Center and Disaster Recovery Center of Eswatini, Youth Empowerment/Employment Project, Project for the Construction of Computer Classrooms in 10 Schools in Rural Eswatini, Reconstruction Fund, Dam Construction Project in Southern Eswatini, Capacity Building Project for Youth Entrepreneurship, Construction Project of Three Drinking Water and Sanitation Systems in Rural Eswatini, and Criminal Identification Equipment Procurement Project.

- (7) Overseas community affairs: There are about 70 Taiwanese living in Eswatini, most of whom live in the city of Manzini and the capital city of Mbabane, as well as in the Matsapha industrial area, where Taiwanese businesses, especially garment factories, grocery stores, and restaurants, are concentrated. The Chinese Association in Swaziland and the Eswatini Golf Association are the main overseas community organizations.

2. Relations with the Federal Republic of Nigeria

- (1) Background: The Trade Mission of the R.O.C. (Taiwan), Lagos, Federal Republic of Nigeria, was established on February 21, 1991, and formally inaugurated in the capital city of Lagos on May 18, 1991. Subsequently, on September 1, 2001, the trade mission was relocated to Abuja, following its designation as the new capital of Nigeria. On December 7, 2017, the mission relocated to Lagos, which has since become Nigeria's most prominent commercial hub. It was then renamed the Taipei Trade Office in the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The Nigerian Trade Office in Taipei was established in Taipei City in November 1992 and moved to Banqiao District, New Taipei City, in March 2018.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2021, the total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Nigeria reached US\$915 million, with exports from Taiwan amounting to US\$323 million, and imports from Nigeria totaling US\$592 million. In response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic over the past two years, the international professional exhibitions organized by Taiwan switched to videoconferencing to facilitate trade matchmaking. In 2021, commercial and matchmaking meetings between Taiwan and Nigeria accumulated to approximately 90 sessions. In addition, after the pandemic eased in 2021, the Representative Office in Nigeria made several visits to the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment (FMITI) and related agencies in Abuja to promote economic and trade diplomacy between Taiwan and Nigeria. Taiwan invited Nigeria to participate in the 2021 Smart City Summit & Expo and participated in the Halal Expo Nigeria to promote Taiwan's image and Taiwanese products. The office also actively promoted the signing of an MOU between the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) and the Abuja Chamber

of Commerce and Industry (ABUCCIMA) to deepen bilateral economic and trade cooperation. The Representative Office in Nigeria, together with TAITRA's Taiwan Trade Center in Lagos, provided assistance to the Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce in Nigeria (TCCN) in actively seeking business opportunities and jointly expanding market opportunities in Nigeria.

- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Each year, officials recommended by relevant departments in Nigeria are invited to participate in specialized workshops focusing on economics, trade, technology, agriculture, and healthcare. The workshops are organized by TaiwanICDF. However, owing to the impact of the COVID-19, exchanges were moved online in 2021. To promote cultural and educational exchanges, Taiwan offers Taiwan Fellowship, Taiwan Scholarship, and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program (HES) to Nigerian scholars and students to conduct research and study in Taiwan.
- (4) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 200,000 ethnic Chinese currently live in Nigeria, with the majority residing in the commercial hub and the largest city, Lagos. They are also dispersed in other major cities, such as the capital, Abuja, as well as major urban centers, including Kano, Kaduna, and Port Harcourt. The fewer than 100 Taiwanese who live in Nigeria are mainly engaged in import/export activities or manufacturing investments. About 30 Taiwanese-owned companies are active, with a total investment of about US\$20 million. In recent years, however, the economic downturn in Nigeria has led to a significant reduction in the number of Taiwanese businessmen residing in Nigeria.

3. Relations with the Republic of Somaliland

- (1) Background: In Taipei on February 26, 2020, Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Yasin Hagi Mohamoud signed the Bilateral Protocol (Agreements and Conventions) by and between the Government of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and the Government of the Republic of Somaliland. An agreement was reached between Taiwan and Somaliland on the mutual establishment of representative offices, named the Taiwan Representative

Office in the Republic of Somaliland and the Republic of Somaliland Representative Office in Taiwan, respectively. On August 17, 2020, the Taiwan Representative Office was established in the capital city of Somaliland, Hargeisa, while the Somaliland Representative Office was established in Taipei on September 9, 2020.

- (2) Economic and trade relations: Taiwan's CPC Corporation and the UK's Genel Energy signed the farm-out agreement for a mining block in Somaliland. Economic and trade activities also included the 2021 Taiwan Expo in Somaliland, a Somaliland business seminar, business meetings to expand economic and trade with East Africa, and the establishment of financing cooperation between Taiwanese and African banks. The Importers & Exporters Association of Taipei also signed respective MOUs with the Chambers of Commerce of Somaliland, Uganda, and Ethiopia.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: For many years, the MOFA Taiwan Scholarship has been provided to Somaliland students to enable them to study in Taiwan. In 2021, the number of TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarships offered by TaiwanICDF increased. In 2021, there were 23 Somaliland students studying in Taiwan. In addition, TaiwanICDF also holds a range of short-term workshops and courses each year, providing opportunities for Somaliland officials and professionals from various sectors to conduct short-term studies in Taiwan. Most of the programs are currently being conducted through videoconferencing owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (4) Agricultural cooperation: The technical mission in Somaliland and the Ministry of Agricultural Development of Somaliland jointly held the Launching Ceremony of the Taiwan-Somaliland Agricultural Cooperation Program. Representative to Somaliland Lou Chen-hwa and the Minister of Agricultural Development Mohamed Haji Osman jointly hosted the opening ceremony of the Taiwan Demonstration Farm in Arabsiyo Town, Somaliland.
- (5) Medical cooperation: Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu and Liban Yusuf Osman, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, signed the Medical Cooperation Agreement between the

Government of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and the Government of the Republic of Somaliland via videoconference. Taiwan and Somaliland signed an agreement for the donation of Taiwan's domestically developed Medigen COVID-19 vaccine to Somaliland. The health education sub-project of the Maternal and Infant Health Care Improvement Project in Somaliland was officially launched.

- (6) Technological cooperation: The technical mission in Somaliland and the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) of Somaliland signed the Somaliland E-government Capability Enhancement Project; Representative to Somaliland Lou Chen-hwa and the Minister of ICT of Somaliland Abdiwali Sh. Abdillahi jointly presided over the unveiling ceremony of the Somaliland Innovation Zone and jointly organized various workshops.
- (7) Democratic development cooperation: Taiwan assisted Somaliland in the acquisition of the Iris Biometrics Voter Verification System (IBVVS) to contribute to the ongoing efforts to strengthen democratic processes in Somaliland.

4. Relations with the Republic of South Africa

- (1) Background: On January 1, 1998, the Taipei Liaison Office in the Republic of South Africa was established, while in Taipei, South Africa opened the Liaison Office of South Africa. Taiwan also has a Taipei Liaison Office in Cape Town.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2021, the total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and South Africa reached US\$1.559 billion, with exports from Taiwan amounting to US\$567 million and imports from South Africa amounting to US\$992 million. South Africa accounts for 0.127% of Taiwan's exports and ranks as Taiwan's 39th-largest export market. About 450 Taiwanese companies have invested in South Africa, with a total investment of about US\$2 billion.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: The Taipei Liaison Office in South Africa awarded ten scholarships under the MOE's Taiwan Scholarship and eight scholarships under the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship to students

from South Africa and other countries under its jurisdiction, facilitating bilateral cultural, educational and technical exchanges.

- (4) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation: In 2021, Taiwan and South Africa held the 4th Meeting of the Taiwan-South Africa Joint Working Committee for Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries via videoconference.
- (5) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 8,000 Taiwanese are living in South Africa, with around 2,000 participating in conventional overseas Chinese communities.

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Jeremy H. S. Liang (right), Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini, at the launching ceremony of the Eswatini Reconstruction Fund, presided over by His Majesty King Mswati III of Eswatini (left), during which the King expresses his sincere gratitude for Taiwan's assistance in Eswatini's reconstruction. (September 6, 2021)



Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini Jeremy H. S. Liang (right) attends the inauguration ceremony of the Taiwan-sponsored Mbabane Government Hospital Referral and Emergency Complex. The ceremony was presided over by His Majesty King Mswati III of Eswatini (second from right). (October 15, 2021)



Representative to Nigeria Liu Yih-ping (third from right) and his wife (fourth from right) with members of the Nigerian National Assembly at the Halal Expo Nigeria in the capital city Abuja. (September 15, 2021)



Representative to Nigeria Liu Yih-ping (left) visits Senator Chukwuka Utazi (center), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Primary Healthcare and Communicable Diseases. (November 22, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (right) and Liban Yusuf Osman (on screen, center), Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, sign the Medical Cooperation Agreement Between the Government of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and the Government of the Republic of Somaliland via videoconference. (June 16, 2021)



Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Alexander Tah-ray Yui speaks via videoconference at the opening ceremony of the 2021 Taiwan Expo in Somaliland. (November 4, 2021)



Representative to South Africa Ho Chung-Yi (center) donates wheelchairs to the Nelson Mandela Foundation on behalf of the Pu-Hsein Educational Foundation. (September 7, 2021)



Representative to South Africa Ho Chung-Yi (second from right) celebrates the International Day of the Girl Child with local South African students. (October 12, 2021)

Item 4 Taiwan's relations with European countries

I. Introduction

The Department of European Affairs within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs oversees matters in 42 countries. Taiwan maintains diplomatic relations with the Holy See and has substantive bilateral cooperation and ties with the other countries. Taiwan has 29 embassies, missions, and representative offices in Europe. In addition to the embassy of the Holy See, the following 17 countries have established representative offices in Taiwan: Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. In addition, the European Union maintains the European Economic and Trade Office in Taiwan.

Taiwan's relations with the EU and European governments have continued to strengthen over the years. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) government is committed to expanding substantive cooperation between Taiwan and European countries based on the fundamental values of democracy, freedom, and the rule of law. In 2021, Taiwan achieved significant diplomatic success in Europe.

Despite the global challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, Taiwan welcomed visits from five important European delegations. The European Parliament's support for Taiwan's international participation is evident in the passage of its 13th pro-Taiwan resolution. The establishment of the Taiwanese Representative Office in Lithuania on November 18, 2021, marked a pivotal moment, initiating a new phase in Taiwan's relations with Lithuania and deepening ties with Central and Eastern European countries. These accomplishments highlight the continued strengthening of Taiwan's relations with Europe during the COVID-19 pandemic, showcasing further success in Taiwan's diplomatic endeavors.

II. Relations with Individual Countries

1. Relations with the Holy See

(1) Background:

- A. On October 23, 1942, *L'Osservatore Romano* announced the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the R.O.C. Subsequently, on July 4, 1943, Taiwan set up a legation at the Holy See, later elevated to the status of an embassy on June 12, 1959. In parallel, the Vatican opened a legation in the R.O.C. on July 4, 1946, later elevated to the status of an embassy on December 24, 1966.
 - B. Appointed member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences: In July 2021, the Press Office of the Holy See announced that Pope Francis had appointed former Vice President Chen Chien-jen as an ordinary member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. Subsequently, in October 2021, Pope Francis appointed former Vice President Chen for a four-year term (2021-2025) as a councillor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. Chen became the first Taiwanese member of the council, signifying a positive and meaningful development in the bilateral relations between the Holy See and Taiwan.
- (2) Cultural and educational relations: Taiwan has selected professionals to participate in the Vatican Museums' Internship Program for Professional Restoration Specialists; the Embassy of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) to the Holy See, in collaboration with the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, organized a performance during the opening ceremony of the 100 Nativity Scenes International Exhibition. The performance, directed by Taiwanese dancer Yang Yu-lin, featured 12 Italian dancers. Soprano singer Liu Mon-chieh accompanied the performance, singing folk songs in Taiwanese, Mandarin, and indigenous languages, highlighting the rich and diverse culture of Taiwan.
- (3) COVID-19 cooperation:
- A. On May 26, Taiwan responded to the humanitarian call of Pope Francis by sponsoring the vaccination program for the disadvantaged, led by Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the Director of the Office of Papal Charities; on May 20, Taiwan donated medical equipment to the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem, operated by the Order of Malta in the Middle East, in response to pandemic-related needs; additionally, Taiwan provided pandemic prevention supplies, including masks,

disinfectant, hand sanitizer, and protective goggles, to the Vatican-affiliated homeless shelters, shelters for women and children refugees, as well as Catholic religious orders and groups.

- B. On November 4 and 5, former Vice President Chen Chien-jen was invited to preside over the online International Symposium on COVID-19 organized by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences; on November 13, Fu Jen Catholic University Hospital co-hosted an online conference with the Vatican's Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (4) Humanitarian assistance: In response to Pope Francis's important encyclicals *Laudato si'* and *Fratelli tutti*, the Embassy of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) to the Holy See has been actively engaged in humanitarian aid. Collaborating with various entities including the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, the Office of Papal Charities, Caritas Roma, local dioceses, the Catholic association Community of Sant'Egidio, religious orders, and Taiwan's Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, Taiwan has provided essential supplies such as sleeping bags, eco-friendly blankets, vests, food, and canned goods to refugees in Afghanistan, homeless individuals in Rome, and disadvantaged groups. This collaboration addresses the needs of marginalized communities and emphasizes Taiwan's commitment to help - "Taiwan Can Help, and Taiwan is Helping!"
- (5) Online meetings: On October 4, Dharma Master Hsin Tao of the Ling Jiou Mountain (LJM) Buddhist Society participated in the conference of world religious leaders "Faith and Science: Towards COP26" via a pre-recorded message; Taiwan and the Holy See jointly organized an online conference on the well-being of seafarers, sharing Taiwan's proactive efforts to promote fishermen's rights; Taiwan Adventist Hospital participated in the Order of Malta's Doctor to Doctor online forum.

2. Relations with the European Union

- (1) Background:
 - A. On March 10, 2003, the European Commission established the European Economic and Trade Office in Taipei. Subsequently, on

June 20, 2005, Taiwan restructured the Taipei Representative Office in Belgium as the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium. The Representative Office oversees all matters relating to the EU, Belgium, and Luxembourg.

- B. In September, the EU released the EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, which highlighted China's continued military buildup in the Indo-Pacific region. This has resulted in the South China Sea, East China Sea, and Taiwan Strait becoming regional hotspots with potential implications for Europe's security and prosperity. The report underlines the EU's commitment to deepening cooperation with Taiwan in various areas, including the semiconductor industry, investment and trade relations, maritime governance, and data protection.
 - C. In October, European Commission Executive Vice President Margrethe Vestager delivered a speech on behalf of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell, at the plenary session of the European Parliament. The speech was on the report about EU-Taiwan Political Relations and Cooperation. Vestager emphasized that maintaining the status quo in the Taiwan Strait is beneficial for Europe. She encouraged dialogue and cautioned against unilateral actions that could escalate tensions. Vestager stressed that the EU considers Taiwan a like-minded partner and expressed its continued support for Taiwan's system of governance based on democracy, the rule of law, human rights, an open society, and a market economy.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
- A. In 2021, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and the 27 EU member states reached US\$68.73 billion. Taiwan's exports amounted to US\$31.81 billion, while its imports totaled US\$36.92 billion.
 - B. In March, the European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS), the Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA) of Taiwan, and the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium jointly organized the Taiwan-EU Supply Chains Forum. The opening session featured a recorded message from President Tsai Ing-wen, as well as speeches by Andrey Kovatchev, Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh

Joseph Wu and Minister of Economic Affairs Wang Mei-hua. The forum, presided over by Member of the European Parliament and First Vice-Chair of the European Parliament-Taiwan Friendship Group, included discussions with representatives from key businesses in Taiwan and the European Union.

- C. In October, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the European Economic and Trade Office (EETO) jointly organized the second EU Investment Forum (EIF). This joint investment promotion event serves as a platform for investment and exchanges between Taiwan and the EU.
 - D. In November, Minister of Economic Affairs Wang Mei-hua and Director General of the European Commission's Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs Kerstin Jorna co-chaired the Seventh Taiwan-EU Industrial Policy Dialogue via videoconference.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: In December, the European Union's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC) released a report on cultural and educational exchanges between Taiwan and the EU. Under the EU's Erasmus+ Programme, 553 Taiwanese students have studied in Europe and 445 European students have studied in Taiwan. From 2006 to 2021, 133 recipients of the Ministry of Education's EU Scholarship have been admitted to joint masters programs under the EU's Erasmus+ Programme.
- (4) Medical cooperation: In November, Taiwan submitted an application to the European Commission for equivalence certification of the EU Digital COVID Certificate (EUDCC). In December, the European Commission announced the recognition and the effectiveness of Taiwan's digital certificate.
- (5) Technological cooperation:
- A. In June, at the invitation of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD), Taiwan participated in the online meeting of Horizon Europe's international cooperation strategy for third countries.

- B. Taiwan's participation in the Horizon 2020 transnational research cooperation program accumulated to 93 projects.
 - C. In June, the European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS) hosted an online seminar titled The EU Green Deal: Prospects for Taiwan-EU Circular Economy Cooperation. The event featured opening remarks from the Minister of the Environmental Protection Administration Chang Tzi-chin, Deputy Director-General of the EU Department of Environment Joanna Drake, and Member of the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Alexandr Vondra.
- (6) Human rights cooperation: The fourth Taiwan-European Union (EU) Human Rights Consultation was held in July via videoconference, in which Taiwan and the EU reaffirmed their mutual commitment to upholding and promoting the values of democracy, human rights and the rule of law.
- (7) Media exposure:
- A. In April, Representative to the European Union and Belgium Tsai Ming-yen attended the Atlantic Forum Spring Conference to discuss the situation in the South China Sea.
 - B. The Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium, in cooperation with the Brussels office of the International Republican Institute (IRI), hosted an online seminar in December titled Disinformation - Common Challenges Facing Taiwan and the EU: Taiwan's Experience. The opening remarks were delivered by Representative to the European Union and Belgium Tsai Ming-yen, with an introduction by Member of the European Parliament Andrius Kubilius.
- (8) Think tank exchange: In April, the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium, in collaboration with the Brussels-based think tank Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), organized an online seminar titled A Global EU Connectivity Strategy as an extension of EU-Asia relations? The keynote address was delivered by Reinhard Bütikofer, Member of the European Parliament and rapporteur for the Connectivity and EU-Asia Relations Resolution. The discussion included remarks by the following panelists: EU Ambassador-at-large for Connectivity Romana Vlahutin,

Representative to the EU and Belgium Tsai Ming-yen, Ambassador of Japan to the EU Yasushi Masaki, and Ambassador of Singapore to the EU Lim Hong Huai.

- (9) A visit from the European Parliament was made by the official delegation of the Special Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes in the European Union, including Disinformation (INGE) led by Chair Raphaël Glucksmann. The delegation members included MEPs Andrius Kubilius, Petras Auštrevičius, Andreas Schieder, Markéta Gregorová, Georgios Kyrtosos, and Marco Dreosto.

3. Relations with the Republic of Austria

- (1) Background: In August 1973, the R.O.C. established the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Austria, which also oversees engagements with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA); Austria, in turn, has established the Austrian Office Taipei and Advantage Austria Taipei.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2021, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Austria reached US\$1.626 billion, with exports from Taiwan at US\$573 million and imports from Austria at US\$1.053 billion.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: In March, the Ministry of Education of Taiwan and the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research of Austria jointly organized the Third Taiwan-Austria Higher Education Forum; the two also jointly implemented the Taiwan and Austria Higher Education Science and Research Seed Funding Memorandum of Understanding. In addition, the University of Vienna implemented the Taiwan Research Program and the Mandarin Language Teacher Program to promote Taiwan studies and the use of traditional Chinese characters.
- (4) Media exposure: In August, Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu was interviewed by the Austrian mainstream media outlet Der Standard, discussing topics such as the Chinese government's threat to Taiwan, Taiwan-US relations, Taiwan-EU relations, and Taiwan's participation in international organizations. In addition, a video titled "The Significance of Escalating Cross-Strait Tensions for the World" was produced and broadcast on the newspaper's website and YouTube

platform. In January, the Austrian newspaper Wiener Zeitung published an interview with Taiwan's Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-chung.

4. Relations with the Kingdom of Belgium

- (1) Background: On November 5, 1971, the Dr. Sun Yat-sen Cultural Center was established in the capital city Brussels. It was subsequently renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office on January 23, 1990; the Taipei Representative Office in Belgium on November 1, 1995; and the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium on June 20, 2005. The office is responsible for affairs concerning the European Union, Belgium, and Luxembourg. Meanwhile, in August 1979 Belgium established the Belgium Trade Association Taipei, which later adopted the name Belgium Office Taipei in June 2004.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. In 2021, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Belgium reached US\$3.385 billion, with exports from Taiwan at US\$2.744 billion and imports at US\$641 million. As of the end of 2021, Belgium's total investment in Taiwan was estimated at around US\$193 million, while Taiwan's total investment in Belgium stood at US\$144 million.
 - B. In October, the Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA) of Taiwan, together with Belgium's Flanders Investment & Trade, Wallonia Export-Investment Agency, and hub. brussels jointly organized "The 21st Taiwan-Belgium Joint Business Council Meeting."
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. In January, the Ministry of Education collaborated with Ghent University to organize an online seminar titled Taiwan Studies Programme. A total of 25 scholars from institutions from six countries, including National Chengchi University, the University of Wyoming, the University of Washington, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen in Germany, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen in the Netherlands, and Tartu Ülikool in Estonia, took part in the seminar to discuss the promotion of international education in post-pandemic Asia and Taiwan's

achievements in epidemic prevention. In October, the Ministry of Education and Wallonie-Bruxelles International implemented a language teaching assistant exchange program. Two Mandarin language assistants from Taiwan and two French language assistants from Belgium were selected to be exchanged to teach at universities in Belgium and Taiwan.

- B. In October, the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium facilitated a collaboration between National Chengchi University and Université catholique de Louvain to organize three sessions in the Europe-Asia Connectivity Forum. The three sessions included Drivers of Eurasian Regional Integration, Economic Integration and Foreign Trade Policies in Europe and Asia, and Geopolitical Dimension of Euro-Asian Relations.
 - C. In November, the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium held the ceremony for the second annual Distinguished Taiwan Alumni Award organized by the Taiwan Alumni Association (TAA) and the Ministry of Education. Representative to the European Union and Belgium Tsai Ming-yen awarded the prize to Professor Nicolas Standaert, Head of the Department of Sinology of Katholieke Universiteit Leuven.
 - D. In November, the Taipei Representative Office in the European Union and Belgium collaborated for the first time with the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) Center for East Asian Studies and the International Office to organize the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL).
- (4) Technological cooperation:
- A. The Ministry of Science and Technology, the Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS), and the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) implemented four bilateral cooperation and exchange projects between Taiwan and Belgium from 2021 to 2022.
 - B. In January, the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium facilitated a collaboration between the Taiwan AI Lab and a neuroelectronics research institute in the Dutch-speaking region of Belgium. The initiative aimed to promote bilateral research on cranial

nerves and to facilitate the signing of an MOU.

- C. In November, the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium organized a banana seedling collaboration between Bioversity International (BI) of Belgium and the Taiwan Banana Research Institute.

5. Relations with the Republic of Bulgaria

- (1) Background: Matters relating to Bulgaria are overseen by the Taipei Representative Office in Greece. In 2005, the Taiwan External Trade Development Council set up the Taiwan Trade Center, Sofia, followed by a business center serving Taiwanese businessmen in 2018. The Bulgarian-Taiwanese Board, established in 2015, aims to strengthen bilateral private-sector exchanges.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2021, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Bulgaria reached US\$225 million, with exports from Taiwan at US\$180 million and imports from Bulgaria at US\$44.42 million.
- (3) Collaborative assistance: In December, the Taiwan Environmental Information Association, in partnership with the New Bulgarian University in Bulgaria, implemented the Cloud-Based Smart IoT Lab Project Initiation under the signed memorandum of understanding. The lab was set up and launched at the university.

6. Relations with the Republic of Croatia

- (1) Background: Matters relating to Croatia are overseen by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Austria.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2021, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Croatia reached US\$64.28 million, with exports from Taiwan at US\$43.63 million and imports at US\$20.65 million; the Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA) of Taiwan and the Croatian Chamber of Economy jointly organized the Taiwan - Croatia Joint Business Council Meeting online.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: The Faculty of Political Science at the University of Zagreb in Croatia offers a course on Taiwan and East Asia.

The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy arranges lectures given by scholars online to discuss current political and economic developments in Taiwan.

- (4) Media exposure: On September 7, the *Poslovni dnevnik*, a Croatian daily business newspaper, published an article in which Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu urged support for Taiwan's participation in the United Nations.

7. Relations with the Czech Republic

(1) Background:

- A. On August 7, 1991, the R.O.C. set up the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Prague. On November 18, 1993, the Czech Republic set up the Czech Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei. In recent years, Taiwan and the Czech Republic have had frequent exchanges in the areas of economy, trade, culture, science, technology, and tourism. This has contributed to the development of stable and substantive bilateral relations.
- B. On October 11, 2021, President Tsai Ing-wen delivered a keynote speech via videoconference at the opening ceremony of the 25th Forum 2000 Conference in the Czech Republic.
- C. On October 12, Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu delivered a speech via videoconference at the closing ceremony of the 25th Forum 2000 Conference in the Czech Republic.
- D. On October 23, Chairman Kung Ming-hsin of the National Development Council, Minister of Science and Technology Wu Tsung-Tsong, Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi, Political Deputy Minister of Finance Juan Ching-hwa, were part of a delegation of 66 representatives from public and private sectors that paid a four-day visit to the Czech Republic, during which six memorandums of understanding were signed.
- E. On October 27, Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu was invited to deliver a keynote speech at a seminar co-organized by the Czech Academy of Sciences and Czech think tank Sinopsis. Minister Wu also received the Czechia Senate President's Silver Medal from

Czech Senate President Miloš Vystrčil.

- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. Bilateral trade volume amounted to US\$954 million, a 7.14% growth over 2020, with Taiwan's exports accounting for US\$529 million and imports from the Czech Republic amounting to US\$425 million.
 - B. On October 25, the Fifth Economic Consultation between the Czech Republic and Taiwan was held in Prague, and was co-chaired by Taiwan's Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi and Czech Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade Martina Tauberová. The two sides discussed issues related to trade, investment, industries, and innovative research and development cooperation.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Taiwan's MOE offers Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship to students from the Czech Republic. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic offers annual scholarship programs and Slavic-language research summer camp scholarships to Taiwanese students. In 2020, Czech Senate President Miloš Vystrčil led a delegation to Taiwan to witness the outcomes of the Taiwan-Europe Connectivity Scholarship Program bilateral cooperation. In 2021, 53 Czech students received scholarships to study in Taiwan.
- (4) COVID-19 cooperation: In accordance with the Taiwan-Czech Joint Statement on Partnership against Coronavirus, Taiwan donated an advanced automated mask production line to the Czech Republic on a government-to-government basis. At the same time, private companies donated four automated mask production lines to the Czech Republic on a business-to-business basis. On March 24, the Webinar on Taiwan-Czech Republic Cooperation on COVID-19 was held to facilitate the exchange of insights on epidemic prevention between former Vice President Chen Chien-jen and Czech scholars and experts. In addition, the Czech government's donation of 30,000 doses of Moderna vaccine was successfully delivered to Taiwan on August 29.
- (5) Visits from Taiwan: Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu, National Development Council Chairman Kung Ming-hsin, Minister of

Science and Technology Wu Tsung-tsong, Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi, and Political Deputy Minister of Finance Juan Ching-hwa.

8. Relations with the Kingdom of Denmark

- (1) Background: In 1980, the R.O.C. established the Free China Information Office and the Far East Trade Office in Denmark. The two offices were consolidated on August 7, 1991 into the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Denmark, later renamed the Taipei Representative Office in Denmark on February 15, 1995. Denmark established the Trade Council of Denmark in Taipei on October 28, 1983.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2021, bilateral trade volume amounted to US\$1.258 billion, with exports from Taiwan totaling US\$475 million and imports from Denmark of US\$783 million.

9. Relations with the Republic of Estonia

- (1) Background: Matters relating to Estonia are overseen by the Taipei Mission in the Republic of Latvia.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to US\$127 million, with Taiwan exports at US\$87.64 million and imports at US\$39.45 million.
- (3) Visits from Estonia were made by Jüri Jaanson, Chairman of the Estonia-Taiwan Support Group, and Madis Milling, Member of Parliament.

10. Relations with the Republic of Finland

- (1) Background: On April 19, 1990, the R.O.C. established the Taipei Trade and Cultural Office, which officially began operations on June 1, 1990. The office was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office on December 1, 1992, and subsequently became the Taipei Representative Office in Finland on December 1, 2004. On February 1, 1991, Finland established the Office of Finnish Industry and Transport, which was subsequently renamed the Finland Trade Center on July 1, 1995. It was later renamed Finpro Taiwan, Finland's Trade and Innovation Office in October 2014; and Finland Trade Center in Taiwan on January 1, 2019.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

A. According to the Bureau of Foreign Trade of the MOEA, total bilateral trade amounted to US\$806 million, with Taiwan's exports totaling US\$275 million, a 24.2% growth from 2020; imports from Finland amounted to US\$531 million, a 33.1% growth from 2020.

B. On April 15, the Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA) of Taiwan and Business Finland co-organized the 8th Taiwan-Finland Business Forum. The forum featured presentations and reports on technological developments in the fields of smart healthcare and the research and application of cybersecurity technologies in critical industries.

(3) Cultural and educational relations: In recent years, more than 20 universities in Taiwan have engaged in research collaborations, scholar and student exchanges, and sister school programs with universities in Finland. Since 2010, Taiwan has extended the Taiwan Fellowship to Finnish scholars for research in Sinology or Taiwan studies. In addition, since 2011, the MOE has administered the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program (HES) for Finnish students to study Mandarin in Taiwan. In 2012, the MOE further expanded support by establishing the Taiwan Scholarship program for Finnish students to pursue higher education in Taiwan. Owing to COVID-19 and the resulting border restrictions in recent years, bilateral student exchange and study programs between Finland and Taiwan were largely shifted to virtual formats.

(4) Technological cooperation:

A. On August 10, the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Academy of Finland signed an agreement on scientific cooperation between Taiwan and Finland.

B. On October 14, the Centre for East Asian Studies (CEAS) at the University of Turku in Finland organized a hybrid seminar titled *New Normal in East Asia? Taiwan's Digital*. Minister Audrey Tang was invited to speak online and share Taiwan's digital social innovation.

11. Relations with the French Republic

- (1) Background: On August 12, 1972, the R.O.C. established the Association pour la Promotion des Echanges Commerciaux et Touristiques avec Taïwan in Paris. Subsequently, the MOEA set up the Centre asiatique pour la promotion économique et commerciale on May 2, 1977. The two organizations merged to form the Bureau de Représentation de Taipei en France on May 15, 1995. On December 14, 2020, the Bureau Annexe d'Aix-en-Provence was established. France established the Association française pour le développement économique avec l'Asie in 1978 and subsequently established the Association française pour le développement culturel et scientifique en Asie in 1980. In 1994, the Association française pour le développement économique avec l'Asie, the visa section, and the Bureau français de Taipei (BFT) began a joint-office operation and are collectively referred to as the BFT.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. According to Taiwan's Custom Administration, France was Taiwan's 24th biggest trading partner in 2021. The total bilateral trade between Taiwan and France was US\$5.099 billion, with exports from Taiwan of US\$1.585 billion and imports from France of US\$3.514 billion.
 - B. According to the Investment Commission of the MOEA, as of December 2021, France has 704 investment projects in Taiwan, amounting to approximately US\$1.298 billion. France ranks fourth among European countries in terms of investment in Taiwan, with about 160 French companies investing in Taiwan. Meanwhile, Taiwan has 62 investment projects in France with a total investment of about US\$81.37 million. About 50 Taiwanese companies participate in investments in France.
 - C. Owing to the impact of COVID-19, bilateral meetings, such as the 28th Taiwan-France Industrial Cooperation Consultation Meeting (ICCM), the 10th Taiwan-France Economic and Trade Dialogue, and the 3rd Taiwan-French Agricultural Working Group Meeting, were held via videoconference. The two sides exchanged views on a wide range of issues, including economics and trade, industries (e.g.,

semiconductors, industrial carbon reduction, 5G, electric motorcycles, offshore wind power), and agricultural cooperation.

D. On October 7, Taiwan was invited to attend the seventh edition of Bpifrance Inno generation (BIG) organized by Bpifrance. Participants from Taiwan presented circular economy policies, development status, business opportunities, and investment incentives in Taiwan during the event's Taiwan Forum to facilitate industrial cooperation and technical exchanges between Taiwan and France.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

A. Culture:

a. The Bureau de Représentation de Taipei en France (Paris) and the Centre culturel de Taïwan à Paris organized a series of cultural events in the fields of visual and performing arts. The events showcased Taiwan's cultural offerings to eight European countries, including France, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Monaco, Andorra and Liechtenstein. The events served as a platform for cultural exchange between Taiwan and Europe and contributed to the expansion of Taiwan's cultural industry in the global market.

b. Taiwan actively engages in cooperation with cultural organizations in the public and private sectors in France and the affiliated regions. A key initiative is Le Prix de la Fondation culturelle franco-taïwanaise (The Taiwan-France Cultural Award), which fosters the promotion and exchange of Taiwanese culture by French and European experts and scholars. On March 1, representative to France Wu Chih-chung, the Permanent Secretary of Institut de France Jean-Robert Pitte, along with the jury panel, selected the winners for the 25th Prix de la Fondation culturelle franco-taïwanaise. The two recipients were Asian and African Studies Professor Jana S. Rošker of the Univerza v Ljubljani (University of Ljubljana) and Wu Kun-yung, general planner of the book series Collection Critique socio-politique published by Editions Utopie.

c. In 2021, the Bureau de représentation de Taipei en France

(Paris) organized 14 cultural promotion projects consisting of 52 exhibitions and performances that attracted approximately 44,700 visitors. The events received media coverage from Taiwanese and foreign press organizations in a total of about 121 reports.

B. Education:

- a. 65 colleges and universities in Taiwan, including National Taiwan University, have signed 634 agreements for academic cooperation with institutions in France. In 2021, the French government awarded 18 technology scholarships to Taiwanese students. In parallel, Taiwan's MOE offers 18 Huayu Enrichment Scholarships and five Taiwan Scholarships to French students. In 2021, France granted visas to 626 Taiwanese students to study in France, while 525 French students have selected Taiwan for their higher education pursuits and Mandarin learning.
- b. Since 2008, Taiwan and France have engaged in an exchange of Mandarin- and French-language teaching assistants. In 2021, 19 Mandarin teaching assistants were sent to France, while 19 French teaching assistants were sent to Taiwan to assist at the high school and college levels. Taiwan's MOE cooperates with seven French institutions, including the Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (Inalco) and Université Gustave Eiffel, to support the deployment of seven Mandarin teachers from Taiwan to teach in France. In addition, since 2007, Taiwan has conducted the annual Test de compétence en langue chinoise and Test de compétence en langue chinoise pour enfant in French cities such as Paris and Lyon. The number of accumulated test takers has reached 4,866 over the years.
- c. Taiwan and the École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS) in France signed a first-ever memorandum of understanding to establish the Taiwan Studies Program in 2017. From 2017 to 2020, the EHESS focused on the theme Taiwan and its realms of memory: An investigation of the dynamics of identity and memory in contemporary Taiwanese society. With the support

from the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), the EHESS conducted courses, seminars, and research activities under the Taiwan Studies Program during this three-year period. The project entered its second phase in January 2021, with a duration of three years.

(4) Technological cooperation:

A. The Ministry of Science and Technology has established bilateral research cooperation agreements with various French institutions, including the National Research Agency (ANR), French Academy of Sciences (ADS), French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), French National Cancer Institute (INCa), French National Institute for Research in Computer Science and Automation (Inria), French National Institute of Health and Medical Research (Inserm), and Bureau français de Taipei (BFT). These agreements facilitate collaborative research projects and exchanges between researchers from both countries, with funding support provided through various channels.

B. The 23rd Grand prix scientifique franco-taïwanais took place on November 24th at the Taipei Representative Office in France. The event was co-hosted by Representative to France Wu Chih-chung and Ads President Patrick Flandrin. Associate Professor Lo Min-hui from the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at National Taiwan University and CNRS Senior Scientist Dr. Agnès Ducharme received the award for their collaborative research on global climate change issues.

(5) Visits from France were made by Senator Alain Richard, Chairman of the French Senate's Taiwan Friendship Group; Senators Max Brisson and Else Joseph, Deputy Chairs of the Taiwan Friendship Group; French Senate Taiwan Friendship Group Secretary Judith Bout; Senator Olivier Cadic, Vice-President of the Foreign Affairs, Defence, and Armed Forces Committee; France-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group Chairman François de Rugy; National Assembly Foreign Affairs Committee members Jean-Luc Reitzer, Frédérique Dumas, Jean François Mbaye,

Aina Kuric, and Jean-Louis Bricout, Member of the National Assembly's Finance Committee.

12. Relations with the Federal Republic of Germany

(1) Background:

- A. On October 20, 1980, the R.O.C. established the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Bonn, which was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Federal Republic of Germany on September 23, 1992, and the Taipei Representative Office in the Federal Republic of Germany on July 1, 1997. The office moved to Berlin on October 4, 1999. The Taiwan Cultural Hall (Taiwan Kultursaal) was established under the Representative Office on December 4, 2017. Taiwan also has offices in Hamburg, Frankfurt, and Munich, as well as the Bonn-based Science and Technology Division of the Taipei Representative Office in Germany. The Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) has set up Taiwan Trade Centers in Düsseldorf and Munich. Germany set up the German Institute Taipei, German Trade Office Taipei (AHK Taiwan), and Goethe-Institute Taipei in Taiwan.
- B. On November 24, the German coalition government, for the first time, included Taiwan issues in its coalition agreement, stressing that any change in the status quo in the Taiwan Strait should take place only through peaceful means agreed upon by both sides. The coalition government also expressed support for democratic Taiwan's participation in international organizations.

- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2021, bilateral trade between Taiwan and Germany reached US\$20.678 billion. Taiwan's exports to Germany were US\$8.174 billion, while imports from Germany totaled US\$12.504 billion. Germany is Taiwan's fifth-largest source of imports and ninth-largest export destination in the world, making it Taiwan's largest trading partner in Europe. There are roughly 250 German businesses in Taiwan and 250 Taiwanese businesses in Germany. Notably, the Taiwanese companies are mainly concentrated in the North Rhine-Westphalia region, with a strong presence in the electronics and information technology

industry, followed by the machinery industry, automotive parts and transportation, biotechnology, and the food industry.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

- A. In 2021, Taiwan granted five Taiwan Scholarships and 16 Huayu Enrichment Scholarships to students from Germany. In the same year, 2,862 Taiwanese students studied in Germany and 1,062 German students in Taiwan.
- B. In the 2021 academic year, the Taiwan-Germany University of Science and Technology Alliance held several videoconferences in the midst of the pandemic to facilitate member schools to share experiences and insights on online teaching.
- C. The Representative Office in Germany and the Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation for Freedom (FNF), a think tank of the Free Democratic Party of Germany, co-organized four seminars on the theme Taiwan, the Most Dangerous Place on Earth? A total of 16 experts and scholars from 12 think tanks and universities participated in the closed-door and public video seminars.

(4) Technological cooperation:

- A. On February 20, the Ministry of Science and Technology and Germany's Collective Research Networking (CORNET) signed a memorandum of understanding.
- B. On September 11 and 12, the Ministry of Science and Technology hosted the 2021 Conference of Taiwan Elite in DACH-region on Advanced Engineering and Biomedical Technologies in Bad Homburg, Germany.
- C. The Ministry of Science and Technology and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) jointly implemented eight exchange programs for technology researchers, nine DAAD/NSTC- Sandwich-Scholarship Programmes, and deployed two Taiwanese experts for summer research and study in Germany.
- D. The Ministry of Science and Technology, in collaboration with the German Research Foundation, supported 13 bilateral research projects under the Taiwan-German Collaboration in Research program.

- E. The Ministry of Science and Technology collaborated with the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) on three projects in the second phase of the Taiwan-Germany Joint Research on Battery Technology. The two sides jointly organized a presentation to showcase the achievements of the joint project and formed an industry-academia advisory committee. Professor Hwang Bing-joe of the Department of Chemical Engineering at the National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, a participant in the project, was awarded the Humboldt Research Award.
- (5) International participation: Germany supports Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations and mechanisms such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and INTERPOL. In May 2021, the World Health Assembly (WHA) was held virtually, during which the German coalition government reaffirmed its support for Taiwan. Together with like-minded countries, Germany participated in discussions and co-signed letters to the WHO Secretariat. In addition, 98 members of the German Bundestag co-signed a letter supporting Taiwan's participation in the WHA.
 - (6) Bilateral agreement: Representative to Germany Shieh Jhy-wey and Director General of the German Institute Taipei Thomas Prinz signed the air services arrangement between Taiwan and Germany. This arrangement replaces the previously signed civil agreement and includes provisions for additional passenger and cargo flights, as well as the introduction of a new flight route to Munich.
 - (7) A visit from Taiwan was made by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Harry Ho-jen Tseng.

13. Relations with the Hellenic Republic

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established the Far East Center in Athens on January 6, 1973. It was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Greece on December 28, 1990, and the Taipei Representative

Office in Greece on April 11, 2003. To date, Greece has not established a representative office in Taiwan.

- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2021, the total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Greece amounted to US\$206 million. Taiwan's exports to Greece totaled US\$132 million, while imports from Greece totaled US\$74.03 million.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Taiwan offers annual quotas for the Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship programs, enabling Greek students to pursue studies in Taiwan.
- (4) COVID-19 cooperation: On May 20, the Taipei Representative Office in Greece, in cooperation with the Research Institute for European and American Studies in Athens, hosted the online seminar COVID-19 Pandemic Global Collaboration: The Practice of Taiwan.

