



The Foreign Relations Yearbook 2022

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Preface

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On October 10, 2022, President Tsai Ing-wen delivered a National Day address entitled, “Island of Resilience: A Better Taiwan for the World.” She noted that from the height of the COVID-19 pandemic to the gradual easing of restrictions worldwide, the Taiwanese people had remained united in their efforts to overcome various impacts and challenges, winning global recognition for their pandemic prevention measures and economic performance. Speaking about the postpandemic world order, she pledged that Taiwan would transform itself into a resilient nation in response to the changing international environment, as building democratic resilience was key to safeguarding Taiwan. She stressed that with government efforts and the people’s support, Taiwan would further enhance its democratic system, firmly uphold goodwill and core values, and seek greater international affirmation and support.

In 2022, China continued to intimidate Taiwan militarily. It conducted live-fire military exercises in the waters and airspace around Taiwan in August, escalating regional tensions. Its attempts to unilaterally alter the status quo across the Taiwan Strait elicited grave concern in the international community. The Group of Seven (G7) foreign ministers issued a joint statement expressing strong support for democratic Taiwan. The US secretary of state and the Australian and Japanese foreign ministers condemned China for holding military drills and affecting global peace and stability. The democratic community’s strong support and expansion of close cooperation with Taiwan underscored the importance of democracy, Taiwan’s strategic status, and critical supply chains to the maintenance of global security and the international order. This served as testament that Taiwan is a robust democratic partner for the global community.

Taiwan and the United States share rock-solid relations and are steadily deepening their cooperative partnership across all domains. US President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and other high-level officials have repeatedly and publicly backed Taiwan and reaffirmed the US commitment to Taiwan under the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances. In December, the Biden administration announced its eighth arms sales package, showing a high regard for bolstering Taiwan’s defense capabilities and an unwavering commitment to

Taiwan's security.

The US administration and Congress have continued to endorse Taiwan's international participation and build up support for Taiwan. President Biden signed into law a bill directing the secretary of state to develop a strategy to help Taiwan regain observer status in the World Health Organization (WHO). Secretary of State Antony Blinken issued a statement on "Taiwan as an Observer in the World Health Assembly (WHA)." Congress proposed a record high of more than 80 Taiwan-friendly bills and resolutions. In 2022, a total of 28 senators and representatives visited Taiwan, a demonstration of strong bipartisan congressional support for Taiwan. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi led a delegation to Taiwan in August, becoming the highest-ranking congressional leader to visit in 25 years.

In terms of economic, trade, technological, and research collaboration, negotiations on the Taiwan-US Initiative on 21st-Century Trade officially commenced in August, marking a major breakthrough in bilateral relations. The two countries have steadily deepened cooperation and exchanges in various fields under such mechanisms as the Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue, the Education Initiative, the Technology Trade and Investment Collaboration framework, and the Global Cooperation and Training Framework.

Relations between Taiwan and Europe have expanded steadily. Both sides have deepened their democratic partnership. President Tsai was invited to address and share Taiwan's democratic experience at the Copenhagen Democracy Summit and the 26th Forum 2000 Conference organized by the Czech Republic. I also spoke at the latter event and urged democratic nations to unite together against authoritarian expansion. European Council President Charles Michel publicly expressed support for stability across the Taiwan Strait during the United Nations General Debate. The governments of Germany, France, Sweden, the Czech Republic, and other nations also underscored their concern over cross-strait peace.

European nations and the European Parliament adopted 29 Taiwan-friendly resolutions within a one-year span. EP Vice-President Nicola Beer visited Taiwan in July, marking the first formal visit by a high-level EP official. We also hosted an official delegation from the EP Committee on International Trade led by Vice Chair Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou in December, as well as four parliamentary delegations from France. Since the Taiwanese Representative Office in Lithuania

was opened in November 2021, four deputy ministerial delegations from Vilnius have visited Taiwan, two led by the vice minister of the economy and innovation, and one each by the deputy minister of agriculture and deputy minister of transportation. Despite China's intimidation, the Lithuanian Trade Representative Office was inaugurated in Taiwan in September 2022. We also signed an agreement on judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters with Slovakia in June 2022. It was highly significant that we made such an arrangement with an EU member state for the first time.

Relations between Taiwan and Japan have grown closer and friendlier. Late Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe introduced an international strategy that "a Taiwan emergency is a Japanese emergency, and therefore an emergency for the Japan-US alliance." The first Diplomatic Bluebook published by Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's government in April expressed explicit support for Taiwan to regain observer status in the WHA. The white paper Defense of Japan 2022, released in July, reiterated that the situation surrounding Taiwan was important not only for Japan's security but also for the stability of the international community. Among members of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), Japan has been the staunchest supporter for Taiwan's accession to the accord.

Dignitaries and prominent parliamentary delegations to visit Taiwan from Japan included Representative Keiji Furuya of the cross-party Japan-ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council and a delegation of Japanese parliamentarians focused on security issues that was jointly led by Representatives Shigeru Ishiba and Yasukazu Hamada, both of whom previously served as minister of defense. Their visits reflected the solid friendship between Taiwan and Japan.

While implementing antipandemic measures, Taiwan has continued to promote mutual high-level visits with diplomatic allies. President of Palau Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., King of Eswatini Mswati III, President of the Marshall Islands David Kabua, President of Nauru Russ Joseph Kun, Prime Minister of Belize John Briceño, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of Tuvalu Kausea Natano, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia Philip J. Pierre, and Prime Minister of Saint Christopher and Nevis Terrance Drew were among the heads of state and high-level officials to visit Taiwan and sign bilateral agreements. Former Vice President Chen Chien-jen traveled to the Vatican in

September as a special envoy of President Tsai to attend the beatification of former Pope John Paul I. Vice President Lai led a delegation to Palau in November, highlighting the solid bilateral diplomatic alliance.

Worldwide support for Taiwan's international participation has reached unprecedented heights. In particular, given that Taiwan has been widely recognized for its worldwide contributions to COVID-19 containment and to public health, international attention has focused on supporting Taiwan's involvement in global public health mechanisms. Taiwan's campaign to participate in the WHA and WHO was backed by more than 3,800 government officials, parliamentarians, and friends from various sectors of 88 countries. For the second consecutive year, the joint communiqué issued by the G7 foreign ministers and the EU high representative included a paragraph advocating for Taiwan's participation in the WHA and WHO. The G7 health ministers' communiqué expressed support for the first time. Members of the European, Latin American, Indo-Pacific, West Asian, and African chapters of the interparliamentary Formosa Club also actively voiced support for Taiwan.

When Russia launched a military invasion of Ukraine on February 24, shocking the world, Taiwan joined forces with the democratic community to assist Ukraine in resisting Russia's aggression. Our government and civil society together donated more than 600 tons of humanitarian relief supplies and funds totaling more than US\$40 million to assist Ukraine. For 2023, we have allocated US\$56 million to support reconstruction projects in Ukraine. Like Ukraine, Taiwan is located on the front line of democratic defense against authoritarian aggression and will continue to stand by the Ukrainian people in a show of staunch friendship between democratic partners.

Taiwan is a force for good in the world. It shares the core values of freedom, democracy, and human rights with other democracies around the world. Occupying a critical geostrategic position, Taiwan plays an indispensable role in postpandemic global supply chains and in the deterrence of authoritarian expansion. China is certain to intensify its military intimidation, diplomatic suppression, cognitive warfare, and other hybrid threats targeting Taiwan. However, Taiwan will not retreat. Instead, we will be even more determined to bolster our self-defense capabilities and safeguard national sovereignty and democracy. We will do our utmost to transform Taiwan into a pivotal force underpinning regional security and

stability. We also look forward to working in solidarity with like-minded countries and democratic partners to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific and to uphold the rules-based international order.

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Jausieh Joseph Wu

December 2023

Foreword

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1. In line with the 2030 Bilingual Policy, in 2021, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) translated the 2019 Foreign Relations Yearbook and published an electronic English version. Likewise, the electronic English version of the 2022 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 appendices. The main text encompasses various topics, including foreign policy guidelines and programs, and foreign relations. The full-color photographs herein have been carefully curated and captioned to highlight important diplomatic work. The appendix collects six diplomatic documents, including addresses related to Taiwan foreign policy made by the President, the President of the Executive Yuan, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs.
3. The national designations, personal names, and specialized 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 2022. Events that occurred outside of 2022 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

Tsai Ming-yen

(Since October 7, 2022)



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

Harry Ho-jen Tseng

(Until August 27, 2022)



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



**Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs
Alexander Tah-ray Yui**

Chapter 1

Photographs of High-level Diplomatic Engagement



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a Somaliland delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Essa Kayd Mohamoud. (February 9, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a senior bipartisan US delegation sent by President Joe Biden and led by former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Michael Mullen (seventh right). (March 2, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen confers the Order of Brilliant Star with Special Grand Cordon on 70th US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo. (March 3, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen meets with Belizean Prime Minister John Briceño (second left). (March 9, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen welcomes a Marshall Islands delegation led by President David Kabua (front right). (March 22, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a prominent US congressional delegation led by Senator Lindsey Graham (sixth left). (April 15, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a US delegation led by Senator Tammy Duckworth (left). (May 31, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a delegation from Slovakia's National Council and Bratislava Region led by National Council Deputy Speaker Milan Laurenčík (sixth left), Slovak-Taiwanese Parliamentary Friendship Group Chairman Peter Osuský (sixth right), and Bratislava Region President Juraj Droba (fifth left). (June 7, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen confers the Order of Propitious Clouds with Grand Cordon on Vice President of the French Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Armed Forces Joël Guerriau. (June 9, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a European Parliament delegation led by Vice-President Nicola Beer (fifth left). (July 20, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a delegation of Japanese parliamentarians focused on security issues led by House of Representatives members Shigeru Ishiba (sixth left) and Yasukazu Hamada (fifth left), who both previously served as minister of defense. (July 28, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi. (August 3, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen meets with Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves. (August 8, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a US delegation led by Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy Ed Markey (sixth left). (August 15, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a delegation led by Chairman of the Japan-ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council Keiji Furuya. (August 23, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen meets with Tuvaluan Prime Minister Kausea Natano. (September 5, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a US delegation led by Vice Chair of the House of Representatives Armed Services Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations Stephanie Murphy (sixth left). (September 8, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a Czech delegation led by Chair of the Senate Committee on Education, Science, Culture, Human Rights, and Petitions Jiří Drahoš (ninth left). (September 22, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a delegation led by Chairman of the German-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group Klaus-Peter Willsch (sixth right). (October 3, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen meets with Palauan President Surangel S. Whipps, Jr. (October 6, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a US delegation led by Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space and Technology Eddie Bernice Johnson (fifth left). (October 12, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen meets with King Mswati III (center) and Inkhosikati LaMashwama of Eswatini (left). (October 21, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives Cochairs of the cross-party Taiwan caucus of the Indonesian House of Representatives Mardani Ali Sera (center) and Asep Maoshul Affandy (left). (October 27, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives member of the Taiwan Friendship Caucus of the Ukrainian Verkhovna Rada Kira Rudik (third left) and member of the Lithuanian Seimas Žygimantas Pavilionis (second left). (October 27, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen meets with President Russ Joseph Kun and the first lady of Nauru. (November 15, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen meets with Saint Lucia Prime Minister Philip Pierre. (November 29, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a delegation from the UK House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee led by Chair Alicia Kearns (sixth right). (December 2, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a delegation from the Sejm of Poland led by Chair of the Polish-Taiwanese Parliamentary Group Waldemar Andzel (sixth left). (December 6, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives member of the Japanese House of Representatives and Chairperson of the Liberal Democratic Party Policy Research Council Koichi Hagiuda. (December 10, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen receives a delegation from the European Parliament Committee on International Trade led by MEP Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou (sixth left). (December 20, 2022)



Vice President Lai Ching-te (upper left) holds a videoconference with US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi (upper right) during a transit stop in San Francisco after attending the Honduran presidential inauguration. (January 29, 2022)



Vice President Lai Ching-te receives former Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff Michael Mullen (left). (March 2, 2022)



Vice President Lai Ching-te (center) receives a delegation led by Chair of the Taiwan-Canada Parliamentary Friendship Group and Chair of the Canadian House of Commons Standing Committee on International Trade Judy Sgro (fifth left). (April 11, 2022)



Vice President Lai Ching-te receives a delegation led by Chairman of the Japan-ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council Keiji Furuya. (August 23, 2022)



Vice President Lai Ching-te (fifth left) receives a delegation led by Vice President of the French Senate Committee for European Affairs Cyril Pellevat (fourth left). (September 8, 2022)



Vice President Lai Ching-te (center) attends a welcome event hosted by the National Congress during a visit to Palau. Also present is President Surangel S. Whipps, Jr. (fifth left). (November 1, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (third right) meets with a Somaliland delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Essa Kayd Mohamoud (third left). (February 10, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (fourth right) welcomes a US delegation led by former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Michael Mullen (third right). (March 1, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (fifth left) receives a joint delegation from the Swedish Riksdag and the European Parliament led by Chairperson of the Swedish-Taiwanese Parliamentarian Association Boriana Åberg (fifth right) and Swedish MEP Charlie Weimers (third left). (April 12, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu accepts a copy of the credentials of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Saint Lucia to Taiwan Robert Kennedy Lewis. (April 20, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu confers the Order of Brilliant Star with Grand Cordon on departing Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Eswatini to Taiwan Thamie Dlamini. (May 19, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu receives Vice President of the French Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Armed Forces and Vice Chair of the French Senate Taiwan Friendship Group Joël Guerriau (right). (June 9, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu accepts a copy of the credentials of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Paraguay to Taiwan Carlos José Fleitas Rodríguez. (July 8, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu takes a photo with Vice-President of the European Parliament Nicola Beer. (July 20, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (fourth left) and Secretary-General of the National Security Council Wellington Koo (third right) pose for a photo with a US House of Representatives delegation led by Speaker Nancy Pelosi (fifth left) and Director of the American Institute in Taiwan/Taipei Sandra Oudkirk (fourth right) at the Taipei Guest House. (August 3, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (fourth right) meets with a delegation from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines led by Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves (fourth left). (August 8, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu meets with Tuvaluan Prime Minister Kausea Natano. (September 5, 2022)



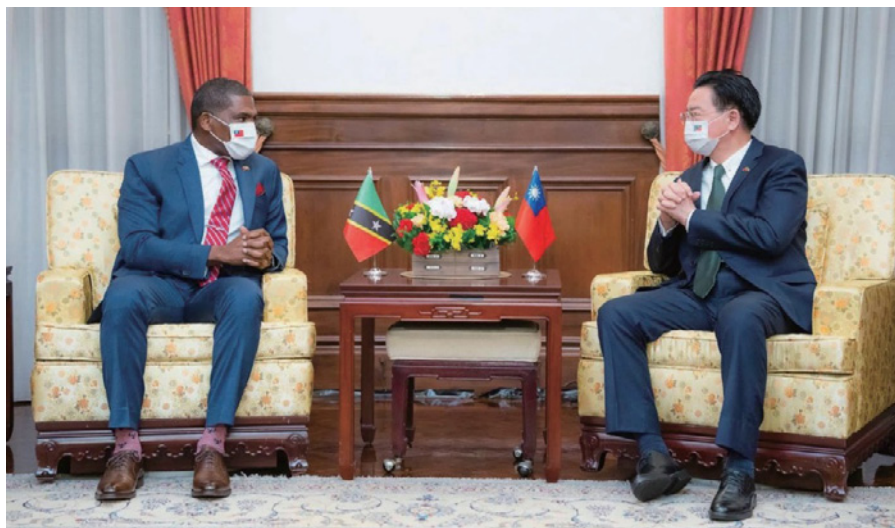
Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu meets with Palauan President Surangel S. Whipps, Jr. (October 7, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu hosts a dinner for a delegation from the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China. (November 1, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu announces the signing of the Taiwan-US Memorandum of Understanding on Development and Humanitarian Assistance Cooperation. (November 7, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu meets with Saint Christopher and Nevis Prime Minister Terrance Drew. (November 8, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu accepts a copy of the credentials of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Guatemala to Taiwan Oscar Adolfo Padilla Lam, who is accompanied by Mrs. Padilla. (November 11, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu and Nauruan President Russ Joseph Kun sign a joint communiqué reaffirming diplomatic relations between Taiwan and Nauru. (November 15, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu welcomes a delegation from the UK House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee led by Chair Alicia Kearns. (December 1, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu confers the Friendship Medal of Diplomacy on Chair of the Polish-Taiwanese Parliamentarian Group Waldemar Andzel. (December 8, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (seventh left) and a delegation from the European Parliament Committee on International Trade led by Vice-Chair Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou (seventh right) pose for a photo. (December 19, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (eighth left) and a Japanese delegation led by member of the House of Councillors Hiroshige Seko (ninth right) pose for a photo. (December 27, 2022)



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Harry Ho-jen Tseng (fifth right) and a Lithuanian delegation led by Vice Minister of the Economy and Innovation Jovita Neliupšienė (sixth left) pose for a photo. (June 14, 2022)



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Harry Ho-jen Tseng (right) confers the Grand Medal of Diplomacy on Representative of the Slovak Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei Martin Podstavek. (July 5, 2022)



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Tsai Ming-yen gives an interview to Director of Poland's TVP World Filip Styczyński (left). (November 25, 2022)



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Tsai Ming-yen (front row, third left) and other representatives of official partners of the Global Cooperation and Training Framework—Taiwan, the United States, Japan, and Australia—attend a Joint Committee Meeting. (December 7, 2022)



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Tien Chung-kwang (fourth right), serving as presidential envoy, hosts a reception celebrating the 25th anniversary of Taiwan-Marshall Islands diplomatic relations and the Marshall Islands' 44th Constitution Day and poses for a photo with Marshall Islands President David Kabua and Mrs. Kabua (third and second left, respectively). (April 30, 2022)



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Tien Chung-kwang (left) and Representative of the Korean Mission in Taipei Chung Byung-won (right) toast to the National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea. (September 29, 2022)



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Tien Chung-kwang (left) joins Executive Director of the Thailand Trade and Economic Office Tweekiat Janprajak at a reception celebrating the National Day of Thailand and the birthday anniversary of King Bhumibol Adulyadej the Great. (December 1, 2022)



Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Alexander Tah-ray Yui (upper right) and Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment of Nigeria Evelyn N. Ngige (lower right) deliver remarks at the opening of the Nigeria-Taiwan Business Forum. (January 6, 2022)



Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Alexander Tah-ray Yui (second right) hosts a banquet for Paraguayan Minister of Health and Social Welfare Julio Borba (center) and Mrs. Borba (second left). (May 7, 2022)



Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Alexander Tah-ray Yui accompanies Eswatini King Mswati III (right) to the opening ceremony of a seminar on exploring investment opportunities in Eswatini. (October 24, 2022)

Chapter 2

Foreign Policy Guidelines, Objectives, and Strategies

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I. Foreign Policy Guidelines

1. Upholding the universal values of peace, freedom, democracy, and human rights and employing forward-thinking and creativity to realize the principles of steadfast diplomacy and mutual assistance for mutual benefit to strengthen relations with diplomatic allies and advance substantive ties with friendly, like-minded nations.
2. Actively safeguarding Taiwan's membership and interests in international organizations of which it is already a member, seeking participation in important functional international organizations of which Taiwan is not yet a member, and using pragmatism and creativity to overcome obstacles and intensify Taiwan's contribution to the international community.
3. Consolidating domestic and international resources to strengthen international cooperation in areas such as humanitarian aid, healthcare and public health, disaster mitigation and prevention, digital governance, sustainable development, gender equality, and food security; forming lasting partnerships with like-minded countries and key international and domestic non-governmental organizations (NGOs); and contributing to regional and global communities.
4. Being a positive force globally in response to the COVID-19 pandemic by actively and flexibly promoting international engagement and sharing Taiwan's epidemic prevention experience and achievements through video conferences, enhanced healthcare and public health exchanges, and donations of medical supplies.

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 friendships between them.

- (2) Adhering to the principle of mutual assistance for mutual benefit, catering to the economic and social development needs of Taiwan's allies, and 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 R.O.C. 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 mechanisms, 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) Continuing the advancement of the people-centric New Southbound Policy to deepen comprehensive relationships with target countries.
- (4) Enhancing cooperation programs between Taiwan and like-minded countries and international communities to promote sustainable bilateral development.