14. Relations with Hungary

- (1) Background: On April 2, 1990, the R.O.C. established the Taipei Trade Office in Hungary, which was subsequently renamed the Taipei Representative Office, Budapest, Hungary, on January 6, 1996. Hungary established the Hungarian Trade Office Taipei on July 26, 1998.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. In 2021, total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Hungary amounted to US\$1.125 billion. Taiwan's exports to Hungary were US\$728 million, while imports from Hungary totaled US\$397 million.
 - B. In February, the Importers & Exporters Association of Taipei and the Budapest Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) of Hungary virtually renewed a memorandum of understanding.
 - C. In March, the Global Organization of Smart Cities (GO SMART) of Taiwan signed memorandums of understanding on smart city cooperation with the Budapest Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) and the Budapest Foundation for Enterprise Promotion (BVK).
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:

- A. On November 4, 2020, Taiwan and Hungary signed an MOU for a scholarship program. Under this program, the Hungarian government offers scholarships to 20 Taiwanese students to pursue bachelor's, master's, integrated master's, and doctoral degree programs in Hungary each year. Under the Taiwan-Europe Connectivity Scholarship Program, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs offered scholarships to 30 Hungarian students to participate in exchange programs in Taiwan.
 - B. In 2021, the MOE awarded three Taiwan Scholarships to individuals from Hungary to pursue bachelor's and master's degrees in Taiwan. In addition, 14 individuals received Huayu Enrichment Scholarships to study Mandarin in Taiwan, and one student received the TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarship to pursue a master's or doctoral degree in Taiwan.
- (4) Public diplomacy:
- A. On April 9, the Taipei Representative Office, Budapest, Hungary and the Karoli Gaspar Reformed University held a videoconference. The meeting featured a presentation by Deputy Director-General Lo Yi-chun from the Taiwan Centers for Disease Control, who shared Taiwan's successes in epidemic prevention. The conference received coverage from media outlets in Hungary, Serbia, Montenegro, and other countries.
 - B. On September 16, at the invitation of Budapest Mayor Gergely Karácsony, Taipei Mayor Ko Wen-je and Taoyuan Mayor Cheng Wen-tsan participated in a virtual signing ceremony of the Pact of Free Cities with mayors from nearly 30 cities around the world. Representative to Hungary Liu Shih-chung witnessed the signing.
 - C. The Taiwan Alumni Association in Hungary, in collaboration with several Taiwan-friendly cultural, medical, and educational institutions, as well as the Taipei Representative Office in Budapest, Hungary, has produced a collection of over 20 short videos. The videos encompass festive greetings for Christmas and the Lunar New Year, expressing support for Taiwan's participation in the WHA (WHA4Taiwan),

celebration of Taiwan's National Day, showcasing the vibrant street food culture in Tainan, and featuring the Taiwan-Hungary School video series. The association shared these videos across various social media platforms. Furthermore, the Hungarian travel magazine Vilagjaro, has showcased travel information on Taiwan in its online and print publications.

- D. In September, Representative to Hungary Liu Shih-chung attended a series of commemorative events organized by the Benyovszky Moric Foundation in Hungary. The events marked the 280th anniversary of the birth of the adventurer Moric Benyovszky and the 250th anniversary of his arrival in Taiwan.

15. Relations with Ireland

(1) Background:

- A. On July 12, 1988, the R.O.C. established the Free China Center in Dublin, later renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Ireland on May 2, 1991, and the Taipei Representative Office in Ireland on August 18, 1995. In August 1989, Ireland set up the Institute for Trade and Investment of Ireland in Taiwan, which ceased operations in January 2012.
- B. In December, 17 Irish senators, including Senator Michael McDowell (Ireland's former Deputy Prime Minister), proposed a resolution condemning China and expressing support for Taiwan in the Seanad Éireann where it was passed unanimously.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. According to Taiwan's Custom Administration, in 2021, the bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Ireland amounted to US\$1.34 billion, with Taiwan's exports totaling US\$570 million, and imports from Ireland of US\$770 million.
- B. The Representative Office in Ireland played a pivotal role in facilitating several economic activities. This included assisting Taiwan's SCI Pharmtech, Inc. in exporting pharmaceutical intermediates and collaborating with the Irish supermarket, Asia

Market, to organize the Taiwan Food Festival. Additionally, German-Irish trade merchant Bernhard Gruendemann imported two sets of automated mask production line equipment from Taiwan's NCM Nonwoven Converting Machinery Co., Ltd. Furthermore, Yingjia Catering Consultant Co., Ltd successfully expanded the market for Taiwanese pineapple cakes in Ireland and exported its products to Dublin for customer satisfaction market testing.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

- A. On January 6, in an effort to promote awareness of traditional Chinese characters in mainstream Irish society, Representative to Ireland Yang Tzu-pao, together with Arlene Forster, Chief Executive of the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment in Ireland, held a videoconference to discuss the high school Mandarin elective course launched in Ireland in 2019 and exchanged ideas for future cooperation. Representative Yang also contributed an article to the Irish Times highlighting the importance of traditional Chinese characters. In addition, in cooperation with the Dublin School of Mandarin Chinese, a cultural event was held at the Chester Beatty Museum on October 9 to showcase the beauty of traditional Chinese calligraphy.
- B. On September 18, Taiwan collaborated with the Dublin School of Mandarin Chinese to participate in Culture Night Dublin for the first time. The film *Relationships* by Taiwanese director Tsai Mu-Ming was screened at the Savoy Cinema as part of the promotion of cultural diplomacy.

(4) COVID-19 cooperation:

- A. On May 18, Dr. Emer Shelley, Dean of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine in the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, and Lucy Jessop, Director of the HSE National Immunisation Office in Ireland, participated in the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF) virtual workshop, COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out: Experiences and Challenges. The workshop was jointly organized by Taiwan, the US, Japan, the UK, and Australia.

- B. On May 26, the Chair of the Ireland-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Society, John McGuinness, expressed his appreciation during a parliamentary session for Taiwan's donation of personal protective equipment to various care facilities in Ireland. The gesture was also highlighted in a June 1 report by Irish media outlet Kilkenny People.
- C. On June 11, Taiwan donated personal protective equipment to care facilities in County Cavan as part of increased cooperation in the prevention of epidemics. The donation was received by Senator Diarmuid Wilson and Deputy Brendan Smith on behalf of the facility.

16. Relations with the Italian Republic

- (1) Background: On August 7, 1990, the R.O.C. established the Taipei Cultural and Economic Association in Rome, Italy, which officially began operations on April 15, 1991. The office was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Italy on June 14, 1995, and the Taipei Representative Office in Italy (Ufficio di Rappresentanza di Taipei in Italia) on May 4, 1996. The Italian Association of Foreign Trade established the Italian Trade and Economic Center in Taiwan in September 1989. Subsequently, it was merged into the Italian Economic, Trade, and Cultural Promotion Office in September 1995.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: The Ninth Meeting of the Taiwan-Italy Economic, Industrial and Financial Forum was held on July 6 via videoconference. Italy ranks as Taiwan's 20th-largest trading partner globally and the third-largest trading partner among EU countries. In 2021, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Italy amounted to US\$5.578 billion, with Taiwan's exports at US\$2.566 billion and imports from Italy at US\$3.012 billion.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. During the 9th Meeting of the Taiwan-Italy Economic, Industrial and Financial Forum held on July 6, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced the first-time inclusion of Taiwan in the Italian government's scholarship program for foreign students.
 - B. In September, the Taipei Representative Office in Italy held the

third annual Taiwan Film Festival, titled Flowers of Taiwan. During Milan Design Week 2021, an exhibition titled ONIRISMI Page Tsou Solo Exhibition was held in Milan. The representative office also supported the participation of Taiwanese sculptor Liao Jau-yng in the XIII Florence Biennale Art Design 2021 in October. In addition, a project titled Translation and Promotion Plan of TV Series Adapted from Taiwan Classic Literature was organized in cooperation with the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures of Roma Tre University. This initiative included the screening of ten films from October to December and two online discussions with Taiwanese author Syaman Rapongan.

- C. In November, the Taipei Representative Office in Italy invited Taiwanese composer Pan Hwang-long to collaborate with the Chai Found Music Workshop at the 58th annual Festival di Nuova Consonanza in Italy. The office also invited Taiwanese comic artists Sean Chuang, Crystal Kung, Chen Wen-sheng, and Chen Pei-hsiu to create a 2022 Solar Term Lifestyle Desk Calendar, which showcases Taiwan's diverse seasonal lifestyle in Italian.

(4) COVID-19 cooperation:

- A. In April, Lee Tsung-ling, Assistant Professor of Law from the Graduate Institute of Health and Biotechnology Law at Taipei Medical University, published an article on the official website of the Italian think tank Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale (ISPI). The article, titled Fighting the Pandemic Taiwan's Way, with Digital Innovation, highlights Taiwan's success in digital epidemic prevention.
- B. In April, TV producer Claire Su of Taiwan's EBC News shared insights during an interview on Italy's national channel LA7 as part of the in-depth news program Dimartedì. Her discussion highlighted Taiwan's effective anti-epidemic strategies and successes in managing the pandemic.
- C. In May, Representative to Italy Lee Sing-ying participated in a live video discussion on the Taiwan model with participants

including Marco Di Maio, Deputy Chairman of the Taiwan-Italy Interparliamentary Friendship Group.

(5) Media exposure:

- A. The October 2021 edition of the Italian geopolitical magazine LIMES featured a special publication headlined Taiwan, l'anti-Cina (Taiwan, Anti-China). The magazine features a full interview with Taiwan's Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu.
- B. In December, Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu gave an exclusive interview to Italy's leading newspaper, la Repubblica. The interview, prominently featured on the front page and in the international section, focused on the theme China threatens the free world, and Taiwan is on the front line (La Cina minaccia il mondo libero, e noi siamo la frontiera).

17. Relations with the Republic of Latvia

- (1) Background: On January 29, 1992, the R.O.C. set up the Consulate General of the R.O.C. in Riga. The Consulate General was renamed the Taipei Mission in the Republic of Latvia in November 1995.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2021, total bilateral trade was approximately US\$99.75 million, with Taiwan's exports totaling US\$87.88 million and imports from Latvia at US\$11.87 million.
- (3) Visits from Latvia were made by Chairman Jānis Vucāns and Deputy Chairman Ainars Latkovskis of the Latvia-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group.

18. Relations with the Republic of Lithuania

- (1) Background: On November 18, 2021, Taiwan set up the Taiwanese Representative Office in Lithuania in the capital city of Vilnius. This is Taiwan's first representative office in Europe named after itself.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2021, total bilateral trade was approximately US\$174 million, a 23.8% growth compared to 2020. Taiwan's exports were roughly US\$131 million, a 20.9% growth compared to 2020. Imports from Lithuania were roughly US\$42.96

million, a 33.5% growth compared to 2020. Taiwan and Lithuania signed six MOUs on talent development, laser and crystal technology, satellite technology, semiconductor technology, biotechnology, business, and financing cooperation.

- (3) COVID-19 cooperation: On July 29, Lithuania donated the first batch of 20,000 doses of AstraZeneca (AZ) vaccine to Taiwan. On October 9, Lithuania sent the second batch of 235,900 doses of AZ vaccine to Taiwan, becoming the first European country to donate vaccines to Taiwan.
- (4) Mutual visits by dignitaries:
 - A. Visits from Taiwan were made by former Vice President Chen Chien-jen, Chairman Kung Ming-hsin of the National Development Council, Minister of Science and Technology Wu Tsung-tsong, Political Deputy Minister of Finance Juan Ching-hwa, and Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi.
 - B. Visits from Lithuania were made by Lithuania-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group Chairperson Matas Maldeikis and Deputy Chairperson Marius Matijošaitis and members of the Lithuanian Parliament Dovilė Šakalienė, Lukas Savickas, Vytautas Gapšys, and Rūta Miliūtė.

19. Relations with the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. set up the Dr. Sun Yat-sen Center in Luxembourg on June 10, 1975. The center was later renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Luxembourg on July 13, 1992. The office was closed on October 25, 2002. Luxembourg established the Luxembourg Trade and Investment Office in Taipei on October 13, 2009.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. In 2021, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Luxembourg was US\$75.07 million, with exports from Taiwan of US\$28.23 million and imports from Luxembourg of US\$46.84 million. As of the end of 2021, Luxembourg has made cumulative investments of approximately US\$3.119 billion in Taiwan, while Taiwan has

cumulatively invested US\$635 million in Luxembourg.

- B. In June, the Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA) of Taiwan and the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce jointly held the 13th Taiwan-Luxembourg Joint Business Council Meeting.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: In October, the MOE, in collaboration with Luxembourg's Ministry of Education, Children and Youth, sent a Mandarin teaching assistant from Taiwan for the first time to support Mandarin language instruction at the International School Edward Steichen (Lycée Edward Steichen/LESC), a public institute in Luxembourg.

20. Relations with the Kingdom of the Netherlands

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established the Dr. Sun Yat-sen Centre in the Netherlands on February 2, 1978. The center was subsequently renamed the Far East Trade Office on August 24, 1979, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office on July 24, 1990, and lastly the Taipei Representative Office in the Netherlands on July 12, 1996. On January 9, 1981, the Netherlands established the Netherlands Council for Trade Promotion, which was renamed the Netherlands Trade and Investment Office on November 1, 1990, and the Netherlands Office in Taipei on April 27, 2020.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2021, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and the Netherlands amounted to US\$18.297 billion, with exports from Taiwan of US\$8.079 billion and imports from the Netherlands of US\$10.218 billion. The Netherlands has accumulated a total of 776 investment cases in Taiwan, amounting to US\$36.552 billion, while Taiwan has accumulated 215 investment cases in the Netherlands, amounting to US\$4.241 billion.
- (3) City-to-city cooperation: Mayor Jan Van Zanen of The Hague delivered a speech at the Taiwan Cultural Night hosted by the Taipei Representative Office in the Netherlands as part of the 2021 National Day celebrations. Representative to the Netherlands Chen Hsing-hsing and Vice-Mayor

Klaas Verschuure of Utrecht were invited to attend and deliver a speech at two Taiwan-Netherlands economic and trade cooperation events in September and November - AI in Health: Startup Innovation from Taiwan & The Netherlands and the 10th Taiwan Business Day.

- (4) A visit from Taiwan was made by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Harry Ho-jen Tseng.

21. Relations with the Republic of Poland

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Poland on December 17, 1992. The office was renamed the Taipei Representative Office in Poland in 2018. On November 2, 1995, Poland established the Warsaw Trade Office in Taipei, which was renamed the Polish Office in Taipei in 2018.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. In 2021, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Poland amounted to US\$1.654 billion, with exports from Taiwan of US\$1.242 billion and imports from Poland of US\$412 million.
 - B. Owing to the impact of COVID-19, economic and trade exchanges between Taiwan and Poland have shifted to online formats. The following events were held in 2021: In March, six cities including Gdynia participated in the online Smart City Summit & Expo (SCSE); in April, the Taiwan Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association held a videoconference with the Polish Automotive Group (PGM); in May, the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) held a videoconference with CERT Polska, a Polish cybersecurity group; in October, the Financial Supervisory Commission invited Polish financial regulatory authorities to participate in Fintech 2021 via videoconference; in December, the Institute for Biotechnology and Medicine Industry (IBMI) invited the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development to participate in the Healthcare Supply Chain Forum 2021 via videoconference; in December, the 17th Taiwan-Poland Joint Business Council Meeting was held.
 - C. In October, the Intelligent Transportation Society of Taiwan (ITS

Taiwan) was invited to visit Warsaw to attend the annual meeting of the Intelligent Transportation System Association (ITS Poland). During the visit, the two sides signed an MOU under the witness of Representative to Poland Bob L. J. Chen.

- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Poland's Ministry of Science and Higher Education offered scholarships from the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange to 20 Taiwanese students. In parallel, the MOE provided Taiwan Scholarships to seven Polish students. In 2021, 135 Polish students were studying in Taiwan, and 923 Taiwanese students in Poland. The MOE also sent ten Mandarin instructors to universities in Poland to teach and contribute to the promotion of the traditional Chinese script.
- (4) COVID-19 cooperation: In September, Poland donated AstraZeneca vaccines to Taiwan. In November, former Vice President Chen Chien-jen, President of Academia Sinica James C. Liao, and National Taiwan University Vice President Chang Shan-chwen participated in a bilateral COVID-19 prevention cooperation videoconference hosted by Jerzy Duszyński, the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences.
- (5) Judicial cooperation: On January 29, Polish President Andrzej Duda signed into effect The Agreement between the Taipei Representative Office in Poland and the Polish Office in Taipei on the Legal Cooperation in Criminal Matters.
- (6) A visit from Taiwan was made by former Vice President Chen Chien-jen and his wife.

22. Relations with the Portuguese Republic

- (1) Background: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in Portugal was established on July 1, 1992.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. In 2021, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Portugal amounted to US\$723 million, with exports from Taiwan of US\$520 million and imports from Portugal of US\$203 million.
 - B. The Representative Office in Portugal and the Portuguese Industrial

Association (AIP) jointly organized the 2021 Taiwan-Portugal Trade and Investment Exchange Meeting. The meeting was attended by representatives from local governments, public enterprises, industrial science parks, and other entities.

- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Taiwan signed letters of intent with the Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa and the Universidade Católica Portuguesa to set up an overseas branch of the Taiwan Academy. In 2021, the MOE provided Huayu Enrichment Scholarships and Taiwan Scholarships to Portuguese students.

23. Relations with the Slovak Republic

- (1) Background:
 - A. The R.O.C. established the Taipei Representative Office, Bratislava, on August 1, 2003. Slovakia established the Slovak Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei on September 1 of the same year.
 - B. On August 3, Representative to Slovakia Lee Nan-yang and Slovak Representative to Taiwan Martin Podstavek conducted the virtual signing of the Agreement between Taiwan and Slovakia on Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2021, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Slovakia was approximately US\$337 million, with exports from Taiwan at US\$129 million and imports from Slovakia at US\$208 million.
- (3) COVID-19 cooperation: Slovakia announced in July the donation of 160,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine to help Taiwan fight the pandemic.
- (4) Mutual visits by dignitaries:
 - A. Visits from Taiwan were made by Minister of Foreign Affairs Jauhsieh Joseph Wu, Chairman Kung Ming-hsin of the National Development Council, Minister of Science and Technology Wu Tsung-Tsong, Political Deputy Minister of Finance Juan Ching-hwa, and Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi.
 - B. A visit from Slovakia was made by State Secretary of the Ministry of

Economy Karol Galek.

24. Relations with the Republic of Slovenia

- (1) Background: Matters relating to Slovenia are overseen by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Austria.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2021, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Slovenia was approximately US\$232 million, with exports from Taiwan at US\$185 million and imports from Slovenia at US\$46.61 million. On June 22, the Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA) of Taiwan and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCIS) of Slovenia jointly organized the Taiwan-Slovenia Industrial Networking Forum by videoconference.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: The University of Ljubljana set up a Taiwan Study Center and provides elective courses focused on Taiwan. The MOE also appointed a Mandarin instructor to the Department of Asian Studies at the university to enhance the promotion of traditional Chinese characters and Taiwan studies.
- (4) COVID-19 cooperation: On January 6, Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-chung and Prime Minister Janez Janša, Acting Minister of Health, held a video conference to discuss Taiwan's successful epidemic prevention experience.
- (5) Media exposure: On August 31st, Slovenia's weekly news magazine Demokracija published an article by Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu soliciting support from all sectors for Taiwan's participation in the United Nations.

25. Relations with the Kingdom of Spain

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established the Sun Yat-sen Center in Spain in August 1973. The center was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Spain, in January 1991. On March 25, 1974, Spain set up the Cervantes Center for the Promotion of Commerce and Culture in Taiwan, which was renamed the Spanish Chamber of Commerce in Taiwan in March 1982.

- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2021, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Spain was US\$2.491 billion, with exports from Taiwan of US\$1.612 billion and imports from Spain of US\$879 million.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. Taiwan provided three Taiwan Scholarships, as well as four one-year and eight half-year Huayu Enrichment Scholarships to Spanish students, providing them with opportunities to pursue degrees or language studies in Taiwan.
 - B. The Representative Office in Spain collaborated with renowned art institutions, exhibition venues, and international art festivals in Spain to promote a series of cultural exchange activities. Through collaboration with the Madrid International Film Festival and the Spanish Moving Images Festival, the Representative Office in Spain promoted the films of Taiwanese directors Lim Lung-yin and Zero Chou, aiming to establish the cultural and creative brand of Taiwanese cinema.
- (4) Media exposure:
 - A. In March, July, and November, the Spanish newspaper *El Mundo* interviewed Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-chung, Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu, and Minister of the Environmental Protection Administration Minister Chang Tzi-chin, respectively. In May, the digital newspaper *Diplomat* in Spain published an interview with Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-chung in both English and Spanish.
 - B. Representative to Spain Liu Der-li was interviewed by various media outlets, during which he discussed Taiwan's political and economic status, Taiwan-Spain bilateral relations, the development of the semiconductor industry, and Taiwan's efforts to participate in international organizations such as the WHO, the UN, the UNFCCC, and INTERPOL. Representative Liu also highlighted Taiwan's achievements in pandemic prevention and control, as well as Taiwan's recognized achievements in international trade and economics.
 - C. The Representative Office in Spain was contacted by mainstream

Spanish media outlets, such as La Razón, El Mundo and The Diplomat in Spain, resulting in 13 articles being published. These articles, authored by top Taiwanese officials including Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu and Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-chung, highlighted Taiwan's endeavors to engage with international organizations such as the WHO, the UN, the UNFCCC, and INTERPOL.

- D. The Representative Office in Spain facilitated the publication of four articles and seven op-eds written by Representative to Spain Liu Der-li in mainstream Spanish media outlets such as ABC, El Mundo, The Diplomat in Spain, and Revista Avance de la Libertad. These articles highlighted Taiwan's efforts in promoting Taiwan's participation in international organizations.

26. Relations with the Kingdom of Sweden

- (1) Background: In September 1981, the R.O.C. established the Taipei Trade, Tourism, and Information Office, which was later renamed the Taipei Mission in Sweden in 1994. In December 1982, Sweden set up the Swedish Industries Trade Representative Office, later renamed the Swedish Trade and Investment Council in July 1991.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. In 2021, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Sweden was approximately US\$1.593 billion, with exports from Taiwan of US\$769 million and imports from Sweden of US\$824 million.
 - B. The 2021 Taiwan-Sweden Trade Talks were held virtually in November. Taiwan's Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi and Sweden's State Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Trade Krister Nilsson co-chaired the meeting.
 - C. In November, the 37th Taiwan-Sweden Joint Business Council (JBC) Meeting took place in a hybrid format, with 200 representatives from approximately 25 institutions, companies, and hospitals from both countries in attendance. The meeting focused on two main topics: the electric vehicle supply chain and smart healthcare. During the event,

Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi and Sweden's State Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Trade Krister Nilsson witnessed the signing of an updated MOU aimed at facilitating bilateral investment cooperation between Taiwan and Sweden. The MOU was signed by Emile M. P. Chang, CEO of InvesTaiwan, and Jan Larsson, CEO of Business Sweden.

27. Relations with the Swiss Confederation

(1) Background:

- A. In 1973, the R.O.C. set up the Far Eastern Service Center in Switzerland, which was later renamed the Taipei Trade Office on January 1, 1992. In June 1979, Taiwan also established the Sun Yat-sen Culture Center, which was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office on November 28, 1990. On December 16, 1997, Taiwan set up the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Geneva. It was merged with the Taipei Trade Office on October 1, 2007. Switzerland established the Trade Office of Swiss Industries on November 20, 1982.
- B. In September, the Swiss National Council passed a resolution on improving relations with Taiwan, urging the Swiss Federal Council to submit a report on steadily deepening the existing relations between Switzerland and Taiwan in areas such as economics, politics, science, and culture.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. In 2021, bilateral trade between Taiwan and Switzerland amounted to US\$4.42 billion, with exports from Taiwan of US\$2.671 billion and imports from Switzerland of US\$1.749 billion.
- B. The Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA) of Taiwan and the Swiss-Asian Chamber of Commerce co-hosted the Third Taiwan-Switzerland Joint Business Council Meeting.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

- A. In May, Representative to Switzerland Huang Wei-feng attended an online roundtable forum COVID-19 and the WHO: China's and

Taiwan's Role in International Organizations and the Multilateral Order. The forum was jointly organized by the Institute of European and American Studies of Academia Sinica and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences of the University of Zurich in Switzerland as part of their cooperation on the Taiwan Studies Program.

- B. In June, Chairman Kung Ming-hsin of the National Development Council attended a virtual roundtable on the 2021 World Competitiveness Ranking hosted by the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) in Lausanne, Switzerland. Chairman Kung spoke about Taiwan's successful use of technology in a democratic society to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - C. In November, the Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies of the University of Zurich hosted an international conference titled China, US and us: International Response to US-China Strategic Competition.
- (4) A visit from Taiwan was made by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Harry Ho-jen Tseng.

28. Relations with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

(1) Background:

- A. The R.O.C. established the Free China Information Office in the UK in June 1950. The office was renamed the Free Chinese Center in September 1963 and later became the Taipei Representative Office in the UK on April 15, 1992. The Taipei Representative Office in the UK, Edinburgh Office, was set up on April 25, 1998. The UK set up the Anglo-Taiwan Trade Committee in February 1976, which was renamed the British Trade and Cultural Office on October 15, 1993, and British Office Taipei on May 26, 2015.
- B. Taiwan and the UK have set up regular dialogue mechanisms at the deputy ministerial level for economic and trade consultations, including the annual UK-Taiwan Renewable Energy Roundtable Meeting, the Taiwan-UK Joint Agriculture Dialogue, Taiwan/UK

Railway Forum, and Smart City Summit.

- C. The UK government continues to support Taiwan's participation in the WHO. On May 25, during the 74th World Health Assembly (WHA), UK Health Secretary Matt Hancock for the first time openly and directly expressed his support for Taiwan's participation in the WHA as an observer. Furthermore, as the chair of the G7 in 2021, the UK collectively supported Taiwan's meaningful participation in the WHO and WHA for the first time in the communiqué of the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting on May 5. The UK also underscored the importance of maintaining peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait and advocated for the peaceful resolution of cross-strait issues. In the G7 Summit communiqué released on June 13, the importance of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait was reiterated. In 2021, support from the UK Parliament for Taiwan's bid to join the WHO grew stronger. A total of 116 members of parliament from all parties in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords joined members of the Formosa Club from the European Parliament to co-sign a letter to WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. The letter expressed support for Taiwan's participation in WHO meetings, mechanisms, and activities.
 - D. In March, Taiwan, the US, Japan, and the UK co-hosted an international seminar on Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disaster under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF). This marked the first time the UK participated in co-hosting a GCTF event. In 2021, the UK participated in a total of four GCTF events.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
- A. In 2021, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and the UK amounted to approximately US\$6.517 billion, with exports from Taiwan of US\$4.149 billion and imports from the UK of US\$2.368 billion. Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi and the UK Minister for Trade Policy Penny Mordaunt co-chaired the 24th Annual UK-Taiwan Trade Talks via videoconference.

- B. Financial relations: In January 2007, the Financial Supervisory Commission (FSC) of Taiwan and the Financial Services Authority (FSA) of the UK signed an MOU to strengthen financial cooperation between the two authorities. Following an organizational restructuring, the FSA has been divided into the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) and the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). Taiwan continues to work closely with both regulatory agencies.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations
 - A. The UK is the top destination in Europe for Taiwanese students seeking education abroad. In recent years, the number of Taiwanese students studying in the UK has steadily increased. This includes students enrolled in standard academic programs and short-term courses, an annual total of approximately 12,000 students. On October 22, the MOE and the British Council signed an MOU to promote the development of bilingual education in Taiwan. In 2021, 146 students from the UK received the Taiwan-Europe Connectivity Scholarship to study Mandarin or exchange in Taiwan.
 - B. In 2021, Taiwan's cultural activities included 13 programs with about 224 sessions, covering a range of fields such as crafts, design, literature, art and film.
- (4) Technological cooperation: The Ministry of Science and Technology and the UK's Economic and Social Research Council have strengthened their ongoing collaboration. In 2021, they agreed to advance a long-term, large-scale collaborative project in two-year cycles.

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Ambassador to the Holy See Matthew S. M. Lee (right) and Cardinal Michael Czerny (third from left), Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, work together on refugee assistance. Volunteer Tang Mei-kuai represents the Tzu Chi Foundation in donating eco-friendly blankets. (October 19, 2021)



Ambassador to the Holy See Matthew S. M. Lee (right), in collaboration with the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, organized a performance at the opening ceremony of the 100 Nativity Scenes International Exhibition, directed by Taiwanese dancer Yang Yu-lin (left) and performed by 12 Italian dancers. (December 5, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (right) received the Czech Senate President's Silver Medal from Czech Senate President Miloš Vystrčil (left). (October 27, 2021)



Representative to the Czech Republic Ke Liang-ruey (left), Chairman Marek Benda (center) of the Czech Republic-Taiwan Friendship Group, and Czech Republic Senate President Miloš Vystrčil (right) toast to the 2021 National Day Celebration. (September 29, 2021)



Representative to Denmark Lee Shying-jow (right) gives an exclusive interview to Danish TV DR2 Deadline. (July 15, 2021)



Representative to Denmark Lee Shying-jow (front row, second from right) with the Chairperson of the Taiwan-Denmark Association, Svend E. Hovmand (front row, right), and Chairman of the Danish China-Critical Society, Thomas Rohden (front row, third from right) at the 2021 National Day Celebration. (October 13, 2021)



The Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium, the Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA) of Taiwan, and the European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS) jointly organize the Taiwan-EU Supply Chain Cooperation Forum. Member of the European Parliament and First Vice-Chair of the European Parliament-Taiwan Friendship Group Andrey Kovatchev (upper right) presides over the forum, while the opening session features a recorded message from President Tsai Ing-wen (upper left), as well as speeches by Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (lower left) and Minister of Economic Affairs Wang Mei-hua (lower right). (March 10, 2021)



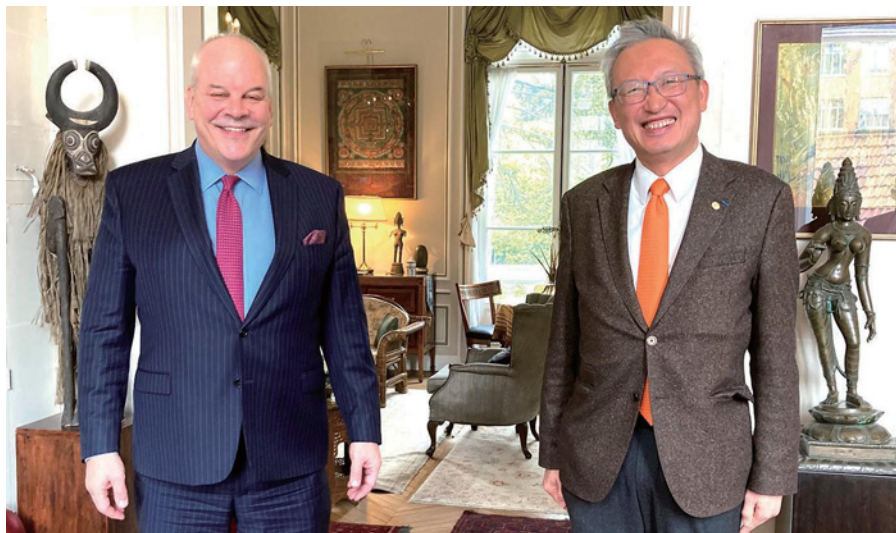
The European Parliament passes the EU-Taiwan Political Relations and Cooperation report. Pictured are Representative to the EU and Belgium Tsai Ming-yen (second from right), European Parliament-Taiwan Friendship Group Chair Michael Gahler (center), and the rapporteur of the report, Charlie Weimers (second from left). (October 20, 2021)



Representative to Finland Janet Chang (upper right) attends the Eighth Taiwan-Finland Business Forum. (April 15, 2021)



Chair Mikko Kärnä of the Finnish Parliamentary Taiwan Group (right) visits the Representative to Finland, Janet Chang (left). (October 6, 2021)



Representative to France Wu Chih-chung (right) meets with Chargé d’Affaires of the United States Embassy in France, Brian Aggeler (left), at the US Embassy. (April 30, 2021)



Representative to France Wu Chih-chung (right) with the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to France, Michal Fleischmann (left) at the Czech National Day reception. (October 29, 2021)



Director General Shin Chi-chih of the Bureau de Représentation de Taipei en France, Bureau d'Aix-en-Provence, France (second from left), together with Julien Ruas (second from right), the head of the French Red Cross' Southern Chapter, and FRC representative Jean-Pierre Esterni (left) jointly host a donation ceremony of 200,000 surgical masks from Taiwan. (May 28, 2021)



Director General Shin Chi-chih of the Bureau de Représentation de Taipei en France, Bureau d'Aix-en-Provence, France (left) delivers a speech at the anniversary celebration of the establishment of the office in Provence. (November 20, 2021)



Representative to Germany Shieh Jhy-wey (top) and the Secretary General of the Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) Gino Van Begin (bottom) virtually sign a memorandum of understanding for a training program. (July 21, 2021)



Director General Chang Wei-ta of the Taiwan Office in Frankfurt (third from right) is accompanied by Günter Heinrich (second from right), Deputy Speaker of the Christian Democratic Union, during his visit to the Saarland State Parliament in Saarland, Germany. (September 24, 2021)



Minister President of the Hesse Boris Rhein (second from left) hosts a banquet in the state parliament to welcome Representative to Germany Shieh Jhy-Wey (center), Director General Chang Wei-ta of the Taiwan Office in Frankfurt (left), and Ismail Tipi (second from right), member of the Hessian parliament and Chairman of the Hesse-Taiwan Friendship Association. (December 6, 2021)



Representative to Greece Kuo Shih-nan (left) hosts the National Day celebration banquet. (October 5, 2021)



Representative to Greece Kuo Shih-nan (fourth from right) attends the opening ceremony of the Cloud-based Smart IoT Lab Project Initiation implemented by the Taiwan Environmental Information Association and New Bulgarian University in Bulgaria. (December 8, 2021)



Representative to Hungary Liu Shih-chung (center) shares Taiwan's experience in epidemic prevention with staff at a children's hospital on International Nurses' Day and pays tribute to healthcare workers. (May 19, 2021)



The Szolnok Museum in Hungary hosts Culinary Adventures in the Far East: Photo Exhibition of Street Food Culture in Tainan City, Taiwan. Representative to Hungary Liu Shih-chung (left), joins Dr. László Horváth (right), Director of Damjanich János Museum, and Dr. László Borhy (center), Rector of Eotvos Lorand University (ELTE) in tasting Taiwanese snacks such as guabao and bubble tea. (October 14, 2021)



Representative to Hungary Liu Shih-chung (third from right) presides over the donation of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to the villages of Újszentmargita, Újtikos, and Görbeháza in Hungary, with István Tiba, the Chairman of the Hungary-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Association (second from right), witnessing the ceremony. (December 9, 2021)



Representative to Ireland Yang Tzu-pao (left) donates epidemic prevention supplies to local medical institutions and nursing homes in Cavan County, Ireland, through the facilitation of Senators Diamuid Wilson (right) and Brandon Smith (center). (June 11, 2021)



Representative to Ireland Yang Tzu-pao (right) and John McGuinness (left), the Chair of the Ireland-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Society, at the 2021 National Day Celebration. (October 5, 2021)



Representative to Italy Lee Sing-ying, on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu, attends the 2021 Ministerial Meeting of the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS. (June 8, 2021)



Representative to Italy Lee Sing-ying (front row, fourth from right) and Senator Lucio Malan (front row, fourth from left), President of the Italy-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group, at the 2021 National Day Celebration. (October 6, 2021)



Representative to Latvia Huang Jiun-yaw (front right) dines with Jüri Jaanson (front left), Chairman of the Estonia-Taiwan Friendship Group. (October 8, 2021)



Huang Jiun-yaw (third from right), Taiwan's first Representative to Lithuania, with staff members at the official opening of the Taiwanese Representative Office in Lithuania. (November 18, 2021)



Former Vice President Chen Chien-jen (right) takes questions from the press at the Future of Democracy - High Level Forum on Defending against Authoritarianism, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania. (November 20, 2021)



The Taipei Representative Office in the Netherlands hosts the Taiwan Cultural Night as a part of the 2021 National Day celebrations. Representative to the Netherlands Chen Hsing-hsing (second from left), Mayor Jan Van Zanen of The Hague (left), MP and Foreign Affairs Spokesperson for the Political Reform Party Chris Stoffer (second from right), and Nando van Ketwich (right), Chair of Asia Table, Sociëteit De Witte open the event. (October 6, 2021)



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Harry Ho-jen Tseng (right) is interviewed by Bernard Hammelburg (left), senior foreign affairs commentator for BNR Nieuwsradio at the Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS). (November 30, 2021)



Representative to Poland Bob L. J. Chen (right) witnesses the delivery of 400,000 doses of vaccine donated to Taiwan by the Polish government. (September 4, 2021)



The Portugal-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group holds an event to support Taiwan's participation in international organizations. Representative to Portugal Chang Chun-fei (front row, fifth from right), Head of the Portugal-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group Paulos Rios de Oliveira (center), and members of parliament from various parties attend the event. (July 1, 2021)



Representative to Portugal Chang Chun-fei (left) jointly hosts the 2021 Taiwan-Portugal Trade and Investment Exchange Meeting with the Portuguese Industrial Association (AIP). (December 10, 2021)



Representative to Slovakia Lee Nan-yang (right) and Secretary of State at the Slovak Ministry of Economy Karol Galek (left) jointly preside over the donation ceremony of COVID-19 vaccines from Slovakia to Taiwan. (September 24, 2021)



Chairman Kung Ming-hsin of the National Development Council (third from left) leads the Central and Eastern Europe Economic and Trade Delegation to Slovakia where the group attends the opening ceremony of the Taiwan-Slovakia Economic and Trade Forum. Chairman Kung is pictured with the Minister of Science and Technology Wu Tsung-Tsong (third from right), Representative to Slovakia Lee Nan-yang (right), and Secretary of State at the Slovak Ministry of Economy Karol Galek (second from left). (October 21, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu delivers the keynote speech at GLOBSEC conference on Resilience and Global Economic Cooperation after the Pandemic. (October 26, 2021)



Representative to Spain Liu Der-li (left) with Vox leader Santiago Abascal (center) and Vox First Vice-President Jorge Buxadé (right). (May 7, 2021)



Representative to Spain Liu Der-li (left) with Francisco Rosell (right), Director of El Mundo, the largest newspaper in Spain. (October 21, 2021)



Representative to Sweden Vincent Chin-hsiang Yao (second from right) hosts the 2021 National Day Celebration at the Swedish History Museum. Representative Yao is joined by Carl Bildt (left), former Prime Minister of Sweden, Magnus Holmqvist (second from left), President of SKB International AB, and Niclas Kvarnström (right), Head of the Asia Pacific Department at the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (October 6, 2021)



During the World Health Assembly (WHA) meeting, Taiwan displays a prominent sign with a Taiwan blue magpie that reads “Taiwan Can Help” in front of the United Nations Office at Geneva. (May 20, 2021)



Representative to Switzerland Huang Wei-feng (right) with Alex Kuprecht (left), President of the Swiss Council of States. (June 8, 2021)



At the 2021 World Competitiveness Ranking virtual roundtable hosted by the International Institute for Management Development (IMD), Chairman Kung Ming-hsin of the National Development Council (second from right) shares Taiwan's successes in epidemic prevention. Chairman Kung is joined by Kyriakos Pierrakakis (second from left), Minister of Digital Governance of Greece, and Melinda Cileto (right), CEO of the Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA). (June 17, 2021)



Representative to Switzerland Huang Wei-feng (left) accompanies Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Harry Ho-jen Tseng (center) during a meeting with Alec von Graffenried (right), Mayor of Bern, the Swiss capital. (November 22, 2021)



Representative to the UK Kelly Wu-chiao Hsieh (front row, third from left) and members from the House of Commons and the House of Lords pose at a reception hosted by the British-Taiwanese All-Party Parliamentary Group. (September 7, 2021)



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Harry Ho-jen Tseng (left) and the newly-appointed British Office Taipei Representative John Dennis (right) toast the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Exchange of Driving Licences between Taiwan and the United Kingdom. (December 23, 2021)

Item 5 Taiwan's relations with North American countries

I. Introduction

North America includes two nations, the United States and Canada, both of which maintain representative offices in Taiwan. Taiwan maintains representative offices in Washington, D.C. and Ottawa, the capitals of the United States and Canada. An additional 14 economic and cultural offices are located in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Honolulu, Guam, Houston, Denver, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, San Francisco, and Seattle in the US, and in Toronto and Vancouver in Canada.

In recent years, Taiwan and the US have continued to cooperate closely on political, security, economic, regional, and global issues, moving towards a comprehensive partnership. Since taking office in January, US President Joe Biden has emphasized peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait, reaffirming the US' "rock-solid" commitment to Taiwan. In addition to relaxing outdated restrictions on US-Taiwan interactions, the Biden administration has regularized arms sales to Taiwan. President Biden dispatched a senior-level delegation to Taiwan, led by former Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT). Besides, Senators Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Dan Sullivan (R-AK), and Chris Coons (D-DE) arrived on a military charter flight to announce the donation of 750,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Taiwan, making it the first country to which the US explicitly and formally announced a specific number of vaccine donations. Taiwan and the US signed the memorandum of understanding to establish a Coast Guard Working Group (CGWG) and held the 11th Taiwan-US Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) meeting.

The two sides also convened the second annual Taiwan-US Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue (EPPD) to discuss issues such as supply chain resilience, countering economic coercion, promoting the digital economy, strengthening 5G network security, and advancing collaboration in various fields of science and technology. Additionally, Taiwan and the US established the Technology Trade and Investment Collaboration (TTIC) framework.

Canada also continues to promote substantive and friendly relations with Taiwan and supports Taiwan's meaningful participation in international multilateral forums.

II. Relations with Individual Countries

1. Relations with Canada

- (1) Background: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Toronto, was set up on January 8, 1991, and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Ottawa was set up on July 9, 1992. On August 3, 1993, the main diplomatic mission in Canada was moved to Ottawa and renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Canada (TECO in Canada). The Toronto and Vancouver offices were set up in 1994 and 1991 respectively. The Canadian Trade Office in Taipei was established on October 25, 1986.
- (2) Government relations:
 - A. Canada views Taiwan as a like-minded nation, and the two sides have maintained close and friendly bilateral relations. On March 1, Wang Mei-hua, Taiwan's Minister of Economic Affairs, and Mary Ng, Canada's Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development, attended the opening ceremony and delivered speeches at Canada's First Women-Only Virtual Business Mission to Taiwan. Taiwan was recognized in Minister Ng's speech and Global Affairs Canada's press release. On March 2, Minister Without Portfolio Audrey Tang was invited to the event and delivered a speech virtually.
 - B. On April 14, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau reiterated his support for Taiwan's participation in the WHA as an observer during a parliamentary session. He affirmed that Taiwan's involvement in the WHA aligns with global public health interests. Furthermore, Canadian Minister of Health Patty Hajdu publicly backed Taiwan for the first time during the general discussion of the WHA on May 25. Minister Hajdu emphasized that the operations of the WHO should adhere to the principles of openness, transparency, and inclusivity, asserting that participation and contributions to WHO affairs should not be restricted to member states and that Taiwan should be invited to participate.
 - C. On June 18, Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs Marc Garneau reiterated Canada's support for Taiwan's participation in the WHA. On the same day, in a written response to a joint letter from members of our

diplomatic allies, Minister Garneau, also for the first time, expressed Canada's support for Taiwan's participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Assembly.

- D. On April 12, Weldon Epp, Director General of the North Asia Bureau at Global Affairs Canada, reiterated Canada's support for Taiwan's participation in the WHA, the ICAO, and other international multilateral forums when testifying at the Canadian House of Commons Special Committee on Canada-China Relations. He also emphasized Canada's serious concern regarding the tension in the Taiwan Strait.
- E. On May 5, the G7 Foreign Ministers Meeting, which included Canada, issued a communiqué expressing support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in WHO forums and the WHA. In addition, the joint communiqué issued at the G7 Summit on June 13 supported Taiwan's participation in the WHA for the first time and emphasized the importance of peace and stability in Taiwan.
- F. Chair of the Canada-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group, MP Judy Sgro, along with Conservative MP Michael Chong, Bloc Québécois spokesperson for foreign affairs MP Stéphane Bergeron, Green Party MP Paul Manly, and Senator Thanh Hai Ngo, Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, initiated a joint letter to Canadian Foreign Minister Marc Garneau. The letter strongly urges the Canadian government to fully support Taiwan's participation in the WHA and has received 102 signatures from the House of Commons and the Senate across party lines in Canada.
- G. On August 5, MP Judy Sgro, Chair of the Canada-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group, along with 88 cross-party members from both the Canadian Senate and House of Commons, joined the Formosa Club in Europe, constructing the transatlantic parliamentary cooperation platform to uphold Taiwan's democracy.
- H. Transport Canada expressed support for Taiwan's participation as an observer in the Safer Skies Consultative Committee (SSCC), the intergovernmental organization, and agreed to continue to invite the Taiwan Civil Aviation Administration of the Ministry of Transportation

and Communications (MOTC) to participate in the Safer Skies Forum (SSF) scheduled for the end of March 2022.

- I. On April 7, Minister without Portfolio Audrey Tang held separate video conferences with Joyce Murray, the Minister of Digital Government, and Rachael Harder, the Shadow Cabinet Minister of Digital Government from the opposition party. Additionally, Minister Tang was invited to participate in the 38th symposium in commemoration of Jean-Yves-Rivard at the University of Montreal on April 9 to share Taiwan's experience in epidemic prevention.
 - J. The 14th Taiwan-Canada Agricultural Working Group Meeting was held via video conference on November 9. The meeting was jointly hosted by Lin Chia-rong, Director General of the Department of International Affairs of the Council of Agriculture from the Executive Yuan, and senior officials from the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC).
 - K. On December 13, the 17th Canada-Taiwan Economic Consultations were held virtually. They were co-hosted by Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi and senior officials from Global Affairs Canada.
- (3) Economic and trade relations: According to Statistics Canada, in 2021, Taiwan experienced the fastest bilateral trade growth with Canada among its trading partners in Asia. Taiwan's exports to Canada amounted to over US\$6.2 billion, while imports from Canada amounted to US\$1.95 billion. Total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Canada reached US\$8.2 billion, marking a 47.9% increase and a historical high since 1995. In 2021, Taiwan ranked as Canada's 10th-largest source of imports, 16th-largest export market, 11th largest trading partner globally and 5th largest trading partner in Asia. Meanwhile, Canada ranked as Taiwan's 24th-largest trading partner, 18th-largest export market, and 32nd-largest source of imports.
- (4) Cultural and educational relations:
- A. In 2021, Taiwan awarded the Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship to 20 Canadian students. Approximately

390 Canadian students are studying in Taiwan, and 4,000 Taiwanese students are studying in Canada.

- B. The MOE signed agreements for the Taiwan Studies Project with the University of Toronto, McGill University, and the University of Ottawa.

(5) Technological cooperation:

- A. Research institutions in Taiwan have signed MOUs with Canadian counterparts, including the National Research Council Canada (NRC), Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), Communications Research Centre Canada (CRC), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Canadian Institutes of Health Research–Institute of Genetics (CIHR-IG), and Terry Fox Research Institute (TFRI), to conduct joint projects and personnel training in vaccines, communications, cancer, information science, earthquake research, and other areas.
- B. The University of Ottawa, the University of Toronto, the University of British Columbia, and other Canadian universities participated in the Dragon Gate Program of the Taiwan Ministry of Science and Technology.

(6) Other:

- A. Approximately 200,000 Taiwan nationals currently reside in Canada, and about 50,000 Canadian citizens (including individuals with dual nationality) reside in Taiwan.
- B. In 2021, Canada made 1,000 working holiday visas available to Taiwanese young people.
- C. Owing to the impact of COVID-19, travel between Taiwan and Canada remained affected in 2021. According to Taiwan’s Tourism Bureau, 1,178 Canadians visited Taiwan during the year, while 10,369 Taiwanese nationals traveled to Canada.

2. Relations with the United States of America

- (1) Background: Despite the pandemic, Taiwan and the United States continued to deepen cooperation across multiple domains this year,

fostering steady development grounded in a foundation of robust mutual trust. After the US State Department updated the Guidelines on the Relationship with Taiwan, bilateral interactions and dialogues have become more regular at all levels. Bilateral relations have subsequently expanded to include regional and global cooperation, highlighting the comprehensive and enduring partnership between Taiwan and the US.

A. Smooth exchanges across all levels:

- a. Taiwan Representative to the US, Bi-khim Hsiao, was invited to attend the 59th Presidential Inaugural Ceremony held on January 20. This marks the first official invitation extended to Taiwan's representative by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC), the official organizer of this event.
- b. TECRO continues to maintain smooth communication with senior officials from various departments of the Biden administration, including the National Security Council, the State Department, and the Department of Defense. For instance, Taiwan Representative Bi-khim Hsiao met with Under Secretary of Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment Jose Fernandez, and Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs Daniel Kritenbrink, respectively, at the State Department. Those meetings were publicized by the US afterwards.
- c. In January, the Trump administration announced the lifting of restrictions on bilateral exchanges. The Biden administration later updated the Guidelines on the Relationship with Taiwan in April, further relaxing relevant restrictions and encouraging increased interactions between US and Taiwan officials.
- d. The governors of Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and the mayor of Washington, D.C. sent congratulatory letters or messages in honor of the National Day of the R.O.C. Lieutenant Governor of Delaware, Bethany Hall-Long (D) attended the National Day Celebration at Twin Oaks.

B. Commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances:

- a. Since the inauguration of the Biden administration, State Department

Spokesperson Ned Price publicly expressed concern over China's intimidation tactics towards Taiwan, urging Beijing to halt military, diplomatic, and economic pressures on Taiwan, whilst reiterating the US' unwavering commitment to Taiwan as "rock solid" - a sentiment echoed by President Biden and other US senior officials on multiple occasions.

- b. On March 3, the White House released the Interim National Security Strategic Guidance (INSSG), which underscores the US' long-standing commitment to support Taiwan, recognizing Taiwan as a leading democracy and an important economic and security partner. The State Department and White House spokespersons have repeatedly emphasized Taiwan's significance as an important economic and security partner of the United States.
- c. President Biden dispatched former US Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT) and heavyweight Democrats and Republicans to visit Taiwan. During the visit, the delegation engaged in extensive discussions with senior Taiwan officials on important bilateral issues, affirming steadfast bipartisan US support for Taiwan.
- d. President Biden, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, White House National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan, and other senior officials from the administration have expressed grave concerns about China's coercion of Taiwan, reaffirming unwavering support for Taiwan at meetings with their Chinese counterparts.
- e. The US government continues its policy of "regularizing" arms sales to Taiwan, approving the sale of 40 M109A6 howitzers to Taiwan. On August 5, Congress was notified of this sale, which has an approximate total value of US\$750 million.
- f. On December 27, President Biden signed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (2022 NDAA) into law, following its approval by the House and Senate on December 7 and 15, respectively. US commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances are again stated within the 2022 NDAA explanatory statement.

- C. Forging a closer partnership with Taiwan: On December 8, the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a hearing on the Future of US Policy on Taiwan, marking the first full committee hearing on Taiwan issues in the Senate since 2000. Attending members of Congress and witnesses, including Assistant Secretary of East Asian and Pacific Affairs Daniel Kritenbrink and Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs Ely Ratner, all expressed their support for Taiwan and more comprehensive Taiwan-US relations.
- D. Supporting Taiwan's ties with diplomatic allies, participation in international organizations, and efforts to strengthen relations with other nations:
 - a. The Biden administration actively engages Indo-Pacific and European allies to emphasize the importance of peace in the Taiwan Strait and to support Taiwan's international participation. Joint statements, communiqués, and remarks released after meetings, such as the Japan-US Security Consultative Committee (2+2 Meeting), Japan-US Summit Meeting, G7 Foreign Ministers Meeting and Summit, US-ROK Summit, EU-US Summit, Australia-United States Ministerial Consultations (AUSMIN), and East Asia Summit, have, for the first time, emphasized the importance of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait and supported Taiwan's international participation.
 - b. On May 17, a bipartisan group of 46 Representatives, including Michael Guest (R-MS), jointly wrote to Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, urging support for Taiwan's participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).
 - c. On April 27, the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee and House Foreign Affairs Committee initiated a 48-hour global social media campaign #LetTaiwanHelp. Over 100 US senators and representatives, along with more than 250 congressional and parliamentary leaders, legislators, members of multinational organizations, and high-ranking officials from over 50 countries

worldwide, joined in the campaign. Through platforms, such as Twitter and Facebook, they affirmed the importance and necessity of including Taiwan in the global public health system and supporting Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA) as an observer.

- d. The Biden administration actively coordinated with Taiwan on bilateral issues and provided concrete assistance to strengthen ties with diplomatic allies. For example, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Victoria Nuland underscored the enduring friendship between Taiwan and Paraguay when announcing the donation of one million vaccine doses to Paraguay in June.
- e. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken voiced support for Taiwan's international participation at congressional hearings. On May 7, he issued a statement urging WHO leadership to extend an invitation to Taiwan to attend the World Health Assembly as an observer, underscoring the lack of legitimate grounds for Taiwan's exclusion. The US actively encourages like-minded countries to support Taiwan's international participation. The communique of G7 Foreign Ministers' meeting on May 5 included wording of support for Taiwan's participation in the WHA as an observer, marking the first inclusion of Taiwan in a communique of a G7 Foreign Ministers' meeting.
- f. On November 11, the environmental protection authorities of Taiwan and the US jointly hosted the Global Environmental Education Partnership (GEEP) Forum in Glasgow, UK during UNFCCC COP26. The forum showcased the collaborative achievements of Taiwan and the United States in environmental education over the years, featuring experts from Africa and launching the GEEP Africa project to facilitate global cooperation for sustainable development.
- g. The US continues to bolster alliances through organizing the Partnership Opportunity Delegations (PODs), coordinating Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF) activities, and collaborating with United States Agency for International

Development (USAID) and US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) on cooperative projects in allied nations. On March 4, officials from Taiwan, the US, and Eswatini convened a PODs Online Meeting, inviting Taiwanese and US companies to participate in sectors such as ICT, digital economy, energy, and food processing. On May 6, Taiwan, the US, and Paraguay held a PODs Online Meeting to discuss the development of Paraguay's clean energy market. This year, Taiwan has partnered with the Czech Republic, St. Kitts and Nevis, and Eswatini to host GCTF events, furthering collaboration on issues like supply chains, climate-smart agriculture, and women empowerment.

- h. The US continues to assist Taiwan in deepening its relations with Europe, closely coordinating with Taiwan on initiatives to enhance its relationship with Lithuania. Secretary of State Blinken, White House National Security Advisor Sullivan, and other senior officials have publicly voiced support for the development of bilateral relations between Lithuania and Taiwan, and expressed concern over China's economic coercion against Lithuania.
- i. The US continued discussions with Taiwan in the US-Taiwan Working Group Meeting on International Organizations on strategies to increase international participation. The US acknowledged Taiwan's constructive role in global post-pandemic recovery multilateral cooperation and reaffirmed its commitment to supporting and assisting Taiwan in expanding its international space and making more professional contributions to global issues of concern. Additionally, the US recognized Taiwan as a good partner in international multilateral cooperation and acknowledged its achievements in COVID-19 prevention and control. The US reiterated its ongoing support for Taiwan's participation in international organizations and pledged to continue working with like-minded countries to advocate for Taiwan's inclusion in international organizations. Following the meeting, the US State Department issued a press release highlighting America's support and commitment to Taiwan's international participation.

- j. US Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra wrote to the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), urging Taiwan's inclusion in WHO meetings and advocacy for its participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA). After a video conference between health ministers from Taiwan and the United States, Secretary Becerra also issued a supportive tweet.
 - k. On October 25, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the passage of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 (also known as the Resolution on Admitting Peking), Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Rick Waters and State Secretary Blinken emphasized Taiwan's valuable contributions to the international community in addressing emerging challenges. They encouraged other nations to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in the United Nations system. Deputy Assistant Secretary Walters also pointed out that China's misuse of Resolution 2758 resulted in Taiwan's exclusion from international participation.
 - l. On November 9, 71 members of the US Congress, including Representatives John Curtis (R-UT) and Michael Guest (R-MS), along with the Co-Chair of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, Representative Gerald Connolly (D-VA), wrote a joint letter to Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Attorney General Merrick Garland, and Director Michael Hughes of INTERPOL Washington, urging assistance for Taiwan's participation in INTERPOL.
 - m. The legislatures of Delaware and West Virginia have each passed resolutions reaffirming sister alliances with Taiwan, enhancing Taiwan-US economic and trade relations, and endorsing Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations.
- E. Helping Taiwan counter coercion by the People's Republic of China (PRC): On December 27, President Biden signed the 2022 NDAA into law, with crucial pro-Taiwan provisions, such as the Taiwan Defense Act, proposed by Senator Josh Hawley (R-MO) and Representative Mike Gallagher (R-WI) in the Senate and House, respectively, on June 16; The Taiwan Partnership Act, introduced by Senator John Cornyn

(R-TX) and Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), along with Representative Mike Gallagher (R-WI) and others on July 20 in both chambers; and a bill expressing the House of Congress that the US should improve interoperability with Taiwan, introduced by Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) and Angus King (I-ME) on November 4.

F. Strengthening global and regional cooperation:

- a. On March 25, Taiwan and the US signed a memorandum of understanding to establish a Coast Guard Working Group (CGWG), pledging to actively promote maritime security cooperation to ensure prosperity and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.
- b. The Biden administration invited Taiwan to participate in the virtual Summit for Democracy from December 9 to 10. Minister Without Portfolio Audrey Tang and Taiwan representative to the US Bi-khim Hsiao, attended the meeting online. Taiwan and the US also jointly organized the Indo-Pacific Democratic Governance Consultation, highlighting their partnership based on shared values. In response to the call made by the United States during the Summit for Democracy, Taiwan donated US\$400,000 in 2021 to support the Global Anti-Corruption Consortium (GACC). Taiwan also announced a donation of US\$1 million to the International Fund for Public Interest Media (IFPIM) to assist in the sustainable development of public interest media. The donation shall be provided over a period of three years starting in 2022.
- c. The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Harry Ho-jen Tseng was featured in the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS (D-ISIS Coalition)'s #OneMissionManyNations media campaign. He joined other world leaders in recording videos to underscore the unity of coalition members in combating ISIS. On December 15, Taiwan Representative to the US Bi-khim Hsiao and the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) Managing Director Ingrid Larson jointly signed the Second Funding Arrangement Regarding Stabilization Assistance in Certain Areas of Syria. Under this agreement, a contribution of US\$500,000 was made to support ongoing civil society

programming.

- d. Taiwan and the US, along with like-minded countries, continue to deepen cooperation and exchanges on common concerns through GCTF, organizing workshops on green energy, post-pandemic economic recovery, global supply chain restructuring, disaster prevention, sustainable development, combating cybercrime, implementing women's public participation, protecting the rights of persons with disabilities, and media literacy. Taiwan, the US, and the Czech Republic jointly held the Global Supply Chains Reset: Strategies for Reducing Vulnerability to Economic Coercion (Opportunity and Challenges for the Czech Republic), an online GCTF franchise event, marking the first GCTF seminar held in Europe. On October 27, Australia announced that it had become an official GCTF partner.
- e. The US House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees announced in the 2022 Congressional Budget Justification for the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs and related supplementary reports, published on July 6 and October 26, respectively, that an allocation of US\$3 million has been authorized for GCTF. Relevant provisions were incorporated into the explanatory statement of The Federal Budget in Fiscal Year 2022.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. Taiwan is the US' 8th largest trading partner, and the US is Taiwan's 2nd largest trading partner. This year, bilateral trade volume reached US\$104.95 billion, a growth of 26.3% compared to the previous year. Taiwan's exports amounted to US\$65.69 billion, while imports were US\$39.26 billion. Additionally, mutual investment between Taiwan and the US over the past five years (2017-2021) has reached US\$9.92 billion.
- B. On June 30, the 11th Taiwan-US Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) meeting was held online. It was co-chaired by Deputy Trade Representative Yang Jen-ni of the Office of Trade

Negotiations (OTN) of the Executive Yuan and Assistant US Trade Representative Terrence J. McCartin of the Office of the United States Trade Representative. Representatives from both sides discussed topics such as intellectual property rights, supply chains, medical equipment, digital trade, trade facilitation, financial services, agriculture, environment related issues, labor, and international cooperation.

- C. On November 23, the Second Taiwan-US Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue (EPPD) took place via video conference between Taipei and Washington, D.C. The dialogue was led by Taiwan Minister of Economic Affairs Wang Mei-hua, Taiwan Minister of Science and Technology Tsong-Tsong Wu, and US Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment Jose W. Fernandez. Discussions focused on exchanges on the four major topics of supply chain resilience, countering economic coercion, promoting the digital economy, strengthening 5G network security, and advancing collaboration in various science and technology fields.
 - D. On December 7, Taiwan Minister of Economic Affairs Wang Mei-hua and US Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo held a virtual conference announcing the establishment of the Taiwan-US Technology Trade and Investment Collaboration (TTIC) Framework. The framework aims to develop commercial programs, and explore actions to strengthen critical supply chains.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
- A. On March 18, Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and a bipartisan group of 21 members of Congress co-signed a letter to Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona, calling for collaboration with Taiwan to promote Mandarin education.
 - B. Taiwan subsidizes US official overseas language training and Taiwan-US educational exchange programs, such as the National Security Language Initiative for Youth Scholarship (NSLI-Y), the Critical Languages Scholarship Program (CLS), and the Gilman Scholarship, to encourage American students to study Mandarin in Taiwan. Additionally, the US has increased its contribution to the Fulbright

Program from US\$774,000 to US\$1 million.

- C. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and the Ministry of Education (MOE) launched the Huayu BEST Program, a Mandarin teaching collaboration between Taiwan and US schools, partnering with 11 US universities. Additionally, the MOE independently subsidizes 10 other US universities, with a total of 10 universities in cooperation with the aforementioned 21 US universities.

(4) COVID-19 cooperation:

- A. The US included Taiwan in the first batch of its COVID-19 vaccine donation list, subsequently donating a total of 4 million doses to assist Taiwan in combating the pandemic. Taiwan was also invited to participate in the Global COVID-19 Summit held on September 22, with former Vice President Chien-jen Chen representing Taiwan via video conference and delivering a pre-recorded speech, demonstrating the friendship between the US and Taiwan and their partnership in combating the global pandemic.
- B. On May 20, Taiwan Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-chung held a video conference with US Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra to exchange views on Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA) and the urgent need for vaccines.
- C. On May 21, Representative Andy Barr (R-KY) and a bipartisan group of 62 members of the House of Representatives sent a letter to Secretary of State Blinken, urging the inclusion of Taiwan in the first batch of the US vaccine distribution list.

(5) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation:

- A. US-Taiwan Organic Equivalence Arrangement: A working group online meeting was held on June 17, hosted by the Agriculture and Food Agency (EY Council of Agriculture), and the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service. The meeting aimed to continue strengthening the momentum for expanding exports of organic agricultural products and to streamline mutual verification procedures.
- B. Taiwan-US Fisheries Consultation: On June 21 and 22, the online consultation was hosted by the Fisheries Agency of the EY Council

of Agriculture, the US State Department's Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Topics of discussion include cross-sector issues such as marine conservation and sustainable fisheries policies. Participants also exchanged views on cooperation in areas such as regional fisheries management.

- C. The sixth Annual US-Taiwan Technical Meeting on Rice was held via video conference on September 28 between the EY Council of Agriculture's Committee on Agriculture and the US Rice Federation. Both sides discussed technical issues in order to enhance rice trade between Taiwan and the US.
 - D. The 28th Session of the AIT-TECRO Sanitary, Phytosanitary and Agricultural Standards Working Group Consultations was held virtually from October 27 to 29. The two sides discussed relevant issues, mutual concerns and viable solutions on inspection and quarantine technology of agricultural products.
- (6) Technological cooperation:
- A. Important meetings:
 - a. On July 13, the US National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence (NSCAI) held its first Global Emerging Technology Summit, featuring keynote speeches by Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo, and National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan. Audrey Tang, Minister without Portfolio in the Executive Yuan, was invited to deliver a pre-recorded speech, sharing Taiwan's experience in strengthening citizen participation through emerging technologies. Additionally, international dignitaries, including New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Singapore Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan, also participated in the summit virtually. Taiwan Representative to the US Bi-khim Hsiao was also invited to attend.
 - b. On September 30, the National Space Program Office (NSPO) of Taiwan and the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration (NOAA) held Executive Steering Meeting #15. During the meeting, they exchanged views on future Taiwan-US collaboration on projects related to the Constellation Observing System for Meteorology Ionosphere and Climate (COSMIC).

- c. On December 14, the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), the National Communications Commission (NCC), and other relevant Taiwan agencies held the first meeting with the US National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to discuss issues related to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Cybersecurity. The meeting included mutual reporting and understanding of laboratory capabilities and cybersecurity policies.
 - d. On December 15, the second phase of Taiwan's AI Kick-off Conference was held, chaired by Deputy Minister of Science and Technology Minn-Tsong Lin. Henry Kautz, Division Director for Information & Intelligent Systems (IIS) at the National Science Foundation (NSF) and head of Artificial Intelligence (AI) program development planning, delivered a keynote speech and participated in an online Q&A session with domestic experts and scholars.
- B. Important science and technology agreements: TECRO and the AIT signed several agreements, including: the 32th Implementing Arrangement of the Agreement for Technical Cooperation in Meteorology and Forecast Systems Development; Arrangement for the Exchange of Technical Information and Cooperation in Nuclear Safety Matters; Implementing Agreement Related to Participation in the Radiation Protection Computer Code Analysis (RAMP); The 16th third-year work plan for the Implementing Arrangement of the Agreement for Technical Cooperation Associated with Establishment of Advanced Data Assimilation and Modeling Systems; and the 33rd Implementing Arrangement of the Agreement for Technical Cooperation in Meteorology and Forecast Systems Development.
- (7) Mutual visits by dignitaries:
- A. Visits from Taiwan were made by Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Harry Ho-jen Tseng.

- B. Visits from the US were made by former Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT), former Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, James Steinberg, Senators Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Dan Sullivan (R-AK), Chris Coons (D-DE), John Cornyn (R-TX), Mike Carpo (R-ID), Mike Lee (R-UT), Tommy Tuberville (R-AL), members of the House of Representatives Tony Gonzales (R-TX), Jake Ellzey (R-TX), Mark Takano (D-CA), Elissa Slotkin (D-MI), Colin Allred (D-TX), Sara Jacobs (D-CA), and Nancy Mace (R-SC).

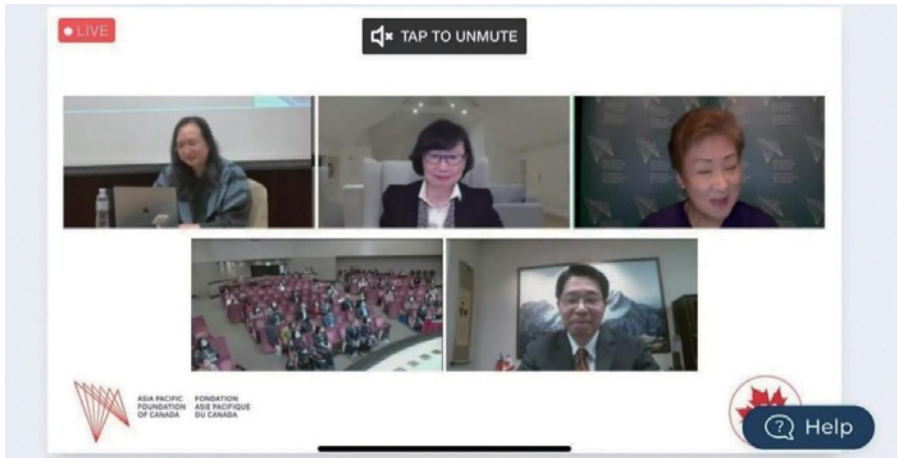
Photographs of Diplomatic Events North America



Minister of Economic Affairs Wang Mei-hua (left) and Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade of Canada Mary Ng (right) hold a bilateral video conference to exchange views on assisting Taiwanese and Canadian businesses on innovation and bilateral economic and trade issues. (March 10, 2021)



The 17th Annual Canada-Taiwan Economic Consultations was held via video conference due to the pandemic. Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi (center) and senior officials from Global Affairs Canada (GAC) co-chaired the meeting. Jordan Reeves, representative of the Canadian Trade Office in Taipei (second from left), and Douglas Yu-tien Hsu, Director General of the Department of North American Affairs (second from right), were also in attendance. (December 14, 2021)



Winston Wen-yi Chen, the representative to Canada (bottom right), was invited to introduce Minister without Portfolio Audrey Tang (top left) at the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada's first Canadian Women-only Virtual Business Mission to Taiwan. (March 2, 2021)



Jin-Ling Chen, TECO Toronto Director General (fourth from right), attends the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the 2021 Taste of Taiwan food festival with Ontario Provincial Member of Parliament Billy Pang (fourth from left) and City of Markham Councillor Isa Lee (third from right), among other guests. (October 22, 2021)



Director General Chen Kang-i of TECO Vancouver (top center), Steve Patten, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Alberta (top left), and Ashley Esarey, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Alberta (bottom), sign a cooperation agreement for the Taiwan Studies Program via video conference. (March 10, 2021)



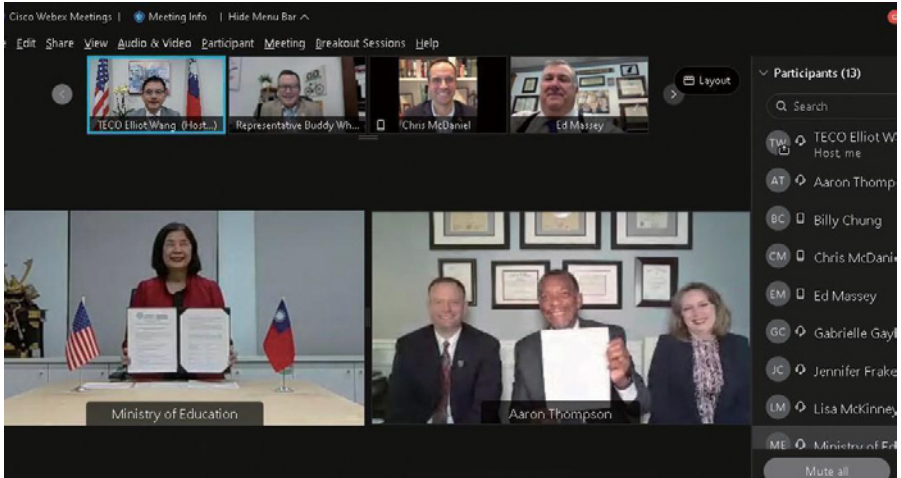
US Senators Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) (third from left), Dan Sullivan (R-AK) (second from left), and Chris Coons (D-DE) (second from right) arrive in Taiwan on a military charter and announce that the US government will donate 750,000 vaccine doses to Taiwan. Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (third from right) greets them at the airport. (June 6, 2021)



Taiwan Representative Bi-khim Hsiao (fourth from right) and officials from the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) jointly witness the departure of 2.5 million doses of the Moderna vaccine donated by the US to Taiwan. (June 19, 2021)



Director General of TECO Atlanta Elliot Yi-Lung Wang (center) represents the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC) in signing an agreement for mutual recognition of driver's licenses with the Georgia Department of Driver Services. (September 30, 2021)



TECO Atlanta facilitates and witnesses the signing of a Higher Education Cooperation MOU between Lee Yen Yi (bottom left), Director General of the Department of International and Cross-strait Education at the Ministry of Education, and Aaron Thompson (bottom center right), President of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, USA, via video conference. (September 30, 2021)



TECO Boston holds the inaugural Springfield Taiwan Day event, with Director Jonathan C. Y. Sun (third from right) attending the flag-raising ceremony at Springfield City Hall, Massachusetts, along with Springfield Mayor Domenic J. Sarno (second from right) and Massachusetts State Representative Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. (first from right). (October 30, 2021)



Director of TECO Boston, Jonathan C. Y. Sun (sixth from left), attends the 2021 State House Holiday Coat Drive charity event held by Rhode Island State Senators Sandra Cano (fifth from right) and Dawn Euer (fifth from left) at the Rhode Island State House. (November 23, 2021)



Director of TECO Chicago, Johnson Sen Chiang (right), and Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives Emanuel Chris Welch (center) jointly witness the establishment of the Taiwan Friendship Caucus in the Illinois House of Representatives, initiated by Representative William Davis (left). (May 19, 2021)



Director of TECO Chicago, Johnson Sen Chiang (sixth from right), visits Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds (sixth from left) and Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg (fifth from right), and jointly witnesses the establishment of the bipartisan Taiwan Friendship Caucus in the Iowa State Senate and House of Representatives. (November 5, 2021)



Director of TECO Denver Jerry S. Chang (third from right), and US Representative Ken Buck (R-CO) (center) visit the Colorado Cattlemen's Association to promote Taiwan-US agricultural trade relations. (August 5, 2021)



Director of TECO Denver Jerry S. Chang (center), congratulates the Taiwan national team for winning a bronze medal at the World Archery Championships 2021. (September 24, 2021)



The TECO office in Guam collaborated with the Government of Guam to facilitate China Airlines humanitarian medical charter flights to assist patients from Guam seek medical treatment in Taiwan. TECO Guam Director Paul Chen (third from left) and Guam Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero (fourth from left) attend the farewell ceremony. (January 11, 2021)



TECO Guam Director Paul Chen (fifth from left in the bottom row) was invited to witness the Guam Legislature's resolution supporting Taiwan's participation as an observer in the 74th World Health Assembly (WHA) in 2021. (April 30, 2021)



Taiwan Representative to the US Bi-khim Hsiao (left) visits Hawaii Governor David Ige (right). (September 1, 2021)



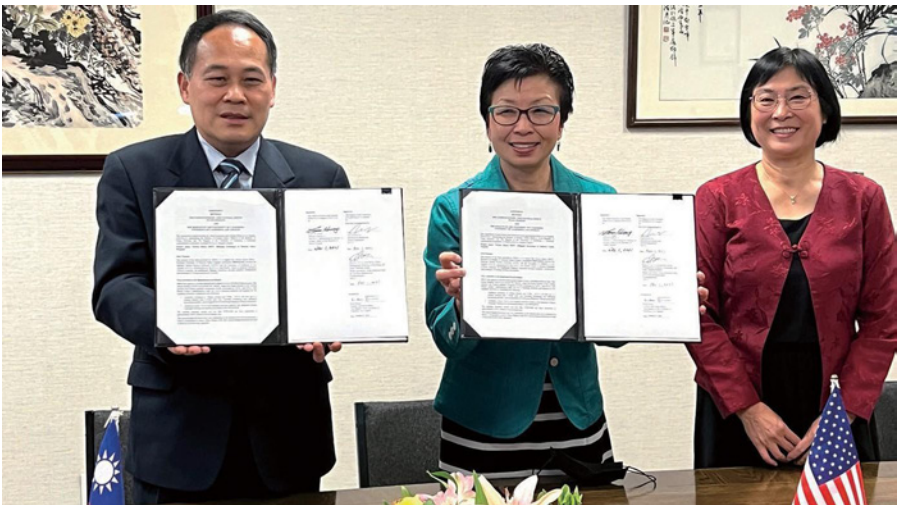
TECO Houston Director General Robert Fu-Wen Lo (fourth from right) witnesses the Greater Dallas Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce (GDTCC) presenting a donation to Mayor of Dallas, Texas Eric Johnson (sixth from right) for the snowstorm Disaster Relief Fund. (February 25, 2021)



TECO Houston Director General Robert Fu-Wen Lo (third from right) meets with Olympic golf bronze medalist Pan Cheng-tsung and his spouse (third from left and second from left), who reside in Houston, Texas. (August 25, 2021)



TECO Los Angeles Director General Louis M. Huang (second from left) and Chairman of the US House Intelligence Committee Adam Schiff (D-CA) (first from left) witness the donation of 50,000 masks to the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank by Lisa Liu (second from right), President of the Taiwanese-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Los Angeles (TACCLA). (March 25, 2021)



TECO Los Angeles Director General Louis M. Huang (left) signs an agreement with UCLA Vice Chancellor Cindy Fan (center) and Asia Pacific Center Director Min Zhou (right) to fund the Huayu BEST Program collaboration between UCLA and National Taiwan Normal University. (November 1, 2021)



TECO Miami Director General Amino C. Y. Chi (center) was invited to attend a press conference where Florida Governor Ron DeSantis (first from left) signs bills to combat foreign influence and corporate espionage. (June 7, 2021)



Florida Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Núñez (right) attends the 110th National Day Reception of the R.O.C. at the invitation of TECO Miami Director General Amino C. Y. Chi (center). (October 7, 2021)



TECO New York collaborates with the New York Mets to host the 16th Mets Taiwan Day event at Citi Field. President Tsai Ing-wen sends her regards via pre-recorded video message. (August 29, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (top left), Deputy Director of AIT/Taipei Jeremy Cornforth (top center), Chief Representative of the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association Hiroyasu Izumi (top right), Director of TECO New York James K. J. LEE (bottom left), and Deputy to the US Ambassador to the United Nations Jeffrey Prescott (bottom right) participate in the online GCTF seminar Building Resilience and Accelerating the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Through Technology. (September 29, 2021)



The TECO office in San Francisco hosts the first Taiwanese Business Leader's Luncheon in San Jose, USA. Director Scott Lai (seventh from the left) and San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo (seventh from the right) take a group photo with Taiwanese business representatives. (August 18, 2021)



Taiwan Representative Bi-khim Hsiao (fifth from the left) visits Utah Lieutenant Governor Deidre Henderson (fourth from the left), State Senator Jacob Anderegg (third from the left), State Representative Joel Ferry (third from the right), and Deputy Director of Economic Development Ryan Starks (first from the right), accompanied by TECO San Francisco Director Scott Lai (second from the right). (July 29, 2021)



Director of TECO Seattle Daniel K. C. Chen and Montana Governor Greg Gianforte hold a press conference at the Montana State Capitol to officially announce the re-establishment of the State of Montana Asia Trade Office-Taiwan. (October 20, 2021)

Item 6 Taiwan's relations with Latin American and Caribbean countries

I. Introduction

Of the 33 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, Taiwan maintains formal diplomatic ties with eight: Belize, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Paraguay, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Taiwan also operates consulate generals in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, and Ciudad del Este, Paraguay. Taiwan also has representative offices in seven countries with which it does not currently have diplomatic relations: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, and Peru. An additional office is also maintained in São Paulo, Brazil. Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, and Peru all have trade offices in Taiwan.

While Taiwan continues to bolster diplomatic relations with Latin American and Caribbean allies through cooperation and exchange, the government is also actively furthering substantive ties with countries with which Taiwan does not have diplomatic relations. The COVID-19 pandemic swept across the world in 2021, having an especially serious impact on Latin American and Caribbean countries. The government and private sector of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) donated pandemic supplies (including vaccines), shared their experience in pandemic response, and assisted in post-pandemic economic recovery. This assistance not only received recognition from governments and various sectors of society in these countries but also further strengthened Taiwan's friendship and cooperative relations with these nations.

II. Relations with individual countries

1. Relations with Belize

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established diplomatic relations with Belize on October 11, 1989, and subsequently set up its embassy on October 25 of that year. The Embassy of Belize in Taiwan was set up on September 21, 1992.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. Bilateral trade was approximately US\$12.03 million this year, with Taiwan's exports to Belize at US\$11.15 million and imports from Belize at US\$0.88 million.
 - B. In August of this year, the Embassy of the R.O.C. in Belize invited seven Belizean seafood companies, including the Royal Mayan Shrimp Farm, to participate in an online matchmaking event with six Taiwanese seafood importers. The embassy also facilitated the participation of Belizean companies, such as Art Box and Citrus Products of Belize Limited, in major trade shows in Taiwan, including Giftionery & Culture Creative, Taipei; the Kaohsiung Food Show; Food Taipei; and the Taichung Int'l Tea, Coffee and Bakery Show.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
- A. Scholarship programs: Taiwan set up the TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarship in 2002 and the Taiwan Scholarship in 2004 to provide Belizean students with the opportunity to pursue bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees across various fields in Taiwan. As of this year, 462 Belizean students have pursued degrees at higher education institutions in Taiwan.
 - B. Seminars and training courses: Taiwan typically offers opportunities each year for 25 mid- and high-level officials and experts from Belize to attend short-term training courses and seminars in Taiwan. Due to the pandemic, however, courses and seminars were held online and 18 officials from Belize received training through this program.
 - C. Vocational education: The Embassy of R.O.C. in Belize worked closely with the Belizean Institute for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (ITVET) to comprehensively upgrade the school's educational equipment and facilities. This initiative aims to increase talent development in various sectors in Belize, showcasing Taiwan's support and commitment to bolstering vocational education and capacity building among disadvantaged communities in Belize.
 - D. Arts, sports, and youth exchanges:
 - a. In September of this year, Taiwan sponsored the National Celebrations Commission of Belize to organize events celebrating

the 40th anniversary of Belize's independence and the 32nd anniversary of diplomatic relations between Taiwan and Belize.

- b. In November of this year, Taiwan sponsored the town of Dangriga in southern Belize to hold celebrations for Garifuna Settlement Day.
- (4) Agriculture and livestock cooperation: On March 26, 2020, Taiwan and Belize signed the Breeding Sheep and Goat Production and Guidance System Enhancement Project, helping Belizean sheep farmers improve the quality of their sheep, designing marketing strategies to promote the consumption of sheep and goat products, and enhancing the traceability of sheep to improve value chain efficiency and the quality of sheep products.
- (5) COVID-19 cooperation: Taiwan donated pandemic supplies, such as rapid antigen test kits, masks, domestically manufactured oxygen concentrators, and isolation gowns, to help Belize manage and contain the pandemic. On November 9, the government of Belize recognized Taiwan's domestically produced vaccine during a cabinet meeting and issued an administrative order that came into effect on November 26.
- (6) Medical cooperation:
 - A. On February 10, 2016, Taiwan and Belize signed the five-year (2016-2021) Public Health and Medical Skills Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the R.O.C. and the Government of Belize. On November 18, 2019, the four-year (2019-2023) Project for Strengthening Medical Imaging System in Belize ("Belize Imaging Project") was signed in the hope of improving Belize's medical imaging system in order to lower healthcare costs and improve patient welfare. Upon project initiation, the Belizean Ministry of Health sent two radiologists to Taiwan in December of the same year for three years (2019-2022) of radiology training at Far Eastern Memorial Hospital. Both doctors successfully passed the specialist examination conducted by the Taiwan Radiological Society.
 - B. In February 2019, Deputy Superintendent of the Chi Mei Medical Center, Dr. Yu-Feng Tian, and then Minister of Health and Welfare of Belize, Pablo Marin, signed a letter of intent for medical cooperation. The Belizean Ministry of Health and Welfare selected five nurses

who traveled to the hospital in February 2020 to undergo 18 months of training to become operating room nurses. They completed their training in August this year and are currently contributing their skills in public regional medical services throughout Belize.

- (7) Technological cooperation: Since June 2017, Taiwan and Belize have implemented the four-year Belize Motor Vehicle Registration and License System Project. The project was completed in June this year, and a handover ceremony was held on June 23.
- (8) Other cooperation:
 - A. This year, Taiwan collaborated with Belize on the Construction of the Belize Ministry of Finance HQ Building and the Upgrading of Caracol Road Project, Phase I.
 - B. Belize obtained a loan from Taiwan to renovate the Corozal-Sarteneja section of the Philip Goldson Highway and construct two bridges with the assistance of the Taiwanese company Overseas Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd. (OECC).
 - C. On April 2, 2019, Taiwan and Belize signed a three-year Agreement Between the Government of the R.O.C. and the Government of Belize on the Cooperation in Urban Resilience and Disaster Prevention Project. The project utilizes on-site water monitoring stations and the Geographic Information System (GIS) to enhance the disaster reduction capabilities of Belize.
- (9) A visit from Belize was made by Speaker of the House of Representatives Valerie Woods and Deputy Clerk at National Assembly of Belize Clarita Pech.