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 diverse channels of communication to seek support from other countries for Taiwan's participation in intergovernmental organizations, 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 forward Taiwan's international rights and 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 facilitating the establishment of international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) in Taiwan, thereby strengthening the international connections of Taiwan's NGOs and expanding their contributions to the international community.
- (2) Assisting domestic NGOs participate in international cooperation, provide international care and assistance, and promote humanitarian aid programs.

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

- (1) Utilizing new communication technologies into resource integration and targeted international campaigns to maximize the effectiveness of Taiwan's promotional efforts and create favorable international opportunities to shape a positive image of Taiwan.
- (2) Generating further publicity for Taiwan's foreign policy goals and achievements through the effective implementation of conventional and emerging forms of promotion, such as social media.
- (3) Issuing press releases, providing background information, responding to media inquiries, and holding press briefings to communicate major foreign policies and address issues of public concern.
- (4) Raising public awareness of and support for Taiwan's diplomatic affairs, fostering ongoing relations with the international community, and expanding Taiwan's international footprint through the promotion of the universal values of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.

6. Effective utilization of diplomatic resources to enhance public service efficiency and quality

- (1) Improving the convenience and safety of outbound travel for Taiwanese citizens by, for example, publicizing the latest travel safety information and encouraging the use of the online passport application appointment system.
- (2) Streamlining visa processes and refining visa application procedures for foreign nationals coming to Taiwan.
- (3) Improving the quality of document authentication services.

7. Appropriately allocating budgetary resources to improve the working environment of overseas embassies and missions and enhance the well-being of diplomatic and consular personnel

- (1) Reviewing the List of Overseas Embassies and Offices and continuing to instigate the acquisition of properties to establish joint overseas offices, increase ownership of properties for overseas missions, and significantly reduce the cost of overseas property rental.
- (2) Administering the Zhiyuan New Village Revitalization Project to address the issue of old and unused dormitories for diplomatic personnel and construct a diplomatic archives management center that meets modern standards.

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.

This year, Taiwan continued to strengthen its ties with its Pacific allies. The President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands David Kabua, Prime Minister of Tuvalu Kausea Natano, President of Palau Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., and President of Nauru Russ Joseph Kun, respectively led delegations on official state visits to Taiwan from March 21 to 25, September 3 to 9, October 5 to 10, and November 14 to 19. Additionally, Vice President of Palau J. Uduch Sengebau Senior visited

Taiwan from August 27 to 31, and Minister of Environmental Protection Chang Tzi-chin served as a special envoy to Palau in April to participate in the 7th Our Ocean Conference. 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 epidemic-prevention capabilities.

In terms of enhancing relations with friendly nations, Taiwan continued to promote its New Southbound Policy in 2022 to strengthen its cooperation with regional countries. In October, Taiwan hosted the 6th Yushan Forum, inviting several distinguished political figures to attend and deliver speeches in favor of Taiwan and reinforcing friendly relations, including President of Palau Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., former Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of New Zealand Winston Peters, former Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand Phongthep Thepkanjana, former Foreign Minister of Canada Peter MacKay, former Vice President of the European Commission Viviane Reding, and Chairman of the Japan-ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council Keiji Furuya. Furthermore, the Japanese government welcomed Taiwan's membership into the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) and reiterated consistent support for Taiwan's participation as an observer in the World Health Assembly (WHA) in its 2022 Diplomatic Bluebook. In July, R.O.C. (Taiwan) Vice President Lai Ching-te visited Japan to pay respects to the late former Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe. In September, Chairman of the Taiwan-Japan Relations Association Su Jia-chyuan led a delegation to represent Taiwan at the state funeral of former Prime Minister Abe.

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 in 2022.

II. Relations with Individual Countries

1. Relations with the Republic of the Marshall Islands

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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 sent representatives to establish an embassy in Taiwan in July 1999 and an ambassador was appointed in May 2002.

- (2) Agriculture, fisheries, and technical cooperation:
 - A. Taiwan and the Marshall Islands completed the exchange of documents to revise the agreement of cooperation on agricultural technology on March 22, 2022, officially extending the operations of the Taiwan Technical Mission in the Marshall Islands to the outer island areas. 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 school gardens, mobile nutritious food trucks, and cooking demonstrations to raise awareness about nutrition and healthy eating.
 - B. Taiwan donated 60 metric tons of rice to the Marshall Islands as part of a humanitarian food aid project, which helped alleviate food shortages for residents of the outer islands and enhanced food security.
 - C. Taiwan and the Marshall Islands also signed a fisheries cooperation agreement and a volunteer work agreement. Through various vocational training programs, Taiwan assists the Marshall Islands in capacity building, technology transfers, and creating local employment opportunities.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Over the years, Taiwan has assisted the Marshall Islands in enhancing its educational capacity through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' (MOFA) Taiwan Scholarship Program and the International Cooperation and Development Fund's (hereinafter TaiwanICDF) International Higher Education Scholarship Program . This year, eight students from the Marshall Islands were sponsored to study in Taiwan under the Taiwan Scholarship Program. Currently, approximately 50 Marshallese students are receiving higher education in Taiwan.

(4) Medical cooperation:

A. The Taiwan Health Center operates out of Majuro Hospital. A Taiwanese public health nurse is stationed at the hospital to assist in eight major public health and medical projects, including medical services, talent training, community health development, student health promotion, medical management, public health promotion, information system enhancement, and health exchange cooperation. In addition, Taiwan sends short-term mobile medical missions each year and one or two short-term physicians each month to the Marshall Islands to provide high-quality medical care and training, as well as assist the Ministry of Health and Human Services (MOHHS) in training local medical professionals.

B. Since the community transmission outbreak of COVID-19 in the Marshall Islands on August 8, Taiwan has donated multiple batches of epidemic prevention equipment and supplies, vaccine deployment funds, and medical containers. Shuangho Hospital of Taiwan's Ministry of Health and Welfare stationed a physician in the Marshall Islands from mid-August to December, followed by dispatching an emergency short-term medical team to the Marshall Islands in early September. In October, Vice Superintendent of Shuangho Hospital Chen Chih-hwa led another team to the Marshall Islands.

(5) Technological exchanges: The Taiwan Digital Opportunity Center opened in the Marshall Islands on December 21 to deepen capacity-building cooperation between the two countries in the ICT field and help bridge the digital divide.

(6) Clean energy:

A. Over the years, Taiwan has provided funding for clean energy projects in the Marshall Islands, including the installation of solar street lights in Majuro and the outer islands. This initiative helps improve nighttime safety and lighting for the people of the Marshall Islands. Currently, nearly a thousand solar street lights have been installed in Majuro and the outer island atolls.

B. In 2022, the construction of a 68-kilowatt solar-powered parking lot

with energy storage facilities at Majuro Hospital jointly undertaken by the Embassy of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) in Majuro and the National Energy Office of the Marshall Islands was completed.

- (7) Visits to Taiwan were made by the President of the Marshall Islands David Kabua and the Minister of Culture and Internal Affairs Ota Kisino.

2. Relations with the Republic of Nauru

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established diplomatic relations with the Republic of 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: Taiwan provides scholarships under the Taiwan Scholarship Program and other professional training courses for Nauruan students and professionals to study or receive training in Taiwan.
- (3) Agricultural cooperation: The technical mission stationed in Nauru has been promoting the Dietary Diversity Extension Project in Nauru and the Prison Farm Project. These projects aim to create a circular economy in Nauru by providing assistance for agricultural and livestock production, vegetable and fruit cultivation, and composting in prisons.
- (4) COVID-19 cooperation: In response to the COVID-19 outbreak in Nauru in June, Ambassador to Nauru Dean Hai-long Wang donated rapid test kits, oxygen concentrators, masks, relief medications, and other epidemic prevention supplies to Nauru on behalf of Taiwan on July 1. The supplies were received by Angelo Dimapilis, Deputy Executive Director of Nauru's COVID-19 Taskforce.
- (5) Medical cooperation: In 2022, Taichung Veterans General Hospital, Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Kaohsiung Veterans General Hospital, and Tri-Service General Hospital stationed doctors in Nauru to conduct home visits and provide health education and specialized lectures. Ophthalmologists, plastic surgeons, cardiovascular surgeons, and nurses were also sent to provide support.

- (6) Clean energy: Since 2010, Taiwan has continuously launched clean energy projects to install grid-tied solar systems in government buildings, hospitals, public health centers, and schools in Nauru. In 2022, the Taiwan-funded solar systems for the state-owned Eigigu Enterprise's Menen Hotel and Civic Centre were officially inaugurated on September 14 and December 19, respectively.
- (7) Coast guard cooperation: On September 6, Ambassador to Nauru Dean Hai-long Wang donated two multifunctional patrol boats to Nauru on behalf of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government. President of Nauru Lionel Aingimea personally attended the donation ceremony.
- (8) Visits were made by the President of Nauru Russ Joseph Kun and the First Lady.

3. Relations with the Republic of Palau

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established diplomatic relations with the Republic of Palau on December 29, 1999. The Embassy of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) in Palau was established on February 17, 2000. Palau opened an embassy in Taiwan on October 4, 2001.
- (2) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. Under the Taiwan Scholarship Program, TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarship Program, and Naval Academy Scholarship Program, Taiwan offers scholarships to outstanding students recommended by the Palauan government. Palau also nominates outstanding candidates from various fields to attend seminars and training courses in Taiwan.
 - B. Mandarin teachers: Since 2014, the TaiwanICDF has hosted the Overseas Professional Mandarin Teaching Project, stationing Mandarin teachers in Palau to provide Mandarin courses and various cultural exchange activities primarily at Palau Community College and Palau High School.
- (3) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation:
 - A. 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.

- B. Poultry and Livestock Project: The technical mission collaborates with the Palau government to enhance food security, increase the diversity and production of livestock. The project also provides incentives to local farmers for the breeding of pigs, chickens, and ducks to local farmers with the goals of expanding the scale of livestock production, addressing food safety issues, training technical personnel, and creating employment and business opportunities.
 - C. Aquaculture Project: The main components include increasing the production of fish and shrimp fry, enhancing the functional capacity of the Palau National Aquaculture Center of the Bureau of Marine Resources, establishing a broodstock repository, and developing breeding and cultivation techniques.
- (4) Medical cooperation: Taiwan assists Palau in developing medical and public health capabilities and hosts the Taiwan Medical Project in Palau through Shin Kong Wu Ho-Su Memorial Hospital, which has dispatched short-term visiting doctors and mobile medical teams to Palau to provide outpatient services, donated medical equipment to the Belau National Hospital, assisted Palauans in seeking medical treatment in Taiwan, and provided training courses for medical and public health personnel since 2007. Additionally, the Ministry of Health and Human Services of Palau has signed medical referral memorandums with Taipei Municipal Wanfang Hospital, Taiwan Adventist Hospital, E-Da Hospital, and Mackay Memorial Hospital in Taiwan. When a local outbreak of COVID-19 occurred in Palau in January 2022, Shin Kong Wu Ho-Su Hospital promptly organized a medical team to assist in epidemic prevention efforts and help stabilize the situation. Specialists in orthopedics, infectious diseases, pediatrics, family medicine, plastic surgery, and emergency medicine, along with five mobile medical teams, were dispatched to Palau to provide clinical and outpatient services and improve the health of the Palauan people, and engage in technical exchanges with local medical personnel.

- (5) Other cooperation: This year, TaiwanICDF Overseas Volunteers continued to send volunteers to Palau to assist in improving the dietary nutrition of school children, organizing balanced diet seminars, conducting capacity-building activities, and other initiatives undertaken by the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health and Human Services in Palau.
- (6) Mutual visits by dignitaries:
 - A. Visits from Taiwan were made by the R.O.C. (Taiwan) Vice President Lai Ching-te, Minister of Environmental Protection Chang Tzi-chin, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Tien Chung-kwang, Vice Minister of Health and Welfare Shih Chung-Liang, and Vice Chairman of the Council of Indigenous Peoples Afas Falah.
 - B. Visits from Palau were made by President of Palau Surangel Whipps, Jr. and the First Lady and Vice President and Minister of Justice J. Uduch Sengebau Senior.

4. Relations with Tuvalu

- (1) Background:
 - A. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established diplomatic relations with Tuvalu on September 19, 1979. The Embassy of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) was initially co-accredited to the Kingdom of Tonga, and subsequently to the Solomon Islands. In December 1998, a liaison office was established in Tuvalu, and an ambassador has been officially stationed there since April 2004. Tuvalu opened an embassy in Taiwan in March 2013.
 - B. In May 2022, Prime Minister of Tuvalu Kausea Natano delivered a pre-recorded speech at the inaugural annual meeting of the Indo-Pacific transnational interparliamentary platform Formosa Club, supporting Taiwan's participation in the WHA. At the same event, Tuvalu's Minister of Public Utilities and Environment and Acting Minister of Health Ampelosa Tehulu shared the achievements of medical and health cooperation between the two countries in a pre-recorded video.
- (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. The

missions also established the Wonderful Garden on the main island of Funafala.

- (3) COVID-19 cooperation: To prevent the spread of COVID-19, Tuvalu closed its borders for nearly three years. In this period, Taiwan not only donated epidemic prevention supplies but also funded the maintenance of prevention measures, remote training courses for Tuvaluan nursing staff, and non-communicable disease screenings. These efforts helped Tuvalu enhance its epidemic prevention capabilities.
- (4) 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 to assist the government in enhancing the nation's medical capabilities. Through the TMP, Taiwan assisted Tuvalu in establishing and maintaining a stable health information system, continued remote specialist consultations, provided online education and training for Tuvaluan medical personnel, implemented a national oral health care program for Tuvaluan schoolchildren, launched a dengue fever screening program, and promoted health education for the Tuvaluan public and schools in 2022.
- (5) Technological cooperation: Since 2010, Taiwan has launched annual collaborative clean energy projects in Tuvalu, including donating solar-powered home appliances and street lights. Additionally, Taiwan provided aid to assist Tuvalu in establishing a nationwide 4G network, enhancing the efficiency of national telecommunications and improving cybersecurity.
- (6) Capacity-building: Together, the Tuvalu Atoll Science Technology Training Institute (TASTII), established with the assistance of Taiwan, and the Taiwan Digital Opportunity Center (TDOC) provide occupational training for Tuvaluans. Outstanding students from Tuvalu are selected to apply for the Taiwan Scholarship Program and the TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarship Program. Exceptional candidates from various fields are also nominated to attend various symposiums and training programs organized by the TaiwanICDF. Additionally, through the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF), Building Economic Inclusion via the Blue Economy Program, and the development and

humanitarian aid cooperation between the TaiwanICDF and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Taiwan assisted Tuvalu in strengthening the professional capacity building of Tuvaluan officials across various departments and enhancing women's economic empowerment.

- (7) Visits to Taiwan were made by Prime Minister of Tuvalu Kausea Natano and Minister of Health Isaia Taafe.

5. Relations with the Commonwealth of Australia

(1) Background:

- A. The Australian government approved the setting up of Taipei Economic and Cultural Offices in Canberra, Sydney, and Melbourne 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 a 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 Taipei in May 2012. Substantive relations between Taiwan and Australia have continued to grow stronger.
- B. In May 2022, Australia held its general election, electing Anthony Albanese of the Australian Labor Party as the new prime minister. The new administration continues to maintain close economic, social, and civil relations with Taiwan and remains attentive to security in the Taiwan Strait.
- C. The joint statements from the Australia-UK Ministerial Consultations on January 22, Japan-Australia Leader's Meeting on October 22, and Australia-United States Ministerial Consultations on December 6 all reiterated the importance of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait. In August, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong issued a joint statement with Japan and the United States, condemning China's military exercises around Taiwan.

- D. The Australian government voiced support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations, such as the WHA in May. Since joining the GCTF as an official partner at the end of 2021, Australia has actively collaborated with Taiwan, the United States, and Japan to organize events aimed at enhancing the capacity-building capabilities of regional countries.
 - E. In February, the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade released an inquiry report recommending that the Australian government collaborate with CPTPP member countries to encourage and facilitate the accession of the United Kingdom, Taiwan, and South Korea. The report also suggested considering the simultaneous initiation of negotiations for Taiwan's accession to the CPTPP and a Taiwan-Australia Free Trade Agreement.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
- A. Bilateral trade reached US\$32.18 billion in 2022, making Taiwan Australia's 5th-largest trading partner, and Australia Taiwan's 7th-largest trading partner.
 - B. Taiwan and Australia held the 27th Taiwan-Australia Joint Energy and Minerals, Trade and Investment Cooperation Consultations in July, the 26th Taiwan-Australia Annual Economic and Trade Conference in October, and the 35th Taiwan-Australia Joint Business Councils Meeting in November. Additionally, the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) Energy Administration sent a delegation for hydrogen trade and investment to Queensland and New South Wales in November.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Taiwan assists the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in administering the New Colombo Plan for students to study in Taiwan. Since 2020, Taiwan has co-organized the Taiwan Studies Project with the Australian National University, offering Taiwanese Hokkien and Taiwan civics and politics courses, as well as hosting the Taiwan Update seminar. Additionally, Australian students were sponsored to study Mandarin in Taiwan under the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program.
- (4) Working holidays: Taiwan and Australia signed an MOU on working

holiday visas in July 2004 with many young Taiwanese adults taking advantage of the opportunity to visit and work in Australia. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, the two countries gradually lifted restrictions to their borders and the Australian government issued 2,927 working holiday visas to young Taiwanese in 2021-2022.

- (5) Technological cooperation: In August, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Australia successfully facilitated the Marine and Atmospheric Research Center of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation in joining the Asia Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network – a joint venture between Taiwan’s Environmental Protection Administration and the US Environmental Protection Agency. A launching ceremony was jointly held to mark this achievement. Additionally, funding was provided to the Taiwanese Scholar Association of Australia and the Australasian Taiwan Studies Association to organize scientific conferences.
- (6) Think tank exchanges: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Australia invited former Australian Defense Ministers Christopher Pyne and Kevin Andrews to serve as panelists at the Ketagalan Forum in July. Former Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop delivered a video speech at the Yushan Forum in October. Additionally, the Australian Institute of International Affairs sent its AIINextGen Network delegation to Taiwan in November.
- (7) Media exposure: Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu gave exclusive interviews to major Australian media outlets, including the Sydney Morning Herald, Sky News, Special Broadcasting Service, Channel Nine, and The Guardian Australia, which ran positive reports and articles on Taiwan.
- (8) Mutual visits by dignitaries:
 - A. A visit from Taiwan was made by the Vice Chairman of the Central Election Commission Chen Chao-chien.
 - B. Visits to Taiwan were made by House Representative and former Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce, former Defense Minister Christopher Pyne, and former Defense Minister Kevin Andrews.

6. Relations with Brunei Darussalam

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established the Far Eastern Trade and Cultural Center in Brunei Darussalam in Bandar Seri Begawan 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 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\$51.05 million in 2022, with exports reaching US\$28.97 million and imports reaching US\$22.08 million.
 - B. In 2022, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Brunei Darussalam facilitated the largest department store and other channels in Brunei to expand their import of Taiwanese products, resulting in the procurement of over 126 metric tons of fruits and vegetables, as well as Phalaenopsis orchid seedlings. The office also organized the 2022 Taiwan Agriculture Product Fair to introduce high-quality Taiwanese agricultural products to the Bruneian public.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Several Bruneian students received scholarships to study in Taiwan under the Taiwan Scholarship Program. The Bruneian government was also invited to nominate participants for various seminars and training courses organized by the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the TaiwanICDF. Additionally, teaching equipment and materials were donated to Mandarin language schools in Brunei to help improve teaching quality.
- (4) Medical cooperation: Taiwan-made wheelchairs were donated to the Lotus Light Charity Society in Brunei to improve the medical equipment used in Brunei's healthcare system and demonstrate Taiwan's humanitarian goodwill.
- (5) Human resource development cooperation:
 - A. Bruneian government departments and public hospitals were invited to nominate participants for various seminars and training courses organized by the GCTF, National Cheng Kung University, Taipei Medical University, and the TaiwanICDF.

- B. Representatives from the Brunei Ministry of Health and public hospitals attended online training courses provided by the Taiwan International Health Training Center (TIHTC).
- (6) Tourism: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Brunei Darussalam successfully negotiated with Royal Brunei Airlines to resume direct flights between Taiwan and Brunei starting January 1, 2023.