2. Relations with the Republic of Guatemala

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established diplomatic relations with Guatemala on June 15, 1933, and opened a consulate general in Guatemala City. It was reclassified as a legation on December 22, 1954, and upgraded to an embassy on September 22, 1960. A technical mission was posted to Guatemala on February 14, 1973, and the Taiwan Investment and Trade Service Mission in Central America was stationed in Guatemala

- on October 18, 2000. Guatemala established a legation in Taiwan on December 22, 1954, and upgraded it to an embassy on September 1, 1960.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Taiwan's exports to Guatemala totaled approximately US\$230 million this year, while imports were US\$91.58 million. According to the MOEA Investment Commission, there have been 69 Taiwanese investment cases in Guatemala, with a cumulative value of approximately US\$137 million. On May 27, 2021, Director-General Hsieh Ling-yuan of the Customs Administration, Ministry of Finance, and Superintendent Marco Livio Díaz of the Tax Administration of Guatemala signed an arrangement to mutually recognize Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) certifications between Taiwan and Guatemala. The agreement, which was signed remotely, is the first of its kind between Taiwan and a diplomatic ally.
 - (3) Cultural and educational relations: Taiwan provided 21 Taiwan Scholarships and 15 TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarships to Guatemalan students. Taiwan also sponsored a one-year Mandarin course at the College of Foreign Languages, University of San Carlos. TaiwanICDF dispatched Mandarin teachers to carry out a Mandarin language education project catering to Guatemalan diplomats and students from the Technical Institute for Productivity and Training (INTECAP), and assist the R.O.C. Elementary School in Guatemala City with Mandarin courses.
 - (4) Technical cooperation: Ongoing Taiwan projects in Guatemala include the Bamboo Industries Project, the Project for the Strengthening of Marketing Capacity in Family Farming, the Project for the Capacity Strengthening to Support the Incubation and Entrepreneurship for MIPYMEs, the Project for the Revitalization of Crafts and Youth Entrepreneurship in Antigua Guatemala and Surrounding Municipalities in Sacatepéquez, the Project for Promotion of Medical Technology for Improvement of Maternal-Neonatal Health in Guatemala, the Financial Technician Deployment Program, and the Overseas Professional Mandarin Teaching Project.
 - (5) Medical cooperation: On June 8, Li-Cheng Cheng, Ambassador to Guatemala, and Guatemalan President Alejandro Giammattei Falla jointly

presided over the groundbreaking ceremony of the public hospital in Chimaltenango Province, Guatemala, the construction of which Taiwan provided assistance.

- (6) Technological cooperation: The Embassy of the R.O.C. in Guatemala organized a videoconference with the National Secretariat for Science and Technology of Guatemala (SENACYTY) to discuss natural disaster prevention and land management. Deputy Director of the National Fire Agency Huan-Chang Hsiao was invited to share experience, government policies, and recommendations. Taiwan is collaborating with the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), an international NGO from the US, to promote the Disaster Risk Reduction Database Project in Guatemala, assisting the Guatemalan National Institute for Seismology, Vulcanology, Meteorology and Hydrology (INSIVUMEH) in establishing a national monitoring center. Taiwan also made donations to the Guatemalan Ministry of Foreign Affairs for institutional modernization projects such as digital signatures, green buildings, and project consultants.
- (7) Humanitarian assistance:
 - A. Taiwan donated a shipment of rice (440 metric tons in total) to Guatemala for people residing in the Eastern region, which is commonly affected by drought and, therefore, suffers widespread malnutrition.
 - B. Taiwan donated food supplies to the Mixco City Government to help with food shortages at municipal shelters.
- (8) Overseas community affairs:
 - A. Around 17,000 overseas compatriots (including Guatemalans of Chinese descent) reside in Guatemala. Since 1981, over 600 Taiwan nationals have taken up residence in Guatemala. Most are engaged in the following sectors: imports, wholesale, retail, dining, food processing, agriculture, and digital entertainment.
 - B. Overseas community organizations: By current estimates, organizations in Guatemala include the Overseas Chinese Association, Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce, World Kwong Tong Community Association, Lions Clubs International, Tzu Chi Guatemala, Golf Club, Lions Clubs

International of the New Generation of Chinese, Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and Taiwan Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

3. Relations with the Republic of Haiti

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. and Haiti established diplomatic relations on April 25, 1956. On July 2 of the same year, the Minister to Cuba was appointed as the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Haiti with residence in Havana. The legation was established on May 30, 1960, with the Minister to Cuba serving concurrently as the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Haiti with residence in Havana. On September 7, 1965, the legation was upgraded to an embassy. The first Haitian Ambassador to Taiwan, who served concurrently as Ambassador to Japan, presented his credentials on April 8, 1980. On August 16, 1981, the Haitian Chargé d’Affaires arrived in Taipei to establish the embassy. The current Haitian Ambassador to Taiwan, Roudy Stanley Penn, presented his credentials on July 6, 2021.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade between Taiwan and Haiti totaled US\$55.12 million, with Taiwan’s exports to Haiti at US\$51million and imports from Haiti at US\$4.12 million.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Taiwan established the TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarship in 2002 and the MOFA Taiwan Scholarship in 2004. This year, Taiwan awarded 20 Taiwan Scholarships and four TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarships to sponsor Haitian students to study in Taiwan. Taiwan also sent teachers to Haiti to promote the use of traditional Chinese characters in Mandarin education. Mandarin courses were also offered online. Additionally, Taiwan is involved in the following projects: constructing a high school of excellence in Haiti’s Nord Department, sponsoring the Artisanat en Fête craft fair, and donating 10 computers to the National Library of Haiti to help spread knowledge and bridge the digital divide.
- (4) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation: The Rice Production Enhancement Project was implemented in the northern, central, and southern regions of Haiti this year. The Technical Mission in Haiti organized training courses,

such as the Operation and Management Training Course, the Training Course on Rice Paddy Seedling Inspection and Off-type Removal, as well as rice paddy cultivation workshops to increase agricultural yields by enhancing expertise in rice seed cultivation and operation of agricultural machinery.

- (5) COVID-19 cooperation: Taiwan donated pandemic supplies such as surgical masks, face shields, protective suits, and hand sanitizers. Taiwan also worked with the Haitian government, the National Association of Nurses and Licensed Nurses of Haiti (ANILH), the southern district of Petion City, the Rotary Clubs of Petion City and Port-au-Prince, and the Platform of Haitian Women's Organizations for Development (POHFAD), among other civil society groups. This cooperation aimed to strengthen Haiti's efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at various levels.
- (6) Medical cooperation: Taiwan implemented the following projects to assist the Haitian government in enhancing public health services and rapid response capabilities in healthcare: the Project to Strengthen the Operational Capacity of the National Ambulance Center, construction of a Work Accident, Sickness and Maternity Insurance Office (OFATMA) hospital in Port-de-Paix, and construction of the Saint-Pierre Hospital of Terrier-Rouge in Haiti's Nord-Est Department.
- (7) Other cooperation: In line with Haitian government policy, Taiwan has launched multiple collaborative projects to address issues with the electricity supply, humanitarian assistance for the vulnerable in society, food security, healthcare, and educational capabilities. Ongoing projects include power grid enhancement (Projet de Renforcement des Réseaux Électriques en Haïti), solar-powered water pumps for irrigation (Projet de système de pompage de l'eau par le solaire photovoltaïque), improving water, hygiene, and sanitation in Les Cayes (Eau, Hygiène et Assainissement dans la 6ème Section Communale des Cayes), the KORE PEP program, increasing the capacity of the National Ambulance Center (Projet de Renforcement de la Capacité Opérationnelle du Centre Ambulancier National), construction of a high school of excellence in Haiti's Nord Department, construction of a Work Accident, Sickness and Maternity Insurance Office (OFATMA) hospital in Port-de-Paix, and

construction of the Saint-Pierre Hospital of Terrier-Rouge in Haiti's Nord-Est Department.

(8) Humanitarian assistance:

- A. Taiwan donated 8,800 metric tons of rice and hot food to Haiti's Food For The Poor (FFTP) for distribution to the Haitian public.
- B. The Embassy of R.O.C. in Haiti, on behalf of the Pu-Hsein Educational Foundation and the Cao Zhong Zhi Foundation, publicly donated a 20-foot container of assistive devices for Haitian police officers and others with mobility impairments due to injuries sustained in the line of duty.
- C. The Embassy of R.O.C. in Haiti, on behalf of the US-based charitable organization the SimplyHelp Foundation, donated three containers of relief supplies to assist vulnerable women, children, and remote communities in Haiti.
- D. On August 14, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck Haiti's Grand Sud. President Tsai Ing-wen instructed that US\$500,000 be donated to provide needed disaster relief and post-disaster reconstruction assistance to the Haitian government, and an additional US\$100,000 of medicines was procured for emergency medical aid. Taiwan continued to assist disaster-stricken areas in various ways, such as the donation of blankets, tents, and other supplies. In addition, Taiwan's KORE PEP program in collaboration with Haiti's Fund for Economic and Social Assistance (FAES) distributed hot meals and packages of rice in disaster-stricken areas. The OFATMA Hospital, built with Taiwan's assistance in the hardest-hit city of Les Cayes, treated the injured. Additionally, the OECC deployed heavy machinery to assist in the clearing away of damaged buildings and debris from roads and in conducting surveys in disaster areas. The Embassy of R.O.C. in Haiti coordinated with the OECC and the Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF) to open up the OFATMA Hospital, built with Taiwan's assistance, and 10 CMS's to serve as temporary shelters for nearly 1,000 victims of the earthquake.

4. Relations with the Republic of Honduras

(1) Background:

- A. The R.O.C. established official diplomatic relations with Honduras in April 1941. In June 1957, a legation was established in the capital of Honduras, and it was upgraded to an embassy in May 1965. Taiwan set up a consulate general in San Pedro Sula in December 1997. Honduras established an embassy in Taiwan in June 1985. In the 80 years of diplomatic relations, high-level officials from Taiwan and Honduras have engaged in frequent mutual visits and signed agreements on free trade, technical cooperation, electrical power technology cooperation, investment promotion and protection, audit cooperation, volunteer work, journalism, and cultural exchanges.
- B. In addition to wide-ranging bilateral cooperation, Taiwan established the Technical and Taipower Missions in Honduras. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) government, in collaboration with NGOs, also regularly donates humanitarian aid supplies and provides medical services.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. Bilateral trade in 2021 totaled US\$149 million (down 9.11% from 2020), with Taiwan's exports of US\$68.1 million (down 18.17%) and imports totaling US\$80.65 million (down 23.93%).
- B. Taiwan and Honduras have been actively promoting economic and trade cooperation projects for many years, fostering substantial economic and trade ties. When the Taiwan-Honduras Free Trade Agreement came into effect in July 2008, manufacturers began to use the preferential terms of the agreement to boost bilateral trade flows. The Export-Import Bank of the R.O.C. provided a relending facility to provide loans to Honduran companies to enable them to purchase Taiwanese machinery.
- C. For several years now, the Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) have organized missions to Honduras to procure seafood and coffee and organize the annual Taiwan Expo in Honduras. During the pandemic, the expo was held online to help Taiwan businesses expand in the

Honduran market. Honduran businesses were also invited to participate in expos in Taiwan to facilitate continued growth in bilateral trade.

- D. Representatives from Taiwanese businesses continue to visit Honduras to assess the investment environment, explore investment opportunities, and export industrial technologies. This has facilitated Honduras' economic development and deepened the substantive economic and trade cooperation between the two countries.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

- A. In an effort to enhance bilateral academic and cultural exchange, Taiwan has been offering scholarship programs to Honduran students since 2005. In 2021, Taiwan awarded Taiwan Scholarships and TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarships to 49 outstanding Honduran students to study in Taiwan.
- B. Taiwan worked with the Honduran Ministry of Education to improve the basic infrastructure and sanitation of Santa Barbara public schools. Taiwan also collaborated with Anglican Bishop of Honduras and President of the Episcopal Conference of Honduras Oscar Rodríguez to improve the facilities of the Monseñor Turcios Kindergarten in Tegucigalpa. Additionally, Taiwan donated desktop and laptop computers to a rural primary school affiliated with the Junior Chamber International (JCI Capital) in Tegucigalpa.
- C. The 2021 Chinese Character Festival - Huayu Story Competition was held in cooperation with the Honduran National Institute of Vocational Training. Additionally, in collaboration with the Honduran Secretary of State for the Offices of Culture, Tourism and Information, Taiwan organized the Photo Retrospective on the 80th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Taiwan and Honduras and continues to support the bicentennial commemorative wall project to celebrate 200 years of Honduran independence, as well as the improvement of farm school facilities.

(4) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation:

- A. Taiwan has provided Honduras with long-term assistance in developing agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and animal husbandry, as well as

providing technical consultations and technology transfers. To date, Taiwan has helped Honduras with Tilapia net cultivation techniques, white shrimp and pig breeding techniques, and measures to control huanglongbing (HLB) in citrus plants. Taiwan has also helped Honduras cultivate vegetables indigenous to Asia, rice, orchids, Indian dates, guava, potatoes, and strawberries. Of these, vegetables indigenous to Asia, shrimp, Tilapia, and guava have been promoted with remarkable results and have gained importance as agricultural and fishery products in Honduras. Ongoing projects include the Healthy Avocado Seedling Production Project, the Pig Breeding and Reproduction Project, the Farmers' Organization Production and Marketing Enhancement Project, the Overseas Professional Mandarin Teaching Project, the Hospital Health Information Management Efficiency Enhancement Project, the project on Enhancing the Economic Empowerment of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean in the COVID-19 Post-pandemic Era.

- B. The import volume of Honduran agricultural products, such as white shrimp, coffee, melons, beef, and sea cucumbers, continues to increase. Bilateral discussions on various issues of concern continue through the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) committee, deepening the economic and trade relations between the two countries. Taiwan assists Honduras in expanding sales and enhancing product value, and also supports Honduran businesses in participating in trade shows such as Food Taipei, Kaohsiung Food Show, and Agriculture & Fisheries Taiwan.
- (5) Medical cooperation: Taiwan continues to donate pandemic supplies and medical equipment such as surgical masks, protective suits, oxygen concentrators, rapid test kits, and forehead thermometers. Taiwan also donated ambulances and other equipment to bolster Honduras' pandemic control and emergency response capabilities. Taiwan is also working with the Honduran Ministry for Development and Social Inclusion of Honduras by donating dental equipment to the ministry.
- (6) Other cooperation:
 - A. General cooperation: To assist Honduras in reconstruction efforts following the devastation caused by Hurricanes Eta and Iota, the

Embassy of R.O.C. (Taiwan) in Honduras is promoting several projects in line with the national reconstruction plan outlined by the Honduran government. These include the Initial Investment and Technical Assistance for Reconstruction of Water Supply and Sanitation Facilities project, Solar Photovoltaic and Thermal Power Generation Enhancement in Brus Laguna City project, and Comprehensive Reconstruction of Moskitia project. Additionally, Taiwan continues to advocate for energy-saving practices, and is involved in the implementation of the following projects: Upgrade of Biometric Equipment at Honduras' La Mesa Airport; Road Reconstruction, Improvement, and Maintenance in Puerto Cortés City; Youth Volunteer Bus; Enhancement of Productivity for SME Taiwanese Guava Farmers in Comayagua and La Paz Provinces; Fostering Women Leaders; Enhancement of Facilities for the Guadalupe Mother's Elderly Home in Comayagua Province; Optimization of OB/GYN Equipment in Public Hospitals; establishment of a dental clinic at the Honduras Armed Forces headquarters; donation of avocado seedlings to the Honduras Armed Forces headquarters; and Improvement of Cassava Bread Processing Equipment for Women in Garifuna Communities.

B. Environmental cooperation: The Embassy of R.O.C. (Taiwan) in Honduras assists the Secretary of State in the Office of Natural Resources and Environment of Honduras with the following projects: Strengthening of Environmental Impact Assessment and Licensing System in Honduras, the Honduras Pacific Coast Sea Turtle Conservation Project, and the Honduras Water Supply and Sanitation Services Enhancement Project.

- (7) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 4,000 ethnic Chinese and roughly 50 Taiwan nationals live in Honduras, primarily in San Pedro Sula, a large industrial and commercial city in northern Honduras. The main overseas community groups in Honduras are the Chinese Association of Honduras and the Association of Hondurans of Chinese Descent, established in 1943 and 1997, respectively.
- (8) Mutual visits by dignitaries:

- A. A visit from Taiwan was made by Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Alexander Tah-ray Yui.
- B. Visits from Honduras were made by President Juan Orlando Hernández Alvarado and his spouse, Foreign Minister Lisandro Rosales Banegas and his spouse, Minister of the Presidency Ricardo Cardona and his spouse, Finance Minister Luis Mata and his spouse, and Presidency Communications Minister Sandra Castillo.

5. Relations with the Republic of Paraguay

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. and Paraguay established diplomatic relations on July 12, 1957, and the R.O.C. embassy was set up on November 19, 1959. The Consulate General in Puerto Presidente Stroessner, established on December 12, 1988, was renamed Consulate General in Ciudad del Este in February 1989. Reciprocal visa exemption has been in effect between Taiwan and Paraguay since July 12, 2017. Citizens of the two countries holding ordinary passports are eligible for a 90-day visa-free stay. The two governments also signed an agreement in Taipei exempting official documentation from duplicate certification.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade totaled US\$197 million, with Taiwan exports to Paraguay worth US\$21.97 million and imports of US\$175 million. On March 3, the Importers & Exporters Association of Taipei (IEAT) and the Union of Production Guilds (UGP) of Paraguay signed a memorandum of understanding via videoconference to strengthen economic and trade exchanges and cooperation between the two sides. On November 15, the 11th Paraguay-ROC Economic Cooperation Conference was convened to enhance cooperation opportunities between the food processing and green energy industries of both countries.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Taiwan awarded Taiwan Scholarships, Huayu Enrichment Scholarships, and TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarships to a total of 52 Paraguayan students to study in Taiwan. In addition, the Taiwan-Paraguay Polytechnic University (Universidad Politécnica Taiwán Paraguay) held its third entrance examination on February 18.

- (4) Technical cooperation: Bilateral technical projects with Paraguay include the Surubí Fingerling Breeding and Cultivation Project, the Health Information Management Efficiency Enhancement Project (Phase II), the Project to Strengthen Capacity to Support Development of MSMEs, the Project to Strengthen Capacity for Commercial Production of Orchids, and the Enhancing the Economic Empowerment of Women in Paraguay in the COVID-19 Post-pandemic Era project.
- (5) Humanitarian assistance: The Pu-Hsein Educational Foundation and the Cao Zhong Zhi Foundation donated wheelchairs and crutches for adults and children to the office of the First Lady of Paraguay.
- (6) Other cooperation:
 - A. In line with the policy platform of President Mario Abdo Benítez of Paraguay, the six major areas of cooperation include humanitarian and social assistance, education, housing, road infrastructure, security and defense, and public health. To help Paraguay combat the COVID-19 pandemic, Taiwan donated pandemic and medical equipment and supplies to the Paraguayan government and civil society organizations.
 - B. On July 15, Radio Taiwan International (RTI) signed a letter of intent with the Paraguayan Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies (MITIC), authorizing both parties the use of each other's news and language teaching programs.
- (7) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 4,000 compatriots live in Paraguay, mainly from Taiwan. They are engaged in business, with a few operating small factories or working in dining, tourism, or education. Compatriots have set up more than 30 different associations, according to their professions and interests. Aside from actively cooperating with overseas communities, they also frequently hold charity events.

6. Relations with the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established diplomatic relations with St. Kitts and Nevis on October 9, 1983, and set up an embassy on August 5, 1984. St. Kitts and Nevis set up an embassy in Taiwan on January 28, 2008.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade between Taiwan and St.

Kitts and Nevis totaled US\$2.8 million this year, with Taiwan's exports at US\$2.65 million and imports from St. Kitts and Nevis at US\$150,000. Taiwanese enterprises participating in public works and bilateral projects with St. Kitts and Nevis include Kuang Jun Construction Co. Ltd., Vivotek Inc., Hyweb Technology Co. Ltd., and International Integrated Systems Inc. The Embassy of the R.O.C. in Saint Christopher and Nevis also periodically provides product information from Taiwanese enterprises for the reference of the St. Kitts and Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce, as well as for facilitating matchmaking between businesses in the two countries in order to set up procurement partnerships.

- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Taiwan sponsored 17 outstanding students from St. Kitts and Nevis to study Mandarin and attend university in Taiwan. Grants were also provided to 170 outstanding elementary and middle school students under the Human Resources Development Project. TaiwanICDF sent teachers to offer Mandarin courses and recruited overseas volunteers for service in St. Kitts and Nevis.
- (4) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation: Taiwan continues to work with St. Kitts and Nevis on the Enhancing Agricultural Adaptive Capacity to Climate Variability Project, assisting with the development of smart agriculture, enhancing agricultural resilience, and strengthening food security.
- (5) COVID-19 cooperation: To help St. Kitts and Nevis improve their pandemic containment policy, Taiwan donated domestically manufactured oxygen concentrators, rapid antigen test kits, and other pandemic and medical supplies and equipment.
- (6) Medical cooperation: Taiwan continues to implement the Capacity Building Project for the Prevention and Control of Metabolic Chronic Diseases in St. Kitts and Nevis to help St. Kitts and Nevis formulate a preventative strategy against chronic diseases, improve care capacity at medical institutions, and raise health awareness in local communities.
- (7) Technological cooperation:
 - A. Taiwan continues to work with St. Kitts and Nevis on the Land Administration Information System Project, Closed-circuit Television

Project (Phase II), and the Pinney's Beach Park Project, promoting sustainable development in the nation through ICT technology and green buildings.

- B. Taiwan and St. Kitts and Nevis initiated the Solid Waste Management and Recycling Project to help St. Kitts and Nevis build public awareness for resource recycling, as well as construct a nation-wide recycling system.
- (8) Humanitarian assistance: On behalf of the SimplyHelp Foundation, the Embassy of the R.O.C. in St. Kitts and Nevis donated humanitarian supplies and goods to charitable organizations and education sector in St. Kitts and Nevis.

7. Relations with Saint Lucia

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. and St. Lucia established diplomatic relations in May 1984. Relations were then severed in June 1997 after a transition of power in St. Lucia. The two countries resumed diplomatic relations in April 2007, and Taiwan reopened an embassy in St. Lucia. Since then, the relationship between the two countries has grown steadily. In 2015, St. Lucia established an embassy in Taiwan, its first overseas mission in Asia, with Prime Minister Kenny Anthony hosting the opening ceremony.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: On November 26, 2021, the Embassy of the R.O.C. in Saint Lucia and the Saint Lucian Ministry of Commerce, Manufacturing, Business Development, Cooperatives, and Consumer Affairs co-hosted the opening ceremony of the 14th Taiwan-Saint Lucia Partnership Trade Exhibition. Attendees included Ambassador of Taiwan to Saint Lucia Peter Chia-yen Chen, Acting Governor-General of Saint Lucia Cyril Errol Melchiades Charles, Minister of Commerce Emma Hippolyte, Minister for Tourism, Investment, Creative Industries, Culture and Information Ernest Hilaire, Minister for the Public Service, Home Affairs, Labour and Gender Affairs Virginia Albert-Poyotte; Minister of Foreign Affairs of Taiwan Jaushieh Joseph Wu, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia Philip Pierre, Ambassador of the United States to Barbados (also accredited to Saint Lucia) Linda Tagliatala, and Secretary-General of the

Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) Lin Fang-miao, who also delivered a pre-recorded speech.

- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Taiwan awarded the Taiwan Scholarship, the TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarship, and the I-Shou University Medical Scholarship to 27 outstanding St. Lucian students this year. Additionally, Taiwan has been promoting Mandarin language teaching programs in Saint Lucia, offering courses at the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College and the Ministry for the Public Service, Home Affairs, Labour and Gender Affairs, with an intake of approximately 300 students throughout the year. Mandarin language teachers stationed in Saint Lucia have also assisted the Ministry for Education, Sustainable Development, Innovation, Science, Technology, and Vocational Training in Saint Lucia in developing curriculum guidelines for Mandarin language teaching in primary and secondary schools and producing promotional language-teaching videos.
- (4) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation: Cooperation between Taiwan and St. Lucia is wide-ranging, including infrastructure development, community development, sustainability, education, healthcare, agriculture, and information and communication technology. On the agricultural front, Taiwan and St. Lucia are currently working on the Banana Productivity Improvement Project (BPIP) and the Project for Enhancing the Efficiency of Production–Distribution Supply Chain in the Fruit and Vegetable Sector.
- (5) Technical and capacity building: In November, Taiwan and St. Lucia signed a letter of intent for the Assisting the Economic Empowerment of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean in the Post-COVID-19 Era Project. This initiative encourages youth and women to learn technical skills, unleash their creativity, and develop entrepreneurship. An agreement signing and launching ceremony for the vocational training program was held later on the same year, providing over 300 training opportunities with assistance from the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College in Saint Lucia.
- (6) COVID-19 cooperation: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) government and NGOs coordinated resources throughout the year to donate protective suits, isolation gowns, surgical masks, COVID-19 rapid test kits, and oxygen

concentrators to Saint Lucia to assist in the fight against the pandemic. Additionally, Acer laptops and card printing machines were donated to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade, Civil Aviation & Diaspora Affairs of Saint Lucia to facilitate remote work implementation.

- (7) Technological cooperation: Through the ICT in Education Programme, Taiwan has supplied IT teaching equipment to Patricia D. James Secondary School and Plain View Combined School in Saint Lucia. In addition to providing the Saint Lucian government with Acer laptops, tablets, and BenQ interactive screens, various training courses were also offered. The Technology Teaching Platform and Education Management System was also launched, providing an integrated platform for effective communication among teachers, students, and school administrative staff.

8. Relations with Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. established diplomatic relations with St. Vincent and the Grenadines on August 15, 1981. The Embassy of the R.O.C. in St. Vincent and the Grenadines officially opened on March 24, 1983, and the Embassy of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in Taiwan was established in Taipei on August 8, 2019.
- (2) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. This year, MOFA awarded 15 Taiwan Scholarships and seven TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarships to Vincentian students. As of 2021, scholarships have been awarded to a total of 221 Vincentian students, and there are currently 120 Vincentian students studying in Taiwan.
 - B. In collaboration with the Ministry of Education of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the R.O.C. Embassy provided Human Resources Development Project grants to outstanding students from underprivileged families.
 - C. Taiwan dispatched Mandarin language teachers to reside and teach at St. Vincent Girls' High School and St. Vincent and the Grenadines Community College in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
- (3) Agricultural and technical cooperation: The Technical Mission in Saint

Vincent and the Grenadines is currently implementing the Banana Revitalization Project and the Assisting the Economic Empowerment of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean in the Post COVID-19 Era project.

- (4) COVID-19 cooperation: To assist Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in combating the COVID-19 pandemic, this year Taiwan has provided financial assistance to procure a large amount of medical supplies and donated equipment, such as respirators and oxygen concentrators, for use by frontline pandemic workers.
- (5) Medical cooperation: Taiwan and the Ministry of Health, Wellness, and the Environment of St. Vincent and the Grenadines are promoting the Public Health Emergency Response System Enhancement project in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. By leveraging Taiwan's rich and diverse experience and expertise in public health medical emergency response, the program aims to strengthen the public health emergency response system in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
- (6) Technological cooperation:
 - A. Taiwan and St. Vincent and the Grenadines are collaborating on the Consultancy Project for Disaster Management and Medical Capacity Building in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, which conducts preliminary research on key local infrastructure, such as government buildings and medical facilities, to assess seismic reinforcement, earthquake early warning systems, volcanic monitoring facilities, and hurricane forecasting systems. The goal is to forge disaster prevention technological cooperation.
 - B. Taiwan and St. Vincent and the Grenadines are also collaborating on the Intelligent Bus Management and Monitoring System Project for St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Current progress includes the development of an intelligent bus dynamic information system and the establishment of intelligent bus and safety control video monitoring systems.
- (7) Humanitarian assistance:
 - A. In April this year, when La Soufrière volcano in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines erupted, Taiwan immediately donated US\$300,000 in

emergency humanitarian aid. Based on the spirit of humanitarianism, Taiwan continues to assist Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in post-disaster recovery efforts, including the repair of the Yurumein-Taiwan Friendship Bridge, the removal of volcanic ash from riverbeds, post-disaster reconstruction projects, the purchase of heavy equipment for ash removal, and the emergency repair of damaged homes.

- B. The Embassy of the R.O.C. in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, on behalf of US-based charitable organizations SimplyHelp, Food for the Poor, Tzu Chi USA, and the Taiwanese charity the Wu Thun-Chih Foundation for Charity and Public Welfare, donated to the government and people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines various items including folding tables and chairs, food, personal items, medical supplies, and pandemic prevention materials. These donations provide emergency necessities for the people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines who have been affected by the pandemic and the volcanic eruption.

9. Relations with the Argentine Republic

- (1) Background: On January 6, 1973, the Taiwan Trade Office in Argentina was established and later renamed the Taipei Commercial Office in Argentina on January 26, 1996. On July 9, 1992, the Argentina Trade and Cultural Office was set up in Taipei.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade between Taiwan and Argentina amounted to US\$720 million, with imports from Argentina of US\$453 million and exports at US\$267 million, resulting in a trade surplus of US\$186 million in favor of Argentina. Argentina is Taiwan's 51st-largest export market, 47th-largest source of imports, and fourth-largest trading partner in Latin America, after Mexico, Brazil, and Chile.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. Taiwan has been promoting its cultural beauty through various activities, such as photo exhibitions, film festivals, and Taiwanese glove puppetry, as well as utilizing such channels as radio, television, and new media. This includes airing special Spanish-language programs by Radio Taiwan International, broadcasting the Taipei 101 New Year's

Eve fireworks, Tango during the Pandemic - Argentine Families in Taiwan (video produced by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Argentina), and featuring articles in Taiwan Panorama.

- B. Since offering the Taiwan Scholarship and the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) in 2004, more than 60 Argentine students have come to Taiwan to study Mandarin or pursue academic degrees. This year, six Argentine students are studying in Taiwan.
- (4) Overseas community affairs: There are approximately 10,000 Taiwanese expatriates living in Argentina, with the majority settled in the capital, Buenos Aires, and the Province of Buenos Aires. There are over 30 Taiwanese expatriate organizations and five schools teaching traditional Chinese characters.

10. Relations with the Federative Republic of Brazil

- (1) Background: On July 14, 1975, the R.O.C. set up the Far East Trade Center in Brazil in São Paulo. On February 15, 1980, the center was renamed the Taipei Business Center in Brazil. On January 10, 1992, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Brazil was set up in Brasília. At the same time, the original business centers in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro were renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in São Paulo and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Rio de Janeiro. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Rio de Janeiro was closed on February 20, 2002. The Commercial Office of Brazil to Taipei was established on March 27, 1990.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade between Taiwan and Brazil amounted to US\$4.257 billion, with imports from Brazil of US\$2.63 billion and exports to Brazil of US\$1.627 billion.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Taiwan awarded three Taiwan Scholarships and four Huayu Enrichment Scholarships to Brazilian students. Taiwan also offered 13 slots for TaiwanICDF training courses and workshops, one slot for the International Center for Land Policy Studies and Training, and invited Brazilian officials to participate in online courses and seminars.

- (4) COVID-19 cooperation: In the spirit of Taiwan Can Help, initiatives to donate medical masks and supplies were carried out, with beneficiaries including the government of Goiás and the public health authorities of Rondônia.
- (5) Humanitarian assistance:
 - A. Taiwan implemented an anti-poverty program with three NGOs: The Institute for the Advancement of Cultural, Sports, and Social Promotion of São Sebastião-DF (the Instituto Acesso de Promoção Cultural Esportiva e Social de São Sebastião-DF); the Association of Persons with Disabilities of the Federal District (Associação dos Portadores de Deficiência do Distrito Federal); and the Association for the Support of Impoverished Families (Associação de Amparo às Famílias Carentes). Through the program, essential supplies were purchased and sent to 1,130 impoverished households in four satellite cities in Brazil's Federal District: Taguatinga, Cidade Estrutural, Ceilândia, and São Sebastião.
 - B. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Brazil worked with NGOs in Pernambuco, Minas Gerais, Rio Grande do Norte, and churches in the Federal District to donate more than 2,000 basic food baskets to vulnerable families and impoverished children in six cities during the year-end holiday season.
- (6) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 310,000 ethnic Chinese, including 72,000 Taiwanese citizens, live in Brazil, 90% of them in the two major cities of São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. The majority of leaders in the overseas community actively participate in charitable endeavors and public welfare efforts. More than 60 overseas Chinese groups of various types are active in Brazil, including business, social, leisure, local associations, public welfare, and religious groups.

11. Relations with the Republic of Chile

- (1) Background:
 - A. September 30, 1975, the R.O.C. set up the Far East Trade Office in Chile in the capital Santiago. The office was renamed the Taipei

Commercial Office in Chile on December 22, 1990, and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chile on June 26, 1992. The Chilean Trade Office was established in Taipei on September 22, 1989. On January 1, 2012, Taiwan and Chile agreed to the mutual exemption of tourist visa fees. On January 1, 2016, the mutual waiver of tourist visas was agreed upon, and on July 1 of that year the mutual exemption of visas for holders of diplomatic and official passport visas was agreed upon.

B. In July of this year, Chinese National Federation of Industries (CNFI) signed a Collaboration Agreement with Federation of Chilean Industry (Sociedad de Fomento Fabril, SOFOFA) of Chile.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

A. Bilateral trade between Taiwan and Chile amounted to US\$2.312 billion, with exports to Chile of US\$319 million and imports from Chile of US\$1.993 billion. Taiwan is Chile's fourth largest trading partner in Asia, and Chile is Taiwan's 3rd largest trading partner in Latin America.

B. Economic and trade exchanges:

a. In August of this year, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chile collaborated with CNFI and SOFAFA to organize the 2021 Taiwan-Chile Industrial Forum, inviting industry experts to discuss smart manufacturing in depth and promoting industry collaboration.

b. In September and October of this year, the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chile organized the 2021 Latin America Online Trade Mission and Latin America Business Day, respectively, in order to expand opportunities for Taiwanese businesses.

c. In October of this year, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chile set up the Taiwan Pavilion in EXPOMIN. Four Taiwanese manufacturers, including ASUS, HCP Pump Manufacturer Co., Ltd., Petseals Industries Ltd., and Vivotek Inc., showcased high-quality products such as advanced desktop computers, laptops,

submersible pumps, and security monitoring equipment.

- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chile awarded three Taiwan Scholarships and six Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) this year.
 - B. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chile recommended Chilean students receive training from TaiwanICDF for the following courses: Eight students for the Webinar on Digital Governance, 12 students for the Webinar on Disaster Resistance, one student for the Webinar on Smart Water Management, one student for the Webinar on Environmental Monitoring and Infectious Disease Prevention, one student for the Webinar on Marine Debris Solutions, and one student for the Webinar on Renewable Energy.
 - C. On May 17 of this year, Representative Silvia Yu Chi Liu of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chile was invited to participate in the Lideres Mundiales (World Leaders) online series of panel discussions hosted by Universidad de los Andes in Chile. She introduced Taiwan, our government's achievements, pandemic successes, and promoted Taiwan's efforts to participate in the World Health Assembly (WHA).
 - D. On June 25 this year, the Lo Matta/Vitacura Cultural Center in Chile held an online series of panel discussions titled "Mujer y el Poder" (Women and Power), which featured live broadcasts on its website and YouTube channel, introducing President Tsai Ing-wen and information about Taiwan and its history.
- (4) Social welfare cooperation: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chile commissioned La Agencia Cultural Foundation to carry out a women's empowerment and support program. The program was co-organized by the municipal government of Cerro Navia and CREE Primary School. From October to December this year, the program aimed to develop the entrepreneurial skills of 100 single mothers affected by domestic violence in the city, in line with the United Nations' 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- (5) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 1,500 Taiwanese citizens

live in Chile, mostly in Santiago and the northern city of Iquique. The three major overseas compatriot organizations in Chile are the Civil Association of Taiwanese in Chile, Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce in Chile, and Friendship Club Taiwan.

12. Relations with the Republic of Colombia

- (1) Background: The Far East Commercial Office in Colombia was established on June 14, 1980, and started offering services to the public with the Barranquilla Office of the Far East Commercial Office in Colombia on August 26. On November 27, 1990, the two offices were renamed the Taipei Commercial Office in Bogota, Colombia, and the Taipei Commercial Office in Barranquilla, Colombia, respectively. On July 1, 1991, the Taipei Commercial Office in Barranquilla, Colombia was closed. On May 7, 1993, Colombia set up a commercial office in Taiwan; however, it was closed in December 2002.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. Bilateral trade: Bilateral trade between the R.O.C. and Colombia amounted to US\$492 million, with exports to Colombia of US\$376 million and imports from Colombia of US\$116 million. Colombia is Taiwan's 57th-largest trade partner and third-largest export market in Latin America, after Mexico and Brazil.
 - B. Economic and trade exchanges:
 - a. Daniel Quintero, the Mayor of Medellín, Colombia's second-largest city and a technology hub, represented Colombia at the 2021 Taipei Smart City Mayors' Summit in March. In the same month, the Taipei Computer Association and Fedesoft Colombia signed the MOU on Cooperation in the Sector of Smart Cities and Urban Development. Additionally, the Taiwan-Colombia Bilateral City and Business Exchange Online Conference was held to strengthen cooperation and exchange in the smart city industry between the two countries.
 - b. In June, Juanita Rodríguez, the Director of Smart Cities at the ProBogota Foundation, served as the keynote speaker for the

City Forum (CTalk) at the 2021 Smart City Summit & Expo in Taipei, where she shared Bogotá's experience in developing smart transportation. In the same month, Taiwan and the ProBogota Foundation co-hosted the "Taiwan-Colombia Smart City Seminar" (How to Design Smart Cities?) online seminar. Director Hsieh Li-wen of the ICF Institute, and Chief Executive Officer Lee Chen-Yu of the Smart Taipei Office, delivered keynote speeches.

- c. Taiwan, in collaboration with the Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA), held the Business and Investment Opportunities in the Pacific Alliance seminar in September and invited individuals from the Pacific Alliance Studies Program (PEAP) at IICESI University in Colombia to speak on "The Introduction to the Pacific Alliance From 2011 to 2021: the ongoing challenges to the Pacific Alliance," and "Circular Economy in the Pacific Alliance." The Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) organized the 2021 Latin America Online Trade Mission, where a total of 26 Taiwanese companies and 50 Colombian companies conducted 150 business meetings.
 - d. The Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) organized several business events throughout the year, including Sourcing Taiwan 2021-Machinery; Sourcing Taiwan Online 2021-Anti-Epidemic Products; Sourcing Taiwan Online-AIoT 2021; Taiwan Smart Healthcare Solutions Online; Latin America Online Trade Day; Latin America Smart Machinery Online Business Day; and Taiwan Metal Parts Online Biz Meeting, 2021.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Due to the ongoing severity of the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on physical events, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Colombia collaborated with Colombian think tanks and academic institutions, including Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Fundación ProBogota, and Universidad Externado de Colombia, to organize four academic events via videoconference. These events aimed to explain Taiwan's various developments and important foreign policies.

- (4) Bilateral cooperation and assistance: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Colombia donated to various projects in Colombia, including social welfare and small community development projects in remote areas of Nariño Province; local small-scale construction projects in Antioquia Province; a cooperation project to enhance the production and marketing knowledge of coffee smallholders in the Catatumbo area of Norte de Santander Province with the help of Taiwanese coffee experts; a food package project for poverty alleviation in Antioquia Province; small-scale local construction and women's training projects in Valle del Cauca and Norte de Santander provinces; pandemic supplies for teachers and students in rural schools in Valle del Cauca Province; toys for children in impoverished communities in the capital city of Bogotá; traditional folk dance cultural preservation activities in Ábrego, Norte de Santander Province; the annual social welfare and education program of the Fundación El Nogal; and participation in the year-end material donation campaign of the Diplomatic Security Service Headquarters in Bogotá.
- (5) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 300 Taiwanese compatriots live in Colombia, primarily in the capital of Bogotá (around 100 people), and in the second largest city of Medellín and the third largest city of Cali. Taiwanese expatriate organizations in Colombia have maintained close interaction with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Colombia. During the pandemic this year, they actively engaged in charitable activities, donating masks and other pandemic supplies to Colombian communities to assist the Colombian government in its efforts to fight the pandemic.

13. Relations with the Republic of Ecuador

- (1) Background: On April 12, 1977, the Trade Office of the R.O.C. was set up in Quito, the capital, and in March 2017, renamed the Taipei Commercial Office.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. Bilateral trade between Taiwan and Ecuador amounted to US\$301

million this year, growing 122.98% from last year. Imports from Ecuador totalled US\$128 million and exports to Ecuador totalled US\$173 million.

- B. In October and December of this year, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Ecuador participated in the 85th anniversary assembly and online business matchmaking conference of the Industries and Production Chamber (CIP) and the 115th anniversary celebration and business matchmaking exhibition of the Quito Chamber of Commerce (CCQ) in Ecuador.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
- A. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Ecuador continued to promote various scholarship programs offered by Taiwan to students at the Central University of Ecuador (UCE), Armed Forces University (ESPE), University of San Francisco Quito (USFQ), Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador (PUCE), and University of the Americas (UDLA). This year, a total of three students received Taiwan Scholarships, and five students were awarded Huayu Enrichment Scholarships (HES). Additionally, Rotary Clubs from both countries jointly participated in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, where students were selected for exchanges.
 - B. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Ecuador collaborated with Ecuador TV to broadcast Taiwanese documentaries and high-quality dramas such as *The Way We Were*, *A Good Wife*, and *The New World*.
- (4) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation: On December 6, 1978, Taiwan sent a technical mission to Ecuador to provide assistance in the areas of rice, vegetables, pig farming, orchids, small-scale agricultural machinery, IT education, aquaculture, food processing, as well as the production and marketing of vegetables and grains. On December 31, 2013, Taiwan's technical mission in Ecuador transitioned from technical assistance to collaborative development, implementing the Oyster Cultivation Development Project in 2021 to great success by helping fishing cooperatives and other organizations.

- (5) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 500 Taiwanese citizens live in Ecuador, with 14 overseas community organizations. Most of these Taiwanese expatriates reside in the cities Quito, Guayaquil, or Machala.

14. Relations with the United Mexican States

- (1) Background: On April 19, 1989, the R.O.C. set up the Far East Trade Service Center in Mexico City, which was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Mexico on July 14, 1993. To strengthen economic, trade, and cultural relations with Taiwan, Mexico established the Mexican Trade Services Documentation and Cultural Office (Oficina de Enlace de México en Taiwán) in Taiwan in June 1991. The office issues visas directly and functions as the official agency representing Mexico in Taiwan.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. Mexico is Taiwan's largest trading partner in Latin America, and according to statistics from Taiwan customs authority, bilateral trade this year amounted to US\$5.387 billion. Imports from Mexico totalled US\$1.64 billion and exports to Mexico totalled US\$3.747 billion. According to statistics from the Mexican government, since 1999, Taiwanese companies have invested a total of US\$1.135 billion in 295 businesses in Mexico.
 - B. In January of this year, the National Farmers Association of the R.O.C. and the National Agricultural Council (NCA) of Mexico signed a memorandum of understanding on agricultural cooperation via videoconference.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Mexico awarded 21 Huayu Enrichment Scholarships and 10 Taiwan Scholarships to a total of 31 Mexican students.
 - B. TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarships were also awarded to four Mexican students.
- (4) COVID-19 cooperation: In December, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Mexico, together with Carlos Elhier Cinta, the National

Coordinator of the Formosa Club in Mexico, Víctor Manuel Pérez, the Chairman of the Communications and Transportation Committee of the Chamber of Deputies, Sarai Núñez Cerón, the Secretary of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Héctor Israel Castillo, the Secretary of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, and Diana Estefanía Gutiérrez, the Secretary of the Federal Superior Audit Oversight Committee, jointly signed a donation record. 65 oxygen concentrators were provided to the states of Guanajuato and Nuevo León to combat the pandemic.

- (5) Humanitarian assistance:
 - A. In March of this year, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Mexico signed a donation record with Mexican Federal Deputy Carmina Yadira Regalado to assist in establishing multimedia classrooms in eight schools in the municipality of Bahía de Banderas, Nayarit state. This initiative aims to reduce the digital divide for children from underprivileged families.
 - B. In September of this year, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Mexico signed a donation record with former Mexican Federal Deputy Lizeth Guerra to provide aid to 2,000 households affected by Hurricane Grace in the northern region of Veracruz state.
 - C. In December of this year, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Mexico signed a donation record with Nadia Navarro Acevedo, the Secretary of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Mexican Senate, to provide aid packages and blankets to 500 impoverished households in Puebla state.
- (6) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 1,500 overseas Taiwanese live in Mexico, most involved in commerce and residing in various major cities across Mexico. There are five overseas community organizations: the Chamber of Commerce of Taiwan in Mexico City, the Association of Taiwanese People in Mexico, the Taiwanese Compatriots Association of Solidarity and Help in Mexico, the Chamber of Commerce of Taiwan in Juárez City, and the Taiwan Chamber of Commerce in Baja California.
- (7) A visit from Mexico was made by Secretary of the Foreign Affairs

Committee in the Senate, Nadia Navarro Acevedo.

15. Relations with Peru

- (1) Background: On January 1, 1978, the Far East Trade Center in Peru was set up in the capital Lima. In November 1990, it was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Peru. Peru established the Commercial Office of Peru in Taiwan in May 1994.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to US\$620 million this year. Taiwan's exports to Peru amounted to US\$280 million, primarily industrial products such as plastic raw materials, potassium sulfate for fertilizers, machinery parts, and vehicle parts. Taiwan's imports from Peru totaled US\$340 million, with main import products being zinc, copper ore, seafood, grapes, cotton textiles, asparagus, quinoa, and other agricultural and mining products.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Since 2004, over 200 young students and professors from Peru have applied for and received Taiwan Scholarships, Huayu Enrichment Scholarships, and Taiwan Fellowships to learn Mandarin, study, or carry out research in Taiwan.
- (4) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 300 Taiwanese citizens live in Peru, and the primary overseas associations include the Peruvian Overseas Chinese Association and the Taiwan Chamber of Commerce in Peru.

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Ambassador to Belize David K. C. Chien (right) visits the newly appointed Governor-General of Belize, Froyla Tzalam (left). (June 16, 2021)



Ambassador to Belize David K. C. Chien (second from left) and Belizean Prime Minister John Briceño (second from right) attend the achievements and handover ceremony of the Belize Motor Vehicle Registration and License System Project. Also in attendance are Belizean Minister of Public Utilities, Energy, and Logistics Rodwell Ferguson (first from right), and Minister of Youth, Sports and E-Governance Kevin Bernard (first from left). (June 23, 2021)



Ambassador to Guatemala Li-Cheng Cheng (second from right) co-hosts the groundbreaking ceremony for the National Hospital of Chimaltenango with President of Guatemala Alejandro Giammattei Falla (second from left). (June 8, 2021)



Ambassador Li-Cheng Cheng (left) and Guatemalan President Alejandro Giammattei Falla (right) co-host a ceremony in which Taiwan donates humanitarian rice grain to Guatemala. (August 25, 2021)



Ambassador Wen Jiann Ku (right) distributes food aid packages donated by Taiwan to vulnerable groups in Haiti. (January 14, 2021)



Ambassador Wen Jiann Ku (third from right) represents Taiwan and civil society in donating 25 tons of emergency relief supplies to Haiti, received by Haitian Prime Minister Ariel Henry (second from right). Also present are Claude Joseph, Minister of Foreign Affairs (fourth from left), Jean Emmanuel Jacques, Minister of Culture and Communication (first from right), and James Chen, a volunteer from the Tzu Chi Foundation (third from left), among others. (September 7, 2021)



MOFA Vice Minister Alexander Tah-ray Yui (first from left), Ambassador to Honduras Diego Wen (first from right), Carlos Madero, Minister for General Governmental Coordination of Honduras (second from right), and Karen Najarro, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Honduras (second from left), attend the ceremony in which Taiwan donates to Honduras' Plan for Reconstruction and Sustainable Development (PRDS) following the Eta and Iota Hurricanes. (September 17, 2021)



Ambassador to Honduras Diego Wen (fourth from right) and Honduran Foreign Minister Lisandro Rosales Banegas (third from right) co-host the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the diplomatic hall at Honduras' Palmerola Airport. Three Deputy Foreign Ministers of Honduras, José Isaías Barahona (third from left), Karen Najarro (second from left), and Nelly Jerez (first from left), are also in attendance. (December 22, 2021)



Consul General in San Pedro Sula, Francisco T. H. Chang (left), on behalf of Taiwan, donates emergency relief supplies to the fire victims in Guanaja, a city on the northern islands of Honduras. Alex Estévez (right), the Commander of the Permanent Contingency Commission (COPECO) for the northern region of Honduras, represents the recipients. (October 6, 2021)



Consul General in San Pedro Sula, Francisco T. H. Chang (left), and Karen de Calidonio (right), the wife of the Mayor of San Pedro Sula and Honorary Director of the Social Response Office, attend the completion and inauguration ceremony of the renovation of the José Trinidad Reyes School (Escuela José Trinidad Reyes). (December 9, 2021)



Ambassador to Paraguay José Han (right) and Paraguayan President Mario Abdo Benítez (left) attend the inauguration ceremony of the medical information system set up by Taiwan in the provincial hospital of Villa Hayes. (January 14, 2021)



Ambassador to Paraguay José Han (third from right) represents Taiwan in donating three helicopters to the Paraguayan government, with President Mario Abdo Benítez (second from right) as witness. (March 26, 2021)



Consul General of Ciudad del Este, Chang Chun-Pin (first from left), represents Taiwan in donating wheelchairs and walkers to the government of Itapúa Province. (November 4, 2021)



The Embassy of the R.O.C. in St. Kitts and Nevis and the United States Embassy in Barbados co-host a seminar on Climate-Smart Agriculture: Building Sustainability and Resilience of Agriculture under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF). Ambassador Michael C. H. Lin (sixth from left in the front row) and Minister of Agriculture of St. Kitts Alexis Jeffers (fifth from left in the front row), co-host the opening ceremony. (November 19, 2021)



Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis Michael C. H. Lin (left), Premier of Nevis Mark Brantley (right), and the widow of former Deputy Premier Malcolm Guishard, Yvonne Guishard (center), unveil the Malcolm Guishard Recreational Park, which was constructed with assistance from Taiwan. (December 19, 2021)



Ambassador to St. Lucia Peter Chia-yen Chen (third from right) with Acting Governor-General of St. Lucia Cyril Errol Melchiades Charles (fourth from left), Minister for the Public Service, Home Affairs, Labour and Gender Affairs Virginia Albert-Poyotte (second from left), and Minister of Commerce Emma Hippolyte (third from left) attend the opening ceremony of the 14th Taiwan-Saint Lucia Partnership Trade Exhibition. (November 26, 2021)



Ambassador to St. Lucia Peter Chia-yen Chen (second from right in the front row) and Prime Minister of St. Lucia Philip J. Pierre (center in the front row) sign a letter of intent for the Post-Pandemic Assistance to Latin America and the Caribbean for Economic Recovery and Empowerment of Youth and Women Project witnessed by the entire cabinet. (November 22, 2021)



Ambassador to St. Vincent and the Grenadines Peter Sha-Li Lan (right) represents Taiwan in donating ten respirators to the government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. They are accepted by Minister of Health, Wellness, and the Environment Clair Prince (left). (November 2, 2021)



Ambassador to St. Vincent and the Grenadines Peter Sha-Li Lan (center) and Minister of Health, Wellness, and the Environment Clair Prince (left) sign an agreement for the Public Health Medical Emergency Response System Enhancement Program in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. (November 2, 2021)



Representative to Argentina Tsao Li-je (second from right) witnesses the signing of a memorandum of cooperation between the Taiwan Medical Association's (TMA) Chairman Chiu Tai-yuan (on the video screen) and the President of the Argentine Medical Association Miguel Ángel Galmés (first from right). (November 30, 2021)



Representative to Argentina Tsao Li-jey witnesses the signing of an MOU between the representative of the Argentine Chamber of Commerce for the Asian Pacific Luciano Ojea Quintana (right) and the Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA). (December 6, 2021)



Representative to Brazil Tsung-che Chang (left) visits the United States Ambassador to Brazil Todd Chapman (right). (April 10, 2021)



Representative to Brazil Tsung-che Chang (right) and the First Lady of Goiás State Gracinha Caiado (center) jointly host a ceremony to donate surgical masks to Goiás State. (July 16, 2021)



Director General of TECO São Paulo Luís K. J. Fong (fifth from left), on behalf of the Taiwan government, donates food baskets to the Catholic Archdiocese of São Paulo. The donation is received by Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Net Ulloa. (June 15, 2021)



Director General of TECO São Paulo Luís K. J. Fong (eighth from right) hosts an Investment Opportunities Seminar. (October 21, 2021)



Representative to Chile Silvia Yu Chi Liu speaks at the event for the women's empowerment and assistance social welfare program. (October 3, 2021)



Representative to Chile Silvia Yu Chi Liu (fourth from left) attends the opening ceremony of the Taiwan Pavilion at EXPOMIN in Chile, along with Chairman Tucapel Jiménez of the Taiwan Friendship Caucus of the Chamber of Deputies of Chile (third from left), congress member Marcela Hernando (third from right), Director of International Affairs of ProChile Lorena Sánchez (second from left), and Chairman of the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce in Chile Tsao Hsiu-hsiang (second from right). (October 25, 2021)



The R.O.C. School in Bogotá, Colombia holds an event for the 110th National Day of the R.O.C. Representative to Colombia, Francisca Yu-Tsz Chang (center in red), poses for a photo with students. (October 8, 2021)



Representative to Colombia Francisca Yu-Tsz Chang (center) is awarded the Medal of Merit for Democracy (La Condecoración Orden Mérito a la Democracia) by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defense of Colombia, Paola Holguín (second from right), witnessed by Senator José Luis Pérez and his spouse (second from left and first from left, respectively). (December 14, 2021)



Representative to Ecuador Jaime Chuang (left) and Director of the National Secretariat for Risk Management of Ecuador Rommel Salazar (center) jointly host the ceremony for the donation of surgical masks to Ecuador. (March 31, 2021)



Representative to Ecuador Jaime Chuang (fifth from left in the front row) and Convener of the Ecuadorian Parliamentary Friendship Group with Taiwan Rina Campain (fourth from left in the front row), pose for a group photo at the establishment meeting. (December 8, 2021)



Representative to Mexico Armando Cheng (second from right) and Formosa Club Mexico National Coordinator Carlos Elhier Cinta (first from left), Chairman of the Communications and Transportation Committee of the Mexican Chamber of Deputies Víctor Manuel Pérez (first from right), and Secretary of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Mexican Chamber of Deputies Sarai Núñez Cerón (second from left) attend the ceremony for the donation of oxygen concentrators to the states of Guanajuato and Nuevo León from Taiwan. (December 15, 2021)



Representative to Mexico Armando Cheng (center in suit) and Secretary of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Mexican Senate Nadia Navarro Acevedo (in yellow in the back row) attend the ceremony for the donation of emergency supplies, kits, and blankets to impoverished households in rural Puebla. (December 22, 2021)



Representative to Peru Iván Yueh-Jung Lee (fifth from the right), and the Chair of the Special Committee on Climate Change of the Peruvian Congress, Heidy Juarez (sixth from the right) co-host a ceremony for Taiwan's donation of pandemic supplies to the Piura Province in northwestern Peru. (September 25, 2021)

Section 2 International Organizations, Conferences, and Activities

I. Campaign for UN Participation

Since Taiwan withdrew from the United Nations in 1971, the political, economic, and social landscape of Taiwan has continued to develop. Along with the progress of democratization and the maturing of civil society, there has been a growing focus among the people of Taiwan to pursue stronger engagement in the international community. To advocate for international recognition of Taiwan's aspirations and needs for greater international participation, and to ensure international alignment of issues and policy directions for contribution to the global society, Taiwan has continuously endeavored to gain recognition and support from the international community for its participation in the United Nations system since 1993, without interruption.

Following the approach of steadfast diplomacy and mutual assistance for mutual benefits, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs continues to actively demonstrate to the UN community Taiwan's willingness and ability to participate in and contribute to the specialized agencies of the UN. While seeking support from the international community, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also urges the UN to recognize the importance and necessity of Taiwan's involvement. Taiwan's campaign has three core appeals. First, the UN should take immediate action to resolve the inappropriate exclusion of Taiwan's 23.5 million people from the UN system. Second, the UN's discriminatory policy against Taiwanese passport holders and journalists violates their fundamental human rights and should be rectified immediately. Third, the UN should ensure that Taiwan has the right to participate in an equal and dignified manner in meetings, mechanisms, and activities related to the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), so that Taiwan can make meaningful contributions.

In 2021, 14 permanent representatives to the UN from Taiwan's diplomatic allies jointly or individually wrote to the UN Secretary-General to express support for the inclusion of Taiwan. During the General Debate at the UN General Assembly from September 21 to 27, 13 heads of state, heads of government, or representatives of Taiwan's diplomatic allies spoke in support of Taiwan, calling

on the UN to adhere to the spirit of “We the Peoples” as proclaimed in its Charter, and not to exclude the 23.5 million people of Taiwan from the UN system on the basis of UN General Assembly Resolution 2758. Taiwan has the right to contribute to the collective efforts of the UN to achieve better post-pandemic recovery and the implementation of SDGs.

Like-minded countries have supported Taiwan’s campaign in a wide variety of ways. The Australia-United States 2+2 Ministerial Consultations (AUSMIN) issued a joint statement mentioning the importance of Taiwan’s participation in international organizations; the US State Department publicly supported Taiwan’s meaningful participation in the United Nations on the eve of the General Assembly, stating that including Taiwan would benefit the whole world; when US President Joe Biden convened and personally hosted the virtual Global COVID-19 Summit during the UN General Assembly, he invited former Vice President of Taiwan Chen Chien-jen to participate. Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga also echoed Taiwan’s appeal for participation in the UN system during the General Debate. Offices representing Australia, Japan, and the US in Taiwan posted on social media and shared Blessings from Taiwan, a short promotional video supporting Taiwan’s UN campaign, in recognition of Taiwan’s contributions to UN SDGs fulfillment. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken formally affirmed through a press statement strong support for Taiwan’s meaningful participation in the UN system and encouraged all UN member states to join the US in supporting Taiwan’s international participation.

During the opening of the General Assembly, Taiwan organized seven side events focusing on international humanitarian concerns and sustainable development issues of interest to the UN, demonstrating to the UN community the substantial contributions and achievements Taiwan can make. Invitees included the Permanent Representative of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to the UN, Rhonda King, the Climate Envoy of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Tina Stege, the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the US Agency for International Development (USAID), Craig Hart, the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the US Department of the Treasury, Lida Fitts, the Permanent Observer of the Sovereign Order of Malta, Paul Beresford-Hill, and representatives of relevant think tanks, who engaged in dialogues with Taiwanese speakers.

II. Campaign for WHO Participation

The vision of the World Health Organization (WHO) is a world in which all people attain the highest possible level of health. WHO provides health assistance and technical services and raises awareness about various diseases and environmental health to help governments across the world improve their people's health. Taiwan was a founding member of WHO until May 1972, when the World Health Assembly (WHA), WHO's decision-making body, passed Resolution 25.1 and thereby excluded Taiwan from WHO. To safeguard the rights of the Taiwan people and facilitate collaboration with a global health network helmed by the WHO, Taiwan has been promoting its participation in the WHO since 1997. After continued effort from the government and civic groups, Taiwan was finally included in the implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR) in 2009. On April 28, 2009, then WHO Director-General Margaret Chan extended an invitation to Minister of Health Ching-chuan Yeh to attend the 62nd WHA as an observer under the name "Chinese Taipei". Taiwan's health minister was invited to attend the WHA for eight consecutive years.

This year, to demonstrate the government's commitment to global health cooperation and the welfare of our citizens, Taiwan requested, through its diplomatic allies, that the WHO Secretariat include the proposal for "inviting Taiwan to participate in the WHA as an observer" in the agenda of the 74th WHA. The proposal was discussed on the first day of the WHA in May. Four of our diplomatic allies, the Marshall Islands, St. Kitts and Nevis, Nauru, and Eswatini, served as representatives for Taiwan in the two-on-two debates at the General Committee and the plenary session. They affirmed that Taiwan is an important partner in global public health cooperation, emphasized the need for the global pandemic network to include all parties, and urged the WHO and the WHA to recognize the necessity, urgency, and legitimacy of Taiwan's participation. Like-minded countries also publicly supported our proposal at the WHA and other international venues. The US, Japan, Australia, the UK, Canada, and the Sovereign Order of Malta explicitly supported Taiwan, while Germany, France, New Zealand, the Czech Republic, and Lithuania called for the inclusion of all parties in the WHO and the global public health system.

This year, the administrations of more than 40 countries and the European

Union expressed support for Taiwan through external statements, responses to parliamentary inquiries or media inquiries, and social media posts. High-level government officials, including US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, publicly voiced their support for Taiwan. Offices in Taiwan representing the US, Japan, Australia, Canada, the UK, France, and Germany in Taiwan also collectively voiced their support. The Group of Seven (G7) and the EU explicitly mentioned support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in the WHO and the WHA for the first time in the communique of the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting this year. In the legislative arena, more than 3,000 parliamentarians from over 100 countries supported Taiwan's proposal through various means, such as letters to the WHO Director-General, statements, and social media posts, demonstrating widespread international recognition of the importance of including Taiwan in the global pandemic system.

Taiwan also actively engaged in professional exchanges with other countries during its WHA campaign, jointly organizing an international public health seminar with the US, Japan, the UK, and Australia under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF), entitled "COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout: Experiences and Challenges". Speakers from Israel, the European Union, and Canada were invited to discuss global vaccine issues, share experience in vaccine distribution, vaccination, and side effects management, and collaborate on the best vaccine strategies to combat the spread of the pandemic.

Taiwan will continue to pursue equal and dignified participation in the WHA and urges the WHO and related parties to acknowledge Taiwan's long-term contributions to global public health, pandemic prevention, and the right to health, as well as Taiwan's medical partnerships with WHO member states, and to facilitate Taiwan's professional, pragmatic, and constructive engagement in the WHA and to gradually expand Taiwan's involvement in WHO mechanisms, meetings, and activities.

III. Campaign for ICAO Participation

As a member of the international community, Taiwan has the responsibility to ensure global and regional aviation safety and is willing to contribute to the development of global civil aviation and the well-being of humanity. Taiwan

has jurisdiction over the Taipei Flight Information Region (Taipei FIR), which manages heavy air traffic in East Asia, and plays a crucial part of the global aviation network, yet Taiwan has been excluded from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), making it difficult to participate in ICAO meetings, activities, and mechanisms.

In 2013, Taiwan attended the 38th ICAO Assembly, held at ICAO headquarters in Montreal, Canada, as a guest of the ICAO Council President, Roberto Kobeh González, under the name Chinese Taipei. The Taiwan delegation was led by Jean Shen, then Director-General of the Civil Aeronautics Administration of Taiwan.

In 2016 and 2019, Taiwan sent a delegation to Montreal, Canada for the 39th and 40th ICAO Assemblies, respectively, despite not receiving an invitation. The delegation was sent to demonstrate our resolve to be a part of the ICAO and to explain to the international community the necessity of Taiwan's participation in the ICAO. In April 2019, G7 Foreign Ministers' joint communique for the first time ever echoed Taiwan's appeal.

While the ICAO did not convene an assembly in 2021, Taiwan government continues to pursue its ICAO campaign through various channels to garner support from the international community, and build momentum for Taiwan's bid. In October 2021, US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken released a press statement, supporting Taiwan's participation in the UN system. In the press release, Secretary Blinken voiced his support for Taiwan, stating that, "[d]espite the tens of millions of passengers traveling annually through its airports, Taiwan was not represented at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) triennial assembly." The legislative branches of Argentina, Belgium, Canada, France, Italy, and the US have also supported Taiwan's participation in the ICAO through various approaches such as passing related resolutions, writing to the Secretary-General of ICAO, interpellation in the parliament, and writing letters to the editor.

Taiwan will continue to follow the approach of steadfast diplomacy and mutual assistance for mutual benefits, to maintain close cooperation with other countries and stakeholders as well as advocate for Taiwan's participation in the ICAO, including participation in the assembly, other technical meetings, activities, and mechanisms.

IV. Campaign for INTERPOL Participation

The mission of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) is to enable criminal police around the world to work together to prevent and fight crime. In 1961, Taiwan joined INTERPOL as the National Central Bureau of the R.O.C. In 1984, Taiwan was forced to withdraw from the organization after it yielded to the unreasonable conditions attached to China's accession, which denigrated our participating status.

As a member of the international community, Taiwan is willing and able to cooperate with other countries to combat the growing threats of terrorism and transnational crime. Therefore, Taiwan launched its campaign in 2016 to advocate for Taiwan's participation in INTERPOL as an observer. Taiwan's appeals have gradually gained public support from like-minded countries. The international community has also shown increased support for Taiwan's campaign over the years.

The 89th INTERPOL General Assembly, postponed due to COVID-19, will be held in November 2023 in Istanbul, Türkiye. A total of 11 countries have written or asserted at the assembly, urging for INTERPOL to include Taiwan. Deputy Assistant Secretary Rick Waters of the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs of the Department of State (US), Secretary of State to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne (France), Minister of Foreign Affairs Ben Knapen (Netherlands), Minister of State Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon (UK), and Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdinasir Omer Jama (Somaliland) have expressed support for Taiwan's campaign. Two diplomatic missions - Japan's and Australia's - in Taiwan reposted promotional videos co-produced by Taiwan's MOFA and MOI National Police Agency on their official Facebook pages, demonstrating that they attach great importance to Taiwan's international participation.

In addition, 44 countries and multilateral organizations as well as over 860 parliamentarians or local councillors have shown support for Taiwan in various ways, including the European Parliament which passed two resolutions supporting Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations, such as INTERPOL, as an observer. The French Senate and National Assembly passed first-time resolutions in support of Taiwan's participation in international organizations. The Irish Senate and House of Representatives of the Netherlands also passed

resolutions or motions in support of Taiwan's campaigns with resounding votes.

Taiwan will continue to work with like-minded countries to amass support from the international community for the three following objectives: (1) participation in the General Assembly of INTERPOL as an observer; (2) access to the I-24/7 global police communications system; and (3) participation in INTERPOL meetings, mechanisms, and other events.

V. Taiwan's Membership in Intergovernmental Organizations

While continuing the campaign for participation in the UN system, Taiwan also continues to leverage its political, economic, and scientific strengths to bolster and deepen its existing memberships in intergovernmental organizations through flexible and pragmatic approaches in order to secure member status and rights. In addition, Taiwan continues to advocate for participation in and strengthen effective connections with other international organizations that it has not joined.

Taiwan has membership in 41 intergovernmental organizations, multilateral mechanisms, or their affiliated bodies. Taiwan also participates as observer or other status in 25 intergovernmental organizations, conventions, multilateral mechanisms, or their affiliated bodies. (Please refer to Appendix 6)

Significant advancements in Taiwan's participation in inter-governmental organizations are outlined below:

1. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC):

- (1) TSMC founder Dr. Morris Chang was designated to represent Taiwan at the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (AELM), attending by videoconference the Informal Leaders' Retreat held on July 16, APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) Dialogue with Leaders on November 11, and AELM on November 12. Dr. Chang also met with Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong in an online bilateral meeting before AELM.
- (2) In 2021, ministers and deputy ministers across various ministries received international exposure a total of 10 times at APEC, including two Finance and Central Bank Deputies' Meeting (FCBDM), seven ministerial meetings (trade, structural reform, food security, SMEs, finance, health and women), and the APEC Ministerial Meeting (AMM).

- 2. Asian Development Bank (ADB):** Established in 1966, the ADB is headquartered in Manila and currently owned by 68 members. Taiwan is one of the founding members and belongs to a voting group along with Korea, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, and Vanuatu. In 1983, Taiwan became a donor country of the ADB's Asian Development Fund (ADF). In 2020, Taiwan committed to donating the 13th replenishment of funds based on holding percentage. Also in 2020, TaiwanICDF signed a cooperation agreement with the ADB's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department (SDCC) to help promote geospatial technology and share Taiwan's valuable experience by using satellite imagery for agricultural development and disaster prevention. In August and October of this year, TaiwanICDF and ADF co-hosted knowledge-sharing webinar regarding earth observation.
- 3. Inter-American Development Bank (IDB):** Established in 1959 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., the IDB aims to promote economic and social development in member countries in the region by providing loans and technical assistance to government agencies and private enterprises. Since 1991, the IDB has invited Taiwan to its annual Board of Governors meetings as an observer. Taiwan sends a delegation every year to actively strengthen cooperation with the IDB. In 2006, through the IDB's Multilateral Investment Fund, TaiwanICDF set up the Specialized Financial Intermediary Development Fund to provide financing for intermediary financial institutions, to increase fiscal independence, small rural enterprises to take part in formal financial system, and low-income populations to improve their residential properties. In 2021, TaiwanICDF continued to work with the IDB to provide financing opportunities for women-owned enterprises and power transmission systems in Taiwan's diplomatic allies, improving and strengthening substantial cooperation between Taiwan and the IDB.
- 4. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD):** Founded in 1961 and headquartered in Paris, France, the OECD currently has 38 member states. The OECD is an important economic organization for the governments of developed countries to facilitate progress in economic and social welfare and provide assistance to developing countries. With more than 300 specialized committees and working groups, the OECD has considerable

scale. Since its initial participation in the Dynamic Non-Member Economies (DNMEs) seminars in Paris in January 1989, Taiwan has been actively pursuing opportunities for substantive participation in the OECD. Taiwan regularly attends meetings and events by the Competition Committee, the Steel Committee, and the Fisheries Committee as a participant (i.e., observer).

5. **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD):** Established in 1991, the EBRD is headquartered in London, and currently owned by 73 members, including 38 recipient countries. In 1991, Taiwan set up the Technical Cooperation Fund with EBRD to help facilitate economic and social development in the recipient countries. Since then, Taiwan has been regularly invited to participate in the EBRD's annual meetings of the Board of Governors and related events, as a special observer. In 2021, Taiwan and the EBRD jointly launched six technical cooperation projects on sustainable finance, green city, environmental governance, big data analysis, SMEs, etc., and five Taiwan missions abroad participated in the launch ceremonies of these projects. Taiwan also organized three business networking events and investment forums to keep strengthening the partnership between Taiwan and EBRD.
6. **Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI):** Established in 1960, CABEI is headquartered in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, and currently owned by 15 members. In 1992, Taiwan joined CABEI as a non-regional member and is now the bank's largest shareholder. In 2021, Taiwan secured a permanent seat on the Board of Directors. Later in July, CABEI opened its representative office in Taiwan, which is also CABEI's first office in a non-regional member country. In November, Taiwan and CABEI signed an agreement to establish the Taiwan-CABEI Partnership Trust Fund. According to the agreement, Taiwan will contribute to the fund from 2021 to 2025 to implement CABEI's technical cooperation and capacity building projects in Central America. Such projects will highlight Taiwan's competitive industries by prioritizing consultants and manufacturers from Taiwan, which will therefore help expand Taiwan's business ventures in Central America.
7. **Pan American Development Foundation (PADF):** In 2012, Taiwan and the PADF, which has close ties with the Organization of American States (OAS), established the Taiwan-PADF Disaster Assistance and Reconstruction Fund for an initial five-year term to assist with disaster prevention efforts in the Latin

America and Caribbean region. The fund has been renewed several terms. In 2020, Taiwan and the PADF co-launched two-year cooperation projects on disaster prevention and epidemic control in two diplomatic allies.

- 8. Global Financial Innovation Network (GFIN):** Established on January 31, 2019, the GFIN helps supervisory agencies in different countries share experiences and cooperate across borders. It also serves as a communication platform for the promotion of financial innovation. Currently, the GFIN members come from 44 supervisory agencies across 28 countries and regions, and it has seven observers, including the World Bank Group and the IMF. Taiwan's Financial Supervisory Commission became a member in May 2019. Through the exchange of regulatory experiences and practical insights in financial technology, Taiwan keeps up with the latest international fintech trends and promotes the development of fintech in Taiwan.
- 9. Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG):** Established in February 1997, the APG aims to effectively implement international regulations on anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT). Headquartered in Sydney, Australia, the APG currently comprises 41 members. To deepen its involvement in the APG, Taiwan joined the group in 1997 and started funding APG programs in 2011 to assist the group with capacity building in Pacific members through AML and CFT training. Taiwan's 3rd Mutual Evaluation Report (MER) was unanimously approved at the 22nd APG Annual Conference in 2019. The approval puts Taiwan on the "Regular Follow-up List," the best rating available and an upgrade from the previous rating of "Enhanced Follow-up."
- 10. Egmont Group (EG):** Established in 1995, the EG aims to facilitate mutual cooperation and information exchange among member jurisdictions for the prevention of cross-border money laundering. The secretariat is located in Ottawa, Canada, and the group currently has 164 members. The Anti-Money Laundering Division (AMLDD) of the Investigation Bureau, Ministry of Justice, joined the group in 1998 and regularly participates in its meetings and activities. Taiwan has also leveraged the EG platform to sign bilateral anti-money laundering cooperation agreements or memoranda with other member jurisdictions. Taiwan has also donated funding to the EG to assist with AML capacity building programs.

11. Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs): Taiwan is a global leader in distant-water fishing, with fishing operations spanning three major oceans. Recognizing the need to conserve marine resources and combat illegal fishing, the international community deems it necessary to include Taiwan in the international fisheries management system. Given Taiwan's unique international status, the concept of "fishing entity" was introduced to allow Taiwan to participate in negotiations on conventions of various Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs). To date, Taiwan has joined seven RFMOs in its capacity of fishing entity, including the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC), the Extended Commission of the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCS BT), the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO), the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC), the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA), and the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). Taiwan is actively seeking further participation in RFMOs in order to contribute to the conservation and sustainable development of marine fisheries resources worldwide while safeguarding equal participation rights.

12. International Agricultural Organizations: Taiwan has strong capability and successful experience in the development of agricultural technology, precision agriculture, rural development, and quality agriculture. Two international agricultural organizations, the World Vegetable Center (WorldVeg) and the Food and Fertilizer Technology Center for the Asian and Pacific Region (FFTC), are headquartered in Taiwan, underscoring Taiwan's international recognition for promoting global agricultural cooperation. Through donations, international workshops and collaborative projects, Taiwan actively deepens professional engagement with international agricultural organizations such as WorldVeg, FFTC, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), the Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI), the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), and the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA). At the same time, efforts are being made to strengthen exchanges and cooperation

with countries targeted under the New Southbound Policy through regional and multilateral cooperations, thereby expanding the synergy of Taiwan's international participation.

13. World Trade Organization (WTO): Founded in 1995 and headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, the WTO promotes free, fair, and predictable international trade. The WTO currently has 164 members and 25 observers. Taiwan joined the organization in 2002 and has since actively engaged in multilateral and plurilateral trade negotiations and protected Taiwanese industries through WTO's dispute settlement system. For more information on Taiwan's engagement in the WTO, please refer to Section 3 of this Chapter.

14. Campaign for inclusion in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC):

The UNFCCC COP26 was held from October 31 to November 13 in Glasgow, UK. The Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) of the Executive Yuan invited representatives from the public and private sector to attend as NGO observers. The delegation was led by the EPA Deputy Minister Shen Chih-Hsiu and successfully fulfilled its mission at COP26 in line with Taiwan's principles of professional, pragmatic, and constructive engagement in the international community.

During COP26, Taiwan held a Taiwan Day event in Glasgow and co-hosted others, including the GEEP Africa Event, with the US. The Legislative Yuan also sent a delegation of legislators, including Hung Mong-kai and Hung Sun-han, to engage in bilateral discussions with legislators and government officials of diplomatic allies and friendly nations during this year's conference, leveraging parliamentary diplomacy to inject vibrant energy into Taiwan's campaign. Major achievements from Taiwan's delegation at COP26 include:

- (1) During this year's conference, 14 diplomatic allies wrote or spoke in support of the need to include Taiwan in the UNFCCC. Seven heads of states and high-level government officials, including the prime minister of Eswatini, prime minister of St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Kitts and Nevis, the Marshall Islands, Nicaragua, and Haiti, spoke at the World Leaders Summit and High-level Segment in support of Taiwan. Legislators from eight like-minded and friendly nations, including Canada,

Peru, Argentina, Spain, Greece, Mexico, Jordan, and Chile, submitted letters in support of Taiwan.

- (2) The Taiwanese delegation engaged in 30 bilateral discussions with 12 diplomatic allies, 11 like-minded and friendly nations (including the US and UK), and two international organizations to explore a diverse range of issues such as climate change policies, energy transition, renewable energy development, net zero by 2050, and carbon pricing as well as to advocate for Taiwan's participation in the UNFCCC.
- (3) The Taiwanese delegation attended a total of 14 side events, including three events organized with diplomatic allies Belize, Palau, and St. Kitts and Nevis; two events held with foreign NGOs; and seven events either solely or jointly organized by Taiwan, demonstrating the crucial role that NGOs play in advocating for Taiwan's participation in the UNFCCC.
- (4) The Taiwan Day event, held in the Radisson Blu Hotel in Glasgow on November 7, revolved around two themes: "Green Energy, Taiwan with You" and "Green Finance and Taiwan-UK Climate Action Exchange." The opening ceremony featured a pre-recorded opening remarks from President Tsai Ing-wen, and government agencies and businesses were invited to share Taiwan's achievements in developing renewable energy and green finance. During the Taiwan Day event, Legislator Hung Mong-kai, Legislator Hung Sun-han, MP Stewart McDonald, and MP Paul O'Kane delivered keynote speeches. A gala was held at night and was attended by nearly 250 guests.
- (5) The Taiwanese delegation co-hosted the GEEP Africa Event, both physically and virtually, on November 11 with the US Environmental Protection Agency. The GEEP Africa Event was the first side event co-hosted by the US and Taiwan during a COP. The event was co-hosted by Deputy Executive Director Lin Tze-luen at the Office of Energy and Carbon Reduction, Executive Yuan and Founder Adedoyin Adeleke of the International Support Network for African Development. EPA Deputy Minister Shen Chih-Hsiu (Taiwan), Taiwan Representative to the United Kingdom Kelly Wu-Chiao Hsieh, Assistant Administrator Jane Nishida (US) of the US Environmental Protection Agency, and Chief Executive

Ian Humphries of Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful were invited to deliver opening remarks.

- (6) The slogan for Taiwan's campaign, "Taiwan + Green Energy - Power the Plant for a Green Future," was coupled with visual designs incorporating solar energy, wind energy, and the famous landmark Taipei 101. The slogan and visuals were put up on platform gates, escalators, and digital display boards at Glasgow subway stations as well as electric cabs and downtown buses to promote Taiwan. On the day of the Taiwan Day event, an ad was placed in the UK Financial Times to promote Taiwan's efforts to combat climate change and develop renewable energy as well as cultivate a positive global image.

VI. Current Participation in International NGOs

1. In 2021, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Taiwanese civic groups filed fewer applications for MOFA grants and subsidies to engage in international activities. Of the 90 applications, 72 received funding under the Directions for the Provision of Subsidies by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to Civil Associations Engaged in International Exchanges and Activities, indicating that the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government has continued to lend support to civic groups for international exchanges and activities throughout the pandemic as it seeks to strengthen partnerships between local NGOs and governments using a practical approach.
2. MOFA compiled a budget for the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy in accordance with relevant laws and regulations to support NGOs, international NGOs (INGOs), think tanks, and political parties in democratic countries to build partnerships and connections with international groups supporting democracy.
3. **MOFA helped INGOs to set up operations in Taiwan:** Major achievements include helping major INGOs like the International Republican Institute (US) and the Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation for Freedom (Germany) set up offices in Taiwan with approval from the Ministry of the Interior (MOI). The STUF United Fund/World Taiwan Foundation also filed their application to the MOI to open an Asia-Pacific center. The INGOs mentioned above are world renowned

organizations advocating for democracy, freedom, and human rights. Their decision to open offices in Taiwan is a recognition of Taiwan's reputation for safeguarding democracy and freedom and is also conducive to Taiwan building connections with international groups supporting democracy.

4. **MOFA collaborated with NGOs in Taiwan to implement the Women's Empowerment Diplomacy Program:** To support the 65th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW65), Taiwan held the International Gender Equality Forum in March, inviting Sweden's State Secretary to Minister for Gender Equality Karin Strandås, Vice President Algere T. Sajery of the Office of External Affairs at the US International Development Finance Corporation, and Taiwan's Minister without Portfolio Audrey Tang to engage in dialogue. Taiwan NGOs also organized 26 online sessions to promote Taiwan's achievements in promoting gender equality to the international community. The campaign connected over 50 NGOs, from both Taiwan and abroad, to work together to promote gender equality. The livestream of the forum was viewed 5,000 times, a five-fold increase from last year. In addition, 120 gender scholars and experts from both Taiwan and abroad also attended the 26 side events, which had a combined viewership of 10,000 people. The forum reached 50 million people, which is 12.5 times more than last year, and received 200 reports in local, international, and social media.
5. **MOFA encouraged Taiwan NGOs to host annual INGO meetings or major international conferences in Taiwan, also helping them attend such conferences overseas:**

For example, to promote regional democracy and freedom, MOFA assisted the Taiwan headquarters of the World League for Freedom and Democracy (WLFD) to organize the 2021 World Freedom Day Celebrations, 2021 WLFD International Video Forum on Freedom and Democracy, and the separately convened 2021 WLFD European Regional Organization Video Forum and 2021 WLFD Latin American Regional Organization Video Forum. MOFA also helped the Asian Pacific League for Freedom and Democracy (APLFD) with organizing the 2021 Asia-Pacific Virtual Roundtable Conference.

In promoting international laws, the Chinese (Taiwan) Society of International Law held an online conference, the 2021 ILA-ASIL Asia-Pacific

Research Forum, with Singapore Management University's Law School between August 5 and 6. To increase participation across sectors, develop relationships, and build partnerships, MOFA helped notify Taiwan missions around the world to send people to attend the forum and contact scholars and experts to understand more about the latest research and trends in international free trade agreements, investment dispute resolution, environmental law, and health law. MOFA also assisted, as per previous years, with the publication of a professional journal and an annual report, in both English and Mandarin, to maintain communications with scholars and experts on international law around the world.

In terms of facilitating international medical and health exchanges, MOFA supported the Taiwan Medical Association's (TMA) active role in the World Medical Association (WMA), with the WMA expressing support for Taiwan to attend the World Health Assembly (WHA) as an observer. In addition, MOFA has also helped NGOs organize the 14th Asian Congress of Pediatric Nephrology 2021, the 12th Asia-Pacific Forum of Medical Laboratory Sciences 2021, AMWC Asia-TDAC Taiwan Dermatology Aesthetics Conference 2021, 17th International Symposium on Viral Hepatitis and Liver Diseases ISVHLD - Global Hepatitis Summit 2021, and other major international conferences to showcase the soft power of Taiwan's medical and health sector.

In terms of social innovation and sustainable development, MOFA assisted the Foundation of Women's Rights Promotion and Development with the hosting of the 4th Asia-Pacific Social Innovation Summit in Taiwan in April to connect international social innovation communities and drive social innovation developments in the Asia-Pacific and in Taiwan; MOFA also assisted the Taiwan Institute for Sustainable Energy (TAISE) with the hosting of the 4th Global Corporate Sustainability Forum in November in Taiwan to explore global sustainable development, corporate social responsibility, and net zero emissions.