7. Relations with the Republic of Fiji

- (1) Background:
 - A. The R.O.C. established the Trade Mission of the R.O.C. to Fiji in Suva 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. The office was decommissioned in May 2017.
 - B. On April 29 and May 9, 23 Fijian parliamentarians jointly wrote to Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, expressing their support for Taiwan's meaningful participation as an observer in the WHO.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to US\$52.59 million in 2022, with Taiwan exports reaching US\$50.86 million and imports reaching US\$1.73 million.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Each year, Taiwan provides scholarships under the TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarship Program for Fijian students to pursue bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degrees in Taiwan. Additionally, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and Pacific Islands Forum Scholarship Program offers opportunities for students from across the Pacific island nations to study locally or in Taiwan. In addition, the Taiwan/R.O.C.-PIF Scholarship Programme provides scholarships to students from Pacific Island countries to study locally or in Taiwan.
- (4) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation:
 - A. Agricultural cooperation: In 1978, Taiwan sent a technical mission to

Fiji. Currently, agricultural cooperation is based on the Agreement on Technical Cooperation, signed on August 23, 2013. In 2021, Taiwan commenced construction of two smart demonstration farms in the Nausori area, with construction ongoing throughout 2022.

B. Fisheries cooperation:

- a. In 2018, the Taiwan Technical Mission to Fiji collaborated with the Fiji Ministry of Fisheries in launching the first phase of a four-year aquaculture project. This year, the project achieved its goals of breeding mature broodstock for white shrimp, milkfish, and grouper, as well as producing white shrimp larvae.
- b. On April 7, Representative to Fiji Joseph Chow donated solar-powered freezers on behalf of the R.O.C.(Taiwan) government to the Fiji Ministry of Fisheries. These freezers assist remote fishing villages on Kadavu Island in preserving and selling their catch.

(5) Medical cooperation:

- A. On February 11, Representative to Fiji Joseph Chow donated hand sanitizer, health education fans, flyers, and posters on behalf of Cathay General Hospital to Yat Sen School in Fiji for epidemic prevention.
- B. On March 23, Fiji Joseph Chow donated 100 wheelchairs and a batch of assistive devices on behalf of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government and the Cao Zhong Zhi Foundation to Labasa Hospital on Vanua Levu Island.
- C. On December 27, the Taipei Trade Office in Fiji donated medical and epidemic prevention supplies, including cholesterol monitors, blood glucose monitors, reagents, and hand sanitizer, on behalf of Cathay General Hospital to the Colonial War Memorial Hospital in Fiji.

- (6) Multilateral cooperation: On September 12, Representative to Fiji Joseph Chow signed a cooperation agreement for 2022 to 2024 with the Acting Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Filimon Manoni on behalf of Taiwan. The agreement includes a donation of a total of US\$3 million to the PIF Secretariat to support regional development and scholarship programs in the Pacific; address challenges such as climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic, and natural disasters; and build a more

resilient Pacific region.

8. Relations with the Republic of India

(1) Background:

- A. In September 1995, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) set up the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in New Delhi, 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. In July 1995, India established the India Taipei Association in Taiwan.
- B. Under the mutual guidance and facilitation of Taiwan's New Southbound Policy and India's Act East Policy, bilateral relations have continued to develop across various levels. In August 2022, the official spokesperson of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs expressed concern over the tensions in the Taiwan Strait and called on all parties to avoid unilateral changes to the status quo so as to maintain regional peace and stability.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$8.46 billion in 2022, with exports reaching US\$5.318 billion and imports reaching US\$3.142 billion. Under Taiwan's New Southbound Policy and India's Make in India Policy, Taiwan investment in India has continued to grow, with total cumulative investments exceeding US\$4 billion, creating over 60,000 job opportunities.
- B. Taiwan's MOEA and India's Ministry of Commerce and Industry have established a bilateral economic and trade dialogue platform covering the trade, industry, small and medium enterprises, and agriculture and fisheries sectors. The Chinese National Federation of Industries, Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA), and the Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA) have also established multiple forums with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry. In 2022, Taiwan and India signed the Agreement between the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in India and the India-Taipei Association, Taipei on Mutual Cooperation in the

Field of Standardization and Conformity Assessment; the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Intellectual Property Rights; and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in India (TECC) and the India Taipei Association (ITA) concerning Cooperation in Traditional Medicine, thereby enhancing bilateral economic, trade, investment relations, and cooperation in related fields.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

- A. As of the end of 2022, Taiwan established Taiwan Education Centers with 26 schools in India, where Mandarin language teachers are stationed to provide in-person Mandarin courses. Additionally, Taiwan has signed cooperation agreements with 28 primary and secondary schools in India to implement the Ministry of Education's International Education 2.0 policy for primary and secondary schools.
- B. The Taiwan Scholarship Program and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program have attracted Indian students to pursue further studies in Taiwan. In 2022, the number of Indian students studying in Taiwan totaled 3,029.

(4) Technological cooperation:

- A. On April 18, 2007, Taiwan and India signed an MOU on science and technology exchanges. On December 9, 2007, the 11th meeting of the India-Taiwan Joint Committee on Cooperation in Science and Technology hosted by Taiwan was concluded. As of 2022, Taiwan and India jointly funded 104 bilateral research projects and held 25 bilateral academic seminars.
- B. On July 26, 2019, Taiwan and India signed a bilateral cooperation memorandum. By the end of 2022, the two countries had jointly funded four bilateral cooperative research projects.

9. Relations with the Republic of Indonesia

(1) Background:

- A. On July 4, 1972, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) established the Taiwan Chamber of Commerce in Jakarta, which was renamed the Taipei Economic and

Trade Office in Indonesia on January 19, 1990. The Taipei Economic and Trade Office in Surabaya officially commenced operations in December 2015. 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.

- B. Six members of the Indonesia Parliamentary Taiwan Caucus recorded a congratulatory video for the R.O.C. (Taiwan) National Day in 2022. These members included the Deputy Speaker of the People's Consultative Assembly (MPR) Fadel Muhammad, and Representatives Daniel Johan, Dave Laksono, Richard Pasaribu, Wihadi Wiyanto, and Anggia Erma Rini.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$14.458 billion in 2022, with exports reaching US\$3.215 billion and imports reaching US\$11.243 billion.
- B. In 2022, Taiwan invested in 947 projects in Indonesia, totaling approximately US\$236 million. In the same period, Indonesia invested in 16 projects in Taiwan, totaling US\$29.71 million.
- C. In 2022, Taiwan and Indonesia signed a major bilateral trade agreement – Cooperation Agreement between Taipei Economic and Trade Office, Jakarta, Indonesia and Indonesian Economic and Trade Office in Taipei on Design Development for Industrial Products.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

- A. Currently, there are over 16,000 Indonesian students studying in Taiwan, making Indonesia the 2nd-largest source of foreign students in Taiwan.
- B. In 2022, the Taipei Economic and Trade Office in Jakarta, Indonesia, supervised 52 Study in Taiwan information sessions held by the Taiwan Education Centers at Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta and Universitas Negeri Jakarta, with a total of 5,784 participants. Additionally, the office co-hosted two Taiwan Higher Education Fairs with the Taiwan Education Center in Surabaya, featuring 47 and 60 Taiwanese schools, respectively, attracting over 30,000 Indonesian students.

- C. Since 2020, the Ministry of Education has collaborated with Universitas Indonesia on the first phase of the Taiwan Studies Program. In 2022, Taiwan signed an agreement with Universitas Indonesia to continue the Taiwan Studies Program into its second phase, extending it to three years. The Taiwan Studies Center of Universitas Pancasila is currently in the second phase of the Taiwan Studies Program, which entails organizing online seminars and inviting guest lecturers from Taiwan.
- (4) Agricultural cooperation:
- A. Since 2018, Taiwan's Technical Mission in Indonesia has been promoting the Modern Agriculture Demo Farm in Karawang and Strengthening Incubator Agribusiness with Human Resources Development in Bandung projects in West Java. In 2022, a total of 650 hectares of land was enhanced under the Modern Agriculture Demo Farm, utilizing drone technology for field monitoring, pesticide spraying, and fertilization.
- B. In 2019, Taiwan and Indonesia signed the Arrangement for Implementing the Indonesian Young Farmer Internship Program in Taiwan, which arranged for Indonesian young farmers to intern in Taiwan. In December 2022, the agreement was renewed, and the second batch of 53 young farmers were selected to intern in Taiwan.
- (5) Labor cooperation: According to statistics released by the Ministry of Labor, as of the end of December 2022, there were over 250,000 Indonesian migrant workers in Taiwan, accounting for nearly 35% of the total number of foreign workers and making them the 2nd-largest group of foreign workers in the country.
- (6) Media exposure:
- A. In 2022, the Taipei Economic and Trade Office in Jakarta, Indonesia, achieved significant media coverage for various initiatives, including 88 articles for the Women's Empowerment Diplomacy Project in March, 56 articles for the R.O.C. (Taiwan) Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-Chung's submission for participation in the WHO in April, 37 articles for Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu's

submission for participation in the United Nations (UN) in September, 72 articles for the Commissioner of the Criminal Investigation Bureau of the National Police Agency Li Hsi-ho's submission for participation in the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and 68 articles for Minister of Transportation and Communications Wang Kwo-tsai's submission for participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in October, and 62 articles for Minister of Environmental Protection Chang Tzi-chin's submission for participation in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in November.

- B. The Indonesian newspaper Tempo published an in-depth report on an interview with Foreign Minister Jaushieh Joseph Wu on June 26, covering the promotion of Taiwan's New Southbound Policy and bilateral cooperation between Taiwan and Indonesia.
- C. On September 22, CNN Indonesia's World Now program broadcast an exclusive interview with Representative to Indonesia Chen Chung, who urged the people of Indonesia to condemn China's use of military means to threaten the status quo in the Taiwan Strait and regional peace and stability.

(7) Overseas community affairs:

- A. The Overseas Community Affairs Council annually selects cultural arts teachers to teach cultural courses at two Taiwanese schools and three trilingual schools in Jakarta and Surabaya. In addition, Mandarin language teachers were sent to Jakarta, Bandung, and other cities to organize training workshops for Mandarin language teachers.
- B. Taiwanese business organizations are divided by region, currently consisting of nine associations in Jakarta, Surabaya, Bandung, and other regions, collectively forming the Taiwanese Chambers 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 and 12 Taiwan alumni associations.

- (8) Visits from Indonesia were made by the Co-chair of the Indonesia Parliamentary Taiwan Caucus Richard Pasaribu and spouse, Co-chair of the Indonesia Parliamentary Taiwan Caucus Mardani Ali Sera and spouse, and Representative Asep Maoshul Affandy.

10. Relations with Japan

(1) Background:

- A. In December 1972, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and Japan established the Association of East Asian Relations and the Interchange Association, respectively, as channels to maintain substantive ties. Taiwan set up offices in Tokyo and Osaka (with a branch in Fukuoka), while Japan established 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. Today, Taiwan has six offices in Japan. In 2017, the Association of East Asian Relations was renamed the Taiwan-Japan Relations Association, and the Interchange Association was renamed the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association.
- B. The Japanese government continuously emphasized the importance of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait at joint forums with the United States and Europe, as well as during the G7 Summit. The Japan Defense White Paper, released on July 22, reiterated that the situation in Taiwan is crucial to Japan's security and highlighted Taiwan as an important partner for Japan. On August 6, Japanese Prime Minister Kishida Fumio strongly condemned China's missile launches during his meeting with UN Secretary-General António Guterres. On December 16, the Japanese Cabinet approved the revised National Security Strategy of Japan and other defense documents, reaffirming the importance of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait.
- C. In 2022, the Japanese government repeatedly reiterated its support

for Taiwan's participation in the WHA as an observer. The Kishida administration's first Diplomatic Bluebook supported Taiwan's bid to regain WHA observer status. The G7 Foreign Ministers' Communiqué also declared support for Taiwan's participation in the WHO. Additionally, a total of 43 prefectural assemblies in Japan passed resolutions supporting Taiwan's participation in the WHA.

D. Parliamentary exchanges:

- a. In 2022, several Japanese Diet members visited Taiwan, including a Liberal Democratic Party Youth Division delegation in May, a delegation on security cooperation in July, a Japan–ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council delegation in August, a delegation taking part in the 2022 the R.O.C. National Day Celebration in October, and a delegation led by Chairperson of the Policy Research Council of the Liberal Democratic Party Koichi Hagiuda to attend the Taiwan-Japan Trade and Economic Sustainability Forum and a delegation led by Councillor Hiroshige Seko in December.
- b. In 2022, several Taiwan legislators visited Japan, including a delegation led by Chairman of the East Asia Congressional Association Kuo Kuo-wen in August, a delegation led by Deputy Chairman of the Japan-Taiwan Inter-parliamentary Amity Association Chiu Yi-ying, and a delegation led by Legislative Yuan President You Si-kun in November.
- c. The Japan-ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council, a cross-party alliance of pro-Taiwan Diet members, held the Second Taiwan-US-Japan Strategic Dialogue via video conference on November 16. The forum was attended by members headed by Legislative Yuan President You Si-kun, Japanese House Representative Keiji Furuya, and US Senator Bill Hagerty.

E. Local exchanges:

- a. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan actively promotes local exchanges between Taiwan and Japan. As of 2022, there are a total of 151 alliances between

local governments and councils of Taiwan and Japan. This year alone saw the addition of 12 new alliances, including a friendship agreement between Kaohsiung City and Sado City, Niigata Prefecture, and memoranda of city exchange between Taipei City and Matsue City, Izumo City, Yasugi City in Shimane Prefecture, and Yonago City and Sakaiminato City in Tottori Prefecture.

- b. On October 15, the 8th Summit on Taiwan-Japan Exchanges was held in Kochi City and attended by 303 local council members from across Japan. The Kochi 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.

F. Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was tragically shot and killed on July 8. President Tsai Ing-wen personally visited the Taipei Office of the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association on July 11 to pay her respects, while Vice President Lai Ching-te went to Japan that same day to offer condolences. Chairman of the Taiwan-Japan Relations Association Su Jia-chyuan, former President of the Legislative Yuan Wang Jin-pyng, and Representative to Japan Frank Chang-ting Hsieh attended Abe's state funeral on September 27.

- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to US\$88.24 billion in 2022, with imports reaching US\$54.63 billion and exports reaching US\$33.61 billion. Japan is Taiwan's 3rd-largest trading partner, 4th-largest export market, and 2nd-largest source of imports. According to trade statistics released by the Ministry of Finance of Japan, in 2022, Taiwan is Japan's 6th largest source of imports and its 4th largest export market.

- (3) Cultural and educational relations:

A. Arts: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan facilitated the participation of Taiwanese artists in major Japanese international art festivals, including the Aichi Triennale, Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale, Setouchi Triennale, and Roppongi

Art Night and helped aspiring young Taiwanese artists showcase their video works to the Japanese public. Additionally, the office organized a special exhibition on Taiwanese traditional puppetry and promoted the restoration and unveiling of the bronze statue of Teijiro Yamamoto, a key figure in the development of the sugar industry in Taiwan, by Taiwanese sculptor Huang Tu-shui, in Kaohsiung.

- B. Film, media, and music: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan organized seven online screenings of Taiwan New Cinema. The office also facilitated the first-ever collaboration between the Tokyo International Film Festival and the Tokyo Documentary Film Festival to hold the Tsai Ming-liang 30th Anniversary Tribute in Tokyo.
- C. Literary exchanges: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan co-organized the Taiwan Book Fair with several Books Kinokuniya flagship stores in Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka, Fukuoka, and Sapporo. The office also published the Taiwan Book Recommendation Booklet.
- D. Higher education cooperation:
 - a. Taiwan Studies Project: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan jointly launched the Taiwan Studies Project with Osaka University, Kyushu University, and Waseda University, offering courses about Taiwan, organizing workshops and seminars, and establishing academic hubs for Taiwan studies in Japan. The office also works closely with Japanese think tanks Japan Association for Taiwan Studies, Japanese Studies Association of Taiwan, and Japanese Association of Law and Political Science to co-organize seminars in Taiwan.
 - b. Credited lectures on Taiwan: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan partners with scholars to provide credited courses on Taiwan at Meiji Gakuin University. Lecturers include office staff, Taiwanese scholars in Japan, and academics in Japan.
- E. Youth exchanges:

- a. On February 18, the Taiwan-Japan Relations Association and the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association signed a memorandum of cooperation on strengthening youth exchanges in an online ceremony. The agreement aims to enhance youth cooperation between Japan and Taiwan.
 - b. On August 31, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan organized the “Taiwan-Japan Education Links Centenary Seminar: Looking Back and Looking Forward”, attended by 70 participants, including descendants of founding principals from century-old institutions, such as National Taiwan Normal University and Taipei Municipal Chenggong High School, as well as Japanese teachers and representatives from educational organizations.
- (4) Technological exchanges:
- A. On May 30, the Ministry of Science and Technology of Taiwan and the National Institute for Materials Science in Japan jointly organized an online symposium for future science and quantum technology. A total of 15 research papers were presented by Taiwanese and Japanese researchers, with participation from National Taiwan University, National Cheng Kung University, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, and National Chung Hsing University.
 - B. On November 25, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan, in collaboration with National Cheng Kung University, Tohoku University, the National Institute for Materials Science, and Osaka University, co-hosted the 2022 Japan-Taiwan Advanced Quantum Technology Research and Development Workshop. The event was opened with a speech by Representative to Japan Frank Chang-ting Hsieh.
 - C. On December 19, The National Science and Technology Council of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) held the NSTC-JST 2022 Workshop: Nanoelectronics and System Integration for AI in Taiwan. The JST delegation was led by

Vice President Shigeo Morimoto.

(5) Medical cooperation:

- A. On September 7 and 8, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan co-organized the 2022 Taiwan-Japan Science and Technology Forum with the Technology Exchange Committee of the Taiwan-Japan Relations Association. Representative to Japan Frank Chang-ting Hsieh delivered the opening speech. The event invited several Japanese speakers, including Director-General of the Strategic Center of Biomedical Advanced Vaccine Research and Development for Preparedness and Response, Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development, Michinari Hamaguchi, to interact and exchange ideas with Taiwanese scientific experts.
- B. On December 8, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan co-organized the 2022 Japan-Taiwan Precision Medicine, Biomedical Technology and Smart Services Workshop with the Taiwan Science and Technology Council and the University of Tokyo. Representative to Japan Frank Chang-ting Hsieh delivered the opening speech, and Japanese and Taiwanese experts and scholars presented research examples and outcomes in the biomedical field.

(6) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation:

- A. In 2022, Taiwan's exports of agricultural and fishery products to Japan amounted to approximately US\$860 million, making Japan Taiwan's 2nd-largest export market. Taiwan's imports of agricultural and fishery products from Japan amounted to approximately US\$1.05 billion, making Japan Taiwan's 5th-largest import market.
- B. On November 28, officials from Taiwan and Japan convened an in-person expert meeting in Tokyo to discuss the operational rules of the Taiwan-Japan Fisheries Agreement. Additionally, Taiwan sought support from Japan to advocate for the cooperation of international fisheries management organizations to safeguard and promote the operational rights and interests of its distant water fishing fleet.

(7) Media exposure:

- A. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan

arranged for journalists from Japan's mainstream newspapers to participate in a Political and Economic Press Corp and a National Day Press Corp hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- B. From November 11 to 22, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan invited the chief editors of six major Japanese mainstream media outlets to Taiwan to observe the 2022 Taiwan local elections.
 - C. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan gave interviews with several Japanese media outlets, including NHK, Nippon TV, and TV Asahi on the security of Taiwan. The office also collaborated with Fuji TV, Chiba TV, and Nikkei Radio to produce annual programs introducing the politics, economy, society, culture, and tourism in Taiwan.
 - D. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan arranged with Japan's mainstream newspapers to publish op-eds on Taiwan's participation in international organizations, such as the UN, WHO and ICAO, condemnation of China's military exercises against Taiwan, and condolences for the late former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Additionally, Representative to Japan Frank Chang-ting Hsieh gave interviews to Japanese print and broadcast media to convey the policies of Taiwan.
- (8) Tourism:
- A. In 2022, the total number of international visitors to Taiwan was 895,962, including 87,616 Japanese visitors. The total number of outbound travelers was 1,482,821, with 354,219 Taiwanese travelers visiting Japan.
 - B. On September 22, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan, in collaboration with the Tourism Bureau, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, set up the Taiwan Pavilion in Tourism EXPO Japan, inviting vendors from the airline and hotel industries to attend.
- (9) Overseas community affairs: From November 29 to December 1, the Asia Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce held its 2nd Board Meeting, 30th

Asia Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce in Tokyo, Japan. The meeting was attended by over 700 representatives from 16 countries and regions, including Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, Japan, Cambodia, Singapore, and Hong Kong. Legislative Yuan President You Si-kun, Chairman of the Taiwan-Japan Relations Association Su Jia-chyuan, and several legislators were also invited to attend.