6. MOFA supported UN SDGs and assisted Taiwan NGOs and INGOs with international cooperation projects:

To promote good health and well-being, MOFA assisted Taiwan's Eden Social Welfare Foundation and Vietnam's Association for Empowerment of

Persons with Disabilities (AEPD) with their International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) to provide Vietnamese people injured by landmines care and vocational training; assisted the SimplyHelp Foundation with their humanitarian aid program to send essential supplies, pandemic supplies, and textiles to diplomatic allies and friendly nations in Latin America and the Pacific; assisted the Mae Tao Clinic and Suwannimit Foundation with their program to reduce the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on marginalized communities in the Tak Province along the Thai-Myanmar border and to improve healthcare; assisted the Taiwan Fund for Children and Families (TFCF) and Canada's Children Believe with their Preschool Children Development Program to provide information on children's nutrition and caring for children in Paraguay and India; and assisted the Sunshine Social Welfare Foundation and APROQUEN (Nicaragua) with their Training Program for Burn Rehabilitation Professionals in Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Honduras to train burn-rehabilitation professionals and pressure-garment makers.

To promote quality education, MOFA assisted the Zhi-Shan Foundation Taiwan with the Reading Room Project in Primary Schools in Central Vietnam to build reading rooms, promote reading activities, and provide disadvantaged children in Vietnam with high-quality reading environments; assisted the Pu-Hsein Educational Foundation (Taiwan) and Amitofo Care Center (Taiwan) with their program teaching traditional Chinese abroad in Malawi, Lesotho, Eswatini, Mozambique, and Namibia to provide humanities education and skills training to local orphans; and assisted the Taiwan Africa International Service Association (TAISA) with their 2021 TAISA East Africa Digital Education Program to donate used computers to Kenya and Tanzania to increase the quality of information education for local students.

To promote gender equality, MOFA assisted the Garden of Hope Foundation (Taiwan) to organize their 2021 Project of the Asian Network of Women's Shelters and 2021 Asian Girls Empowerment Project to advocate for the safeguarding of women's rights and interests around the world.

7. MOFA organized talent cultivation programs to build the capacity of Taiwan NGOs and youths to be active around the world:

(1) NGO Leaders Forum:

To build a mechanism for the government and NGOs to engage in regular dialogue, the 2021 NGO Leaders Forum was held on December 14. The theme was International Participation and Warm Power: Taiwanese NGOs at the Helm of the Asia-Pacific.

President Damon Wilson of the National Endowment for Democracy (US) and Vice President Denise Scotto of the International Federation of Women in Legal Careers delivered remarks online for the opening ceremony. The forum spotlighted international engagement of Taiwan's NGOs. Four panel discussions on democracy-based diplomacy, city diplomacy, women's empowerment and diplomacy, and sports diplomacy were attended by over 200 local and foreign NGO leaders, outstanding individuals across various sectors, and representatives from related government agencies.

(2) MOFA NGO International Training Program:

In 2021, MOFA organized one training session each in Taipei, Taichung, and Kaohsiung between October and November. The training program this year was titled Let Taiwan Help: Taiwan NGOs Leadership in Post-COVID Era, and around 400 people attended either online or in person. The training program helps NGO partners develop their ability to engage in international affairs and align with the latest international trends or topics of interest.

(3) Sending NGO leaders and youths abroad for INGO internship programs:

In 2021, eight NGO leaders were accepted for overseas INGO internship programs. Two NGO leaders were sent to INGOs in Jordan and Cambodia, while the remaining six delayed their internship programs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Two students accepted in 2020 traveled to Belgium and the US for their internships in 2021. One of them, a political science student at National Taiwan University, published a research paper in the European Institute for Asian Studies journal. The internship programs help domestic NGOs build capacity for international connections and strengthen cooperation with INGOs.



Ambassador-at-Large Lin Ching-yi (top right), Executive Yuan Minister without Portfolio Audrey Tang (top center), Vice President Algene T. Sajery of the Office of External Affairs at the US International Development Finance Corporation (top left), and Sweden's State Secretary to Minister for Gender Equality Karin Strandås (bottom center) share at MOFA's Accelerating Women's Economic Empowerment Online Forum. (March 18, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (left), Minister of Finance Su Jain-rong (center), and Governor of the Central Bank Yang Chin-long at the signing ceremony for the agreement for CABI to establish an office in the R.O.C. (Taiwan). (April 23, 2021)



Director General Sharon S. N. Wu (left) of the MOFA Department of International Organizations, representing the R.O.C. (Taiwan), and APEC Executive Director Rebecca Fatima Sta. Maria (right) sign a memorandum of understanding regarding contributions from Chinese Taipei to the APEC Support Fund and the APEC Policy Support Unit. (November 5, 2021)



President Tsai Ing-wen delivers the opening remarks for the Taiwan Day event held during the UNFCCC COP26. (November 7, 2021)



Members of the delegation, Legislators Hung Mong-kai (third from the right) and Hung Sun-han (third from the left) at the Taiwan Day event with Director General Jason C. C. Lien (first from the right) of the Taipei Representative Office in the UK, Edinburgh Office, MP Paul O’Kane (first from the left), MP Stewart McDonald (second from the left), and host Dr. Leslie Mabon (second from the right). (November 7, 2021)



EPA Deputy Minister Shen Chih-Hsiu (center), Taiwan Representative to the United Kingdom Kelly Wu-Chiao Hsieh (third from the left), and Assistant Administrator Jane Nishida (fourth from the left) of the US Environmental Protection Agency at the GEEP Africa Event held during the UNFCCC COP26. (November 11, 2021)



TSMC Founder Dr. Morris Chang represents Taiwan at the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting. (November 12, 2021)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (top left), Deputy Governor of the Central Bank Chen Nan-kuang (bottom left), and Minister of Finance Su Jain-rong (bottom right) attend the online signing ceremony for the establishment of the Taiwan-CABEI Partnership Trust Fund. (November 18, 2021)



Director General Constance Hsueh-hong Wang (first from the right) of the MOFA Department of NGO International Affairs attends the 2021 NGO Leaders Forum with panelists from the City Diplomacy session. (December 14, 2021)

Section 3 International Cooperation and Economic and Trade Activities

I. Taiwan's Efforts and Achievements in Continued Participation in the World Trade Organization in 2021

1. Deepening Taiwan's Participation in the WTO

- (1) Capitalizing on WTO reform issues: The Permanent Mission of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu to the WTO (hereafter, the “Permanent Mission”) actively participates in discussions relating to WTO reform and regularly communicates with key WTO members to gain insight into their perspectives on WTO reform issues as a means to facilitate the formulation of Taiwan's position by relevant ministries.
- (2) Participating in negotiations on important issues: The Permanent Mission actively participates in WTO discussions, including multilateral, plurilateral, and small group consultations and bilateral dialogues. It engages in exchanges and consultation with key WTO members on such issues as agriculture, industry, services, e-commerce, investment facilitation, MSMEs, fishery subsidies, and the WTO response to the COVID-19 pandemic to gauge trends and the positions of key members to facilitate the formulation of policy positions by relevant R.O.C. (Taiwan) ministries. The Permanent Mission also studies and compiles pertinent negotiation documents to assist in negotiations. Specific achievements in the area of negotiations include Taiwan's participation in plurilateral negotiations on the Joint Initiative on Services Domestic Regulation, whereby Taiwan, along with 66 other WTO members, announced, on December 2, 2021, the Declaration on the Conclusion of Negotiations on Services Domestic Regulation, which sets forth the rules and regulations to be observed by the participating members in respect of the licensing and qualification procedures and technical standards for trade in services. When it comes into effect, the initiative can increase transparency, legal certainty, predictability, and the quality and convenience of quality

monitoring.

- (3) Participating in sub-groups: The Permanent Mission actively participates in various sub-groups for negotiations, including Friends of the System (FoS) meetings, the Asian Group of Developing Members (practically referred to as the Asian Group of Developing Countries, AGDC), the Informal Group of Developing Countries, the Group of Article XII (NB: newly joined group), the APEC Geneva Caucus, the G-10 (agriculture), and the Friends of Third-Party Rights. Taiwan is also a signatory of the Trade and Environmental Sustainability Structured Discussions (TESSD). The R.O.C. (Taiwan) participates in sub-groups like these to proactively advocate for its interests as much as possible within the WTO framework.
- (4) WTO positions: Secretary of the Permanent Mission Harvey Hsin-lung Hung served as Chair of the Committee on Import Licensing and a member of the Working Capital Fund. Secretary Wei-ting Chiu served as one of the eight members of the Pension Plan Board elected by the General Council, contributing to matters concerning the operation and efficiency of the WTO Secretariat.
- (5) Expanding industry opportunities:
 - A. The Permanent Mission proactively engaged in exchanges and dialogue with WTO members on a range of issues, including agriculture, e-commerce, fisheries, and support for small and medium-sized enterprises to reduce trade barriers, facilitate trade, create business opportunities, and maximize Taiwan's economic and trade development. In addition, Taiwan actively negotiates with the UK on post-Brexit WTO commitments and market access issues, with the aim of protecting our industrial interests in both the UK and the EU.
 - B. In 2021, to safeguard the rights and interests of Taiwan, the Permanent Mission raised concerns or requested consultations in relevant committees with respect to the regulations or measures adopted by WTO members that directly affect the export interests of Taiwanese manufacturers. Notable issues include China's draft regulation on Registration of Overseas Producers of Imported Food as well as a series of draft measures by India on Quality Control Orders for Chemical and

Petrochemical Substances, India's new certification requirements for steel products, and its new law on imported tires.

- C. The Taiwan External Trade Development Council participated in the Digital Champions for Small Business proposal competition held by the WTO Informal Working Group on MSMEs. The International Trade Centre, and the International Chamber of Commerce were awarded first place, highlighting Taiwan's success in leveraging digital tools to assist SMEs.
- (6) Enhancing exchanges with the WTO Secretariat and key member delegations:
- A. On February 26, the Permanent Mission, World Trade Institute (WTI), and NTU Asian Center for WTO and International Health Law and Policy (hereafter, the NTU Asian Center) co-hosted the online seminar Special and Differential Treatment for Developing Country Members in WTO Negotiations: Searching for a Sustainable Solution, inviting important permanent representatives from Japan, the EU, and Brazil to discuss issues relating to SDT. The Permanent Mission also assisted the NTU Asian Center secure a four-year WTO seminar program.
 - B. Strengthening bilateral exchanges with other permanent missions: The Permanent Mission of Taiwan met with the Permanent Representative of the US to continue deepening Taiwan-US cooperation and also met with the Permanent Representative of Lithuania to express support for Lithuania and discuss solutions to overcome economic coercion.
- (7) Demonstrating Taiwan's support for the WTO system: The Permanent Mission has contributed to the Advisory Centre on WTO Law (ACWL), a peripheral organization to the WTO. With Lo Chang-fa, Permanent Representative of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) to the WTO, serving as a member on its management committee, it continues to assist in the training of Taiwanese students studying abroad. The Permanent Mission also donated to the Global Impact Association (GIA), which is affiliated with the WTI, so the GIA and WTI could co-organize the WTO seminar on Special and Differential Treatment. The Permanent Mission also established Penglai Scholarships for students from Taiwan and Least Developed Countries

(LDCs). Under the Penglai Scholarships, one student is selected from each eligible country and given a full scholarship to enroll in a WTI master's program to cultivate legal competence and friendly connections.

2. Utilizing the WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism

In 2021, Taiwan utilized the WTO dispute settlement mechanism to request the establishment of a dispute settlement panel with the dispute settlement body in regards to India's Tariff Treatment on Certain Goods in the Information and Communications Technology Sector. During the process, India invoked procedural defense several times. The Permanent Mission worked with the Executive Yuan Office of Trade Negotiations on this dispute settlement, which is currently being examined by the panel. The first substantive meeting of the panel was held between October 11 and 13. The proceedings are expected to be carried into 2022.

II. Seeking Participation in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

1. The CPTPP, formerly known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), is a high-standard free trade agreement (FTA). The CPTPP entered into force on December 30, 2018, and the first two commission meetings took place in January and October 2019. The first meeting emphasized that the agreement is open to all economies that accept the principles of the CPTPP and could meet its high standards. At the second commission meeting, the commitment to expand CPTPP membership was reaffirmed and the continued interest from economies wishing to join was welcomed. In 2020, the CPTPP convened its third commission meeting, after which a joint statement was issued warmly welcoming the interest shown by several economies to join the CPTPP by demonstrating their willingness to meet the high standards of the agreement.
2. The 11 original members of the CPTPP are Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam. The United Kingdom formally requested to accede to the CPTPP in early 2021. After the fourth commission meeting in June, a joint ministerial statement was issued, welcoming the United Kingdom's request

for accession. A decision was reached to commence the accession process with the United Kingdom, and establish an accession working group. In September 2021, the CPTPP convened its fifth commission meeting and resolved to work with the United Kingdom in preparation for the first meeting of the accession working group. The CPTPP also reaffirmed that it continues to remain open to economies able to meet the high standards of the agreement and to commit to opening their markets.

3. Taiwan's pursuit of CPTPP membership is an important government policy that is critical to the country's long-term economic development. On September 22, 2021, Taiwan formally submitted its membership application to New Zealand, the depositary country of the CPTPP. Taiwan will continue to promote related work in accordance with the accession process of the CPTPP and relevant documents in the future.

III. Innovative and Flexible Approaches for Implementing Economic and Trade Diplomacy

1. Deepening economic and trade cooperation with diplomatic allies: MOFA organized a series of events for the Cultural Fair for Taiwan's Diplomatic Allies, including a job-matching platform, creative marketing and start-up proposals for products from diplomatic allies, grocery boxes from diplomatic allies, and a roadside banquet marketing event to raise the profile of agricultural and fishery products from diplomatic allies in Taiwan's market. Taiwan trade fairs were also organized in St. Lucia and St. Kitts and Nevis. With the virtual Taiwan Expo and online matchmaking sessions, a total of 730 SMEs received support to seek business opportunities abroad. A total of 16 projects throughout the year had potentially facilitated a US\$40 million worth of trade value, strengthening bilateral trade, cooperation, and post-pandemic economic recovery between Taiwan and diplomatic allies and delivering tangible economic and trade diplomacy for the people of both nations.
2. Strengthening connections with strategic industries of democratic countries: Co-hosted two online meetings with the US Department of State for a Partnership Opportunity Delegation to explore opportunities for Taiwan and US corporations to jointly invest in diplomatic allies.

Taiwan also established communication platforms for government officials with Chile, Colombia, Israel, and Mexico through seven bilateral joint economic meetings and four business opportunity seminars.

3. Deepening partnerships with other countries through economic and trade relations: To promote partnerships in Africa, MOFA launched the Taiwan Expo in Somaliland and Business Matchmaking Program for Imports from East Africa, facilitating the signing of three MOUs between Taiwan's largest importers and exporters association and national chambers of commerce in Somaliland, Ethiopia, and Uganda. The MOUs, the first of their kind, serve as platforms for systematic trade cooperation and facilitate partnerships in procurement and trading. In addition, to strengthen Taiwan's economic and trade relations with Eastern Europe, the first ever Taiwan-Lithuania Trade and Investment Forum was held in 2021. The forum served as a platform for high-level government officials and industry representatives in economics, trade, technology, and finance across both countries to engage in dialogue. A delegation also visited the MSV International Engineering Fair in the Czech Republic, and MOFA received a delegation of Slovakian businesses visiting Taiwan, responding to hopes to strengthen economic and trade cooperation and enhance substantive ties with European countries.

IV. Taiwan's Approach to Developing and Implementing International Cooperation

1. Mutual assistance for mutual benefits: Since taking office, President Tsai Ing-wen has explained the new foreign policy paradigm of "steadfast diplomacy" and "mutual assistance for mutual benefits" on state visits to diplomatic allies. This paradigm shift in international cooperation projects with diplomatic allies is a change from Taiwan's previous focus on one-way foreign aid to a model of mutual cooperation that respects the priorities of other countries. This approach promotes two-way cooperation while upholding the principles of transparency and openness in funding. At the same time, it takes into account the development of industries and markets to ensure shared, sustainable prosperity for the people of both nations.

2. **Technical cooperation:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs commissioned the International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF) to deploy 21 overseas technical missions and investment and trade service missions to implement 77 technical cooperation projects, one Overseas Professional Mandarin Teaching Project, one Taiwan Youth Overseas Service project, and one TaiwanICDF University Youth Overseas Technical Assistance Internship Program. A total of 162 overseas specialists and Taiwan Youth Overseas Service personnel were deployed to 22 countries in the Asia-Pacific, West Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America to implement projects in the areas of agribusiness, animal husbandry, horticulture, fisheries, technical and vocational education, Mandarin-language teaching, information and communication technology, industry, trade and investment, environmental protection, and public health and medicine. In addition, TaiwanICDF dispatched experts on SMEs and trade and volunteers to provide short- to medium-term guidance and consultation services to diplomatic allies. In response to the challenges posed by COVID-19, TaiwanICDF switched to online training platforms to offer online learning platform training and online conferences for personnel from diplomatic allies and friendly countries. TaiwanICDF also offered scholarships for undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs at local partner universities to help partner countries cultivate talent pools.
3. **Official Development Assistance (ODA) Loans:** COVID-19 continues to have negative economic and social impacts on developing countries worldwide. As such, in 2021, Taiwan continued to assist diplomatic allies with strengthening resiliency, stabilizing operations across public and private sectors throughout the pandemic, and driving post-pandemic economic recovery. The TaiwanICDF also leveraged international multilateral climate platforms to show support, alongside like-minded countries, for the increased adoption of climate actions around the world in line with the international community's call for "Green Recovery." In 2021, Taiwan implemented 32 investment and loan projects in 16 diplomatic allies and friendly countries in the Asia-Pacific, Africa, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Central and Eastern Europe.
4. **International crisis and humanitarian aid:** The TaiwanICDF collaborated

with the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University to implement the Refugees Act and Communicate for Health (REACH) Project (Phase 2) in Türkiye, partnered with the Polish Center for International Aid in the provision of assistance to the most vulnerable persons exposed to protection-related threats as a result of COVID-19 pandemic and the economic crisis in Lebanon, collaborated with Terre des hommes to execute the Digital Health Innovation for COVID-19 Response in India (Phases 1 and 2), cooperated with the National Emergency Management Organization of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to conduct the Response for La Soufrière Volcano Eruption in St. Vincent, teamed up with World Vision for the cash assistance sub-project of the Maternal and Infant Health Care Improvement Project in the Kingdom of Eswatini, worked with the Orange Walk Central Constituency Office (OWCCO) of Belize to carry out the cash assistance sub-project of the Breeding Sheep and Goat Production and Guidance System Enhancement Project, and partnered with CARE International to implement the Haiti Earthquake WASH Assistance to Affected Communities and Households project.

5. 21st Taiwan Youth Overseas Service: In 2021, 12 substitute civilian service personnel with expertise in such fields as agriculture, forestry, fisheries, animal husbandry, public health, nursing, information and communications technology, food processing, and filming, were deployed on three technical missions and will be discharged between July and September of 2022.
6. Third TaiwanICDF University Youth Overseas Technical Assistance Internship Program: This is a collaborative program with seven universities in Taiwan, including National Chengchi University, National Chiayi University, National Pingtung University of Science and Technology, National Yang-Ming Chiao Tung University, National Taiwan University, Providence University, and Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages. In 2021, the program sent ten interns to Eswatini, Honduras, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Paraguay, and St. Lucia. This was originally intended to be carried out in August 2021, but will be delayed to February 2022 due to the pandemic.

V. Organizations Responsible for Implementing Taiwan's International Cooperations

1. International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF)

MOFA commissions the TaiwanICDF to engage in international cooperation by deploying technical missions, organizing international education and training, and through other means. For statistics on technical missions, countries receiving technical missions, and details on their projects, refer to the two tables below:

A. Technical mission statistics for 2021

Region		No. of Countries	Technical Mission			No. of Staff
			Technical Mission (Including Investment and Trade Service Mission)	Projects	Preparatory Project	No. of Deployed Personnel
Asia-Pacific		8	8	15	1	36
West Asia		2	2	5	0	7
Africa		2	2	10	1	16
The Caribbean		4	4	16	1	27
Central America		3	4	17	0	24
South America		1	1	5	0	9
At Large	Overseas Professional Mandarin Teaching Project	21	0	1	0	17
	Taiwan Youth Overseas Service		0	1	0	12
	TaiwanICDF University Youth Overseas Technical Assistance Internship Program		0	1	0	10
	Enhancing the Economic Empowerment of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean in the COVID-19 Post-pandemic Era		0	1	0	4
Total		22	21	72	3	162

B. Overview of Technical Missions Dispatched by TaiwanICDF

Region	Country / Technical Mission	Date Established	Current Projects
Asia-Pacific	Taiwan Technical Mission in the Republic of Indonesia	Nov. 1976	Karawang Horticulture Development Project (Indonesia)
			Strengthening Incubator Agribusiness with Human Resources Development in Bandung (Indonesia; Phase II)
			High Quality Rice Seed Development Project in South Sulawesi (Indonesia)
			Preliminary Preparatory Phase of the High Quality Rice Seed Development Project in South Sulawesi (Indonesia)
	Taiwan Technical Mission in Fiji	Sept. 1978	Guava and Dragon Fruit Production, Marketing Extension, and Capacity Building Project (Fiji)
			Aquaculture Project (Fiji)
	Taiwan Technical Mission in Palau	May 1985	Horticulture Extension Project (Palau)
			Aquaculture Project (Palau)
			Animal Production Project (Palau)
	Taiwan Technical Mission in Papua New Guinea	Oct. 1990	Rice Seeds Production Project (Papua New Guinea)
	Taiwan Technical Mission in Marshall Islands	Aug. 1999	Enhancing Nutrition Balance Through Agricultural Production Project (Marshall Islands)
			Livestock Expansion Project (Marshall Islands)
			Plastic Waste Recycling & Reuse Pilot Project (Marshall Islands)
	Taiwan Technical Mission in Tuvalu	Dec. 2003	Fruit and Vegetable Production and Nutrition Enhancement Project (Tuvalu)
	Taiwan Technical Mission in Nauru	Mar. 2006	Dietary Diversity Extension Project (Nauru)
	Taiwan Technical Mission in Thailand	Jan. 2011	Raising Competency of Farmers' Horticultural Produces Project (Thailand)

West Asia	Taiwan Technical Mission in Saudi Arabia	Aug. 1980	Date Palm Cultivation and Tissue Culture Consultant Dispatch Project (Saudi Arabia)
			Marine Fish Research Consultant Dispatch Project (Saudi Arabia)
			Transport Technical Cooperation Consultant Dispatch Project (Saudi Arabia)
	Taiwan Technical Mission in Bahrain	Jun. 1987	Horticultural Crops Development Consultants Dispatch Project (Bahrain)
			Aquaculture Development Consultant Dispatch Project (Bahrain)
Africa	Taiwan Technical Mission in the Kingdom of Eswatini	Sept. 1969	Fruit Tree Production and Marketing Project (Eswatini; Phase II)
			Pig Industry Enhancement Project (Eswatini; Phase II)
			Technical and Vocational Education and Training Enhancement Project (Eswatini)
			Capacity Building Project for Microfinance Focusing on Grassroots Women in Eswatini
			Up-skilling and Lifelong Training Program in Eswatini
			Aquaculture Project (Eswatini)
			Maternal and Infant Health Care Improvement Project in the Kingdom of Eswatini II)
	Taiwan Technical Mission in the Republic of Somaliland	Aug. 2020	Improving Production and Quality of Vegetables and Fruits (Somaliland)
			E-government Capability Enhancement Project (Somaliland)
			Somaliland E-government Capability Enhancement Project (Somaliland; Preliminary Preparation Phase)
			Maternal and Infant Health Care Improvement Project in Somaliland Preparatory Phase)

The Caribbean	Taiwan Technical Mission in St. Kitts and Nevis	Oct. 1984	Pinney's Beach Park Project (St. Kitts and Nevis)
			Capacity Building Project for the Prevention and Control of Chronic Metabolic Diseases (St. Kitts and Nevis)
			Enhancing Agricultural Adaptive Capacity to Climate Variability Project (St. Kitts and Nevis)
			Land Administration Information System Project (St. Kitts and Nevis)
			Renewable Energy Dispatch Special Project (St. Kitts and Nevis)
			Solid Waste Management and Recycling Project (St. Kitts and Nevis)
	Taiwan Technical Mission in St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Mar. 1991	Banana Revitalization Project (St. Vincent and the Grenadines)
			Intelligent Bus and Monitoring System Project (St. Vincent and the Grenadines)
			Public Health Medical Emergency Response System Enhancement Program (St. Vincent and the Grenadines)
			Public Health Medical Emergency Response System Enhancement Program (St. Vincent and the Grenadines; Preliminary Preparation Phase)
			Capacity Building Project for the Prevention and Control of Diabetes (St. Vincent and the Grenadines)
The Caribbean	Taiwan Technical Mission in Haiti	May 1972	National Rice Seed Production Enhancement Project in Artibonite (Haiti)
			National Rice Seed Production Enhancement Project in North/North-East Haiti
			National Rice Seed Production Enhancement Project in South Haiti
	Taiwan Technical Mission in St. Lucia	Jul. 2007	Project for Enhancing the Efficiency of Production-Distribution Supply Chain in Fruit and Vegetable Sector (St. Lucia)
			Banana Productivity Improvement Project in (St. Lucia)
			Project for ICT in Education (St. Lucia)

Central America	Taiwan Technical Mission in Honduras	Feb. 1972	Forest Pest Management Project (Honduras)
			Honduras Pig Breeding and Reproduction Project
			Honduras Expanding Avocado Cultivation Project
			Healthy Avocado Seedling Production Project (Honduras)
			Farmers' Organization Production and Marketing Capacity Enhancement Project (Honduras)
	Taiwan Technical Mission in Guatemala	Feb. 1973	Bamboo Industries Project (Guatemala)
			Project for the Improving of Marketing Capacity in Family Farming (Guatemala)
			Regional Project for the Prevention and Control of Fusarium TR4 of Banana (Guatemala; Preliminary Preparation Phase)
			Project for the Promotion of Medical Technology for Improvement of Maternal-Neonatal Health (Guatemala)
	Taiwan Technical Mission in Belize	Jan. 1991	Breeding Sheep and Goat Production and Guidance System Enhancement Project (Belize)
			Urban Resilience and Disaster Prevention Project (Belize)
			Project for Strengthening Medical Imaging Systems (Belize)
			Digital Inclusion Program (Belize)
Central America	Taiwan Investment and Trade Service Mission in Central America	Dec. 1999	Project for Capacity Strengthening to Support Incubation and Entrepreneurship for MIPYMEs (Guatemala)
			Project for the Revitalization of Crafts and Youth Entrepreneurship in Antigua Guatemala and Surrounding Municipalities in Sacatepéquez (Guatemala)
			Financial Technician Dispatch Mission (Guatemala)
South America	Taiwan Technical Mission in Paraguay	Apr. 1972	Paraguay Project to Improve Capacity to Support Development of MSMEs (Paraguay)
			Project to Strengthen Capacity for Commercial Production of Orchids (Paraguay)
			Health Information Management Efficiency Enhancement Project in Paraguay; Phase II)
			Surubi Fingerling Breeding and Cultivation Project (Paraguay)
			Innovation Project of MSME Digital Transformation (Paraguay)

Irrespective of Country	Overseas Professional Mandarin Teaching Project
	Taiwan Youth Overseas Service
	TaiwanICDF University Youth Overseas Technical Assistance Internship Program
	Pacific Allied Countries Vocational Training Project
	Utilization of Alternative Credit Data (ACD) to Build Up Technical Mission Beneficiary's Credit Scores Pilot Project
	Training, Observation, and Further Education for Technical Personnel from Diplomatic Allies and Friendly Nations
	MOFA Expanded Scholarships for International Students Studying in Taiwan
	Vocational Training Project for Latin America and the Caribbean
	Enhancing the Economic Empowerment of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean in the COVID-19 Post-pandemic Era

2. Other Professional Agencies

In the past, MOFA commissioned and subsidized the International Center for Land Policy Studies and Training and the Training Institute of the Ministry of Finance to organize various advanced training programs for personnel from diplomatic allies. To comply with Taiwan's epidemic prevention efforts, such programs were suspended in 2021.



MOFA Deputy Minister Tien Chung-kwang (front, seventh from the left) and ambassadors, diplomats, and foreign representatives from 27 countries under service during the group's visit to Chiayi and Tainan to learn about the capacity of Taiwan's one-stop manufacturing and services sector pose in front of an AirAsia plane. (September 3, 2021)



MOFA Vice Minister Alexander Tah-ray Yui (top left) attends the opening ceremony for the Taiwan Expo 2021 in Somaliland and the launching ceremony for the Business Matchmaking Program for Imports from East Africa. Representatives from the Taiwan External Trade Development Council as well as the Importers and Exporters Association of Taipei and Somaliland Minister of Commerce, Industries, and Tourism Mohamed Hassan Saad and other government officials and business representatives from Somaliland cut ribbons at the two locations (top right). (November 4, 2021)

Section 4 Policy Planning and Evaluation

I. Introduction

The Department of Policy Planning of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (hereafter referred to as the “department”) is responsible for planning and evaluating the overall development of foreign policy. Its main responsibilities include drafting and overseeing annual policy guidelines, mid-term and annual policy plans, mid- and long-term individual projects, and preliminary work evaluation. Additionally, the department organizes international seminars on Indo-Pacific regional security, strategic security dialogues, coordinates policies on cross-border issues, such as international counter-terrorism and affairs related to PRC, and formulates, coordinates, supervises, and evaluates inter-departmental and cross-domain projects. Furthermore, the department is responsible for conducting performance evaluations of foreign policy implementation, policy innovation, transformation, and coordination, as well as administrative efficiency and service quality enhancements, supervision, and evaluation.

II. Overview of Work and Achievements

1. Policy planning:

- (1) The department drafts foreign policy reports for the Legislative Yuan twice a year and for the Control Yuan once a year, as well as special reports as requested by the Legislative Yuan.
- (2) Foreign policy planning and related policy promotion: The department organized the Ketagalan Forum - 2021 Asia-Pacific Security Dialogue, co-organized two campus seminars with universities on important issues, such as the Indo-Pacific regional situation and EU political and economic situations, and conducted eight campus events to promote Taiwan’s foreign policy.
- (3) Drafting special reports and commissioned research: The department compiled over 40 reports on the cross-strait situation, the Japan-US Summit, the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad), the PRC’s influence, a dynamic assessment of Taiwan’s relations with diplomatic

allies, Taiwan's strategic position in the changing global landscape, Hong Kong's situation, major international diplomatic issues, and important seminars attended. It co-organized seminars with universities in Taiwan on "Prospects of the EU's Political and Economic Situation and Indo-Pacific Strategy" and "New Situations in the Indo-Pacific Region and Taiwan's Response - Opportunities and Challenges for Taiwan in the Indo-Pacific," providing assessments, opinions, and specific recommendations to be used as reference for the formulation of foreign policy. It organized panel discussions on China's Two Sessions and its future policies toward Taiwan.

- (4) Subsidizing academic institutions, organizing conferences and promoting international academic exchanges: The department funded 10 seminars and activities related to foreign affairs, security, politics, economics, and cross-strait relations held by domestic and international academic institutions and think tanks.
- (5) Promoting Taiwan academics to engage in academic diplomacy abroad: To encourage Taiwan academics to research important topics in institutions abroad, which can serve as reference for future foreign policies, in 2021, the department provided funding for four academics and experts to engage in research residencies at academic institutions in the United States and Germany.

2. Strategic security:

- (1) The department conducts policy planning, analysis, and war-gaming for major MOFA political, military, and foreign affairs projects and regularly coordinates with the Ministry of National Defense to enhance exchanges between the two ministries, thereby promoting national defense and foreign affairs.
- (2) The department participates in global counter-terrorism work and promotes bilateral and multilateral security dialogues, such as participating in the APEC Counter Terrorism Working Group meetings via video conference in 2021, demonstrating Taiwan's commitment to international counter-terrorism efforts.
- (3) The department actively promotes bilateral and multilateral strategic

security dialogues based on diplomatic strategy focuses to better understand the strategic planning of key countries, and explain Taiwan's political, military, and security policies to the political and academic circles within those countries as a means of securing international understanding and support as well as establishing substantive cooperation.

- (4) The department co-organizes bilateral policy dialogue meetings with think tanks and academic institutions from major countries on issues, such as foreign affairs, security, and cross-strait relations, to strengthen exchanges and cooperation with relevant foreign institutions.
- (5) The department co-organized the 2021 Open Parliament Forum with the Legislative Yuan to promote exchanges with other countries on deepening democracy and enhancing civic participation, to garner support from like-minded countries.

3. Program planning:

- (1) Ambassador-at-large appointments: In April 2021, President Tsai Ing-wen approved the appointments of Steve H. S. Kuo, Wu Yung-tung, Eugene Chien, Chen Jen Ran, Chi Cheng, Lin Ching Yi, Fonga Potal, and Pusin Tali as ambassadors-at-large, leveraging their prestige, experience, and expertise in their respective domains to help the government utilize its soft power, expand Taiwan's international footprint, and deepen substantive ties with other countries.
- (2) Managing the MOFA Taiwan Scholarship Program: In 2004, MOFA established the Taiwan Scholarship to fund outstanding students from diplomatic allies and developing countries to study for degrees in Taiwan. In 2021, a total of 241 scholarships were provided. In addition, MOFA has commissioned TaiwanICDF since 2011 to organize the MOFA Expanded Scholarships for International Students Studying in Taiwan and I-Shou University since 2013 for the Post-baccalaureate Program for International Medical Students. In the 2021 academic year, a total of 22 students from diplomatic allies enrolled in the post-baccalaureate medical program at I-Shou University.
- (3) Managing the Taiwan Fellowship Program: In 2010, MOFA launched the

Taiwan Fellowship Program to encourage foreign scholars to conduct research in Taiwan on social science issues related to Taiwan, cross-strait relations, the PRC, and the Asia-Pacific region. A total of 97 scholars were accepted for the Taiwan Fellowship in 2021 and came to Taiwan to conduct research in 2022.

- (4) Taiwan Alumni Association (TAA): Since 2010, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has instructed Taiwan's embassies and overseas missions to assist in establishing TAAs in their respective locations, inviting individuals who have studied or conducted research in Taiwan on government scholarships or fellowships to join and participate in various activities. By the end of 2021, a total of 73 TAAs had been established worldwide.
- (5) The department coordinates and integrates gender equality efforts in MOFA, including convening MOFA Gender Equality Working Group meetings. Gender equality efforts were recognized by the Executive Yuan during the 2021 Gender Equality Assessment of Government Agencies under the Executive Yuan, with MOFA receiving a silver in the Executive Yuan's Golden Carnation Awards.

4. Policy planning, management, and evaluation:

- (1) Annual policy objectives and plans: Taking into consideration subjective and objective circumstances, the department compiles annual policy objectives, policy plans, and MOFA evaluation plans (individual projects) classified as level 3 by the Executive Yuan. It also conducts regular evaluations, performance evaluations, and assessments of MOFA's annual policy objectives and individual projects (including mid-to-long-term individual projects approved by the Executive Yuan).
- (2) The department implements and follows up on projects of concern to the president and special diplomatic projects ordered by the minister, manages the projects, and submits monthly progress reports.
- (3) The department is responsible for the management of current important foreign policies and submitting progress reports to the Office of the President and the Executive Yuan.
- (4) The department compiles the foreign affairs section of the written policy

report for the Executive Yuan to present to the Legislative Yuan when the Legislative Yuan is in session and compiles MOFA's foreign posting report for presentation to the Executive Yuan.

- (5) Conducting performance assessments of MOFA departments: The department assesses the performance of each MOFA department based on its year-end report on the implementation outcome of its annual work projects, covering both political and administrative tasks, to serve as reference for the department's annual performance scores.

Section 5 International Information Services and Public Diplomacy

Item 1 International Information Services Campaigns

I. Current Goals in International Information Services

The goal of international information services is to promote Taiwan's major policies and soft power in coordination with overall diplomacy, enhance national image, promote international understanding of Taiwan, and garner recognition and support from the international community.

In addition to highlighting Taiwan's achievements in democracy, freedom, and economic development, current policy promoting focus on steadfast diplomacy and the New Southbound Policy, stressing Taiwan's economic, trade and cultural strengths to highlight Taiwan's role as an indispensable member of the international community. In light of the rapid and complex changes in the international situation, in addition to traditional communication channels, social media platforms, such as YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, are also being leveraged more extensively to ensure that Taiwan is seen, understood, and supported around the world.

II. Tangible Steps in International Information Services

1. International Media Interviews with the President

- (1) MOFA arranged for Bungeishunjū, a monthly Japanese publication, to interview President Tsai Ing-wen in August 2021. The interview was later published in the September issue.
- (2) MOFA arranged for President Tsai Ing-wen to be interviewed by CNN on October 26. The interview was aired on CNN (US) and CNN International on October 28.

2. International Media Interviews with the Minister of Foreign Affairs

- (1) Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu gave 32 interviews, press corps receptions, and international press conferences with CNN (US), PBS

(US), CBC (Canada), Sky News (UK), The Independent (UK), Libération (France), Redaktions Netzwerk Deutschland (Germany), El Mundo (Spain), Público (Portugal), Trouw (Netherlands), Der Standard (Austria), la Repubblica (Italy), Schweizer Radio und Fernsehen (Switzerland), Information (Denmark), Kompas (Indonesia), The Australian (Australia), Sky News Australia (Australia), and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (Australia), etc., leading to a total of 189 published reports.

- (2) MOFA arranged for Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu to participate for the first time in an online conference hosted by the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan (FCCJ) to present a speech on existing challenges with a spotlight on Taiwan-Japan relations.

3. International Information Services by Project

- (1) New Southbound Policy:

- A. In 2021, the TV Production Cooperation project was continued with New Southbound partner countries to promote Taiwan's New Southbound Policy, collaborating with mainstream TV stations in the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, India, and Singapore to produce the fourth season of Embracing Taiwan in the languages of the respective countries. This series describes Taiwan's policy objectives, such as the Six Core Strategic Industries, to enhance Taiwan's positive image. It generated a cumulative viewership of 190.8 million around the world.
- B. MOFA New Southbound Policy Portal: In 2021, 10,357 press releases were published in five languages on the New Southbound Policy Portal. Page views reached over 1.21 million.
- C. Taiwan Today: A digital publication available in nine languages, including Vietnamese, Thai, and Indonesian. 1,608 news reports were published on the Taiwan Today website to enable New Southbound partner countries to learn more about Taiwan's political and economic landscape.
- D. Taiwan Review: Five reports on the New Southbound Policy were published over the course of the year in the English version of the

bimonthly Taiwan Review.

- E. Taiwan Panorama: Available in Mandarin, English, Japanese, Vietnamese, Thai, and Indonesian, Taiwan Panorama has published 122 features on Southeast Asia and New Southbound partner countries and compiled the multilingual MOFA appointment diary 2021, “Splendor of Art.”

(2) Campaign for Participation in International Organizations:

A. Campaign for the 74th World Health Assembly (WHA):

- a. A total of 602 features during the campaign calling for Taiwan’s participation in the WHA were published by major international media outlets such as the Wall Street Journal and Bloomberg (US), The Times (UK), Politiken (Denmark), Yomiuri Shimbun and Sankei Shimbun (Japan). Of the 602 features, 221 special articles spotlighted Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-chung, 121 articles were submitted by Taiwan embassies and offices abroad, 20 articles were local media interviews of Taiwan ambassadors or representatives, and 240 reports were articles or editorials favorable to Taiwan.
- b. A total of 474 articles on Taiwan’s medical contributions were published on the Leave No One Behind website. A total of 337 reports were made available in nine languages on the Taiwan Today website. Five in-depth features on Taiwan’s public health response and overseas foreign aid were published in Taiwan Panorama.
- c. The Gift of a Great Adventure, a short promotional video produced by MOFA, was launched on May 6, 2021, and received 19 million views as of June 3, 2021. In terms of new media, MOFA published 19 related posts on the MOFA Facebook page, reaching an audience of 1.02 million. Taiwan embassies and offices abroad published a total of 3,644 posts on their Facebook pages and were able to reach an audience of 3.14 million. MOFA had 374 tweets that were viewed 5.18 million times; Taiwan embassies and offices abroad posted 3,993 tweets and reached an audience of 2.95 million.

B. Campaign for the 76th Session of the UN General Assembly:

- a. During the campaign calling for Taiwan's participation in the UN, 328 reports were published by major international media outlets, such as the Wall Street Journal and The Boston Globe (US), The Daily Telegraph (UK), Le Monde (France), Mainichi Shimbun (Japan), and The Sun (India). This included 233 features on Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu. In addition, a total of 308 reports were made available in nine languages in the digital publication Taiwan Today.
- b. MOFA also produced and uploaded To Freedom, a promotional short video available in 12 languages, onto new media platforms, such as YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The video received over 11.93 million views. MOFA and Taiwan embassies and offices abroad published 4,929 posts on new media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram), with total views and hits exceeding 14.12 million.

(3) Campaign for UNFCCC Participation:

- A. During the campaign calling for Taiwan's participation in the UNFCCC, 213 reports were published by major international media outlets, such as The Diplomat (US), City A.M. (UK), El Mundo (Spain), ABC Color (Paraguay), and The Inquirer (the Philippines). This included 145 features on EPA Minister Chang Tzi-chin. In addition, a total of 94 reports were made available in nine languages in the digital publication Taiwan Today.
- B. A Green Promised Land, a promotional short video produced by MOFA, was uploaded to new media platforms - Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram - and received 8.44 million views. A total of 72 posts were uploaded to MOFA's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to share information on the Taiwanese delegation's activities at the UNFCCC and the heads of state and ministers of seven diplomatic allies - Eswatini, Haiti, the Marshall Islands, Nicaragua, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines - speaking in support of Taiwan.

(4) Campaign for the 89th INTERPOL:

- A. During the campaign calling for Taiwan's participation in INTERPOL, 193 reports were published by major international media outlets. These included 149 features on Criminal Investigation Bureau Commissioner Huang Chia-lu, international media interviews of Taiwan ambassadors or representatives, and op-eds from overseas Taiwan missions. In addition, a total of 63 reports were made available in nine languages in the digital publication Taiwan Today.
- B. MOFA shared and reposted The Missing Piece, a campaign video produced by the Criminal Investigation Bureau, and an animated video on the bureau's participation under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF). The two videos were viewed 25,000 times.