(10) Mutual visits by dignitaries:

A. Visits from Taiwan were made by Vice President Lai Ching-te, Minister of the Council of Indigenous Peoples Icyang Parod, Deputy Minister of National Development Council Kao Shien-quey; Deputy Minister of the Mainland Affairs Council Chiu Chui-cheng; Legislative Yuan President You Si-kun; Legislators Kuo Kuo-wen, Chang Liao Wan-chien, Lin Ching-yi, Mark Ho Chih-wei, Michelle Lin Chu-yin, Chiu Yi-ying, Shen Fa-hui, Lin I-chin, Chang Hung-lu, Lai Jui-lung, Chen Ou-po, Wu Chi-ming, Wang Ting-yu, Chiang Chichen, Wen Yu-hsia, Wu Sz-huai, Chiu Chen-yuan, Freddy Lim, Lee De-wei, and Wu Li-hua; Examination Yuan Commissioners Wu Hsin-hsing, Wang Hsiu-hung, Ho Yi-cheng, and Secretary-General Liu Chien-sin; Minister of Civil Service Chou Chih-hung; Vice President of the Control Yuan Lee Hung-chun, and Members Wang Yu-ling, Wang Jung-chung, Kao Yung-cheng, Upay Radiw Kanasaw, Chi Hui-jung, Yeh Yi-jin, Hsiao Tzu-yu, Lai Ting-ming, Lin Yu-jung, Lin Sheng-fong, and Chang Chu-fang; Mayor of Kaohsiung Chen Chi-mai; Magistrate of Pingtung County Pan Men-an; and Chairman of the Taiwan-Japan Relations Association Su Jia-chyuan.

B. Visits from Japan were made by House Councillors Takayuki Shimizu, Seiichi Eto, Kazuya Shimba, Akira Ishii, Junzo Yamamoto, Kaneshige Wakamatsu, Kuniyoshi Noda, Toru Azuma, Ayaka Shiomura, Megumi Hirose, Shingo Miyake, Hirofumi Takinami, Shinsuke Suematsu, Hiroshi Nakada, Hiroshi Yamada, Tsuneo Kitamura, Yasutada Ohno, Iwao Horii, Rui Matsukawa, Hiroyuki Kada, Akiko Ikuina, and Rio Tomonoh; House Representatives Masanobu Ogura, Norikazu Suzuki, Hayato Suzuki, Susumu Yamaguchi, Daisuke Nishino, Keisuke Suzuki, Shigeru Ishiba,

Yasukazu Hamada, Akihisa Nagashima, Keiji Furuya, Minoru Kihara, Seishiro Eto, Shinji Inoue, Yasuko Komiyama, Yasumasa Nagasaka, Nobuyuki Fukushima, Kentaro Gemma, Yuichiro Wada, Kenji Horii, Koichi Hagiuda, Itsunori Onodera, and Akihisa Shiozaki; Governor of Aomori Prefecture Shingo Mimura; Governor of Ehime Prefecture Tokihiro Nakamura; and Chairman of the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association Mitsuo Ohashi.

11. Relations with the Republic of Korea

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) and the Republic of Korea signed the New Relations Framework Agreement in July 1993, subsequently setting up the Korean Mission in Taipei and the Taipei Mission in Korea in November 1993 and January 1994, respectively. In January 2005, an office was established in Busan.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to US\$56.4 billion in 2022, with exports reaching US\$22.2 billion and imports reaching US\$34.2 billion. Taiwan is South Korea's 6th-largest trading partner and South Korea is Taiwan's 5th-largest trading partner.
- (3) Cultural and educational exchanges:
 - A. In 2022, the number of Taiwanese students studying at various levels in South Korea was 1,750, while the number of South Korean students studying in Taiwan was 1,771. The Ministry of Education provided scholarships for six South Korean students under the Taiwan Scholarship Program and eight students under the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program to study in Taiwan. South Korean universities offered scholarships to 13 Taiwanese students under the Korean Universities' Korean Language Learning Reciprocal Scholarships to study in South Korea.
 - B. The Overseas Community Affairs Council subsidized an online Mandarin language course for a group of 40 Mandarin-learning students in South Korea. The Ministry of Education sent a Mandarin language teacher to teach Traditional Chinese at the Asia United Theological University in South Korea. In addition, a co-funded, co-

named doctoral scholarship program was jointly launched with the Korea Advanced Institute of Science, and the Taiwan Studies Project was co-organized with the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies to expand Taiwan studies in South Korea and enhance academic exchanges between Taiwan and South Korea.

- C. The Ministry of Education facilitated the matching of Taiwanese and South Korean schools to promote virtual international education exchange.
- (4) Tourism: In 2022, a total of 78,318 Taiwanese citizens traveled to South Korea, and 51,748 South Korean citizens visited Taiwan.
- (5) Mutual visits by dignitaries:
 - A. A visit from Taiwan was made by former Vice President Annette Lu.
 - B. A visit from South Korea was made by National Assembly Member and Chairman of the Korea-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Association Cho Kyoung-tae.

12. Relations with Malaysia

- (1) Background: On August 3, 1974, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) set up the Far East Trade and Tour Centre in Malaysia. It was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in Malaysia on September 22, 1988, and later renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Malaysia on August 17, 1992. In March 1987, Malaysia opened the Malaysian Friendship and Trade Centre in Taipei.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to US\$30.5 billion in 2022, with exports reaching US\$17 billion and imports reaching US\$13.5 billion. Taiwan is Malaysia's 5th-largest trading partner, and Malaysia is Taiwan's 8th-largest trading partner. As of the end of 2022, Taiwan's total investment in Malaysia reached US\$14.1 billion.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Malaysia has approximately 6.71 million citizens of Chinese descent. Currently, 1,302 Mandarin-language primary schools and 62 independent Mandarin-language secondary schools are in operation in Malaysia. In 2022, 12,378 Malaysian students pursued higher education studies in Taiwan, with roughly 100,000

Malaysian alumni year-to-date. Approximately 111 Taiwanese students studied at higher education institutions in Malaysia in 2022.

- (4) Medical cooperation: In 2022, the Ministry of Health and Welfare of Taiwan continued to promote its Medical Cooperation and Industry Chain Development Project 2.0 under the New Southbound Policy with the inclusion of Malaysia. In addition, Chang Gung Memorial Hospital and China Medical University Hospital were entrusted to implement the cooperation plan in Malaysia.
- (5) Tourism: In 2022, a total of 29,909 Taiwanese citizens visited Malaysia, and 59,035 Malaysian citizens visited Taiwan.
- (6) Overseas community affairs: There are approximately 1,700 Taiwanese businesses operating in Malaysia, represented by the Taipei Investors' Association in Malaysia (TIAM), 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. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) government later established the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Myanmar on March 28, 2016. The Myanmar Trade Office was set up in Taipei in 2015.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to approximately US\$280 million in 2022, with exports reaching approximately US\$190 million and imports reaching approximately US\$90 million. According to statistics released by the Department of Investment Review of Taiwan, as of the end of 2022, 49 investment projects were initiated by Taiwanese businesses in Myanmar, amounting to US\$483 million, and 30 investment projects were initiated in Taiwan by Burmese businesses, amounting to US\$4 million.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: In October, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Myanmar invited Taiwanese painter Alex Kuo to offer art lessons at the Yangon campus of Chekavati Buddhist University and Agape Charity Children Center. Kuo also engaged in art exchanges with

contemporary Myanmar artists.

- (4) Medical cooperation: On June 24, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Myanmar facilitated the signing of an MOU between Shin Kong Wu Ho-Su Memorial Hospital and the Lashio Social Welfare Association. The MOU covers clinical internships and training programs for medical personnel. In September, two Burmese emergency physicians were selected to partake in a three-month medical education and training program in Taiwan.
- (5) Humanitarian assistance:
 - A. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Myanmar assisted 171 Burmese nationals in returning to Myanmar on China Airlines flights.
 - B. In 2022, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Myanmar continued to collaborate with the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar, Shin Kong Wu Ho-Su Memorial Hospital, charitable Taiwanese expatriates, and Myanmar charity organizations to provide free lunches in economically disadvantaged communities in Yangon.
- (6) Media exposure:
 - A. On August 8, the Myanmar media outlet The Standard Time Daily ran an op-ed of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Myanmar protesting China's military exercises around Taiwan.
 - B. Before the 90th General Assembly of INTERPOL, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Myanmar submitted an article to the Myanmar state media New Light of Myanmar, highlighting the urgent need for international cooperation to combat transnational human trafficking. The article ran on October 10 and emphasized the importance of inviting all relevant stakeholders to participate.

14. Relations with New Zealand

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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. Bilateral trade amounted to approximately US\$2.02 billion in 2022, with exports reaching US\$940 million and imports US\$1.08 billion. Taiwan is New Zealand's largest importer of cherries and 3rd-largest importer of apples and pears.
 - B. 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. The annual Taiwan-New Zealand Economic and Trade Conference was held on December 6 via video conference.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Taiwan offers scholarships under the Taiwan Scholarship Program and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program to outstanding young New Zealanders to pursue degrees or study Mandarin in Taiwan. In 2022, four students were awarded scholarships under the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program.
- (4) Tourism: In 2022, a total of 6,758 Taiwanese tourists visited New Zealand, and 2,792 New Zealand tourists visited Taiwan.
- (5) Indigenous 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 Māori Development take turns hosting annual coordination meetings for the special chapter. They collaborate on issues related to the economy, tourism, and education, among others. This year's cooperation focused on geothermal energy, film

and television, aboriginal language revitalization, and business cooperation.

- B. On March 29, Taiwan officially joined the Indigenous Peoples Economic and Trade Cooperation Arrangement (IPETCA) as a founding member, along with New Zealand, Canada, and Australia.
- (6) Visits from Taiwan were made by Control Yuan President Chen Chu and Members Wang Mei-yu, Fan Sun-lu, and Lin Wen-cheng.

15. Relations with the Independent State of Papua New Guinea

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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 Taipei. The office was renamed the Honorary Consulate-General of Papua New Guinea in August 1994. The appointment was suspended in August 2014. The Papua New Guinea Trade Office in Taiwan was set up in Taipei on December 31, 2015.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$1.59 billion in 2022, with exports of US\$111.43 million and imports of US\$1.48 billion.
 - B. The Taiwan Tuna Purse Seiners Association has a purse seine fishing agreement with the National Fisheries Authority of Papua New Guinea. In 2022, Taiwan distant water fishing operators paid over US\$20 million in fishing fees to Papua New Guinea.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: In 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Education provided scholarships under the Taiwan Scholarship Program and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program to outstanding young Papuans to study in Taiwan.
- (4) Agricultural cooperation: The TaiwanICDF established a trade mission in Papua New Guinea 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, they have been working with the Papua New Guinea Department of Agriculture and Livestock and the National Agricultural Research

Institute on the Rice Seed Production Enhancement Project. The mission also provides planting and harvesting training to farmers' groups. Tasks include establishing seed inspection laboratories, training field inspection managers, and organizing workshops on topics such as rice seed inspection, field inspections, and rice seed field cultivation.

- (5) Medical cooperation: On March 18, Changhua Christian Hospital (CCH) signed a specialist physician training memorandum with the University of Papua New Guinea School of Medicine and Health Sciences. In 2022, CCH continued to arrange for one orthopedic and one cardiac surgeon from Port Moresby General Hospital to undergo specialist training at CCH, assisting in improving the medical care quality of national hospitals in the capital area. Additionally, on July 27, CCH and Port Moresby General Hospital held a seminar to share specialist care experience with two doctors who were trained at CCH.
- (6) Humanitarian assistance:
 - A. On March 8, Representative to Papua New Guinea Oliver Liao donated a batch of wheelchairs and crutches to the Ministry of Health Papua New Guinea on behalf of the Pu-Hsien Educational Foundation and the Cao Zhong Zhi Foundation. The donation was accepted by Papua New Guinea Health Minister Jelta Wong.
 - B. On March 16, Representative to Papua New Guinea Oliver Liao, together with the US Ambassador to Papua New Guinea Erin McKee, attended the donation ceremony where Taiwan donated wheelchairs and crutches to the National Capital District Provincial Hospital.

16. Relations with the Republic of the Philippines

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established the Pacific Economic and Cultural Center in Manila on July 28, 1975. 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, which was renamed the Manila Economic and Cultural Office on December 20, 1989.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to US\$10.72

billion in 2022, with exports of US\$7.64 billion and imports of US\$3.08 billion. Taiwan has invested in around 620 companies in the Philippines, with a cumulative investment of approximately US\$2.285 billion to date.

- (3) Cultural and educational relations: In 2022, 2,969 Filipino students were studying in Taiwan. The Ministry of Education of Taiwan 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 system and Mandarin learning. Additionally, the ministry recruited 88 Filipino English teachers under the Taiwan Foreign English Teacher Program.
- (4) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation: On March 23, the Taiwan ICDF established the Technical Mission in the Philippines. On July 1, the mission jointly launched the Agri-Cluster Consolidation and Cooperation Project in the Philippines with the Department of Agriculture of the Philippines. Additionally, the Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan, hosted 48 young Filipino farmers under the Philippine Young Farmer Internship Program in Taiwan, a project aimed at refining young farmers' skills and knowledge while deepening bilateral agricultural talent exchange.
- (5) COVID-19 cooperation: On March 10, Taiwan and the Philippines announced the mutual recognition of their digital vaccine certificates, as well as international vaccine certificates.
- (6) Medical cooperation: Hualien Tzu Chi Hospital, the coordinator of One Country, One Center Project in the Philippines under the New Southbound Policy of Taiwan, continued its close collaboration with partner hospitals in the Philippines to share advanced medical technologies.
- (7) Humanitarian assistance: Taiwan donated 110 metric tons of relief supplies to the Philippines to assist with post-Typhoon Rai (Odette) reconstruction. Additionally, US\$200,000, US\$400,000, and US\$100,000 were separately donated to support post-earthquake reconstruction in Northern Luzon, post-Typhoon Noru (Karding) recovery, and the restoration of cultural heritage sites in Bohol affected by the earthquake.

- (8) Tourism: In 2022, 23,604 Taiwanese tourists visited the Philippines, while 64,038 Filipino tourists visited Taiwan.
- (9) Overseas community affairs: The Philippines has a population of roughly 1.5 million people of Chinese descent, largely residing in metropolitan areas such as Manila, Cebu, and Davao. In recent years, around 20,000 Taiwanese technical and business professionals have relocated to the Philippines for business, employment, or investment, primarily engaging in traditional industries, construction, technology, agriculture and livestock, tourism, and services.

17. Relations with the Republic of Singapore

- (1) Background:
 - A. The Trade Mission of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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.
 - B. Parliamentary diplomacy: Legislators Wu Sz-huai, Lee De-wei, Hung Meng-kai, and Cheng Cheng-chien visited Singapore on August 12. Additionally, Legislator Yu Yu-lan was invited by Germany's Konrad Adenauer Foundation to attend the Asian Women Parliamentarian Caucus Meeting in Singapore on November 23.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to US\$42 billion in 2022, with exports reaching US\$29.5 billion and imports reaching US\$12.5 billion. Taiwan is Singapore's 4th-largest trading partner, and Singapore is Taiwan's 6th-largest trading partner. Bilateral investments between Taiwan and Singapore have grown rapidly in the past three years, increasing from US\$640 million in 2019 to US\$3.36 billion in 2022. The proportion of Taiwan's investment in Singapore relative to its combined investment in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries increased from 24% in 2019 to 71% in 2022.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. In 2022, the Ministry of Education of Taiwan offered scholarships

under the Taiwan Scholarship Program and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program to outstanding young Singaporeans to pursue degrees or study Mandarin in Taiwan.

- B. In addition to continuing cooperation with related Singaporean institutions to organize the Singapore Chinese Film Festival, World Book Day Reading Session, and World School Children's Art Exhibition, Taiwan successfully facilitated the donation of Taiwanese artist Li Kuang-yu's work *Thinker to Gardens by the Bay* received by Minister of Culture, Community and Youth, and Second Minister for Law Edwin Tong.
 - C. The Taipei Representative Office in the Republic of Singapore co-organized the Inspired Island III Literary Film Festival with Singapore University of Social Sciences, inviting Taiwanese writer Wu Sheng and filmmakers to Singapore to attend the event. Additionally, the office collaborated with the Singapore Poetry Festival to organize the *Luo Fu: A Pioneer of Poetry - His Poems, Calligraphy and Life Exhibition*.
- (4) Tourism: In 2022, 69,507 Singaporean tourists visited Taiwan, while 78,961 Taiwanese tourists visited Singapore.
 - (5) Visits from Taiwan were made by Legislators Wu Sz-huai, Lee De-wei, Hung Meng-kai, Cheng Cheng-chien, and Yu Yu-lan, as well as Vice Minister of Health and Welfare Shih Chung-Liang.

18. Relations with the Kingdom of Thailand

- (1) Background:
 - A. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) set up an office in Bangkok, currently named the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Thailand, and Thailand set up offices in Taipei, the Thailand Trade and Economic Office on September 10, 1975.
 - B. Parliamentary diplomacy: On May 10, the inaugural annual meeting of the Indo-Pacific cross-national parliamentary platform Formosa Club was held online. Thai House Representative and Public Health Committee Spokesperson Ekkapob Pianpiseo participated virtually

and shared Thailand's pandemic prevention experience. Legislators Wu Sz-huai, Wen Yu-hsia, Yu Yu-lan, and Lee De-wei visited Thailand on December 9.

- (2) Economic and trade relations: According to statistics released by Thai Customs, bilateral trade amounted to approximately US\$16.5 billion in 2022, with exports reaching approximately US\$11.8 billion and imports reaching approximately US\$4.7 billion. According to statistics released by the Board of Investment of Thailand, Taiwanese companies invested in 44 projects in Thailand in 2022, with a total investment amount of approximately US\$1.33 billion. Additionally, according to statistics released by the Investment Commission, Ministry of Economic Affairs of Taiwan, Thai companies invested in 16 projects in Taiwan in the same period, with a total investment amount of approximately US\$369 million.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. In 2022, 20 outstanding Thai students received scholarships under the Taiwan Scholarship Program and 25 students received scholarships under the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program to study in Taiwan. Additionally, 15 Mandarin language teachers were assigned to teach Mandarin at various levels in Thai schools.
 - B. The 2022 Taiwan Higher Education Fairs in Thailand were held on July 9, attracting over 10,000 Thai teachers, students, and parents to participate online.
 - C. The Taichung City Da Dun Fine Arts Exchange Exhibition was held at the River City Bangkok on September 6, showcasing 60 artworks. Taichung Mayor Lu Shiow-yen recorded a video message for the event, and Representative to Thailand Chuang Suo-hang, along with members of the Thai cultural community and Taiwanese expatriates, attended the event.
- (4) Medical cooperation: In line with the One Country, One Center Project under the New Southbound Policy of Taiwan, Changhua Christian Hospital hosted the 2022 Taiwan-Thailand Smart Healthcare Conference in Bangkok on September 12, enhancing bilateral medical cooperation and exchange between the two countries.

- (5) Labor cooperation: Taiwan and Thailand jointly hosted the 21st Thai-Taiwan Joint Consultation Committee Meeting in Bangkok on December 8, wherein Taiwan Director-General of the Workforce Development Agency, Ministry of Labor Ye Meng-liang and Thai Director-General of the Department of Employment Phairoj Chotikasathien discussed important labor cooperation issues.
- (6) Multilateral cooperation: Thailand hosted the APEC meetings in 2022. Taiwan Leader Delegate Morris Chang attended the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (AELM) on November 18, along with Minister without Portfolio John Deng and Minister of the National Development Council Kung Ming-hsin.
- (7) Media exposure:
 - A. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Thailand invited Thai mainstream media to run articles promoting Taiwan participation in major international organizations such as the UN, WHO, INTERPOL, and UNFCCC COP27. These articles were published in Prachachat, MGROnline, Daily News, Naew Na, and World Journal, among others.
 - B. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Thailand collaborated with Thai television channel MONO 29 to produce four themed short films highlighting various aspects of Taiwanese culture for the Thai audience.
- (8) Overseas community affairs:
 - A. The Thai-Taiwan Business Association held its first Taiwan Showcase in celebration of its 30th anniversary. Deputy Representative to Thailand Hsu Wei-ming attended the opening ceremony on June 2 and delivered a speech.
 - B. On November 13, the Lions Club of Bangkok Thailangchan and Taipei Yu Sheng Lions Club jointly organized a blood donation and rice donation event at the National Blood Center of the Thai Red Cross Society. Representative to Thailand Chuang Suo-hang and various community leaders were in attendance.
- (9) Visits from Taiwan were made by Minister Without Portfolio John

Deng, Minister of Finance Su Jain-rong, Minister of Transportation and Communications Wang Kwo-tsai, and Legislators Wu Sz-huai, Wen Yu-hsia, Yu Yu-lan, and Lee De-wei.

19. Relations with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Vietnam in Hanoi and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Ho Chi Minh City in 1992. Vietnam established the Vietnam Economic Cultural Office in Taiwan in 1993.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to US\$21.56 billion in 2022, with exports reaching US\$14.574 billion and imports reaching US\$6.986 billion. Taiwan is Vietnam's 5th-largest trading partner, while Vietnam is Taiwan's 10th-largest trading partner. Additionally, Taiwan investments in Vietnam totaled US\$36.4 billion in 2022.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) government provided grants to 32 students under the Taiwan Scholarship Program and 17 students under the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program to study in Taiwan. Additionally, five Mandarin language teachers were assigned to teach Mandarin at various universities in Vietnam. In 2022, the number of Vietnamese students studying in Taiwan reached 23,728. Vietnam has been the largest source country of international students in Taiwan for several consecutive years.
 - B. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Vietnam and the National Economics University co-launched the Taiwan Studies Project in Vietnam. This collaboration included the publication of Low-carbon Economy towards Net Zero: Theory and Practice and the organization of the International Workshop on Low-carbon Economy towards Net Zero in Vietnam and Taiwan, enhancing academic research cooperation and exchange between the two countries.
 - C. To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Vietnam, the office organized a series of events in Hanoi

to showcase Taiwanese tea art, Tendrum Art Percussion Group was invited to perform in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, and hosted the 2022 Taiwan Film Salon.

- (4) Medical cooperation: In line with the New Southbound Policy of Taiwan, the Ministry of Health and Welfare expanded the One Country, One Center Project, renaming it the One Country, Two Centers Project in 2022. Taipei Veterans General Hospital and Kaohsiung Medical University Chung-Ho Memorial Hospital were entrusted to continue bilateral medical and health cooperation projects in northern and southern Vietnam, respectively.
- (5) Tourism: Taiwan and Vietnam jointly held the 9th Taiwan-Vietnam Tourism Cooperation Conference on October 25, discussing ways to accelerate the restoration of the scale of bilateral tourism exchanges in the post-pandemic period.

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Ambassador to the Marshall Islands Steve C. C. Hsia presents Mid-Autumn Festival gifts on behalf of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government. The gifts are accepted by Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Kitlang Kabua. (October 12, 2022)



Ambassador to the Marshall Islands Steve C. C. Hsia (second from right) and President of the Marshall Islands David Kabua and First Lady (second and third from left) celebrate the 24th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Taiwan and the Marshall Islands. (November 21, 2022)



Ambassador to Nauru Wang Hai-long (center) donates a batch of wheelchairs to a Nauruan disability group on behalf of Taiwan (April 8, 2022)



The Embassy in Nauru holds a pre-departure briefing for Taiwan Scholarship Program recipients. Ambassador to Nauru Wang Hai-long (second from left), Speaker of the Nauruan Parliament Marcus Stephen (third from left), and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Asterio Appi (fifth from right) pose for a group photo with the scholarship recipients. (August 30, 2022)



President Tsai Ing-wen's special envoy and Minister of the Environmental Protection Administration Chang Tzi-chin (sixth from right), Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Tien Chung-kwang (fifth from right), Ambassador to Palau Jessica Lee (fourth from right), and Palauan Minister of State Gustav Aitaro (fifth from left) pose for a photo during the maritime security mission of the CG126 Tainan under the directive of the Coast Guard Administration, Ocean Affairs Council. (April 16, 2022)



Ambassador to Palau Jessica Lee (third in right row), President of Palau Surangel S. Whipps, Jr. (third in left row), Vice President of Palau J. Uduch Sengebau Senior (fourth in left row), and Speaker of the House of Delegates of Palau Sabino Anastacio (second in left row) attend the inaugural Indo-Pacific Formosa Club annual meeting and dinner. (May 10, 2022)



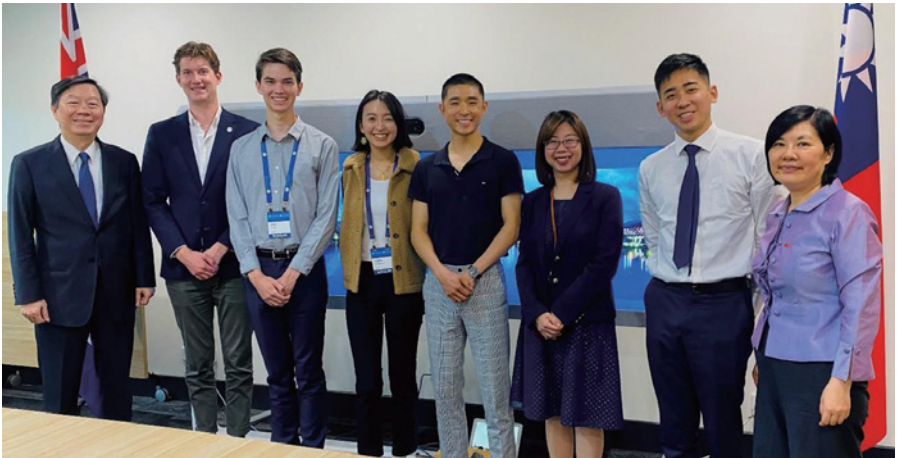
Ambassador to Tuvalu Andrew Lin (fifth from right) attends the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Wonderful Garden in Funafala undertaken by the Taiwan technical mission. (August 24, 2022)



Ambassador to Tuvalu Andrew Lin (first from right) poses with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tuvalu Simon Kofe (second from right) during the transfer ceremony for 2nd installment of funds supporting the construction of a 4G/LTE network in Tuvalu. (November 25, 2022)



Representative to Australia Elliott Charng (second from right) delivers a speech at the opening ceremony and hosts a forum commemorating Bruce Jacobs at the 5G and Digital Society: Innovation and Challenges international conference organized by the Australian-Taiwan Studies Association (ATSA) in Melbourne. At the event, Charng poses with specialist researcher at Australian National University Rowan Callick (center) and ATSA President Lennon Yao-chung Chang (second from left). (December 1, 2022)



Representative to Australia Elliott Charng (left) meets Taiwanese recipients of the New Colombo Plan during their visit to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Australia. (December 7, 2022)



Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Brisbane) Director-General Edward Tao (front row, second from left) and Queensland Department of Education Director-General Michael De'Ath (front row, first from right) are invited to the online signing ceremony for the Memorandum on Educational Exchange and Cooperation between Department of International and Cross-strait Education, Ministry of Education of Taiwan and the Queensland Department of Education. (July 7, 2022)



Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Brisbane) Director-General Edward Tao and spouse (fifth and fourth from right), Lord Mayor of Brisbane Adrian Schrinner and spouse Nina Schrinner (fifth and fourth from left), Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries of Queensland Mark Furner (third from right), and Member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly and Co-chair of the Queensland Parliament Friends of Taiwan James Martin pose at the Celebration of the 111th National Day of the R.O.C. (Taiwan). (October 6, 2022)



Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Melbourne) Director-General Abraham Chi-wen Lin and spouse (front row, fifth and fourth from right) host Celebration of the 111th National Day of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and pose for a group photo with Member of the Australian Parliament for Keith Wolahan (fourth from left) and Member of the Victorian Legislative Council for South Eastern Metropolitan Region Tien Kieu (second from right). (October 5, 2022)



The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Sydney) collaborates with the Biennale of Sydney to debut the installation art of Taiwanese indigenous artist Aluaiy Kaumakan (third from left). Director-General Fiona Huei-Chun Fan (third from right) and artist and Biennale board member Anne Flanagan (first from right) pose for a group photo. (March 11, 2022)



Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Sydney) Director-General Fiona Huei-Chun Fan (front row, sixth from right) poses with Minister for Planning in New South Wales and Member of the Parliament Friends of Taiwan Anthony Roberts (front row, sixth from left) pose for a photo during the Celebration of the 111th National Day of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) hosted by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Sydney. (October 6, 2022)



Representative to Brunei Andrew Lee (back row, first from right) poses for a photo with President of the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Brunei Darussalam Hanafi Rahman (front row, seated) at the signing of a memorandum of understanding on promoting bilateral trade between Taiwan and Brunei. (February 22, 2022)



Representative to Brunei Vanessa Shih (second row, center) poses with guests at the end of the Celebration of the 111th National Day of the R.O.C. (Taiwan). (October 8, 2022)



Representative to Fiji Joseph Chow signs an agreement with the Acting Secretary-General of the Pacific Islands Forum Filimon Manoni. (September 12, 2022)



Representative to Fiji Joseph Chow and spouse pose with former Fijian Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka during the 111th National Day of the R.O.C. (Taiwan). (October 6, 2022)



Representative to India Baushuan Ger (back row, eighth from left) poses with Indian primary and secondary school principals at the signing ceremony for the International Education Programme 2.0 for Primary and Secondary Schools. (March 24, 2022)



Representative to India Baushuan Ger (back row, second from right), Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Chen Chern-Chyi, and Indian Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry Anurag Jain (back row, fourth from right) attend the 1st Taiwan-India CEO Roundtable Briefing. (November 3, 2022)



Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in Chennai Ben Wang (second from left) visits Colombo, Sri Lanka, and calls on Indian High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka Gopal Baglay (second from right). (March 11, 2022)



Representative to Indonesia Chen Chung gives an interview to CNN Indonesia Corporate Action Host Maggie Calista. (September 6, 2022)



Representative to Indonesia Chen Chung (front row, first from right) and Indonesian Representative to Taiwan Budi Santoso (back row, left from the display) sign the Arrangement for Implementing the Indonesian Young Farmer Internship Program in Taiwan via video conference. (December 8, 2022)



Director-General of Taipei Economic and Trade Office in Surabaya Lin Dean-shiang (left) poses with the Vice Governor of East Java Emil Dardak (center) during a meeting. (July 5, 2022)



Director-General of Taipei Economic and Trade Office in Surabaya Lin Dean-shiang meets with Deputy Mayor of Surabaya Ir. H. Armuji. (August 2, 2022)



Representative to Japan Frank Chang-ting Hsieh (front row, fourth from left), Chairman of the Japan-R.O.C. Diet Members' Consultative Council Keiji Furuya (front row, fifth from left), and House Representative Nobuo Kishi (front row, third from left) promote Taiwanese sugar apples. (January 17, 2022)



Representative to Japan Frank Chang-ting Hsieh (fifth from left) and President of the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association Yasaki Tanizaki (third from right) attend the GCTF Workshop on Sustainable Oceans Based on the Rule of Law. (October 26, 2022)



Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Osaka Hsiang Ming-teh (second from right) attends the signing ceremony for Memorandum of Understanding on Industrial Cooperation between the Taiwan-Japan Industrial Cooperation Promotion Office (TJPO) and the Tokushima Prefecture and poses with Governor of Tokushima Prefecture Kamon Isumi (second from left), Director-General of the Industrial Development Bureau Lien Ching-Chang (left of the display), and TJPO CEO Lu Cheng-chin (right of the display). (October 13, 2022)



Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Osaka Hsiang Ming-teh (right) poses with Minister of the Council of Indigenous Peoples Icyang Parod (center) and Japan IFA Chairman Houzan Kanehara (left). (December 24, 2022)



Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office Yokohama Branch Chang Shu-ling (center) hosts the 111th National Day of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and poses with Chairman of the Yokohama City Council Japan-Taiwan Friendship Alliance Masato Yokoyama (third from left) and Chairman of the Yokohama Overseas Chinese Association Chang Yi (third from right). (October 3, 2022)



Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office Yokohama Branch Chang Shu-ling (front row, fifth from left) attends a parade to celebrate the National Day of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) hosted by the National Day Celebration Committee of Yokohama Overseas Chinese Community. (October 10, 2022)



Director-General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan Sapporo Branch Nien Shinn-shyh (front row, fourth from left) and Chairman of the Eniwa City Council Hiroki Nozawa (front row, fourth from right) attend the congratulatory event for the establishment of the Eniwa City Council Taiwan-Japan Friendship Alliance. (February 17, 2022)



Director-General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan Sapporo Branch Nien Shinn-shyh (front row, right) witnesses the signing of an online friendship alliance between Mayor of Kushiro City Hiroya Ebina (front row, center) and Hualien City. (August 31, 2022)



Director-General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan Naha Branch Wang Ruei-feng (right) and Director of the Okinawa Prefectural Library Takeshi Miyagi (left) sign a cooperation memorandum for establishing a section in the library dedicated to Taiwanese publications and media. (October 25, 2022)



Director-General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan Naha Branch Wang Ruei-feng (third from left), Mayor of Yonaguni-cho Kenichi Itokazu (center), and Chairman of the Yonaguni-cho Council Toshio Sakimoto (third from right) attend the 40th-anniversary ceremony of the sister city relationship between Hualien City and Yonaguni-cho. (October 28, 2022)



Representative to Korea Liang Kuang-chung addresses attendees at the 111th National Day of the R.O.C. (Taiwan). (October 6, 2022)



Representative to Korea Liang Kuang-chung (second row, sixth from right), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance Choo Kyung-ho (front row, sixth from right), and several other envoys to Korea pose at the Korea Times Forum. (October 26, 2022)



Director-General of the Taipei Mission in Korea Busan Office Lin Chen-fu (fourth from right) attends an event marking the launch of the Busan Metropolitan Councilors-Taiwan Friendship Group and poses with Chairman Kim Jin-hong (fourth from left). (January 10, 2022)



Director-General of the Taipei Mission in Korea Busan Office Lin Chen-fu (front row, fifth from right) attends an event marking the launch of the Gyeongju City Councilors-Taiwan Friendship Group. (November 17, 2022)



Representative to Malaysia Anne Hung (seventh from right), Minister of the Overseas Community Affairs Council Tung Chen-yuan (seventh from left), and President of the World Federation of Taiwan Alumni Association Kuo Ying-mao (sixth from left) attend the Mandarin Night Gala Dinner of the World Taiwan Alumni Convention 2022. (December 4, 2022)



Representative to Myanmar Charles C. Li (center) attends the 2022 SKMM Training Opening Ceremony hosted by the International Medical Service Center of Shin Kong Wu Ho-Su Memorial Hospital. (September 26, 2022)



Representative to Myanmar Charles C. Li (back row, seventh from right), Artist Alex Kuo (back row, eighth from right), and CEO of the Chit Myit Tar Foundation Chao Te-ren (second row, fourth from right) pose with children at the Agape Children's Center. (October 10, 2022)



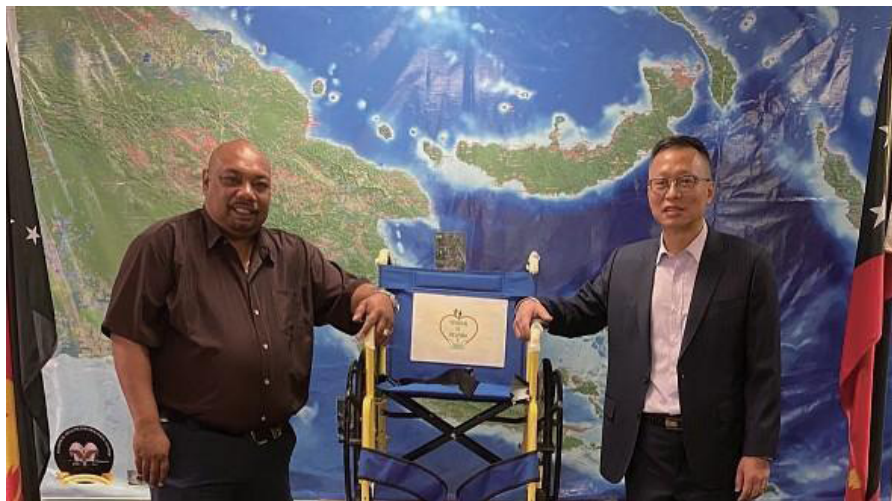
Representative to New Zealand Bill Chen (first from right) accompanies Control Yuan President Chen Chu (third from left), Control Yuan Members Wang Mei-yu (second from left), Fan Sun-lu (third from right), and Lin Wen-cheng (second from right) visit New Zealand Chief Ombudsman Peter Boshier (fourth from left). (October 11, 2022)



Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Auckland Kendra Chen poses with Māori King Tūheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero VII and his spouse. (September 7, 2022)



Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Auckland Kendra Chen poses with New Zealand Member of Parliament Brooke van Velden (fifth from right) and other attendees at celebration of the 111th National Day of the R.O.C. (Taiwan). (October 7, 2022)



Representative to Papua New Guinea Oliver Liao donates a batch of wheelchairs to Papua New Guinea Minister for Health and HIV/AIDS Jelta Wong. (March 8, 2022)



Representative to Papua New Guinea Oliver Liao (second from right), US Ambassador to Papua New Guinea Erin McKee (first from right), and National Capital District Provincial Health Authority CEO Stephen Yennie (second from left) attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Taiwan's donation of wheelchairs to Papua New Guinea. (March 16, 2022)



Representative to the Philippines Michael Hsu (center, in white) and Vice Chairman of the Manila Economic and Cultural Office Eddie U. Tamondong (seventh from left) jointly host the ceremony for Taiwan's donation to the Philippines of relief supplies for Typhoon Rai. (February 11, 2022)



Representative to the Philippines Michael Hsu (second from left) donates US\$200,000 to the Philippines for post-earthquake reconstruction in Northern Luzon on behalf of Taiwan to Chairman of the Manila Economic and Cultural Office Silvestre Bello III (second from right) who accepts the donation. The ceremony is witnessed by Abra Province Governor Dominic B. Valera (third from the left). (August 10, 2022)



Representative to Singapore Francis Liang (fourth from right) attends the FOUND in Translation: Literati Calligraphy and Painting by Tan Chee Lay and Chow Teck Seng. (August 5, 2022)



Representative to Singapore Francis Liang (center) and colleagues attend the Luo Fu: A Pioneer of Poetry - His Poems, Calligraphy and Life exhibition. (August 5, 2022)



Representative to Thailand Chuang Suo-hang gives a speech at the Taichung City Da Dun Fine Arts Exchange Exhibition held at the River City Bangkok. (September 6, 2022)



Representative to Vietnam Richard Shih and spouse (fourth and fifth from right) attend the 2022 Taiwan Film Salon. (December 3, 2022)



Representative to Vietnam Richard Shih (back row, seventh from right) poses with envoys from other countries at the opening ceremony of the 2022 International Food Festival hosted by the Bureau of Diplomatic Corps Services, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam. (December 11, 2022)

Item 2 Taiwan's relations with West Asian countries

I. Introduction

The West Asia region includes 29 countries and one autonomous government spanning over 30 million square kilometers across the Middle East, the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Afghanistan, Georgia, Mongolia, Pakistan, and Ukraine. The region has a population of over 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, as well as the autonomous Palestinian National Authority (PNA). The CIS comprises nine member states, namely Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, and one associate state, Turkmenistan.

The R.O.C. (Taiwan) maintains substantive ties with ten West Asian countries, namely Bahrain, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Mongolia, Oman, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Türkiye, and the United Arab Emirates, and has representative offices or branches in these countries. Israel, Jordan, Mongolia, Oman, Russia, Saudi Arabia, and Türkiye have representative offices in Taiwan.