4. Collecting International News Reports

MOFA collects news reports from media outlets around the world on a daily basis. In 2021, MOFA collated 13,054 global media reports. MOFA also compiled over 249 public opinion updates based on international media reports and completed 27 analytical reports on major issues relating to Taiwan to serve as reference for other agencies.

III. Interviews with International Journalists and Services for International Correspondents in Taiwan

1. MOFA organized a gathering for Foreign Minister Jaushieh Joseph Wu with international correspondents in Taiwan. The gathering was attended by 47 international correspondents from 32 media outlets. A total of 121 articles were published on this event.
2. MOFA also issued international correspondents with foreign press credentials and provided news services. The ministry helped correspondents from Radio Free Asia (US), CNN (US), The Australian (Australia), Le Point (France), and other major media outlets around the world with their relocation and posting to Taiwan.

IV. International Information Services and Taiwan's Soft Power

1. MOFA subsidized overseas embassies and offices to recommend outstanding Taiwan films to international festivals or collaborate with relevant bodies to screen Taiwan films. In 2021, MOFA assisted a total of nine overseas embassies and offices with film-related activities, screening a total of 58 Taiwan films. The film campaigns received 116 reports in print media as well as on TV, radio, and Facebook. They also reached over 500,000 viewers on their website, Facebook, Twitter, and other social media platforms. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, some embassies and offices changed to an online or hybrid screening format.
2. MOFA selected and assisted 23 Taiwan missions in 21 countries, including the US, Japan, and France, to work with local TV stations, such as ABC7 (US), World Is One News (India), and Fuji Television Network (Japan), as well as online KOLs to co-produce and air videos on Taiwan's successful COVID-19 response, thereby promoting Taiwan's soft power and overall national image. They were viewed by more than 89.7 million viewers on TV and online platforms.
3. MOFA placed ads in mainstream newspapers in the Czech Republic, Japan, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, and the US, six countries that donated vaccines to Taiwan, to celebrate collaborative efforts against COVID-19.
4. MOFA leveraged major international events, for example, publishing a Tokyo Olympics issue in Taiwan Panorama and marketing Taiwan using soft power videos posted on the Trending Taiwan YouTube channel.
5. MOFA produced 12 English-language videos on Taiwan's cultural soft power to showcase Taiwan to the world.

V. Improving the Quality and Efficacy of International Information Services

1. MOFA is responsible for compiling news articles and features for both print and digital publications in various languages to explain government policy, Taiwan's foreign policy positions, and important topics requiring international information services.
2. Advertisements on the four themes epidemic prevention, democracy,

economy, and culture were designed for the 2021 National Day Issue with text and graphics provided to overseas embassies and offices for promotional purposes.

3. MOFA designed marketing materials around the Taiwan Can Help slogan for campaigns for WHA, UN, and INTERPOL participation and to serve as key visuals for Taiwan's UNFCCC campaign. The marketing materials were also provided to Taiwan embassies and offices abroad for campaigns calling for Taiwan's international participation.
4. MOFA compiled and printed Taiwan at a Glance, a pamphlet describing the current state of the nation, in twelve languages: English, French, Spanish, German, Russian, Japanese, Arabic, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Thai, and Malaysian.
5. Related articles from Taiwan Panorama were provided to MOFA's New Southbound Policy Portal, MOFA's bilingual NGO website, and the National Academy for Educational Research, and were reprinted by media outlets in Taiwan and abroad.

VI. Innovative Information Services Approaches

1. MOFA used new media platforms, including YouTube (Trending Taiwan), Facebook (@mofa.gov.tw), Twitter (@MOFA_Taiwan), and Instagram (@mofa_taiwan), to amplify Taiwan's voice in the world. MOFA also assisted 105 overseas embassies and offices with maintaining their own Facebook pages and Twitter accounts and coordinated with 88 overseas embassies and offices to share MOFA posts.
2. MOFA created the Trending Taiwan YouTube channel in July 2015 and has uploaded 1,700 shorts as of the end of 2021. The channel has brought in 37.05 million views and over 30,000 subscribers. In February 2016, MOFA created the Trending Taiwan Facebook Fan Page to share information on Taiwan's culture and soft power. As of the end of 2021, the Trending Taiwan Facebook Fan Page had over 42,000 followers.
3. The MOFA Facebook Fan Page, created in July 2017, has published 1,400 posts, amassing over 60 million hits and over 220,000 followers as of the end of 2021.

4. MOFA's Instagram account, created in July 2018, has published 650 posts and amassed over 60,000 followers as of the end of 2021.
5. MOFA's Twitter account (@MOFA_Taiwan), created in April 2018, has posted 5,012 tweets, amassing over 218 million hits and more than 304,000 followers.
6. MOFA organized the Seventh Trending Taiwan Short Film Competition and Young Lions Competition to call for innovative short films by young people. Those selected were uploaded to online community platforms to share with audiences in Taiwan and abroad.
7. In 2021, MOFA accumulated 34 million views on its six major international media exposure websites, including the joint website for R.O.C. embassies and missions abroad, the Taiwan Today website (available in nine languages), the English-language Portal Website of the R.O.C. government, the Taiwan Panorama website, the New Southbound Policy Portal, and the Leave No One Behind website.

Item 2 Public Diplomacy

I. Communicating Taiwan's Foreign Policy and Positions

1. To effectively communicate Taiwan's foreign policy and positions and to improve communication with the media, the director general of the Public Diplomacy Coordination Council, who also serves as MOFA spokesperson, speaks on behalf of MOFA and responds to reporters' inquiries.
2. To increase public awareness of and support for Taiwan's diplomatic endeavors, MOFA issues timely statements, press releases, and background information. MOFA also submits letters to the editor and contacts media outlets to correct erroneous reporting as appropriate. In 2021, MOFA issued four statements, 338 press releases, and 50 documents with background information in Mandarin and English.
3. MOFA regularly holds departmental press briefings, where heads of departments report to the media and respond to press inquiries. For important issues and emergencies concerning foreign affairs, special press conferences are held where the minister, deputy or vice ministers, spokesperson, or relevant department heads can explain MOFA's position and actions accurately, proactively, and promptly. In 2021, MOFA held 68 departmental press briefings and 12 press conferences and media interviews both physically and online on Taiwan's foreign policy and current events.
4. Every day, MOFA collates important news on diplomatic, political, economic, military, and cross-strait issues; sends morning and evening domestic news briefings to the minister, deputy and vice ministers, and department heads; and compiles a list of clippings from Taiwanese newspapers for reference by staff at MOFA offices at home and abroad.
5. MOFA designs and maintains an official website to provide timely, comprehensive, and accurate information in a diversified and accessible manner to promote policy and further public diplomacy.
6. MOFA drafts remarks, speeches, and reference materials on major diplomatic issues for senior government officials, including the minister and deputy and vice ministers, expounding on the government's foreign policy and

policy directions, promoting steadfast diplomacy, and helping boost public understanding of and support for Taiwan's foreign policy both at home and abroad. The topics cover initiatives that help Taiwan connect with the world, such as the New Southbound Policy, foreign aid and international cooperation, trade and investment opportunities in countries with diplomatic ties with Taiwan, Taiwan's international participation, visa privileges for R.O.C. (Taiwan) citizens (including visa exemptions, landing visas, and e-visas), reciprocal driver's license agreements, and working holiday programs.

II. Enhancing Online Information Service Functions and Publicity

1. MOFA continues to enhance the functionality of the MOFA website, the Youth Taiwan website, and other websites and organize all online information to promote government policy position and performance in a timely and effective manner.
2. MOFA produces promotional videos that are used to enhance the audio-visual services of the official MOFA website and enrich the MOFA YouTube channel so as to strengthen the public's understanding of and support for foreign policy.
3. MOFA publishes *Statements and Communiques* and the *MOFA Quarterly* for its offices at home and abroad. The publications are also provided to other government agencies, NGOs, universities, and secondary schools, as well as to public and private libraries in Taiwan and overseas for public access.
4. The Minister's Mailbox serves as a window for the general public, enabling them to inquire by email about issues relating to foreign affairs. A total of 3,741 emails were received and processed in 2021.
5. MOFA provides its overseas missions with literature and publications as well as updates on important laws and regulations, policy measures, and promotional videos. In order to better promote Taiwan's achievements in freedom and democracy, economic development, humanitarian assistance, and the cultural and creative industries, MOFA also purchases books, videos, online information, cultural replicas, and related materials for its overseas missions. MOFA sent out 7,307 batches of promotional materials in 2021.
6. MOFA purchases books and subscribes to newspapers, magazines, and online

news databases published in Taiwan and abroad for staff at its offices at home and abroad.

III. Other Public Diplomacy Projects

1. MOFA has collaborated with the Ministry of Education (MOE) since 2002 to hold English contests for the Teen Diplomatic Envoys program and send winning teams abroad, encouraging senior high school and vocational high school students in Taiwan to develop an interest in the English language, international affairs, and Taiwan's foreign policy. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021, overseas visits were suspended and MOFA arranged domestic visits for the three winning teams from 2020—Changhua County Ching Cheng High School, Taoyuan Municipal Wu-Ling Senior High School, and Tainan City Deguang Catholic High School. As the pandemic continued and MOFA was unable to organize overseas visits, the award was changed to a cash prize, and the 2021 English contests for the Teen Diplomatic Envoys were canceled.
2. To promote Taiwan's abundant soft power and develop cultural diplomacy, MOFA encourages and supports outstanding art troupes to tour overseas and helps the Ministry of Culture set up overseas locations and hubs for Taiwan Academies. Currently, there are Taiwan Academies in four locations—Washington, DC; New York; Los Angeles; and Houston—and 216 contact points in 64 countries to introduce Taiwan's unique culture and arts to the international community.
3. The Working Holiday Scheme was launched in 2004. Since then, MOFA has signed working holiday agreements with 17 nations—New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Canada, Germany, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Belgium, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Austria, the Czech Republic, France, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. Over 330,000 youths have participated in these programs, with Australia, Japan, and Canada being the most popular destinations. To better support young people on working holidays, MOFA periodically invites the Ministry of the Interior, MOE, Overseas Community Affairs Council, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Ministry of Labor, Financial Supervisory Commission, Ministry of Economic Affairs, and the Executive Yuan's Council of Agriculture

(COA) to convene interministerial coordination meetings. This system facilitates communication among agencies, allowing them to better integrate related resources and information and explore concrete measures to attract young people from overseas to come to Taiwan for working holidays. MOFA and the MOE also continue to raise awareness about working holidays through media interviews and Facebook pages to help Taiwanese young people develop a better understanding of working holidays and to ensure that they are aware of their rights and interests.

4. MOFA and the COA launched the Young Agricultural Ambassadors New Southbound Policy Exchange Program in 2017 to expand and deepen youth talent exchanges under the New Southbound Policy. Every year, 30 youths with professional and practical backgrounds in agriculture are selected and divided into two groups to visit New Southbound Policy target countries. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, MOFA and the COA agreed to temporarily suspend the program in 2021.
5. To enhance the Taiwanese public's understanding of the nation's current diplomatic landscape and to increase recognition and support for the government's foreign policy, MOFA receives groups of visitors from high schools, colleges, and universities. In 2021, these visits were suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but MOFA organized 234 sessions for diplomatic personnel to speak to the public, with over 20,818 students and citizens attending.
6. To help young people participate in international affairs, MOFA set up the Youth Taiwan website. It contains four major sections—teen diplomatic envoys, youth ambassadors, working holidays, and the Taiwan Study Camp for Future Leaders—with two additional sections on international activities and scholarships. The website serves as a platform where Taiwanese young people can find programs that can help them connect with the international community, expand their horizons, and boost their value and competitiveness.

Section 6 Parliamentary Diplomacy

I. The Importance of Parliamentary Diplomacy

The Legislative Yuan serves an important supervisory role in the execution of Taiwan's foreign policy. Substantive relations are developed with diplomatic allies and non-diplomatic allies through multiple channels, such as technology, economy and trade, culture, and education. In addition, various channels of communication are established with political parties of different countries, so that the depth and breadth of diplomatic work can be strengthened through liaison between legislators and members of parliaments of different nations. This is an important part of Taiwan's pragmatic diplomacy. It is also hoped that parliamentarians of diplomatic allies and like-minded nations will petition for resolutions or publish joint statements favorable to Taiwan and that they will voice their support for Taiwan and its participation in major international events and various international organizations.

The primary function of parliamentary diplomacy is to develop friendly bilateral relations through exchanges and understanding among lawmakers and representatives. The Office of Parliamentarian Affairs under MOFA is responsible for communications, contact, and coordination between the ministry and the Legislative Yuan's administrative sections and individual legislators, and for cooperating with relevant authorities to assist legislators in their parliamentary diplomacy efforts.

II. Reciprocal Visits by Legislators and Parliamentarians

Despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021, with assistance from MOFA, Legislators Hung Sun-han and Hung Meng-kai led a delegation to the UK for the UNFCCC COP26 to engage in parliamentary diplomacy between November 6 and November 11, 2021.

A total of 43 foreign parliamentarians visited Taiwan, 27 of whom were from Europe, 14 from North America, and two from Latin America.

III. Parliamentary Friendship Organizations and Activities

1. Asia Pacific

- (1) The Australia-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group was established in March 1992 and currently has over 120 members.

The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-Australia Inter-Parliamentary Amity Association was established on November 20, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Chiu Yi-ying.

- (2) The Indian Parliamentarians for Friendship with Taiwan was established on April 20, 2005, and currently has around 90 parliamentarians.

The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-India Parliament Members Friendship Association was established on October 16, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Wu Yu-chin.

- (3) The Indonesia Parliamentary Taiwan Caucus (IPTC) was established on November 14, 2016 and is currently chaired by Ade Daud Iswandi Nasution of the First Commission of the People's Representative Council of Indonesia.

The Legislative Yuan R.O.C. and Indonesia Parliamentarians Friendship Association was established on July 14, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Liao Kuo-tung.

- (4) Japan:

A. The Japan-R.O.C. Diet Members' Consultative Council: Its predecessor, the Parliamentary Group for Taiwan, was established in 1973 by representatives of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party friendly to Taiwan. The group was merged with the New Frontier Party's Japan-R.O.C. Parliamentary Alliance on February 5, 1997 and expanded into the bipartisan Japan-R.O.C. Diet Members' Consultative Council. The Council is currently chaired by Representative Furuya Keiji and boasts over 300 members.

B. The Representatives' Association for Promoting Japan-Taiwan Economic and Cultural Exchanges was established by young Liberal Democratic Party representatives on April 26, 2006, has nearly a

hundred members, and is currently chaired by Representative Kishi Nobuo.

- C. The Legislative Yuan East Asia Congressional Association was established on March 13, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Kuo Kuo-wen.
 - D. The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Association was established on January 20, 2021 and is currently chaired by the Legislative Yuan President You Si-kun.
 - E. The Parliamentarian Strategic Forum between Taiwan, Japan, and the US was conducted via videoconferencing on July 29, 2021. Taiwan representatives included Legislative Yuan President You Si-kun, New Power Party Legislator Chen Jiau-hua, Taiwan People's Party Legislator Tsai Pi-ru, Kuomintang Legislator Chen I-hsin, Democratic Progressive Party Legislator Lo Chih-cheng. US representatives included Senator Bill Hagerty, Senator Edward Markey, and Representative Steve Chabot. Japanese representatives included Representatives Furuya Keiji, Masaharu Nakagawa, Shigeyuki Tomita, Seiji Maehara, Shinsuke Okuno, and Kiyoshi Odawara as well as Councillors Akira Ishii and Junzo Yamamoto.
- (5) The Taiwan-Korean Parliamentary Friendship Group was established in 1996, consists of seven members, and is currently chaired by Cho Kyoung-tae, a member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea.
 - (6) The Taiwan-Philippines Parliamentary Friendship Association was reorganized on October 21, 2020. The association is currently co-chaired by Senator Ronald dela Rosa, Deputy Speaker and Representative Deogracias Victor Savellano, and Representative Frederick Siao and consists of 25 members.

The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-Philippines Congressional Association was established on March 13, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Chung Chia-pin.

- (7) The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-Vietnam Congressional Association was established on March 13, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Chiu Chen-yuan.

- (8) The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-New Southbound Countries Congressional Association was established on March 13, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Chung Chia-pin.
- (9) The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-Malaysia Congressional Association was established on March 13, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Chung Chia-pin.
- (10) The Legislative Yuan R.O.C.-Kingdom of Bhutan Parliamentary Friendship Association was established on September 10, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Cheng Li-wun.
- (11) The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-Association of Southeast Asian Nations Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Association was established on November 3, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Chen Ou-po.
- (12) The Legislative Yuan Taiwanese New Immigrants' Rights Advocacy Alliance was established on November 20, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Loh Mei-ling.
- (13) The Legislative Yuan R.O.C. (Taiwan)-Singapore Inter-Parliamentary Amity Association was established on December 4, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Chiang Chi-chen.
- (14) The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-Thailand Inter-Parliamentary Amity Association was established on December 15, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Chao Tien-lin.
- (15) The Legislation Group to Promote Taiwan's Entrance to CPTPP was established on September 28, 2021, and is currently chaired by Legislator Chiu Chih-wei. In October and November of 2021, members of the Legislation Group to Promote Taiwan's Entrance to CPTPP signed letters written to prominent political figures in Japan, Singapore, and Peru.
- (16) The Legislative Yuan Trans-Pacific Aerospace Parliamentary Alliance was established on November 12, 2021, and is currently chaired by Legislator Chung Chia-pin.
- (17) The Formosa Club in the Indo-Pacific Region was established on May 7, 2021 and currently consists of 272 parliamentarians from 17 countries.

2. West Asia and Africa

- (1) The Jordan-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Association was established on August 1, 2015, and is currently chaired by MP Khaleel Atieh.
- (2) The Russian Parliamentary Group of the State Duma for the Relations with Taiwan: The 7th State Duma of Russia was elected on September 18, 2016, and the group was subsequently established in June 2018. The group has over 40 members of the Duma and is currently chaired by Deputy Gadzhemet Safaraliev.
- (3) The Eswatini-Taiwan Parliament Members Association was established on October 4, 2007, and is currently chaired by Speaker of the House of Assembly Petros Mavimbela.
- (4) The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-Israel Congressional Association was established on March 13, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Chung Chia-pin.
- (5) The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-African Countries Parliamentary Friendship Association was established on June 29, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Chiu Chih-wei.
- (6) The Legislative Yuan R.O.C. (Taiwan)-Kazakhstan Parliamentary Amity Association was established on October 16, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Lee Guei-min.

3. Europe

- (1) The European Parliament-Taiwan Friendship Group was established on June 12, 1991, is currently chaired by MEP Michael Gahler, and has over a hundred members.

An official delegation of 13 members from the Special Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes in the European Union, including Disinformation (INGE) visited Taiwan from November 3 to 5, 2021 to discuss disinformation.
- (2) The Belgium-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group was established in December 1993 and is currently co-chaired by Julien Uyttendaele (Senate), Benoît Piedboeuf (Chamber of Representatives), Georges

Dallemagne (Chamber of Representatives), Samuel Cogolati (Chamber of Representatives), Els Van Hoof (Chamber of Representatives), and Wouter Raskin (Chamber of Representatives).

- (3) The Czech Republic-Taiwan Friendship Group was established on February 10, 1994, and is currently chaired by Deputy Marek Benda.

The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-Czech Inter-Parliamentary Amity Association was established on August 17, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Wan Mei-ling. On December 2, 2021, Legislator Chao Tien-lin, a member of the Foreign Affairs and National Defense Committee, held a video conference with Czech Senator Pavel Fischer, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Security, to discuss cooperation and exchanges on 5G, information security cooperation, and city-level exchanges.

- (4) The Danish Parliamentary Association for Friendship with Taiwan was established on April 27, 2004, and is currently chaired by Michael Aastrup Jensen, a member of the Folketing.

- (5) The Estonia-Taiwan Support Group was established on September 8, 2003, and is currently chaired by Jüri Jaanson, a member of the Riigikogu. The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-Baltic States (Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia) Parliamentary Friendship Association was established on September 9, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Chiu Chih-wei.

Ten members of the group, including the chairman, visited Taiwan from November 28 to December 5, 2021 to engage with high-level government officials and attend the 2021 Open Parliament Forum.

- (6) The Taiwan Friendship of Finnish Parliament was established in June 2004, and is currently chaired by MP Mikko Kärnä.

- (7) The Taiwan-France Friendship Groups:

A. Senate: Groupe d'échanges et d'Études Sénat-Taiwan was established on December 5, 1984, and is currently chaired by Senator Alain Richard.

Five members of the groupe, including Senator Alain Richard, visited Taiwan from October 6 to 10, 2021 to meet with high-level government officials and visit sites of cultural and economic significance.

B. The National Assembly: Groupe d'Études à Vocation Internationale sur les Questions liées d'Expansion de l'Économie taïwanaise was established on May 19, 1989, and is currently chaired by Deputy François de Rugy.

Six members of the groupe, including Deputy François de Rugy, visited Taiwan to meet with high-level government officials and visit sites of cultural and economic importance.

C. The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-France Interparliamentary Amity Association was established on October 27, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Tsai Shih-ying.

(8) Parlamentarischer Freundkreis Berlin-Taipeh: Its predecessor, the Bonn-Taipei Parliamentary Friendship Group, was established on February 29, 1992, and was renamed on November 29, 1999, when the German capital moved to Berlin on October 4 of the same year. The group is currently chaired by Klaus-Peter Willsch, a member of the Bundestag.

(9) The Hungary-Taiwan Friendship Association was established on October 11, 2006, and is currently chaired by MP Istvan Tiba.

The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-Hungary Inter-Parliamentary Amity Association was established on September 25, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Michelle Lin Chu-yin.

(10) The Ireland-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Society was established on January 31, 2002, and is currently chaired by Teachta Dála John McGuinness.

(11) Gruppo Interparlamentare di Amicizia Italia-Taiwan was established in June 1994 and is currently chaired by Senator Lucio Malan.

(12) The Group for Interparliamentary Relations with Taiwan was established on March 14, 1996, and is currently chaired by Deputy Janis Vucāns.

The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-Baltic states (Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia) Parliamentary Friendship Association was established on September 9, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Chiu Chih-wei.

(13) The Group for Interparliamentary Relations with Taiwan was established in March 1997 and is currently chaired by Matas Maldeikis, a member of

the Seimas.

The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-Baltic states (Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia) Parliamentary Friendship Association was established on September 9, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Chiu Chih-wei.

- (14) The Taiwan Group in the Norwegian Parliament was established in June 1995 and is currently convened by MP Tor-André Johnsen.
- (15) The Polish-Taiwanese Parliamentarians Group was established on July 17, 1997, and is currently chaired by Deputy Waldemar Andzel.
- (16) Grupo Parlamentar de Amizade Portugal-Taiwan was established on April 1, 2004, and is currently chaired by Deputy Paulo Rios de Oliveira.
- (17) The Slovak-Taiwanese Parliamentary Friendship Group was established on December 14, 2005, and is currently chaired by MP Peter Osusky.
- (18) Asociación Independiente de Parlamentarios Amigos de Taiwan-España was established on November 19, 2008, and is currently chaired by Deputy Eloy Suárez Lamata.

The Legislative Yuan R.O.C. (Taiwan)-Spain Parliamentary Amity Association was established on August 17, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Wu I-ding.

- (19) The Swedish-Taiwanese Parliamentary Association was established on November 26, 1997, and is currently chaired by Boriana Åberg, a member of the Riksdag.
- (20) Parlamentarische Gruppe Schweiz-Taiwan was established in September 2017 and is currently chaired by Marco Chiesa of the Council of States of Switzerland.

The Legislative Yuan R.O.C.-Switzerland Inter-Parliamentary Amity Association was established on October 23, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Chang Yu-mei.

- (21) The British-Taiwanese All-Party Parliamentary Group is currently co-chaired by Lord Rogan and MP Bob Stewart and boasts over one hundred members.

The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-UK Inter-Parliamentary Amity Association was established on December 15, 2020, and is currently chaired by

Legislator Chiang Chi-chen.

- (22) The Formosa Club, a pan-European parliamentary platform of friendship, now boasts approximately 250 members of parliament from 30 nations and the European Parliament. In addition to the founding members of the European Parliament, the UK, Germany, and France, it has expanded to include members of parliaments from other European countries and Canada.
- (23) The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-Slovenia Inter-Parliamentary Amity Association was established on September 25, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Michelle Lin Chu-yin.
- (24) The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-Kosovo Congressional Association was established on December 20, 2021, and is currently chaired by Legislator Lo Chih-cheng.

4. North America

(1) Canada:

The Canada-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group was established in December 1992, and is currently chaired by Judy Sgro, a Liberal Member of Parliament from Ontario. The group currently consists of 89 members.

(2) The United States:

A. The Congressional Taiwan Caucus was established on April 9, 2002, and is currently co-chaired by Representatives Albio Sires (D-NJ), Steve Chabot (R-OH), Gerald E. Connolly (D-VA), and Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL). The caucus currently consists of 232 members.

B. The Taiwan Caucus was established on September 17, 2003, and is currently co-chaired by Senators James Inhofe (R-OK) and Robert Menendez (D-NJ). The caucus currently consists of 33 members.

C. Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Gregory Meeks (D-NY) chairs the House Foreign Affairs Committee. In 2021, a total of 14 senators and representatives visited Taiwan.

D. The Legislative Yuan USA Caucus was established on July 20, 2020,

and is currently chaired by Legislator Lo Chih-cheng.

- (3) The Legislation Group to Promote Taiwan's Entrance to CPTPP was established on September 28, 2021, and is currently chaired by Legislator Chiu Chih-wei.

5. Latin America and the Caribbean

- (1) Parlamento Centroamericano, PARLACEN: In July 1999, the Legislative Yuan joined PARLACEN as a permanent observer. In July 2018, to formalize Taiwan's participation in PARLACEN, Legislative Yuan President Su Jia-chyuan and PARLACEN President Tony Raful jointly signed the Convenio Específico de Incorporación del Honorable Yuan Legislativo de la República de China (Taiwán), como Observador Permanente ante el Parlamento Centroamericano, a special agreement granting Taiwan permanent observer status in PARLACEN. PARLACEN President Irma Amaya, along with five PARLACEN vice presidents, paid an official visit to Taiwan in 2019.
- (2) Foro de Presidentes y Presidentas de Poderes Legislativos de Centroamérica y la Cuenca del Caribe (FOPREL): The President of the Legislative Yuan of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) was admitted as a permanent observer in December 1999.
- (3) Comisión Parlamentaria de Amistad Paraguayo-República de China (Taiwán) : One chapter was established in the Senate and another in the Chamber of Deputies of Paraguay.

The Legislative Yuan Asociación de Amistad Interparlamentaria República de China (Taiwán)-República del Paraguay was established on July 21, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Wen Yu-hsia.

- (4) Grupo de Trabajo Chileno-Taiwanés was established on October 1, 2002, later renamed Grupo de Amistad Chile-Taiwán, and currently consists of over ten members.
- (5) Formosa Club Plataforma Interparlamentaria entre los Países Sudamericanos y los Estados Unidos Mexicanos was established on December 16, 2019 and later expanded and renamed Formosa Club - Capítulo América Latina in November 2020. In May 2021, the Formosa

Club in the Caribbean was established. Formosa Clubs of Latin America and the Caribbeans were combined in October 26, 2021 and renamed Formosa Club Plataforma Interparlamentaria de América Latina y del Caribe.

- (6) The Legislative Yuan Taiwan-Central and South American and Caribbean Countries Parliamentary Friendship Association was established on June 29, 2020, and is currently chaired by Legislator Chiu Chih-wei.

Section 7 Treaties, Agreements, and Legal Affairs

I. Overview of Treaties and Agreements

In 2021, Taiwan signed 15 treaties and agreements with 10 countries: the Republic of Ecuador, the Republic of India, the Republic of Nicaragua, the Republic of Paraguay, the Republic of Somaliland, the Kingdom of Eswatini, the Slovak Republic, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the UK, and the US as well as with two international organizations: the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI). The scope of the treaties and agreements covers anti-money laundering; climate; standards; agriculture, forestry, fisheries and animal husbandry; economics and trade; energy; medical care and public health, justice, finance and insurance, taxation, development aid, and other areas for cooperation.

All the above-mentioned treaties and agreements can be found on the MOFA website and in the *Treaties between the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and Foreign States* volume 24 (2020-2021). In line with the government's cultural diplomacy policies, an English preface will be included in volume 23, published this year, to introduce foreign readers to the contents and layout of the publication. Part 1 of the volume will follow previous formats, while Part 2 will expand on existing formats to include agreements on mutual legal assistance, international fisheries cooperation, economics and trade, avoidance of double taxation, and human rights protection, among others. MOFA will also participate in this year's Archives Month to exhibit Taiwan's treaties and agreements. In addition, MOFA will continue to assist the National Central Library with publication exchanges with other major libraries and academic/research institutes in countries including the US, Japan, and South Korea.

II. Research and Consultation on Treaties, Agreements, and Foreign Laws

At the request of various MOFA departments and offices and other related authorities and agencies, the ministry researched and gave opinions on 1,731 cases relating to treaties, agreements, and legal matters.

III. Foreign Affairs and Legal Affairs

1. Taiwan's courts and other agencies entrust MOFA with the serving of litigation documents and evidence-gathering overseas. The ministry also handles cases in which foreign courts or other judicial authorities seek to serve documents or gather evidence in Taiwan. In 2021, MOFA handled approximately 15,400 requests from Taiwan courts and other authorities of various levels for the service of documents, as well as requests from foreign courts and other judicial authorities for the service of documents in Taiwan. MOFA also handled approximately 65 requests from domestic judicial authorities for the investigation of evidence in foreign countries, as well as requests from foreign courts and other judicial authorities for mutual legal assistance with judicial authorities in Taiwan.
2. In 2021, MOFA assisted with around 905 cases involving Taiwanese citizens abroad applying for loss of nationality, revocation of the loss of nationality, or document verification for acquisition of nationality or naturalization.

IV. Appeals Review Committee

In accordance with the Organizational Regulations for Administrative Appeals Review Committee of the Executive Yuan and Administrative Agencies at All Levels, MOFA set up the Appeals Review Committee (henceforth "Appeals Committee") to handle appeals. With the director-general of the Department of Treaty and Legal Affairs serving as chairman of the Review Committee, in 2021, there were 15 members (including the chairman): ten legal scholars and experts and five heads and deputy heads of MOFA units. Most of the appeals are filed by a small number of applicants who wish to contest decisions made by the Bureau of Consular Affairs, such as the denying of visas or passport renewals, or the withholding or revoking of passports. In 2021, a total of 12 appeals have been filed to the Executive Yuan regarding overseas embassies and offices rejecting visa and passport renewal applications, refusing to accept documents for marriage verification, or detaining or canceling passports, all of which were reported to the Executive Yuan by the Appeals Committee.

V. Efforts to Defend Sovereignty over the South China Sea Islands and Maritime Rights and Interests in Surrounding Waters

President Tsai Ing-wen has reiterated the government's commitment to defending Taiwan sovereignty over the South China Sea Islands, and, on July 19, 2016, put forth four principles and five actions pertaining to issues in the South China Sea. The principles are: disputes should be resolved by setting aside differences and promoting joint development; the R.O.C. should be included in multilateral mechanisms aimed at resolving disputes; states concerned have an obligation to uphold freedom of navigation and overflight in the region; and disputes should be settled peacefully in accordance with international law and the law of the sea, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The government vows to defend fishing rights, seek multilateral consultations, facilitate scientific collaboration, carry out humanitarian assistance and rescue operations, and cultivate experts on the law of the sea.

The South China Sea Islands are the territory of the R.O.C. (Taiwan), the government of which remains unwavering in its commitment to defend its sovereignty and rights over the South China Sea Islands and their relevant waters. In the future, the government will continue to consolidate sovereignty, protect fishing rights, actively settle disputes, and work hand in hand with the relevant states to maintain peace and stability in the South China Sea.

Appendix

1. Excerpts from President Tsai Ing-wen's statements on Foreign Policy

- (1) President Tsai's response to Pope Francis's 2021 World Day of Peace message**
<https://english.president.gov.tw/NEWS/6093/Covid>
- (2) President Tsai meets Palau President Surangel Whipps Jr.**
<https://english.president.gov.tw/NEWS/6113>
- (3) President Tsai meets senior US delegation sent by President Biden**
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- (11) President Tsai attends opening of Taiwan-US-Japan Trilateral Indo-Pacific Security Dialogue**
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- (12) President Tsai meets delegation led by France-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group Chairman François de Rugy**
<https://english.president.gov.tw/NEWS/6206>

2. Excerpts from Premier Su Tseng-chang's Statements on Foreign Policy

The following are the Executive Yuan's 2022 directions for foreign policy:

- (1) Using a forward-looking and innovative approach, implement the principles of steadfast diplomacy and mutual assistance for mutual benefit; uphold the fundamental values of peace, freedom, democracy, and human rights; devote utmost efforts to consolidate relations with diplomatic allies; and deepen substantive ties with like-minded nations with which Taiwan does not share diplomatic relations.
- (2) Protect Taiwan's membership and related rights in international organizations; seek participation in other important functional international organizations of which Taiwan is not a member; and take pragmatic and creative approaches to seek breakthroughs and actively participate in international community.
- (3) Integrate the strengths, resources, and experiences of the Taiwan government and civil society with those of the global community to enhance international cooperation in such domains as humanitarian relief, medical assistance, disease prevention and control, digital governance, women's empowerment, and media literacy; and establish partnerships with like-minded nations and important domestic and foreign nongovernmental organizations so as to contribute to the regional and global community.

(Excerpts from the Executive Yuan's 2022 guidelines detailed by Premier Su Tseng-chang on March 25, 2021)

3. Excerpts from Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu's statements on Foreign Policy

(1) Report by Jaushieh Joseph Wu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the R.O.C. (Taiwan), at the Foreign and National Defense Committee of the Legislative Yuan on March 24, 2021

Over the past year, Taiwan has faced an increasingly formidable and ever- changing external landscape, particularly constant suppression and threats from China. Nonetheless, we will continue to do our utmost to staunchly safeguard the nation's sovereignty and interests; consolidate our diplomatic alliances; seek greater international participation; deepen and broaden relations with like-minded partners such as the United States, Japan, European nations, and Australia; and actively participate in global and regional cooperation mechanisms.

A. Stable and cordial ties with diplomatic allies

Mutual visits by the heads of state and high-level officials of Taiwan and diplomatic allies have been put on hold because of the pandemic. In late January, I was appointed Special Envoy by President Tsai to attend the inauguration ceremony of Palau President Surangel Whipps, Jr. Our delegation comprised the only high-level foreign dignitaries to be invited to the inauguration. During this trip, we received high-level courtesies and attended several official events. Furthermore, we recently officially announced the Taiwan-Palau travel bubble. President Whipps will visit Taiwan on the 28th of this month—his first overseas trip as President. He will be the first foreign head of state to visit Taiwan since the outbreak of the pandemic. All this is highly significant for Taiwan-Palau diplomatic relations.

Bilateral cooperation projects between Taiwan and diplomatic allies are proceeding smoothly. We have continued to negotiate cooperation agreements with Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Honduras. In collaboration with the US, we held Partnership Opportunity Delegation virtual events with both Saint Lucia and Eswatini, strengthening economic and trade exchanges. Heads of state and prominent political figures from

diplomatic allies have publicly and repeatedly thanked Taiwan for its support in COVID-19 prevention and other joint endeavors. They have also reaffirmed their cordial and solid diplomatic ties with Taiwan. For example, during his opening address to parliament in February, King Mswati III of Eswatini thanked Taiwan for again dispatching a team of antipandemic experts to assist his country in fighting COVID-19. Meanwhile, Paraguay- based GEN TV honored President Tsai with the Friendship Hero (Héroe Amistad) award in recognition of her outstanding contributions, marking the first time the award was conferred on a foreign national.

In addition, the parliaments of diplomatic allies took concrete actions to express support for Taiwan. Parliamentarians from Latin America and Africa friendly to Taiwan established regional Formosa Clubs last year. The Formosa Club in Latin America comprises 144 members from the parliaments of 17 countries, including Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Paraguay, as well as the Central American Parliament; the Formosa Club in Africa boasts 180 parliamentarians from Eswatini and 28 other nations.

In the wake of destruction caused by hurricanes in Central American allies in early November last year, the Ministry contributed emergency humanitarian relief funds of US\$600,000, while Taiwan International Health Action coordinated the provision of emergency medical supplies to support post disaster reconstruction efforts.

B. Steady advances in Taiwan-US relations

Taiwan-US relations are rock solid and advancing steadily. We have enhanced mutual trust, strengthened our partnership through many different channels, and expanded cooperation into more domains.

Shortly after the US presidential elections last November, Representative Hsiao Bi-khim spoke to the Biden campaign's top foreign policy advisor, Antony Blinken (currently US Secretary of State), to deliver a congratulatory message from President Tsai to President-elect Biden. Having received an invitation addressed to her by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, she

attended the US presidential inauguration ceremony on January 20 and extended her congratulations to President Biden. This was the first time that a Taiwanese Representative to the US was officially invited to participate in this most important of democratic events in the United States.

Under President Donald Trump, the US government continued to support Taiwan. Over the past four years, it gradually normalized military sales, announcing 11 arms packages to Taiwan totaling US\$18.31 billion. On January 9 this year, then Secretary of State Mike Pompeo issued an official statement announcing the termination of all restrictions on Taiwan-US interactions.

Since taking office, President Biden has already adopted a series of concrete measures in support of Taiwan. At confirmation hearings in the US Senate on January 19, Secretary of State Blinken reaffirmed the US's strong and bipartisan commitment to Taiwan and the Taiwan Relations Act, stating he would ensure that the Department of State acted in accordance with the Taiwan Assurance Act; Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin III also emphasized that the US's commitment to Taiwan's security was rock solid. On January 23, the Department of State expressed concern over repeated intrusions by Chinese military aircraft into Taiwan's ADIZ, urging Beijing to cease its pressure against Taiwan and reaffirming the US commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances. On February 10, the State Department's Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs made public a photo of a meeting between Acting Assistant Secretary Sung Kim and Taiwan's Representative to the US. On March 3, the White House issued its Interim National Security Strategic Guidance, explicitly expressing support for Taiwan and lauding it as a leading democracy and a critical economic and security partner.

The US Senate and House of Representatives have shown bipartisan support for Taiwan and, through various channels, continued to urge the US administration to upgrade US relations with Taiwan and back our efforts to seek international participation and consolidate our diplomatic alliances. Both houses of the US Congress incorporated

several Taiwan- friendly provisions into the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, advocating the deepening of military and security cooperation and exchanges. On February 18, Representatives Brad Sherman (D-CA) and Young Kim (R-CA), both members of the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, jointly introduced a bill “to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization, and for other purposes.” The same day, Senator Rick Scott (R-FL) and Representative Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA) reintroduced the Taiwan Invasion Prevention Act.

By establishing dialogue mechanisms, Taiwan and the US have gradually broadened and deepened cooperation in many areas. On the economic front, on November 20, we held the first Taiwan-US Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue and signed an MOU highlighting our global economic strategic partnership. The first concrete achievement under this dialogue mechanism was the signing of the U.S.-Taiwan Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement. In terms of financial cooperation, our countries have also signed the Framework to Strengthen Infrastructure Finance and Market Building Cooperation and jointly participated in the Women’s Livelihood Bond initiative, facilitating regional and global economic and trade deployment. We also launched the Taiwan-US Education Initiative to comprehensively strengthen cooperation in language teaching. On February 5, we held a roundtable forum on cooperation in semiconductor supply chains so as to enhance supply chain security and industrial collaboration. On March 11, our countries issued the Joint Statement on Partners in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response (HADR) as part of our commitment to building resilience capacity.

Last year, Taiwan, the US and Japan cohosted seven activities under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF). The US Senate and House of Representatives allocated US\$3 million to the GCTF in the Consolidation Appropriations Act, 2021, underscoring

the importance that the US Congress attaches to the initiative. The first GCTF event this year— an international seminar on Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disaster—was cohosted by Taiwan, the US, Japan, and the United Kingdom. Last year, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam was inaugurated on October 10; the second Taiwan-US Consultations on Democratic Governance in the Indo-Pacific Region were completed on October 28; and in November, I represented our government in attending the third Ministerial to Advance Freedom of Religion or Belief.

C. Continued enhancement of Taiwan-Japan relations

Taiwan-Japan relations are stable and cordial. Japan has shown even greater support for Taiwan in the international arena in recent years, demonstrating that bilateral exchanges have gradually carried over into multilateral issues. Last year, then Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and then Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga publicly endorsed Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA) on numerous occasions, while Katsunobu Kato, then Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare (currently Chief Cabinet Secretary), spoke up for Taiwan at the WHA. The Japan-R.O.C. Diet Members' Consultative Council has also approved several resolutions and 26 local assemblies have issued statements or passed resolutions backing Taiwan's participation in WHO. Last November, the Summit on Taiwan-Japan Exchange approved the Kaga Declaration, which advocates Taiwan's participation in WHO. Japan's support for Taiwan has grown stronger than ever before.

Bilateral cooperation has become more comprehensive and institutionalized, with parliamentary exchanges in particular growing more frequent. On January 20, President of the Legislative Yuan You Si-kun founded a cross-party Taiwan-Japan exchange friendship group, comprising 95 members—84 percent of legislators. Keiji Furuya, Chairman of the Japan-R.O.C. Diet Members' Consultative Council, recorded a congratulatory video for the founding ceremony. These developments will further bolster parliamentary exchanges between our countries.

When Japan hosted the 84th Council Meeting and 50th General Assembly of the Asian-Pacific Parliamentarians' Union virtually in early February, Legislative Yuan President You delivered an opening address and Prime Minister Suga recorded a congratulatory message for the occasion. Our delegation introduced the Taiwan Model of COVID-19 containment and called for support of Taiwan's participation in WHO, eliciting a positive response from the Japanese delegation.

In the wake of a strong earthquake in northeastern Japan in February, President Tsai extended a message of support to Japan and received an appreciative response from Chief Cabinet Secretary Kato. Our countries will continue to strengthen exchanges and cooperation in humanitarian relief and disaster prevention. Meanwhile, Taiwan and Japan agreed to mutually allow the entry of business travelers on September 1 last year, and on October 30, the Japanese government lowered its COVID-19 travel alert for Taiwan.

D. Steady advancement of Taiwan-Europe relations

Relations between Taiwan and Europe have maintained a healthy momentum, with both sides continuing to deepen exchanges and cooperation based on such shared values as democracy, freedom, and human rights. Taiwan has become a values-based partner in Asia for European nations.

Taiwan and the EU have diverse and robust institutionalized consultation mechanisms in place. They have fortified bilateral cooperation through the Human Rights Consultations, the Labor Consultation, the Dialogue on Digital Economy, and the Industrial Policy Dialogue.

Last October, President Tsai delivered, via video, an opening address for the first time to the virtual 24th Forum 2000 Conference held by the Czech Republic. She shared Taiwan's antipandemic success and democratic experience and stressed that like-minded democratic countries across the globe should work together more closely. And in my virtual address to the event, I discussed the Taiwan Model of

COVID-19 containment as a demonstration of democratic resilience.

Taiwan and Europe have achieved substantive progress in cooperation and exchange in many fields. During a virtual ceremony on November 4 last year, Taiwan and Hungary signed a memorandum of understanding on a scholarship program that will promote collaboration in higher education. At the end of last year, Taiwan established the Aix-en-Provence branch office of the Taipei Representative Office in France—the only new office to be set up in continental Europe in recent years, marking a major milestone in the development of Taiwan-France relations. During a videoconference with Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-chung on January 6 this year, Slovenia Prime Minister Janez Janša, then concurrently serving as Health Minister, praised Taiwan's management of COVID-19. The Taiwan-Poland legal cooperation agreement on criminal matters, signed in June 2019, officially took effect on February 23 this year. Poland was the first European nation to sign such an agreement with Taiwan.

The European Parliament (EP) and the national parliaments of many European countries have been staunch supporters of Taiwan. The EP has made an exceptional show of strong support in recent years. Since last October, it has passed six resolutions backing Taiwan, taking concrete actions to express concern over the situation across the Taiwan Strait, endorse our international participation, call for the advancement of Taiwan-EU economic and trade relations, and commend Taiwan's antipandemic success and assistance to other countries. On January 20, it passed resolutions to adopt annual reports on the implementation of the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy, with both reports expressing grave concern over China's recent provocative military maneuvers aimed at Taiwan. On January 21, the EP passed for the first time a resolution on Connectivity and EU-Asia Relations, supporting the EU's development of a partnership with Taiwan under the EU-Asia Connectivity Strategy. Earlier this month, Belgium's regional Flemish Parliament approved a resolution for the first time backing Taiwan's international participation.

E. Further deepening the New Southbound Policy

Taiwan has continued to deepen its diverse exchanges with New Southbound Policy partner countries. This has already achieved results.

In terms of economic and trade exchanges, total trade between Taiwan and New Southbound Policy partner countries reached US\$108.48 billion in 2020. The six Industrial Collaboration Forums held virtually last year led to the signing of 16 industrial cooperation agreements and two concrete outcomes, covering such sectors as smart cities, green energy technology, food technology, electronics manufacturing, and disease prevention. Taiwan also assisted businesses in obtaining halal certification and leveraging business opportunities in halal markets on 682 occasions.

Taiwan also registered a steady increase in people-to-people exchanges, with 59,720 individuals from New Southbound Policy partner countries coming to study or attend workshops in 2020. Although the COVID-19 pandemic has caused tourist numbers to fall, exchanges continue to be promoted through new media platforms. A total of 300 marketing and promotional activities were held last year, giving Taiwan's tourism sector continued exposure.

In terms of resource sharing, through the One Country, One Center initiative and in coordination with eight partner countries, including India, Indonesia, and Vietnam, 119 conferences and lectures, either virtual or in-person, were held to share Taiwan's experience in containing the COVID-19 pandemic. Taiwan also provided training to 88 healthcare professionals from partner countries last year.

As for regional connectivity, the fourth Yushan Forum was held on October 8 as a virtual and in-person event in Taipei, focusing on the theme of "Forging a Resilient Future Together." Former Prime Minister of Australia Malcolm Turnbull and other opinion leaders, experts, and scholars from New Southbound Policy and like-minded nations were invited to deliver speeches and participate in discussions, highlighting Taiwan's determination to continue building a regional platform for diverse dialogue in the postpandemic era.

Several months ago, our government expressed concern and

extended assistance to New Southbound Policy partner countries hit by natural disasters. We donated US\$400,000 to Vietnam in October and US\$200,000 to the Philippines in November for disaster relief and reconstruction.

F. Increasing momentum for Taiwan's international participation

Owing to China's interference, Taiwan has been unable to participate in the UN system, but the international community widely recognizes that Taiwan can help. An ever-increasing number of nations, including their executive and legislative branches of government, media, and citizens, are speaking up for Taiwan, underscoring the fact that our appeal for international participation is both appropriate and legitimate.

Taiwan's bid to attend the WHA last year received unprecedented worldwide support. In addition to our diplomatic allies, high-level political figures from many countries, including the United States, Japan, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, publicly endorsed Taiwan's bid, while support from parliaments was of an unprecedented magnitude. During the resumed session of the WHA last November, more than 1,700 parliamentarians from more than 80 countries publicly called for WHO to welcome Taiwan into its fold.

Taiwan's cooperative relations with the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) continue to advance. Morris Chang, founder of Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd., again served as Taiwan's envoy to the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in 2020. Taiwan gained exposure at nine APEC ministerial and deputies' meetings last year, including the CEO Dialogues, to which two Taiwanese ministers were invited to serve as speakers for the first time. Last year, Taiwan attended or organized 285 in-person or virtual conferences, conducted 13 high-level bilateral videoconferences with other APEC member economies, and had its work objectives incorporated into 16 key APEC statements or reports. It received a total of US\$1.23 million in APEC funding for 15 initiatives—the second-highest number among member economies. It also set a record for

the submission of initiatives, in both number and ranking. This year, we have already participated in at least 80 events, including the First Senior Officials' Meeting. And the APEC Secretariat has also agreed to allow the Ministry to send new recruits to serve in its office on a short-term basis.

Last December, the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration formally became a member of the International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation group, a concrete achievement stemming from our proactive efforts to boost international participation. Meanwhile, we have continued to bolster relations with development banks. Our government has completed negotiations for the Central American Bank for Economic Integration to establish an office in Taipei and an agreement will be signed at an appropriate time. And in cooperation with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), we have launched three technological collaboration projects designed to help Taiwanese businesses and banks develop potential business opportunities in the EBRD's markets of operation.

G. Taking proactive steps to make our voice heard internationally

The Ministry continues to employ a variety of approaches to speak up and let Taiwan's voice be heard throughout the world. Last year, I gave nearly 50 interviews to CNN, Fox News, and other mainstream media outlets from such countries as the US, the UK, and Japan. In collaboration with the Discovery Channel, we produced and broadcasted programs featuring Taiwan's agricultural and biomedical technologies, attracting about eight million views. We also provided assistance to journalists dispatched or relocated to Taiwan by the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and other prominent international media, helping increase Taiwan's visibility.

The Ministry's official Facebook page has attracted more than 210,000 followers since its launch, and the Facebook pages of our overseas missions have a combined total of nearly 540,000 followers. The 103 Facebook accounts and 224 websites of these overseas missions help promote our various bids to participate in international

organizations. Meanwhile, our official Twitter account has reached more than 140 million users, effectively raising Taiwan's international visibility.

H. Conclusion

Despite the rapidly changing international landscape, the challenges and threats to regional security, and China's continued suppression of Taiwan, the Ministry will continue to forge ahead with our work in the true spirit of steadfast diplomacy. We will safeguard Taiwan's sovereignty, dignity, rights, and interests, and show the world Taiwan's vitality, professionalism, and resilience.

(2) Report by Jaushieh Joseph Wu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the R.O.C. (Taiwan), at the Foreign and National Defense Committee of the Legislative Yuan on November 19, 2021

The global political and economic landscape has undergone drastic transformations recently, and there have been many changes and constants in our diplomatic work. The main constant is Beijing's relentless rhetorical assault and military intimidation against Taiwan and its launch of diplomatic warfare as it attempts to lure away our diplomatic allies, undermine our relations with other countries, and interfere with our international participation. The most important change is the growing support for democratic Taiwan and increased displeasure with authoritarian China in the international arena. For Taiwan, this is both a challenge and an opportunity, including:

A. With the world still facing many threats and challenges, Taiwan cannot stand on the sidelines:

The world continues to face numerous traditional and nontraditional security threats, the major ones including the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic, potential risk of conflict in many areas, persistent threat of authoritarianism to democracy around the world, existing threats from international terrorism, all manner of threat worldwide brought on by climate change, challenges to the restructuring of global supply chains, cybersecurity, and disinformation.

- B. As opposition to authoritarianism increases among democratic countries, security across the Taiwan Strait has received greater attention:

China's belligerent actions across the Taiwan Strait, East China Sea, South China Sea, Xinjiang, and Hong Kong; lack of transparency as regards the origin of COVID-19; wolf-warrior diplomacy; and other factors have led to growing friction between China and many democracies in Europe and North America. The international community has repeatedly expressed concern over Beijing's continuous military intimidation against Taiwan and recognized that its provocative actions undermining regional stability constitute a serious challenge to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD), US-Japan Summit, US-Republic of Korea Summit, European Union-Japan Summit, G7 Foreign and Development Ministers' Meeting, Japan-Australia 2+2 Foreign and Defense Ministerial Consultations, G7 Leaders' Summit, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Summit, and EU-US Summit all reiterated the importance of maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, underscoring the fact that security across the Taiwan Strait has become a focus of global concern.

- C. As the Indo-Pacific region has become a global strategic center, Taiwan's strategic position has been enhanced:

The Indo-Pacific region has become a global strategic and diplomatic center. The US-China confrontation, South China Sea disputes, security issues across the Taiwan Strait, India-China border conflicts, and tension in Australia-China relations, among other issues, have become a focus of international attention. The US recently withdrew from Afghanistan and shifted its strategic priorities to the Indo-Pacific region, as reflected in the staging of a QUAD summit twice this year; the announcement by Australia, the United Kingdom, and the US of the formation of AUKUS, a trilateral security partnership; and the upcoming release of the latest US Indo-Pacific strategy report this fall. Taiwan occupies a special strategic position in the Indo-Pacific region, stands on the front lines of opposition to authoritarianism, and marks the most important line of defense for the

democratic community. Taiwan's strategic position has been enhanced significantly.

- D. China's relentless suppression of Taiwan in the international arena brings formidable diplomatic challenges:

China has never stopped, and has in fact ramped up, its suppression of Taiwan in the international arena, posing the biggest consistent diplomatic challenge to Taiwan. Not only has Taiwan long been excluded from the United Nations system, but under China's growing influence in the UN in recent years, it has also been barred from numerous important international organizations, including the World Health Organization and its annual World Health Assembly, and other UN agencies. However, such suppression has reinforced Taiwan's determination to rejoin international organizations.

- E. Taiwan continues to contribute to the international community and garner greater support:

Taiwan has won widespread acclaim for its continuous contributions to the international community in a number of areas, including the safeguarding of freedom, democracy, human rights, and other values; maintenance of regional peace, stability, and prosperity; cooperation in disease prevention and public health; security in global supply chains; disaster relief and assistance; cybersecurity; climate change; and sustainable development. It has also received greater international support, including donations of COVID-19 vaccines from Japan, the US, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Poland, and Slovakia.

Major accomplishments in steadfast diplomacy

- A. Stable and cordial ties with diplomatic allies

High-level officials from Taiwan and diplomatic allies have put mutual visits on hold in recent months because of the pandemic but have engaged in interactions through videoconferencing. President Tsai Ing-wen extended birthday wishes to King Mswati III of Eswatini by phone in April. I have spoken with high-level officials of diplomatic allies on many occasions. I held a videoconference with Guatemalan Minister of Foreign Affairs Pedro Brolo in May; made

a video call in August to congratulate new Prime Minister of Saint Lucia Philip J. Pierre on behalf of President Tsai; called Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Ralph Gonsalves in August to wish him a speedy recovery; and made a video call in September to congratulate Prime Minister John Briceño on the 40th anniversary of the independence of Belize. In addition, I recorded congratulatory messages for the 65th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Taiwan and Haiti and for the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between Taiwan and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Bilateral cooperation programs are proceeding smoothly. We reactivated the Taiwan-Palau safe travel bubble on August 14; signed cooperation agreements with Nicaragua and Saint Christopher and Nevis; held virtual Partnership Opportunity Delegation meetings with Paraguay and the US; and conducted virtual seminars with the US to discuss joint assistance for Taiwan's Pacific allies in postpandemic economic recovery and sustainable development.

Taiwan proactively assists diplomatic allies with postdisaster reconstruction and combating disease. We provided disaster relief funds of US\$300,000 to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines after it was hit by volcanic eruptions and promoted a consultancy project on disaster management and medical capacity building in the country. We also provided US\$500,000 for earthquake relief in Haiti, supported Eswatini's restoration and reconstruction efforts, and have continued to donate face masks, oxygen concentrators, and other antipandemic supplies to allies.

B. Steady advances in Taiwan-US relations

Taiwan-US relations are rock solid and advancing steadily. We have strengthened our partnership through many different channels and expanded cooperation into more domains.

The US government has continued to take concrete actions to support Taiwan. In April, President Joe Biden sent former Senator Chris Dodd (D-CT) and former Deputy Secretaries of State Richard

Armitage and James Steinberg to visit Taiwan. On April 9, the Department of State formally issued revised guidelines for US government interactions with Taiwan counterparts, emphasizing that Taiwan is a vibrant democracy and one of the closest security and economic partners of the US. In August, the Biden administration announced its first arms package to Taiwan, totaling US\$750 million, continuing the US policy of normalizing military sales to Taiwan followed in recent years. Furthermore, in separate responses in August concerning the US military withdrawal from Afghanistan, President Biden and White House National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan publicly reaffirmed the US's rock-solid commitment to Taiwan. At a hearing at the House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs in September, Secretary of State Antony Blinken stated that the US would honor its commitments under the Taiwan Relations Act. National Security Advisor Sullivan, Secretary Blinken, and Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman have also separately conveyed to Prime Minister Ingrida Šimonytė and other high-level officials of Lithuania strong US support for the development of Taiwan-Lithuania relations.

The US government staunchly supports Taiwan's international participation. Secretary Blinken issued a press statement in May entitled "Restoring Taiwan's Appropriate Place at the World Health Assembly." Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra spoke up for Taiwan at the WHA and held a bilateral videoconference with Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-chung.

The US Senate and House of Representatives have shown bipartisan support for Taiwan and, through various channels, have continued to urge the US administration to upgrade relations with Taiwan. Senator Scott Perry (R-PA) sponsored the Taiwan PLUS Act in March. Representative Lisa McClain (R-MI) and 22 other Republican Representatives wrote a joint letter to President Biden in March calling for the US to sign a free trade agreement with Taiwan. Both the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and House Committee on Foreign Affairs launched a transnational campaign on social media with the hashtag #LetTaiwanHelp in April; a total of 126 Senators and

Representatives voiced their support for Taiwan in response. The US Innovation and Competition Act of 2021 was sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) in May and passed by the Senate in June; it incorporated numerous elements favorable to Taiwan. The Ensuring American and Global Leadership and Engagement Act (or “Eagle Act”) was introduced by Representative Gregory Meeks (D-NY), Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, in May and passed by the Committee in July. Senators Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Dan Sullivan (R-AK), and Chris Coons (D-DE) visited Taiwan on a military aircraft in June, highlighting bipartisan congressional support for Taiwan; they announced a US donation of COVID- 19 vaccines to Taiwan during their visit. Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and Republican Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), Vice Chairman of the Committee, led 40 other Senators in writing a joint letter in June to US Trade Representative Katherine Tai, affirming the resumption of talks with Taiwan by the Office of the US Trade Representative on a Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA). The Senate Committee on Armed Services passed the Senate version of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 in July and the House Committee on Armed Services voted to approve the House version in September.

Taiwan and the US have steadily broadened and deepened cooperation in many areas. We signed an MOU to establish a Coast Guard Working Group in March. For the third consecutive time, Taiwan sent the largest delegation to the Select USA Investment Summit, which was held virtually this year by the US Department of Commerce in June. The 11th round of TIFA talks was held at the end of June. Between March and mid-September, Taiwan, the US, and Japan hosted seven virtual international seminars under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF); Australia, the UK, and Slovakia cohosted some of these events.

Meanwhile, Taiwan has strengthened relations with US states. New Mexico reopened its office in Taiwan in March, upholding a decision

made in late 2020. The Guam Visitors Bureau Taiwan was upgraded and renamed the Guam Taiwan Office in May. On September 1, Montana appointed a new representative to Taiwan and reopened its Taiwan office. As of today, 30 US states and Guam have passed a total of 42 resolutions supporting Taiwan.

C. Continued enhancement of Taiwan-Japan relations

Taiwan-Japan relations are stable and cordial. Japan has shown greater support for Taiwan in the international arena in recent years. In its white paper *Defense of Japan 2021*, the Japanese government for the first time explicitly stated the importance of stability across the Taiwan Strait. It has reaffirmed this position at numerous international events. Then Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, then Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsunobu Kato, and Minister for Foreign Affairs Toshimitsu Motegi publicly endorsed Taiwan's participation in the WHA on several occasions, while then Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare Norihisa Tamura spoke up for Taiwan at the WHA. The Japanese government reiterated a similar position in its *Diplomatic Bluebook 2021*. Furthermore, in June, the House of Councillors approved for the first time a resolution calling on WHO to resolve the Taiwan issue. As of today, 37 local assemblies have issued related statements.

Taiwan and Japan enjoy close exchanges, with parliamentary interactions in particular growing more frequent. Keiji Furuya, Member of the House of Representatives and Chairman of the Japan-R.O.C. Diet Members' Consultative Council, initiated in July a virtual trilateral strategy forum for parliamentarians from Taiwan, the US, and Japan. President of the Legislative Yuan You Si-kun and legislators of various political parties participated in the event, while former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe delivered an address as a special guest. In addition, the fourth videoconference for young Taiwanese and Japanese academics conducting joint research was held this year.

Japan has donated a total of five batches of COVID-19 vaccines to Taiwan, amounting to over 3.9 million doses, and is considering donating a sixth batch. In order to express gratitude and enhance

antipandemic cooperation, our government donated a total of 10,000 pulse oximeters and 1,008 oxygen concentrators to Japan in September and October, creating a virtuous cycle in our bilateral friendship.

During the Tokyo Olympic Games, 28 local governments in Japan volunteered to host the Taiwanese delegation, the highest for any delegation, while the Taiwanese and Japanese people supported athletes from each other's countries. All this demonstrates the cordial friendship between the two countries.

D. Steady advancement of Taiwan-Europe relations

Relations between Taiwan and Europe have maintained a healthy momentum, with both sides continuing to deepen exchanges and cooperation based on such shared values as democracy, freedom, and human rights. Taiwan has become an important partner in the Indo-Pacific region for European nations.

Taiwan and the EU have fortified bilateral cooperation through the Human Rights Consultations, the Labor Consultation, and other existing platforms. Early this year, we cohosted the EU-Taiwan Supply Chains Forum in response to new global challenges.

In early September, Taiwan was included for the first time in a joint communication to the European Parliament and the Council, entitled *EU strategy for cooperation in the Indo-Pacific*. The EU announced that it would bolster cooperation with Taiwan in the semiconductor industry and other value chains, engage Taiwan in data protection dialogue, and deepen bilateral economic, trade, and investment relations.

Taiwan and Europe have achieved breakthroughs in substantive relations in a number of domains. A Taiwanese representative office will be set up in Lithuania, the first new representative office to be established in Europe in 18 years. A scientific cooperation agreement was signed remotely by Taiwan and Finland in June and August, respectively. An aviation service agreement was signed with Germany in July. And a pact on judicial cooperation in criminal matters was signed with Slovakia in August, the second such agreement with a

European country after Poland.

The EP and the national parliaments of many European countries have been staunch supporters of Taiwan. As of today, the EP has passed 11 resolutions backing Taiwan this year. In early September, the EP's Committee on Foreign Affairs passed with a high number of votes a Taiwan-EU political relations and cooperation report and related amendments, recommending that the EU's representative office in Taiwan be renamed the European Union Office in Taiwan. This month, the French National Assembly will vote on a resolution advocating Taiwan's inclusion in working and multilateral mechanisms under international organizations. The Formosa Club in Europe welcomed 89 cross-party members of the Canada-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group into its fold in August; it also backed Taiwan's participation in the WHA through concrete action and expressed strong support for Lithuania's development of relations with Taiwan. Senator Alain Richard, Chairman of the French Senate's Taiwan Friendship Group, led a cross-party delegation to Taiwan this month, undaunted by intimidation and interference from the Chinese government and showing his friendship for Taiwan through action. Minister of the National Development Council Kung Ming-hsin will be leading an economic and trade mission to the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Lithuania to deepen substantive exchanges between Taiwan and European nations.

E. Further deepening the New Southbound Policy

Taiwan has continued to deepen its diverse exchanges with New Southbound Policy partner countries and has achieved considerable success.

In terms of economic and trade exchanges, in the first half of this year, trade between Taiwan and New Southbound Policy partner countries reached US\$68.4 billion, for year-on-year growth of 32.14 percent, while 255 cases of inbound investments from these partners were approved, up 57.5 percent year-on-year. Industrial Collaboration Forums were held virtually with six partners, namely India, Indonesia,

Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. In addition, talks were held with halal businesses, market developments and needs of New Southbound Policy partners were studied, and assistance was provided to Taiwanese companies seeking business opportunities, such as drawing up plans for collaboration with India in semiconductors and the internet of things.

In terms of people-to-people exchanges, more than 50,000 individuals from New Southbound Policy partner countries came to Taiwan to study or attend workshops last year, with the number of students in degree programs registering a slight increase. Related programs and lectures were organized to recruit talented personnel in science and technology and the social sciences from these nations. Although the COVID-19 pandemic has caused tourist numbers to fall this year, we have maintained our momentum for tourism through new media and plan to attract visitors from among the region's large Muslim population. The Ministry announced that the trial visa-waiver program for three New Southbound Policy partner countries—Brunei, the Philippines, and Thailand—would be extended from August 1, 2021, through July 31 of next year.

In terms of resource sharing, under the One Country, One Center initiative and in coordination with eight partner countries, including India, Indonesia, and Vietnam, 32 virtual conferences and lectures were held and training was provided to 14 healthcare professionals between January and June. Exchanges were conducted in such areas as health insurance information systems and dengue fever prevention and control. Taiwan has also continued to donate medical supplies to partner countries. As for regional connectivity, the fifth Yushan Forum was convened on October 8 as a virtual and in-person event in Taipei. Former Prime Minister of Australia Tony Abbott was invited to deliver an opening address, and exchanges and discussions on common regional concerns were held.

F. Increasing momentum for Taiwan's international participation

Owing to China's interference, Taiwan has been unable to

participate in the UN system, but the international community widely recognizes that Taiwan can help. An ever-increasing number of nations, including their executive and legislative branches of government, media, and citizens, have acknowledged that Taiwan's appeal for international participation is both appropriate and legitimate. The magnitude of support for Taiwan has increased steadily year after year.

Taiwan's bid to attend the WHA this year again received unprecedented worldwide support. The G7 Foreign and Development Ministers and the EU issued a communiqué clearly stating their support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in WHO and the WHA. Fourteen diplomatic allies raised proposals, wrote letters, or spoke up for Taiwan. Australia, Canada, Japan, the US, five other like-minded countries, and the Sovereign Order of Malta voiced their support for Taiwan's campaign during a plenary session of the WHA. The Prime Ministers of Japan, Canada, and Sweden were among leaders and high-level officials of more than 40 countries and the EU who publicly endorsed Taiwan's bid. Furthermore, more than 3,000 parliamentarians from more than 100 countries backed Taiwan in diverse ways.

This year Taiwan adopted innovative and diverse approaches in seeking broader attention and support from the international community for its UN bid. All 14 of our diplomatic allies that are UN Member States either jointly or individually wrote to the UN Secretary-General, urging him to include Taiwan in the UN system. Heads of state of several allies spoke up for Taiwan during the UN General Debate. In addition, the US, Japan, Australia, and other like-minded nations have continued to show staunch support for Taiwan at various events in different ways. Parliamentarians of 13 countries—namely, Argentina, Canada, Chile, Eswatini, Ireland, Italy, Peru, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, Uruguay, the UK, and the US—endorsed Taiwan's UN bid through parliamentary motions, joint statements, or letters to the UN Secretary-General or to the Foreign Minister or Permanent Representative to the UN of their respective countries, among other actions. I wrote an op-ed on our UN bid, which was published at least 226 times by prominent media outlets in the US, Japan, France,

the UK, and other countries. *To Freedom*, a short film produced for this year's UN campaign, was well received, gaining 11.89 million views online. On the newly created *GiveTaiwanAVoice.com* website, nearly 4,500 prominent political figures, parliamentarians, and private citizens from 76 countries expressed support for Taiwan. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York hosted seven side events in coordination with Taiwan's UN bid. Overall, this year's campaign received much broader international support.

Taiwan continues to bolster its participation in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum. Our Leader's Representative, Morris Chang attended the APEC Informal Leaders' Meeting in July, sharing our experience in containing COVID-19. Between March and September, Taiwan participated in 10 APEC meetings for senior and higher-level officials, including the Senior Officials' Meetings, Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting, and Ministers Responsible for Trade Meeting. During this same period, we received more than US\$1 million in APEC funding for 15 initiatives—the highest number among member economies—and hosted 14 APEC seminars and activities.

Taiwan proactively participates in international organizations. The Country Office in Taiwan of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration began operation in July as the first branch office of an intergovernmental organization to be established in Taiwan. Taiwan was reelected as a member of the Executive Committee of the Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions and named Second Vice Chair of the Asian Productivity Organization. The Executive Secretary of the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering, Gordon Hook, was invited to serve as speaker at a GCTF international seminar for the first time.

G. Taking proactive steps to make our voice heard internationally

The Ministry continues to employ a variety of approaches to speak up and let Taiwan's voice be heard throughout the world. We arranged interviews with international media for President Tsai and former Vice President Chen Chien-jen. Since January, I have given 23 interviews

to international media outlets, leading to the publication or broadcast of 154 news reports. I also met with foreign journalists stationed in Taiwan at special receptions, and more than 100 news reports were issued as a result. In collaboration with television companies in New Southbound Policy partner countries, we produced and broadcasted the fourth series of the *Embracing Taiwan* program. We also provided assistance to journalists dispatched or relocated to Taiwan by the *Washington Post*, British Broadcasting Corporation, and other prominent international media outlets.

The Ministry's official Facebook page has attracted more than 220,000 followers since its launch, and the Facebook pages of our overseas missions have a combined total of more than 640,000 followers. The 105 Facebook accounts and 230 websites of these overseas missions join in concerted campaigns to promote Taiwan's bids to participate in important international organizations. Meanwhile, our official Twitter account has been viewed more than 200 million times, effectively raising Taiwan's international visibility.

Further advancing steadfast diplomacy

The Ministry will continue to forge ahead with steadfast diplomacy, focusing on the following priorities:

A. Consolidating ties with diplomatic allies

We are doing our utmost to consolidate relations with diplomatic allies. Once the pandemic has eased, we will continue to promote high-level mutual visits and expand bilateral cooperation. We will also work with democratic partners to support diplomatic allies; however, Taiwan will not engage in pointless checkbook diplomacy competition with China.

B. Deepening relations with like-minded and friendly nations

We will make good use of the favorable international climate and friendly forces worldwide and continue to bolster partnerships with such like-minded nations as the US, Japan, European countries, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand to jointly counter threats and challenges and advance regional peace, stability, and prosperity.

C. Increasing international participation and making proactive contributions

Based on the principles of professionalism, pragmatism, and making contributions, we will combine public- and private-sector resources and strengths to seek greater international participation through diverse approaches, while safeguarding our rights and interests in organizations to which we already belong.

D. Strengthening implementation of the New Southbound Policy

To implement this policy, our government is focusing on four pillars: economic and trade cooperation, human resource exchanges, resource sharing, and regional connectivity. Taiwan's soft power is creating new mutually beneficial cooperation models as we seek to make substantive contributions to regional development.

E. Endeavoring to join regional economic integration mechanisms and strengthening regional cooperation

Our highest priority is joining the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). Our government officially submitted an application for CPTPP accession in late September. The Ministry will continue to actively seek the support of CPTPP members through bilateral and multilateral channels. Japan has already said that it welcomes our bid.

F. Making our voice heard internationally

We continue to employ diverse approaches toward speaking out among the international community so that the world can gain a better understanding of and further support Taiwan. In particular, we will increase our use of new media platforms to highlight Taiwan's positive image.

G. Fulfilling our international responsibilities

Taiwan continues to work closely with like-minded nations to counter challenges and threats, and we will further implement the UN Sustainable Development Goals. We will staunchly uphold the worldwide consensus on maintaining the status quo of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and safeguard democratic values and

the rules-based international order.

H. Improving public services and facilitating greater travel convenience

The Ministry will continue to improve public services and facilitate greater travel convenience. Taiwanese nationals are granted visa exemptions, landing visas, or electronic visas by 170 countries and territories, and can enter many of these countries via automated customs clearance systems. During the pandemic, the Ministry has provided a wide range of services and related travel updates to expatriates. On July 1, we introduced a measure that affords greater convenience in passport application, saving time and money for citizens.

4. Statements of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- (1) The R.O.C. (Taiwan) government has terminated diplomatic relations with the Republic of Nicaragua with immediate effect to uphold national dignity.**

December 10, 2021

No. 1

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) issues the following solemn statement:

On December 10, 2021, the Republic of Nicaragua unilaterally terminated diplomatic relations with the R.O.C. (Taiwan). The Taiwan government deeply regrets this decision. To safeguard national sovereignty and dignity, Taiwan has decided to terminate diplomatic relations with Nicaragua with immediate effect, end all bilateral cooperation projects and aid programs, and recall staff of its Embassy and Technical Mission in Nicaragua.

Taiwan has always been a sincere and reliable friend to Nicaragua and has long worked with Nicaragua to improve the livelihoods of its people and assist with its national development. The outcomes of these efforts and Taiwan's contributions are evident to all. Taiwan deeply regrets that the Ortega government has decided to disregard the long-standing and close friendship between the people of Taiwan and Nicaragua.

As a responsible member of the international community, Taiwan has the right to conduct exchanges and develop diplomatic relations with other nations. The Taiwan government will continue to promote steadfast diplomacy to expand Taiwan's international participation. It will spare no effort in upholding regional peace and stability, ensuring its rightful status in the international community, safeguarding national interests, and protecting the Taiwanese people's well-being.

(2) MOFA categorically rejects actions taken by the governments of Nicaragua and the PRC to seize Taiwan's diplomatic property in violation of international law and to the detriment of the international order.

December 30, 2021

No. 2

The premises and property of the former Embassy of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) in the Republic of Nicaragua are diplomatic assets legally procured by the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government from 1990 onward. Article 45 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations stipulates that “if diplomatic relations are broken off between two states [...] the receiving state must [...] respect and protect the premises of the mission, together with its property and archives.” According to this article and customary international law, following the termination of diplomatic relations between the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and Nicaragua, Nicaragua should honor its obligations under international law and protect the premises and property of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) Embassy. Taiwan had reached an agreement to entrust the custody of its embassy premises to a third state in accordance with international law, but this was unreasonably rejected by Nicaragua in violation of international conventions. Due to extreme time constraints, Taiwan then decided to symbolically sell its embassy premises to the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Managua.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) strongly condemns Nicaragua's dictatorial regime for unlawfully exercising state power to interfere in Taiwan's legal transference of diplomatic property and to encroach upon the property in serious contravention of international law. MOFA solemnly demands that the government of Nicaragua rectify its actions. Taiwan will pursue appropriate international legal proceedings to protect its diplomatic property and ensure that Nicaragua is held accountable for its internationally wrongful act.

MOFA reiterates that the R.O.C. (Taiwan) is an independent and sovereign democratic country, that the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and authoritarian China are not subordinate to each other, that the Chinese Communist Party regime has never governed Taiwan for even a single day, and that the two sides do not have rights to succession of each other's diplomatic assets. The Chinese Foreign Ministry has alleged that Nicaragua's seizure of Taiwan's embassy premises and property was an act of justice, while also falsely asserting that China has ownership rights to them. In reality, this constitutes a blatant act of wrongful appropriation with complete disregard for international law. It is part of China's explicit and aggressive intent to annex Taiwan, which seriously contravenes international norms and damages regional peace and stability.

MOFA once again stresses that the heavy-handed and unlawful behavior by China's authoritarian government and President Ortega's dictatorial regime, seizing and encroaching upon property that Taiwan had already sold to the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, cannot be tolerated under the rules-based international legal order and will undoubtedly be met with disdain in the civilized world.

5. Treaties and Agreements signed between the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and Other Countries and International Organizations

NO	REGION	CATEGORY	SIGNATORY	NAME OF TREATY	DATE OF SIGNATURE/ DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE
1	Central and South America	Anti-money Laundering	ECUADOR, REPUBLIC OF	MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING DIVISION, INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS UNIT OF THE REPUBLIC OF EQUADOR	2021/02/17 2021/02/24 / 2021/02/24
2	North America	Meteorology	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN METEOROLOGY AND FORECAST SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT (AND) ANNEX TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN METEOROLOGY AND FORECAST SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENT #32	2021/03/15 2021/03/16 / 2021/03/16
3	Central and South America	Standards	PARAGUAY, REPUBLIC OF	AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF STANDARDS, METROLOGY AND INSPECTION, MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, STANDARDIZATION AND METROLOGY, REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY	2021/03/18 2021/04/12 / 2021/04/12
4	Africa	Agriculture, Fishery, Forestry and Animal Husbandry	ESWATINI, KINGDOM OF	AGREEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI	2021/03/31 / 2021/01/11
5	Central and South America	Economy and Trade	PARAGUAY, REPUBLIC OF	DECISION NO. 7 MODIFICATION REGARDING THE TARIFF TREATMENT FOR 11 PRODUCT CATEGORIES—INCLUDING FRESH OR CHILLED SWINE, FROZEN BOVINE OFFAL, PREPARED OR PRESERVED MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS (HAMBURGER BEEF), OTHER SUGAR CONFECTIONERY, RICE PAPER, EXTRACTS OF TEA OR MATE, OTHER FOOD PREPARATIONS, WADDING OF MAN-MADE FIBERS AND BLANKETS OF SYNTHETIC FIBERS—IN THE LIST OF PRODUCTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) IN ANNEX 1 OF THE AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY	2021/04/08 2021/04/22 / 2022/01/15

NO	REGION	CATEGORY	SIGNATORY	NAME OF TREATY	DATE OF SIGNATURE/ DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE
6	North America	Energy	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN FOR THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR SAFETY MATTERS	2021/05/10 2021/05/14 / 2021/01/08
7	Central and South America	Economy and Trade	NICARAGUA, REPUBLIC OF	DECISION NO. 8 MODIFICATION TO THE SUGAR QUOTA LIMIT OF ANNEX 3.03 OF THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA	2021/05/11 2021/05/28 / 2021/08/28 (Note: Suspended from July 1, 2022)
8	Africa	Medical and Healthcare	SOMALILAND, REPUBLIC OF	MEDICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOMALILAND	2021/06/16 2021/08/07 / 2021/08/07
9	Europe	Judicial Affairs	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE TAIPEI REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE, BRATISLAVA AND THE SLOVAK ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE, TAIPEI ON JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS	2021/07/12 2021/08/03 / 2021/08/03
10	Central and South America	Finance and Insurance	PARAGUAY, REPUBLIC OF	AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CENTRAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE CENTRAL BANK OF PARAGUAY	2021/07/30 2021/08/24 / 2021/08/24
11	Europe	Taxation	UNITED KINGDOM	PROTOCOL AMENDING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TAIPEI REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE BRITISH TRADE AND CULTURAL OFFICE, TAIPEI FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION AND THE PREVENTION OF FISCAL EVASION WITH RESPECT TO TAXES ON INCOME AND ON CAPITAL GAINS, AND THE ANNEX THERETO, SIGNED AT LONDON ON 8 APRIL 2002	2021/08/11 2021/08/19 / 2021/12/23
12	Asia-Pacific	Agriculture, Fishery, Forestry and Animal Husbandry	INDIA, REPUBLIC OF	ARRANGEMENT GOVERNING THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS EQUIVALENCE BETWEEN THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN INDIA AND THE INDIA TAIPEI ASSOCIATION (EXCHANGE OF LETTERS)	2021/10/22 / 2021/10/22
13	Asia-Pacific	Development Assistance and Cooperation	ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (APEC)	MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CHINESE TAIPEI AND THE ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION SECRETARIAT CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE APEC SUPPORT FUND AND APEC POLICY SUPPORT UNIT	2021/11/05 / 2021/11/05

Appendix 5 Treaties and Agreements signed between the R.O.C (Taiwan)
and Other Countries and International Organizations

NO	REGION	CATEGORY	SIGNATORY	NAME OF TREATY	DATE OF SIGNATURE/ DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE
14	Asia-Pacific	Agriculture, Fishery, Forestry and Animal Husbandry	VIETNAM, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF	MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PLANT VARIETY EXAMINATION AND PROTECTION BETWEEN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AGENCY, COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURE, TAIWAN AND DEPARTMENT OF CROP PRODUCTION, THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, VIETNAM	2 021/11/05 2021/12/03 / 2021/12/03
15	Central and South America	Development Assistance and Cooperation	THE CENTRAL AMERICAN BANK FOR ECONOMIC INTEGRATION	ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE CENTRAL AMERICAN BANK FOR ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN REGARD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TAIWAN-CABEI PARTNERSHIP TRUST FUND	2021/11/17 2021/11/18 / 2021/12/28

6. List of Taiwan's participation in international organizations

Intergovernmental organizations of which the R.O.C. (Taiwan) is a full member

	Year of Accession	Acronym	Year of Accession
1.	World Organisation for Animal Health	OIE	1954
2.	Asian Productivity Organization	APO	1961
3.	International Seed Testing Association	ISTA	1962
4.	International Cotton Advisory Committee	ICAC	1963
5.	Asian Development Bank	ADB	1966
6.	African-Asian Rural Development Organization	AARDO	1968
7.	Food and Fertilizer Technology Center for the Asian and Pacific Region	FFTC	1970
8.	World Vegetable Center	WorldVeg	1971
9.	International Organization of Securities Commissions	IOSCO	1987
10.	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation	APEC	1991
11.	Central American Bank for Economic Integration	CABEI	1992
12.	International Cospas-Sarsat Programme	Cospas-Sarsat	1992
13.	South East Asian Central Banks	SEACEN	1992
14.	International Association of Insurance Supervisors	IAIS	1994
15.	Asia-Pacific Legal Metrology Forum	APLMF	1994
16.	Study Group on Asian Tax Administration and Research	SGATAR	1996
17.	Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering	APG	1997
18.	Association of Asian Election Authorities	AAEA	1998

19.	Egmont Group	EG	1998
20.	Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions	APAARI	1999
21.	Global Harmonization Working Party	GHWP	1999
22.	International Transportation Safety Association	ITSA	2000
23.	International Competition Network	ICN	2002
24.	The International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean	ISC	2002
25.	Extended Commission, Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna	CCSBT-EC	2002
26.	World Trade Organization	WTO	2002
27.	Technical Committee on Customs Valuation, World Customs Organization (WCO)	WCO-TCCV	2002
28.	Technical Committee on Rules of Origin, World Customs Organization (WCO)	WCO-TCRO	2002
29.	Advisory Centre on WTO Law	ACWL	2004
30.	Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission	WCPFC	2004
31.	International Forum of Independent Audit Regulators	IFIAR	2008
32.	Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission	IATTC	2010
33.	International Council for Information Technology in Government Administration	ICA	2010
34.	South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation	SPRFMO	2012
35.	Association of World Election Bodies	A-WEB	2013
36.	Asset Recovery Interagency Network-Asia Pacific	ARIN-AP	2014

37.	North Pacific Fisheries Commission	NPFC	2015
38.	International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use	ICH	2018
39.	Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement	SIOFA	2019
40.	Global Financial Innovation Network	GFIN	2019
41	International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation	ICCR	2020

Intergovernmental international organizations and conferences in which the R.O.C. (Taiwan) participates using another status

	Year of Accession	Acronym	Year of Accession
1.	Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	Montreal Protocol	1990
2.	Inter-American Development Bank	IDB	1991
3.	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	EBRD	1991
4.	Pacific Islands Forum	PIF	1993
5.	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora	CITES	1994
6.	Food Aid Committee	FAC	1995
7.	International Grains Council	IGC	1995
8.	International Organization of Legal Metrology	OIML	1997
9.	Foro de Presidentes y Presidentas de Poderes Legislativos de Centroamérica y la Cuenca del Caribe	FOPREL	1999

10.	Parlamento Centroamericano	PARLACEN	1999
11.	International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas	ICCAT	1999
12.	Global Biodiversity Information Facility	GBIF	2001
13.	Sistema de la Integración Centroamericana	SICA	2002
14.	Competition Committee, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)	OECD-CC	2002
15.	Conférence Générale des Poids et Mesures	CGPM	2002
16.	Kimberley Process	KP	2003
17.	Steel Committee, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)	OECD-SC	2005
18.	Conferencia de las Fuerzas Armadas Centroamericanas	CFAC	2005
19.	Fisheries Committee, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)	OECD-FC	2006
20.	Revised Kyoto Convention Management Committee, World Customs Organization (WCO)	WCO-RKC/ MC	2006
21.	International Consumer Protection and Enforcement Network	ICPEN	2009
22.	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	UNFCCC	2009
23.	International Renewable Energy Agency	IRENA	2011
24.	Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels	ACAP	2019

25.	World Health Organization	WHO	Taiwan was included in the implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR) of the WHO, and few Taiwan experts managed to take part in WHO technical meetings to a limited extent.
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