In 2022, Taiwan engaged in the following important events in West Asia:

1. An evacuation plan for Taiwanese nationals was immediately implemented when the Russia-Ukraine war broke out on February 24. Three waves of evacuations were scheduled, and buses were dispatched from Kyiv to move Taiwanese citizens westward. A total of 78 individuals, including Taiwanese citizens and their family members, were successfully evacuated within 10 days.
2. On February 28, twenty-seven metric tons of medical supplies were donated to Ukraine via Poland. On March 5, a campaign to collect donations to help Ukrainian refugees was launched. By May 27, approximately 582 metric tons of medication and supplies had been sent in several waves to Poland and Slovakia to aid Ukrainian refugees.
3. On April 22, monetary donations from the general public were disbursed to National Children's Specialized Hospital 'Ohmatdyt,' Ministry of

Health of Ukraine; Ukrainian Children's Cardiac Center; Mykolaiv City Children's Hospital; Kharkiv Urgent Surgery Institute; the State Institute of Heart, Ministry of Health of Ukraine; Zaporizhzhia Regional Clinical Children's Hospital; Lviv Territorial Medical Union, Multidisciplinary Clinical Hospital of Emergency & Intensive Care; and Orthodox Church of Ukraine (OCU). In addition, donations were sent to six cities in Ukraine, including Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Mykolaiv, Sumy, Zaporizhzhia, and Bucha. Mayor of Kharkiv Ihor Terekhov, Mayor of Bucha Anatoliy Fedoruk, and His Beatitude Epiphanius I expressed their gratitude in a video call with the R.O.C. Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu.

4. On May 11, Taiwan and Israel signed the Joint Declaration on Social Welfare and Social Service Cooperation, followed by a fintech MOU on July 13, deepening the two nations' exchanges and cooperation in social welfare, social work, and fintech.
5. On June 30, Taiwan and the non-government organization Türk Kızılay (Turkish Red Crescent) signed an MOU to facilitate the immediate donation of emergency food supplies to Afghan citizens in the wake of the Afghanistan earthquake.
6. Taiwan donated rice, emergency food kits, wheelchairs and mobility aids, and IT and medical equipment to Türkiye and Mongolia to promote humanitarian aid work.

II. Relations with Individual Countries

1. Relations with the Kingdom of Bahrain

- (1) Background: The Trade Mission of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) was set up in 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:
 - A. In 2022, bilateral trade between Taiwan and the Kingdom of Bahrain reached approximately US\$227 million. Taiwan exports to Bahrain

amounted to roughly US\$44.51 million. Imports from Bahrain to Taiwan reached US\$182 million, primarily consisting of aluminum and aluminum products, organic chemicals, fossil fuels, mineral oils and their distilled products, tar-containing substances, mineral wax, and steel. Exports to Bahrain mainly included automobiles and their components, plastics and their products, and boilers and other components.

- B. Agriculture and fisheries cooperation: Taiwan and Bahrain signed the Agreement of Agricultural Technical Cooperation between the Government of the R.O.C. and the Government of the State of Bahrain 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, in 2022, Taiwan provided four slots for Bahrainis to study in Taiwan.
 - C. In July, Representative to the Kingdom of Bahrain Odi Shyi-Ren Sun attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of a Taiwanese bubble tea shop by Humble Bahrain at City Center Mall, the largest shopping complex in Bahrain.
- (3) Sport exchanges:
- A. Gender Equality Commissioner Chen Yi-an of the Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee attended the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Gender Equity Seminar, held in Bahrain in October.
 - B. National teams from Taiwan attended the 3rd Asian Youth Para Games in February, the 1st Bahrain Para Badminton International Tournament in May, the Asian Wrestling Championships in April, the Asian Weightlifting Championships in October, and the World Boccia Cup and the Bahrain International Challenge in November.

2. Relations with the State of Israel

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) set up the Taipei Economic and Trade Office in Tel Aviv on March 29, 1993, and Israel established the Israel Economic and Cultural 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\$3.278 billion in 2022, with exports from Taiwan reaching US\$1.124 billion and imports from Israel totaling US\$2.154 billion. Major exports from Taiwan included electrical equipment and components, mechanical equipment and components, plastics and plastic products, automobiles and motorcycles as well as automobile and motorcycle parts and components, semiconductor equipment and components, medical equipment, steel and steel products, and organic chemicals. Imports from Israel included semiconductor equipment and components, medical equipment, electrical equipment and components, mechanical equipment and components, organic chemicals, fertilizers, inorganic chemicals, and gemstones and precious metals.
- (3) Academic and technology exchanges:
 - A. Taiwan collaborated with prestigious institutions, including Tel Aviv University, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Bar-Ilan University, and University of Haifa, on six scientific research projects in the fields of digital medicine, aquaculture, and marine biology.
 - B. On June 10, the president of National Pingtung University of Science and Technology led a delegation to Israel. On October 23, the president and vice president of National Taiwan University visited Israel and signed a university-level agreement, extended a student exchange agreement, and a joint research fund investment program with top universities in Israel.
 - C. A finance, technology, and information security delegation led by the Bankers Association of the R.O.C. (BAROC); the IP² Launchpad program delegation led by the Small and Medium Enterprise and Startup Administration (SMESA) of the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA); a delegation led by the Fiscal Information Agency, Ministry of Finance; and a Taiwan-Israel collaboration and Israel startup delegation led by the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) visited Israel on August 6, August 29, October 25, and November 19,

respectively. In addition, Taiwanese businesses signed MOUs with Israeli startups.

3. Relations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

- (1) Background: On May 15, 1977, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) set up the Far East Commercial Office in Jordan, which was renamed the Commercial Office of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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: Bilateral trade amounted to US\$385 million, with Taiwan exports reaching roughly US\$300 million and imports reaching approximately US\$85 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.
- (3) Business events:
 - A. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Jordan collaborated with TAITRA to host a West Asia matchmaking session on September 20. One-on-one meetings were held to explore business opportunities.
 - B. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Jordan assisted five Taiwanese businesses to participate in the 2022 Solar Near East Exhibition and Forum (SONEX) and aided an additional nine Taiwanese businesses in displaying their catalogs at SONEX 2022, which was held from May 30 to June 2. During the exhibition, 571 buyers showed interest, placing orders amounting to US\$1.22 million. A total of 120 trade opportunity forms were collected.
- (4) 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. Due to the impact of the pandemic, only one Taiwanese student was studying for a master's degree at the University of Jordan under the scholarship program in 2022.
 - B. The TaiwanICDF has sent one Taiwanese teacher 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.
- (5) Sport exchanges:
- A. Taiwan's national table tennis team participated in the WTT Youth Contender Amman from August 22 to 28.
 - B. Taiwan's national boxing team participated in the Asian Boxing Championships from October 30 to November 13.
- (6) Humanitarian assistance:
- A. Taiwan has been working with government-led humanitarian assistance agencies and charitable organizations in Jordan to promote humanitarian aid collaboratives 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. In addition, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government collaborates closely with charitable organizations, such as the Taiwan Fund for Children and Families (TFCF) and the Tzu Chi Foundation, providing necessary administrative assistance and participating in donation drives.
 - B. Representative to Jordan Ismail Mae was joined by Jordanian officials on March 9 to witness the donation of wheelchairs and mobility aids

donated to Jordan by the Puhsein Foundation and the Cao Zhong Zhi Foundation.

- C. Representative to Jordan Yang Syin-yi visited Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan on November 1 to review the progress of girls' empowerment programs sponsored by Taiwan to aid Syrian refugees.

4. Relations with the State of Kuwait

(1) Background:

- A. The Commercial Office of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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 Institute for Information Industry (III) set up a liaison office at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research in 2015.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$7.148 billion in 2022, with Taiwan exports, primarily automobiles and their parts and components, petrochemicals, and electrical equipment, reaching US\$148 million, and imports, primarily crude oil, reaching US\$7 billion.
- B. TAITRA organized the 2022 Arabian Peninsula Smart Solutions, Auto Parts and Machinery Delegation in October with the objective of expanding the market in Kuwait.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

- A. National Taiwan University (NTU) and National Chengchi University (NCCU) signed sister school agreements with Kuwait University, under which Kuwait University offers nine students from NTU and NCCU scholarships to study Arabic in Kuwait each year. As the pandemic has eased, six students from Taiwan studied in Kuwait University in 2022.
- B. National Tsing Hua University and Kuwait University signed a student exchange agreement in March 2022, forging a collaborative academic partnership.

(4) Medical cooperation:

- A. Representative to the State of Kuwait Kuo-ting Tan attended the annual Kuwait Surgical Society (KSS) meeting in April to discuss medical and healthcare training opportunities between Taiwan and Kuwait. The KSS gave a presentation and expressed its gratitude toward Taiwan for donating surgical masks in 2021.
 - B. The Taipei Commercial Representative Office in the State of Kuwait assisted Taipei Medical University Hospital and Kuwait's Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah Hospital in organizing the Asia Diabetes Surgery Summit from December 3 to 4.
- (5) Technological cooperation:
- A. The Taipei Commercial Representative Office in the State of Kuwait assisted the III and the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) to sign a three-year collaboration agreement on February 1 (from January 2022 to December 2024).
 - B. The Taipei Commercial Representative Office in the State of Kuwait assisted PUTIEN and Kuwait's Hi-Prof in signing an agricultural MOU.
- (6) Media exposure:
- A. Representative to the State of Kuwait Kuo-ting Tan was interviewed on Good Morning Kuwait on January 9, where Tan introduced Taiwan and its high-tech industry and medical tourism industry. On January 26, Representative Tan appeared in a video clip at the invitation of Good Morning Kuwait and celebrated Kuwait's National Day and Liberation Day. The Taipei Commercial Representative Office in the State of Kuwait liaised with the Kuwait Times, an English publication in Kuwait, which published an op-ed on Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA), authored by Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-chung.
 - B. Kuwaiti social media influencer Abdul Kareem Alhendal posted short videos in Mandarin, English, and Arabic on Twitter and Instagram, promoting Taiwan participation in various international organizations and highlighting Taiwan contributions to the international community.

5. Relations with Mongolia

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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\$8.3 million in 2022, with Taiwan exports of US\$7.2 million and imports of US\$1.1 million. Major export products from Taiwan included industrial or laboratory electric furnaces and ovens, automatic data processors, preparation reagents, disks, magnetic tapes and solid-state non-volatile storage devices. Primary imports to Taiwan were refined copper and copper alloys, fixed vegetable oils, pullovers, oil canvases, and feldspar.
 - 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. 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 2022, more than 600 Mongolian students pursued a degree or studied Mandarin in Taiwan. Additionally, the Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar organized multiple seminars on pursuing an education in Taiwan.
 - B. The Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar, Taichung City government, and the Mongol Art Gallery jointly organized the Da Dun Fine Arts Exhibition from April 9 to 19.
 - C. The Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar and Goethe-Institut Mongolei jointly organized the 7th Ulaanbaatar International Media Art Festival from June 16 to 23.

(4) Medical cooperation and exchanges:

- A. The Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar assisted the Taiwan Nurses Association (TWNA) and the Mongolian Nurses Association (MNA) in signing an MOU on June 22.
 - B. In 2022, the Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar assisted eight hospitals across Taiwan and Mongolia to sign bilateral MOUs. Agreements were signed between Yuan Rung Hospital and Mungun Guur Hospital, Chang Gung Memorial Hospital (Linkou Branch) and National Center for Maternal and Child Health of Mongolia, Tri-Service General Hospital and Meltes Med Orthoplastic Hospital of Mongolia, and Taipei Municipal Wanfang Hospital and Songinokhairkhan General Hospital.
 - C. The Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar facilitated in arranging for Tri-Service General Hospital Chairman Chih-Hung Wang to visit Mongolia, during which Wang engaged in exchanges with the General Hospital for State Special Servants, National Rehabilitation Center Hospital of Mongolia, National Trauma and Orthopaedic Research Center, and the First Central Hospital of Mongolia. On behalf of Tri-Service General Hospital, Chairman Wang donated AI ECG readers to Mongolia.
 - D. In November, the Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar donated Liphargen vaccines to Mongolia's Second State Central Hospital, Third State Central Hospital, National Cancer Center of Mongolia, National Center Hospital for Communicable Diseases, National Rehabilitation Center Hospital of Mongolia, and Songinokhairkhan General Hospital on behalf of Uni-Shinmed Company, Ltd.
- (5) Technological cooperation: On August 22, the Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar, the Tse-Xin Organic Agriculture Foundation (TOAF), the Nature Infinity Foundation in Mongolia, and the Ulaanbaatar National Amusement Park of Mongolia jointly held the Taiwan Tree Planter Donation Ceremony. The cooperation initiative aims to promote tree planting and conservation efforts.

- (6) Humanitarian cooperation and exchanges:
 - A. In June, the Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar, the Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation, a Mongolian NGO, jointly promoted the Medical Mission of Dental Treatment and Cleft Surgery in Mongolia program in Mongolia's Khentii Province.
 - B. In November, the Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar donated US\$3,000 on behalf of the Taiwan Dental Association (TwDA) to the State Dental Center of Mongolia for the organization of the Tooth Brushing Championship.
 - C. On December 22, the Taipei Trade and Economic Representative Office in Ulaanbaatar, in collaboration with the Taiwan Fund for Children and Families (TFCF) Mongolia, hosted the Christmas Dream Project, providing Christmas gift packages to families with multiple children and families with children with disabilities.
- (7) Media exposure: Mongolian media outlets such as the UB Post and Daily News published articles discussing Taiwan's participation in international organizations such as the United Nations (UN), the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

6. Relations with the Sultanate of Oman

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established the Trade Mission of the R.O.C., Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, on January 11, 1977, and officially opened it on March 31 of the same year. It was renamed the Representative Office, Far East Trade Service, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman on September 6, 1979 and 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 Taipei on October 1, 1991.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. In 2022, total bilateral trade amounted to US\$2.85949 billion, with Taiwan's exports to Oman amounting to US\$102.49 million and

imports from Oman amounting to US\$2.757 billion. Taiwan's exports to Oman mainly consist of transportation equipment, machinery, and industrial goods, while imports from Oman mainly consist of crude oil and petrochemical products.

- B. On October 24, Representative to Oman Wu Ching-chuan attended the handover ceremony of a large transformer between Tatung Company and Oman's Voltamp Energy Company.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: On November 11, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Muscat, Oman and Oman's National University of Science & Technology jointly held a seminar on solar energy.

7. Relations with the Russian Federation

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established the Representative Office in Moscow for the Taipei-Moscow Economic and Cultural Coordination Commission on July 12, 1993. Russia established the Representative Office in Taipei for the Moscow-Taipei Economic and Cultural Coordination Commission on December 15, 1996.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. In 2022, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Russia reached US\$5.77662 billion. Exports from Taiwan amounted to US\$855.11 million, and imports amounted to US\$4.92151 billion.
 - B. On February 24, 2022 Russia launched a special military operation against Ukraine that prompted international sanctions against Russia. On March 1, Taiwan began a strict review of exports to Russia under the Wassenaar Arrangement, and on April 6 announced export controls to Russia.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Ten Mandarin-language teachers from Taiwan have taught Mandarin at six key universities in Russia. Several Taiwanese universities and high schools have collaborated with institutions, such as Moscow City University, Far Eastern Federal University, Innopolis University, Samara Municipal Gymnasium N.3, and Moscow Municipal School 1293, to hold online lectures and academic exchange activities. The institutions have maintained interactions with

educational organizations such as the Association for the Advancement of Sinology in Russia.

- (4) Technological cooperation: The Representative Office in Moscow for the Taipei–Moscow Economic and Cultural Coordination Commission, together with Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University and Innopolis University, conducted scientific research exchanges via videoconferences. Additionally, representatives attended the International Conference “Advanced Problems in Mechanics” in St. Petersburg, the TECHNOPROM 2022 Forum organized by the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and visited the Kazan Hi-Technology Park “IT Park”.
- (5) Media exposure: The Russian daily newspaper *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* published an article supporting Taiwan’s participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA) and the United Nations (UN). The article quoted an article by the R.O.C. Minister of Transportation and Communications Wang Kwo-tsai on Taiwan’s participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and an article by Commissioner Li Hsi-ho of the Criminal Investigation Bureau of the National Police Agency on Taiwan’s participation in INTERPOL. On September 19, the Russian online media *Smart Power Journal* published an article by Foreign Minister Jaushieh Joseph Wu on Taiwan’s participation in the United Nations (UN).

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 that 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 2022, bilateral trade volume amounted to approximately US\$12.57

billion; Taiwan's exports reached US\$1.047 billion, and imports totaled US\$11.523 billion. Saudi Arabia is Taiwan's biggest supplier of crude oil.

- B. In line with Saudi Vision 2030, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia invited the Taiwan Saudi Friendship Association and relevant Taiwanese businesses to visit Saudi Arabia, aiming to enhance mutual understanding of the current industry landscape and explore future cooperation opportunities between Taiwan and Saudi Arabia.
- C. In 2020, Taiwan and Saudi Arabia signed the Agreement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income and the Prevention of Tax Evasion. By September 2021, both sides had completed their respective domestic legal procedures and notified each other. The agreement entered into force on November 1, 2021, and has been applicable since January 1, 2022. This is the first double taxation avoidance agreement (DTAA) signed between Taiwan and an Arab country in the Middle East.

9. Relations with the Republic of Türkiye

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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 2022, bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Türkiye reached approximately US\$1.969 billion. Taiwan's exports accounted for US\$1.575 billion, while imports from Türkiye amounted to US\$394 million. Exports mainly include machining centers, acrylic polymers, integrated circuits, horizontal lathes, switches, and routers. Imports consist mainly of turbojet engines, sedans, wagons, copper, high-strength nylon, and sassolite.

- B. On May 10, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Mission in Ankara facilitated the 10th Joint Meeting of the Taiwan-Türkiye Business Council via videoconference between the Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA) of Taiwan and the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Türkiye (DEİK).
 - C. On September 22, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Mission in Ankara facilitated the first Taiwan-Türkiye Wind Energy Cooperation Seminar via video conference between the Taiwan Wind Energy Association (TwnWEA) and representatives from Türkiye's energy sector and industry associations.
 - D. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Mission in Ankara coordinated with Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) set up the Taiwan Smart Manufacturing Pavilion at MAKTEK Eurasia 2022 in September, where smart machinery products were showcased to promote exchanges and interaction between Taiwanese and Turkish smart machinery industry professionals.
 - E. On November 25, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Mission in Ankara facilitated the online meeting on national defense and aerospace cooperation between the Taiwan Machine Tool & Accessory Builder's Association and the SAHA Istanbul.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
- A. On June 28, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Mission in Ankara facilitated the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the National Pingtung University of Science and Technology and Türkiye's Ankara University.
 - B. On March 4, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Mission in Ankara and the Ankara University Asia-Pacific Research Center jointly hosted the online seminar Taiwan through the Eyes of Experts: History, Literature, and International Relations. Additionally, on September 17 the Mission also hosted a Taiwan Alumni Association event where the publication of Taiwan Studies in Türkiye – III was announced.
 - C. In 2022, Taiwan provided Taiwan Scholarships and Huayu Enrichment Scholarships to 26 Turkish students to study Mandarin and pursue

advanced studies in Taiwan. Taiwan also offered the Taiwan Fellowship to a distinguished scholar from Türkiye to conduct research in Taiwan.

(4) Humanitarian assistance:

- A. In January, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Mission in Ankara collaborated with the Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants (ASAM) to promote the Migrant TV Humanitarian Aid Project. In February, the Mission sponsored the Turkish Red Crescent's (Türk Kızılay) socioeconomic empowerment program for disadvantaged groups and women refugees. In October, the Mission along with the Turkish Red Crescent and CARE Türkiye, jointly donated 80 metric tons of rice to Syrian refugees and disadvantaged individuals within Turkish borders.
- B. On June 30, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Mission in Ankara and the Turkish Red Crescent (Türk Kızılay) signed an agreement to provide relief for the victims of the earthquake in Afghanistan. Representing Taiwan, the Mission donated US\$1 million to jointly assist in the reconstruction of the affected areas.

10. Relations with the United Arab Emirates

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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:
 - A. In 2022, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and the UAE reached US\$8.1 billion. Exports from Taiwan amounted to US\$1.418 billion, while imports reached US\$6.682 billion. Exports from Taiwan include machinery, stereos, plastic products, while imports include crude oil and aluminum products.
 - B. In 2022, Taiwanese companies attended or sent representatives to participate in various exhibitions, including the Arab Health Exhibition

from January 24 to 27, the Gulfood Exhibition from February 13 to 17, and the Gulf Information Technology Exhibition (GITEX) from October 10 to 14.

- (3) Cultural and education relations: Higher education institutions in the UAE, such as New York University Abu Dhabi (NYU Abu Dhabi), actively recruited students from Taiwan. Meanwhile, under an exchange student agreement with Ajman University, Taiwan's Chung Hua University selected Taiwanese students for internships in the UAE.
- (4) Sport exchanges: Taiwan's national teams participated in various competitions in the UAE and achieved notable successes. In February, Taiwan won a gold and a silver medal at the Asian Sailing Championship. In May, Taiwan won one silver and one bronze medal at the Dubai Para-Badminton International. In November, Taiwan won two gold medals at the Ju-Jitsu World Championship Abu Dhabi 2022. In December, Taiwan's athletes won 29 gold, 24 silver, and 14 bronze medals at the Asian Classic Powerlifting Championship, three gold and two silver medals at the 12th Fazza Dubai Para Powerlifting World Cup 2022, and one gold and one silver medal at the 2022 Asia Cup Stage 3 in Sharjah.

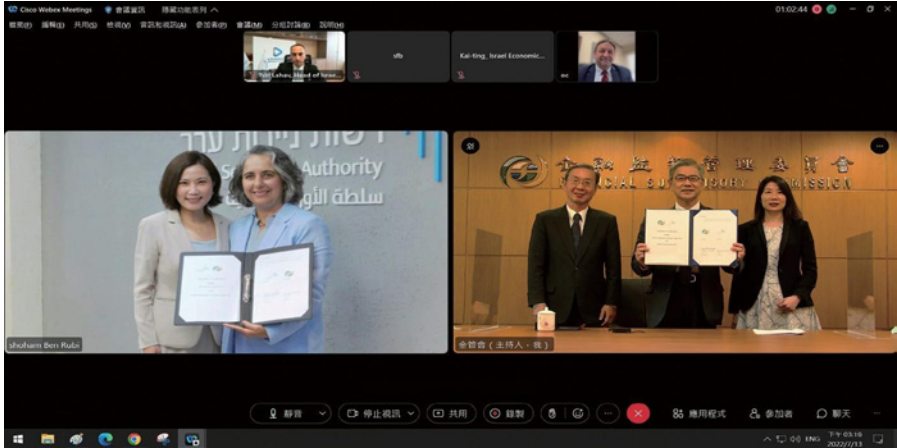
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Representative to Bahrain Sun Shyi-ren (front row, third from left) is pictured with members of the Junior Asian Wrestling Championship national team. (July 4, 2022)



Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Alexander Tah-ray Yui (center) is joined by Deputy Health and Welfare Minister Lee Li-feng (left) and Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei Representative Omer Caspi during the signing ceremony of the Joint Declaration on Social Welfare and Social Service Cooperation between Taiwan and Israel. (May 12, 2022)



Chairperson Dr. Thomas Tien-mu Huang of the Financial Supervisory Commission (center, right screen) and Chairwoman Anat Guetta of the Israel Securities Authority (ISA) (right, left screen) virtually hold the signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding for Fintech Cooperation. The signing ceremony is witnessed by Representative Lee Ya-ping (left, left screen) of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Tel Aviv and Representative Omer Caspi (right, top row) of the Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei. (July 13, 2022)



Representative to Jordan Ismail Mae (right) and Director of the International Cooperation Department at the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation Emad Shanaah (second from left) attend the wheelchair and mobility device donation ceremony. (March 9, 2022)



Representative to Jordan Ali Yang (second row, center) visits the Zaatari refugee camp for Syrian refugees in Jordan to inspect the implementation of the Adolescent Girls' Empowerment Initiative. (November 11, 2022)



KTV 2 Good Morning Kuwait interviews Representative to Kuwait Tan Kuo-ting (left) during a live broadcast.(January 9, 2022)



Representative to Kuwait Tan Kuo-ting (third from left) with distinguished guests at the celebration of the 111th National Day of the R.O.C. (Taiwan). (October 6, 2022)



Representative to Mongolia Lo Chin-ru (center) and her husband pose for a photo with Executive Director of the Mongol Art Gallery Batjav Purevsukh (seventh from left), former Foreign Minister of Mongolia Luvsangiin Erdenechuluun and his spouse (sixth and seventh from right), US Ambassador to Mongolia Michael Klecheski and his wife (first and third from left), and five award-winning Mongolian artists at the Joint Exhibition of Taiwan and Mongolia's Award Winners of Da Dun Fine Art Exhibition. (April 13, 2022)



Tri-Service General Hospital donates an AI-based electrocardiogram interpretation machine to the First Central Hospital of Mongolia. Representative to Mongolia, Lo Chin-ru (front row, second from left), the Chairman of Tri-Service General Hospital, Wang Chih-hung (front row, first from left), the Director of the First Central Hospital of Mongolia, Khishijargal Batsukh (front row, second from right), and staff members from both hospitals attend the donation ceremony. (September 26, 2022)



Representative to Oman Wu Ching-chuan meets with Redha Al Saleh, Chairman of the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry. (November 13, 2022)



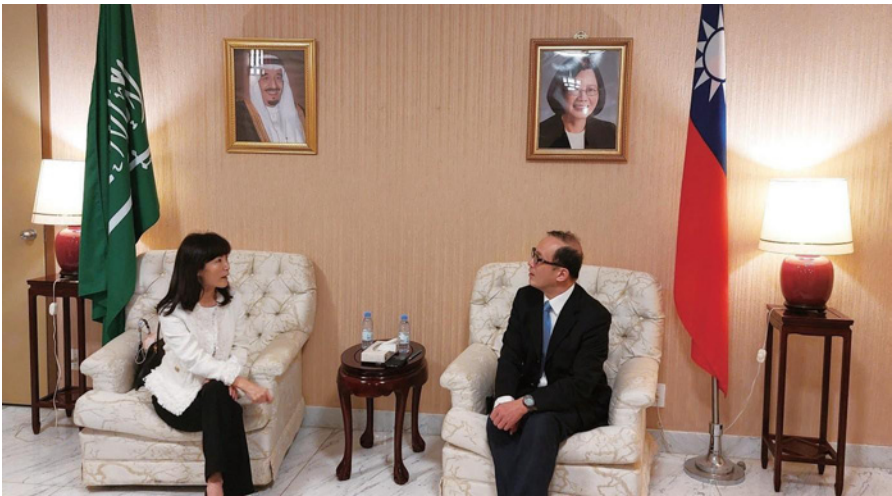
Representative to Russia Keng Chung-yung (second from right), Overseas Community Affairs Council Advisor Hsu Hsin-ju (first from right), President of the Russia-Taiwan Friendship Association and former Parliamentarian Alexander Zimenkov (second from left), and Russian director Mikhail Degtyar (first from left) toast with bubble tea to celebrate the opening of the Representative Office in Moscow for the Taipei-Moscow Economic and Cultural Coordination Commission. (June 23, 2022)



Representative to Russia Keng Chung-yung (center), the Moscow-Taipei Coordination Commission on Economic and Cultural Cooperation (MTC) Vice Chairman Anton Katakymov (left), and President of the Russia-Taiwan Friendship Association Alexander Zimenkov (right) at the celebration banquet of the National Day of the R.O.C. (Taiwan). (October 7, 2022)



Representative to Saudi Arabia Teng Sheng-ping welcomes Badry Hilmi, General Manager of Araqat Al Sharq, at the celebration banquet of the National Day of the R.O.C. (Taiwan). (October 3, 2022)



Representative to Saudi Arabia Teng Sheng-ping exchanges views with the President of National Cheng Kung University Su Huey-jen on the advancement of bilateral academic exchanges at the representative office. (December 14, 2022)



Representative to Türkiye Huang Chih-yang (third from left) and Celalettin Güvenç (second from right), Chairman of the Internal Affairs Committee of the Turkish Parliament at the Taiwan Friendship Forest in Kahramanmaraş Province. (February 20, 2022)



Representative to Türkiye Huang Chih-yang (back row, third from right) and Turkish Parliament Member Asuman Erdoğan (back row, second from left), attend the unveiling ceremony of a computer classroom donated by Taiwan to elementary and middle schools in Sincan, Ankara Province. (September 30, 2022)



Director General Samee Chang (back row, second from left) of the Commercial Office of Taipei, Dubai, is pictured with Taiwan's national team for the 2022 Asia Cup Stage 3 in Sharjah. (December 25, 2022)



Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu (third from left), Director Caryl Kozaczewski (first from left) of the Taipei Office in Poland, and Martin Podstavek (second from right), head of Slovak Economic and Cultural Office Taipei, attend the donation ceremony for humanitarian aid from Taiwan to Ukraine. (March 17, 2022)

Item 3 Taiwan's relations with African countries

I. Introduction

Africa is home to 55 countries. 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 Côte d'Ivoire, 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 South Africa, Egypt, Algeria, Nigeria and Kenya to facilitate economic and trade relations with African countries. Nigeria, Somaliland, and South Africa have set up liaison offices in Taiwan.

In 2022, Taiwan's key diplomatic initiatives in Africa include:

1. Côte d'Ivoire, located in West Africa, is one of the fastest-growing economies both globally and within Africa. In the first half of November, Taiwan re-established the representative office in Abidjan, the administrative center of the central government of Côte d'Ivoire, under the name Bureau de Représentation de Taipei en Côte d'Ivoire.
2. King Mswati III of Eswatini, along with members of the royal family and five cabinet ministers, visited Taiwan with a delegation of over 100 members at the invitation of Taiwan. During the visit, the foreign ministers of Taiwan and Eswatini signed the Joint Declaration between the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and the Kingdom of Eswatini in the presence of President Tsai Ing-wen and King Mswati III. In the declaration, Eswatini reaffirmed its support for Taiwan, and Taiwan expressed its commitment to strengthen cooperation with Eswatini in various aspects of social and economic development.
3. A delegation of four Somaliland cabinet members visited Taiwan, including Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Essa Kayd Mohamoud, Minister of Finance Development Saad Ali Shire, Minister of Planning and National Development Omar Ali Abdilahi, and Minister of Livestock and Fisheries Saeed Sulub Mohamed; Minister of Economic Affairs Wang Mei-hua and Minister of Energy and Minerals of the Republic of Somaliland, Abdilahi Farah Abdi signed the Energy

and Mineral Resources Cooperation Agreement, which aims to facilitate bilateral cooperation between Taiwan and Somaliland.

II. Relations with Individual Countries

1. Relations with the Kingdom of Eswatini

(1) Background:

- A. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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. (Taiwan) officially opened in Taipei on January 26, 2000. The Kingdom of Swaziland changed its name to the Kingdom of Eswatini on April 19, 2018.
- B. King Mswati III of Eswatini led a delegation, including several cabinet and royal family members, on an official state visit to Taiwan from October 20 to 25, 2022. King Mswati III was the first head of state from a diplomatic ally to visit Taiwan after Taiwan's COVID-19 border restrictions had been lifted. During the visit, King Mswati III and President Tsai Ing-wen witnessed the signing of the Joint Declaration between the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and the Kingdom of Eswatini by their respective foreign ministers. Eswatini has actively supported Taiwan's participation in various international organizations, highlighting the strong friendship between the two countries.
- C. In 2022, Eswatini supported Taiwan's participation in several international organizations, including the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations (UN), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Additionally, King Mswati III of Eswatini personally advocated for Taiwan at the United Nations General Assembly.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. In 2022, the bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Eswatini reached US\$16.14 million, with exports from Taiwan amounting to US\$10.18 million and imports from Eswatini amounting to US\$5.96 million.
 - B. On July 20, Minister of Economic Affairs Wang Mei-hua and Minister of Economic Planning and Development of Eswatini Dr. Thambo Gina jointly hosted the 24th Taiwan-KOE Economic and Technical Cooperation Conference via videoconference to strengthen economic and technical cooperation between Taiwan and the Kingdom of Eswatini.
 - C. On August 24, Minister of Economic Affairs Wang Mei-hua and Minister of Trade, Industry, and Commerce Manqoba Khumalo of Eswatini co-chaired the 2nd Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Economic Cooperation Agreement between the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and the Kingdom of Eswatini (KOE), which was held via videoconference.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: In 2022, 33 students from Eswatini were awarded scholarships under the MOFA Taiwan Scholarship Program and the International Higher Education Scholarship provided by TaiwanICDF (ICDF Scholarship Program). TaiwanICDF and organizations, such as the International Center for Land Policy Studies and Training, hold a series of short-term workshops and courses each year, providing opportunities for Eswatini officials and professionals in various fields to pursue short-term studies in Taiwan. With the easing of the COVID-19 pandemic, these programs have resumed in-person formats starting in the second half of 2022.
- (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 Swaziland. 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 implement medical and healthcare initiatives. In addition, medical teaching missions offer guidance to Eswatini resident doctors in their medical practice. Taiwan also implements programs such as Early Diagnosis, Treatment and Care of Cancer and Improvement of Maternal and Infant Health Care (Phase II) in Eswatini. In 2022, in addition to providing regular outpatient medical services, several seminars were held to enhance the skills of local medical personnel. Taiwan continues to strengthen its friendship with Eswatini through health initiatives, and Eswatini continues to speak on behalf of Taiwan at the World Health Assembly (WHA).
- (6) Additional bilateral cooperation: Bilateral cooperation initiatives in 2022 include the Eswatini Technical and Vocational Skills Certification Enhancement Project, Capacity Building Project for Microfinance Focusing on Grassroots Women in Eswatini, Capacity Building Project for Youth Participation in Socioeconomic Development and Inclusive Finance, Rural Potable Water Supply Scheme and Sanitation Systems Development Project, Youth Entrepreneurship Capacity Building Program, Women's Empowerment Development Program, Ngwenya Mining Area Tourism Development Project, Construction Project of Small and Medium-Sized Dams in Rural Areas of Eswatini, and Specialized Emergency Rescue Vehicle Procurement Project. The cooperation initiatives aim to promote economic and social development in Eswatini.
- (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 communities.
- (8) Mutual visits by dignitaries:
 - A. Visits from Taiwan were made by Minister of the Overseas Community Affairs Council (OCAC) Tung Chen-yuan and Member of the Legislative Yuan Wen Yu-hsia.

- B. Visits from Eswatini were made by King Mswati III, Minister of Health Lizzie Nkosi, Minister of Information, Communication and Technology Princess Sikhanyiso Dlamini, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Thulisile Dladla, Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo, and Prince Sicalo Dlamini, then Principal Secretary of the Ministry of National Defence and Security.

2. Relations with the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

The R.O.C. (Taiwan) maintained formal diplomatic relations with Côte d'Ivoire from July 20, 1963, to March 3, 1983. Subsequently, both countries agreed for Taiwan to establish the Far East Trade Service Inc. (Bureau Economique de Taiwan) in Côte d'Ivoire to sustain their cooperative relations. In 2022, Taiwan reopened the Bureau de Représentation de Taipei en Côte d'Ivoire to strengthen bilateral trade and economic exchanges, foster complementary industrial development and cooperation for mutual benefit, and further expand into the West African market.

3. 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 Taiwan was established in Taipei City in November 1992 and moved to Banqiao District, New Taipei City, in March 2018.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. In 2022, the total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Nigeria reached US\$624.52 million, with exports from Taiwan amounting to US\$140.95 million, and imports from Nigeria totaling US\$483.57 million.

- B. The Taipei Trade Office in the Federal Republic of Nigeria has actively promoted the renewal of the Agreement between the Government of the R.O.C. and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for Promotion and Protection of Investments, invited Nigerian representatives to participate in the 2022 Smart City Summit and Expo (SCSE), successfully facilitated the signing of a memorandum of understanding and alliance between the Importers and Exporters Association of Taipei (IEAT) and the Federation of Agriculture Commodity Associations of Nigeria (FACAN), organized the Nigeria Agriculture Products Online Matchmaking, and renewed the relending facility (RF) agreement between Taiwan's Export-Import Bank of R.O.C. and the Export-Import Bank of Nigeria. These efforts have deepened bilateral economic and trade cooperation.
- C. The Taipei Trade Office in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in collaboration with the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA), set up the Taiwan Pavilion at the 17th Abuja International Trade Fair from September 30 to October 9. Various products from Taiwan were showcased to help expand business opportunities in Nigeria.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Every year, officials nominated 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 the TaiwanICDF. However, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the workshops were conducted through online courses and seminars.
- (4) Overseas community affairs: There are more than 80 Taiwanese expatriates and over 30 Taiwanese businesses in Nigeria. The total investment amounts to approximately US\$200 million. Most businesses are engaged in import and export trade, while others are invested in factories and warehouse logistics.

4. Relations with the Republic of Somaliland

- (1) Background: On February 26, 2020, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and the

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

- (2) Economic and trade relations: On May 23, Taiwan and Somaliland signed the Agreement between the Government of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and the Government of the Republic of Somaliland on Energy and Mineral Resources Cooperation and established an energy and mineral working group. Additionally, a subsidiary of Taiwan's CPC Corporation was established in Somaliland. The Taiwan Representative Office in the Republic of Somaliland assisted in organizing the East Africa-Taiwan Week - Somaliland B2B Meeting. The office also arranged for Somaliland's largest telecommunications company, Telesom, to participate online in Africa Business Day hosted by the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) and facilitated the company's participation at the Taiwan Africa Business Forum.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: In 2022, 24 scholarship recipients from Somaliland received various scholarships to study in Taiwan, including the MOFA Taiwan Scholarship, MOE Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship, as well as the International Higher Education Scholarship Program of TaiwanICDF. In addition, TaiwanICDF also organizes a series of short-term workshops and courses every year, providing opportunities for Somaliland officials and professionals in various fields to conduct short-term studies in Taiwan.
- (4) Medical cooperation: Taiwan donated 150,000 doses of domestically developed Medigen COVID-19 vaccine to Somaliland. The Taiwan Medical Mission to Somaliland conducted clinical diagnosis, educational training, public health cooperation, and referral planning. Under the Maternal and Infant Health Care Improvement Project, two batches of seed healthcare personnel were selected to receive training in Taiwan, and essential medical equipment, such as oxygen concentrators and respirators for premature infants, were provided to Somaliland. The mission also

facilitated Kaohsiung Medical University's dispatch of personnel to Somaliland for the initial design of the Somaliland Health Information System and assisted Hargeisa Group Hospital with preliminary tasks such as setting up internal signage and drug inventory.

- (5) Agricultural cooperation: Taiwan assisted the demonstration farms in the Arabsiyo region of Somaliland in improving the quality and increasing the yield of fruits and vegetables. Efforts also focused on technology transfer and promotion as initial objectives.
- (6) ICT cooperation: The Somaliland Innovation Zone, established with the assistance of Taiwan, organized 20 training courses. The courses were attended by more than 500 personnel from various government agencies in Somaliland, including the President's Office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and the Ministry of Defense.
- (7) Humanitarian assistance: Taiwan donated US\$500,000 to help the victims of the Waheen Market fire in Hargeisa, Somaliland. The donation was received by Abdirisak Huseen Albaani, Minister of Religion and Endowments of Somaliland and Chairman of the National Relief and Support Committee to the Victims of Waaheen Market. Taiwan also donated US\$500,000 and 300 metric tons of rice in drought aid. In addition, the Taiwan Representative Office in the Republic of Somaliland assisted NGOs, such as the Pu-Hsein Educational Foundation, the Cao Zhong Zhi Foundation, and Step30 International Ministries, and the US-based SimplyHelp Foundation in donating humanitarian aid to Somaliland.
- (8) Visits from Somaliland were made by Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Essa Kayd Mohamoud, Minister of Finance Development Saad Ali Shire, Minister of Planning and National Development Omar Ali Abdilahi, and Minister of Livestock and Fisheries Saeed Sulub Mohamed.

5. Relations with the Republic of South Africa

- (1) Background: On January 1, 1998, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) established the Taipei Liaison Office in the Republic of South Africa and the Taipei Liaison Office in Cape Town. On that same day, South Africa opened the

Liaison Office of South Africa in Taipei.

- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2022, the total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and South Africa reached US\$2.292 billion, with exports from Taiwan amounting to US\$753 million and imports from South Africa amounting to US\$1.539 billion. 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 14 scholarships under the MOE's Taiwan Scholarship program and four scholarships under the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship program to students from South Africa and other countries under its jurisdiction to facilitate bilateral cultural, educational, and technical exchanges. In addition, the office also facilitated seven academic cooperation and exchange initiatives between schools in Taiwan and South Africa.
- (4) Humanitarian assistance:
 - A. On April 12, Representative to South Africa Ho Chung-yi, on behalf of Soochow University and the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, donated to the Nelson Mandela Foundation photographs and documentation of former South African President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela's investiture as Doctor of Laws by Soochow University in 1993.
 - B. On June 13, Representative to South Africa Ho Chung-yi donated a batch of computers on behalf of Taiwan to Phumulani Secondary School in Gauteng Province, South Africa, establishing the country's first Taiwan Digital Opportunity Room. Subsequently, on July 28, a second Taiwan Digital Opportunity Room was established at Dowerglen High School in the Johannesburg region.
 - C. On August 5, Representative to South Africa Ho Chung-yi and former First Lady of South Africa Zanele Mbeki co-hosted the donation ceremony of computers to Women Develop Bank's Training Academy Program.
- (5) Economic and trade cooperation: On January 25, Alex Liao, Director General of the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of

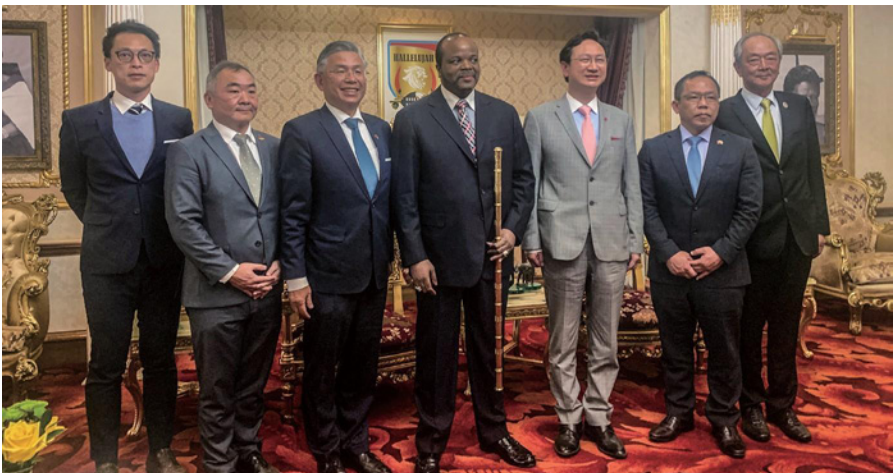
Economic Affairs, and Yandeya Mashau, Acting Director of the Bilateral Trade Division of South Africa's Department of Trade, Industry, and Competition (DTIC), co-chaired the 14th Taiwan-South Africa Economic Consultation. Representative to South Africa Ho Chung-yi spoke at the event.

- (6) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 8,000 Taiwanese are living in South Africa, with around 2,000 participating in conventional overseas expatriate associations. On July 30, Minister of the Overseas Community Affairs Council (OCAC) Tung Chen-yuan attended the Africa Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce 28th 3rd Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Supervisors.
- (7) A visit from Taiwan was made by the Minister of the Overseas Community Affairs Council (OCAC) Tung Chen-yuan.

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Ambassador to Eswatini Jeremy H. S. Liang and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Eswatini Thulisile Dladla sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini Regarding the Reconstruction Fund. (January 27, 2022)



Minister of the Overseas Community Affairs Council Tung Chen-yuan (third from right) leads a delegation to Eswatini. The delegation is accompanied by Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini Jeremy H. S. Liang (third from left), to meet with His Majesty King Mswati III of Eswatini (fourth from right). (August 6, 2022)



The Bureau de Représentation de Taipei en Côte d'Ivoire assists the Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA) of Taiwan and the Investment Promotion Center in Cote d'Ivoire (CEPICI) in co-hosting a trade fair in Abidjan from November 9 to 11. Participating business representatives are pictured with CIECA Vice Chairman Jeff Sun (front row, left) and CEPICI Chief Executive Officer Solange Amichia (front row, fourth from right). (November 9, 2022)



Representative to Nigeria Liu Yih-ping meets with Senator Adamu Muhammad Bulkachuwa, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. (June 14, 2022)



Representative to Nigeria Liu Yih-ping sits down for an exclusive interview with Nigerian Channels Television Foreign Desk Anchor Amarachi Ubani. (August 7, 2022)



Representative to Somaliland Lou Chen-hwa and Somaliland's Health Minister Hassan Mohamed Ali are pictured together during the donation ceremony of 150,000 doses of Taiwan's domestically developed Medigen COVID-19 vaccine. (January 30, 2022)



Representative to Somaliland Lou Chen-hwa (fourth from left) and Somaliland Vice President and Chairman of the National Drought Committee Abdirahman Abdillahi Ismail Saylici (fifth from right) jointly preside over the ceremony for Taiwan's donation of US\$500,000 in drought relief funds. (February 21, 2022)



Representative to South Africa Ho Chung-yi donates a batch of computers on behalf of Taiwan to Phumulani Secondary School in Gauteng Province, South Africa and establishes South Africa's first Taiwan Digital Opportunity Room. (June 13, 2022)



Representative to South Africa Ho Chung-yi and former First Lady of South Africa Zanele Mbeki co-host the donation ceremony of computers to Women Develop Bank's Training Academy Program. (August 4, 2022)



Director General Lin Yin-tso (back row, second from left) of the Taipei Liaison Office in Cape Town attends the debut performance of Taiwanese dancer Chou Tzu-chao, the principal dancer of the Birmingham Royal Ballet. Director General Lin poses for a photo with African National Congress (ANC) Member of Parliament (MP) Claudia Ndaba (front row, third from left), Democratic Alliance Leader John Steenhuisen (front row, second from left), and seven other members. (August 17, 2022)

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. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) maintains diplomatic relations with the Holy See and has substantive bilateral cooperation and ties with the other countries. Taiwan has 30 embassies, missions, and representative offices in Europe. In addition to the Embassy of the Holy See, the following 18 countries have established representative offices in Taiwan: Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. In addition, the European Union (EU) 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. In 2022, 12 European countries and the European Parliament passed 29 pro-Taiwan resolutions, motions, or statements, in support of the strengthening of bilateral relations and Taiwan's international participation. On September 23, Taiwan and the Czech Republic signed six memoranda of understanding on cooperation in technology, education, and culture. On November 7, the Lithuanian Trade Representative Office officially opened in Taiwan, marking the first opening of a representative office from a European country in Taiwan in 18 years. On December 4, Taiwan and Slovakia signed three memoranda of understanding on academic and economic cooperation. These developments demonstrate the expansion of substantive cooperation between Taiwan and Europe based on the universal values of freedom, democracy, and the rule of law.

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, the R.O.C. set up a legation at

the Holy See, which was 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. Former Vice President Chen Chien-jen, as a special envoy of President Tsai Ing-wen, led a delegation to the Vatican from September 3 to 10. He attended the beatification ceremony presided over by Pope Francis and participated in various activities of the Holy See. During the visit, former Vice President Chen was granted three audiences with the Pope. He also had close interactions with high-ranking officials of the Holy See, including Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples Cardinal Luis Tagle, and Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences Cardinal Peter Turkson.

(2) Cultural and educational relations:

- A. Calligraphy and painting exhibition: To celebrate the 80th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Taiwan and the Holy See, the Embassy of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) to the Holy See invited renowned Taiwanese-American calligraphers, Professor Maw Chyuan Wang and Karen Shee, to create 30 pieces of calligraphy or painting inspired by Catholic teaching. On July 1, the opening ceremony of the “Friendly Taiwan Meets Fratelli tutti Calligraphy and Painting Exhibition” was held at the embassy. Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, President of the Pontifical Council for Culture, Mirosław Wachowski, Under-Secretary for Relations with States of the Holy See, Monsignor Francesca Di Giovanni, representatives of the Catholic Church, rector of Pontifical University, members of the Diplomatic Corps to the Holy See, representatives of the World Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce, and journalists were among the more than one hundred attendees. The exhibition, which lasted six months, attracted over a thousand visitors, including officials from various departments of the Holy See, members of the Catholic Church, members of the diplomatic corps, and Taiwanese expatriates.

- B. Evangelization conference: On July 11, the Beautiful Taiwan, the Field of God conference was held at the Embassy of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) to the Holy See, moderated by Professor Peter K. H. Chiang of Fu Jen Catholic University. Among the speakers were Father Gianni Criveller of the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions, who had served in Taiwan for many years, Father Felice Checch of the Camillian missionary, and Father Paulin B. Kubuya, Under-Secretary of the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue. They shared the common values of Taiwan and the Vatican in pursuit of peace, commitment to religious freedom and human rights, and respect for diverse ethnic groups. Nearly one hundred participants attended the conference, including officials from relevant departments of the Vatican, representatives of various religious orders, rectors and professors from Pontifical Universities, members of the Catholic Church, members of the diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See, and journalists. In his speech, Archbishop Protase Rugambwa, Secretary of the Dicastery for Evangelization, especially affirmed the firm and solid friendship between Taiwan and the Vatican.
- (3) Humanitarian assistance cooperation: In response to Pope Francis' encyclicals *Laudato si'* and *Fratelli tutti*, and to highlight the spirit of "Taiwan Can Help, Taiwan is Helping", the Embassy of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) to the Holy See cooperated with various Vatican departments and Catholic organizations to provide aid to Ukrainian refugees and disadvantaged groups. These partners included the Dicastery for the Service of Charity, the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Caritas Internationalis, the Apostleship of the Sea, the Salesians of Don Bosco, the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, the Shalom Community Rehabilitation Center, the Santa Sofia a Via Boccea, and the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Rome.
- (4) Multifaceted exchanges: Taiwan and the Vatican continue to deepen their bilateral relations through cooperation in various fields such as religion, academia, epidemic prevention, and youth engagement. In June, the Embassy of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) to the Holy See co-organized an interfaith seminar titled *Friendship between Buddhists and Christians for a Culture*

of Encounter with the Vatican's Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue and the Pontifical Urban University. Former Vice President Chen Chien-jen attended the Pontifical Academy of Sciences' board meeting and annual conference in early September, where he delivered a keynote speech on epidemic prevention. In the second half of September, Taiwanese youth Tu Ching-wei participated in the Economy of Francesco (EoF) Global Event 2022 and was granted an audience with Pope Francis. In October, the embassy, in collaboration with the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, co-organized the 25th World Congress of the Apostleship of the Sea in Glasgow, UK, which saw the participation of over 200 distinguished guests from 28 countries.

2. Relations with the European Union

(1) Background:

- A. On March 10, 2003, the European Commission established the European Economic and Trade Office (EETO) in Taipei. Subsequently, on June 20, 2005, the R.O.C. (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. The EU has recently taken a more overt stance in supporting security in the Taiwan Strait. Following China's military exercises around Taiwan in August, Josep Borrell, the High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, along with the foreign ministers of the Group of Seven (G7), issued a joint statement reaffirming the importance of peace in the Taiwan Strait. Furthermore, Charles Michel, President of the European Council, underscored his support for stability in the Taiwan Strait during his address at the General Debate of the United Nations General Assembly in September. The significance of peace in the Taiwan Strait was also highlighted during the EU-Japan Summit in May and in high-level dialogues on China held separately by the EU and the US in April and December.
- C. In August, Member of the Legislative Yuan Fan Yun met with Yves Le

Lostecque, Head of the Erasmus Mundus Programme at the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), to exchange views on digital education policies.

- D. From December 19 to 21, an official delegation of 13 members from the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade (INTA) visited Taiwan to discuss topics related to strengthening democratic resilience and economic and trade cooperation between Taiwan and the EU.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. In 2022, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and the 27 EU member states reached approximately US\$75.27 billion. Taiwan's exports amounted to approximately US\$34.93 billion, while imports from Europe totaled approximately US\$40.34 billion. In 2022, Taiwan invested US\$583.8 million in EU countries, with a cumulative total of US\$8.58 billion. Meanwhile, EU countries invested US\$4.82 billion in Taiwan, with a cumulative total of US\$54.96 billion.
- B. In February, the European Commission presented policy documents, such as legislative proposals and reports related to the European Chips Act, advocating the prioritization of collaborative efforts with like-minded partners such as the US, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, and Taiwan.
- C. In June, the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium co-organized the EU-Taiwan Trade and Investment Dialogue (TID), which was held virtually. The TID was co-chaired by Minister of Economic Affairs Wang Mei-hua and Director-General of DG Trade, European Commission, Sabine Weyand.
- D. In October, MOFA, the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA), and the European Economic and Trade Office (EETO) jointly organized the third annual EU Investment Forum (EIF). The forum focused on topics such as the European Green Deal and investment measures, circular economy, and power grid development.
- E. In November, Minister of Economic Affairs Wang Mei-hua and the European Commission's Director-General of DG GROW Kerstin

Jorna co-chaired the 8th EU-Taiwan Industrial Policy Dialogue via videoconference.

- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Since 2006, 140 recipients of the Ministry of Education's EU Scholarship program have been admitted to joint master's programs under the EU's Erasmus+ Programme. In 2022, the European Union Centre in Taiwan at National Taiwan University served as the European Commission's Erasmus+ National Focal Point (ENFP) in Taiwan.
- (4) Medical cooperation: The Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium co-organized the online participation with Isabel de la Mata, Principal Advisor to the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety of the European Commission, as a keynote speaker at the 2022 Global Health and Welfare Forum in Taiwan, hosted by the Ministry of Health and Welfare in October.
- (5) Technological cooperation: In November, the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium assisted the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) in signing an exchange of letters with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD) to establish a joint funding mechanism.
- (6) Human rights cooperation: In October, Taiwan and the EU held the fifth Taiwan-European Union Human Rights Consultation via videoconference. Both sides reviewed the current state of human rights, policies, and progress of actions, and reaffirmed their steadfast commitment to promoting and protecting human rights, democracy, and the rule of law.
- (7) Think tank exchanges: In May, the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium co-organized an online seminar titled The European Union Global Gateway: Approaching the Indo-Pacific Differently. Taiwan as an Example. The seminar was organized in conjunction with the Connectivity and Digital Transition of the European External Action Service (EEAS), Sciences Po, and the European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS). The seminar featured discussions led by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Harry Ho-jen Tseng, EEAS Special Envoy for Connectivity Romana Vlahutin, and Chair of the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations

with the People's Republic of China Reinhard Bütikofer.

(8) Labor cooperation:

- A. In May, Director-General Tzou Tzu-lien of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) under the Ministry of Labor, and Interim Executive Director William Cockburn of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) jointly hosted the 2nd EU-Taiwan Occupational Safety and Health Cooperation Meeting via videoconference.
- B. The 4th EU-Taiwan Labor Consultation was held via video conference in July. Labor Minister Hsu Ming-chun, Representative to the EU and Belgium Tsai Ming-yen, Director-General Joost Korte of the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion of the European Commission, and Acting Head of the European Economic and Trade Office of the European Commission Thomas Jürgensen, delivered opening remarks.

(9) Civil protection cooperation: In June, Wang Yi-wen, Deputy Chief of the Cabinet's Office of Disaster Management under the Executive Yuan, led a delegation to Brussels, Belgium, to attend the 7th European Civil Protection Forum organized by the European Commission. Taiwan was invited to present on success stories and good practices on preparedness at the forum, sharing innovative applications in digital disaster preparedness. Additionally, Taiwan set up a booth showcasing VR simulation training and international disaster prevention training courses.

(10) Mutual visits by dignitaries:

- A. A visit from Taiwan was made by member of the Legislative Yuan Fan Yun.
- B. Visits from the EU were made by Vice President of the European Parliament Nicola Beer, Vice Chair of the International Trade Committee of the European Parliament Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, and Members of the European Parliament Jörgen Warborn, Kathleen Van Brempt, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Karin Karlsbro, Michiel Hoogeveen, Charlie Weimers, Anna Fotyga, and Arnaud Danjean.

3. Relations with the Republic of Austria

- (1) Background: On August 11, 1973, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) established the Institute of Chinese Culture in Vienna, which also managed Taiwan's affairs with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The institute was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Austria in July 1993. Austria, in turn, established the Austrian Trade Delegation Taipei Office in Taiwan on December 13, 1980, which was renamed the Austrian Commercial Office on August 28, 1995.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2022, total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Austria reached US\$1.73 billion, with exports from Taiwan at US\$590 million and imports from Austria at US\$1.14 billion.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Austria assisted the Weltmuseum Wien in organizing the Creative (Mis)Understandings – Methodologies of Inspiration (Kreative (Miss)Verständnisse – Methodologien der Inspiration) arts and cultural event in May. Additionally, the National Taiwan Symphony Orchestra held the Listening to Taiwan-2022 National Taiwan Symphony Orchestra Europe tour concert at the Brahms Hall of the Vienna Musikverein in September.
 - B. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Austria assisted the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research in jointly implementing 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 with the funding support of the Ministry of Education.
- (4) Mutual visits by dignitaries:
 - A. Visits from Taiwan were made by Deputy Minister of the Overseas Community Affairs Council Hsu Chia-ching, Justices Huang Jui-ming and Jan Sheng-lin of Taiwan Constitutional Court under the Judicial

Yuan.

- B. A visit from Austria was made by former Special Envoy of Health for the Austrian Ministry of Health Clemens Martin Auer.

4. Relations with the Kingdom of Belgium

(1) Background:

- A. On November 5, 1971, the Dr. Sun Yat-sen Cultural Center was established in Belgium. 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. Meanwhile, in August 1979, Belgium established the Belgium Trade Association Taipei, which later adopted the name Belgium Office Taipei in June 2004.
- B. On January 19, Taiwan and the government of the Flanders region in Belgium signed a memorandum of understanding to establish a comprehensive cooperation framework. This framework integrates existing fields of cooperation in investment, education, science, health, sustainable energy, and labor. Additionally, on October 19, the Walloon Parliament passed the motion for a resolution on Taiwan's place in the international arena. This resolution endorses Taiwan's efforts to maintain its free and democratic constitutional system and to participate in professional international organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO).

(2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. In 2022, total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Belgium reached US\$3.68 billion, with exports from Taiwan at US\$2.75 billion and imports at US\$930 million. As of the end of 2022, Taiwan's total investment in Belgium stood at US\$144 million, while Belgium's total investment in Taiwan was estimated at around US\$193 million.
- B. The Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium assisted the Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA) of Taiwan in organizing the 22nd Taiwan-Belgium Joint Business Council

Meeting in May, in collaboration with the Flanders Investment & Trade, Wallonia Export-Investment Agency, and Hub Brussels.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

- A. The Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium helped organize the 3rd Taiwan-Belgium Language Assistant Exchange Project. Both Taiwan and Belgium selected two teaching assistants for Mandarin and French, respectively, to teach at universities in the other country.
- B. In 2022, the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium helped the Ministry of Education (MOE), National Chengchi University, and Université catholique de Louvain (KU Leuven) in promoting the Taiwan Studies Project.
- C. In November, the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium, representing the Ministry of Education, virtually signed a memorandum of understanding with the presidents of Ghent University in Belgium, the University of Göttingen in Germany, the University of Groningen in the Netherlands, and the University of Tartu in Estonia for the Taiwan Studies Project. This project, scheduled to begin in the second semester of the 2022 academic year, is unique in that it involves the collaboration of four leading universities in four different European countries and marks the first expansion of the Taiwan Studies Project into the Baltic region.

(4) COVID-19 cooperation: In October, Taiwan's Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW) and the Flemish government held an online seminar titled COVID-19 Crisis Preparedness: Lessons Learned and Future Reform. The seminar was opened by Deputy Minister of MOHW Wang Pi-sheng and Karine Moykens, Secretary General of the Flemish Department of Welfare, Public Health and Family. The seminar was closed by Representative Remus Li-kuo Chen of the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium and the Administrator General of the Agency for Care and Health, Dr. Dirk Dewolf.

(5) Technological cooperation:

- A. In March, the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium

assisted the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO), and the Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS) in completing the signing of a technology cooperation agreement.

- B. In April, the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium, KU Leuven, and the Interuniversity Microelectronics Centre (IMEC) jointly hosted the Taiwan-Belgium Quantum Computing Research Online Workshop.

(6) Labor cooperation:

- A. The Institute of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health (ILOSH) of the Ministry of Labor in Taiwan and the Research Institute for Work and Society (HIVA) of KU Leuven co-hosted the first-ever online Labor Policy Conference in March. The conference was opened by Deputy Minister of Ministry of Labor Wang Shang-chih, Representative to the EU and Belgium Tsai Ming-yen, and Vice Rector of KU Leuven Peter Lievens.
- B. The Memorandum of Understanding on Public Employment Services and Vocational Training was signed between the Workforce Development Agency of the Ministry of Labor and the Walloon Service for Employment and Vocational Training (Le Forem) of Belgium. The MOU went into effect on November 10, 2022.

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 (TAITRA) set up the Taiwan Trade Center, Sofia in 2005. The Bulgarian–Taiwanese Board, established in 2015, aims to strengthen bilateral private-sector exchanges.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2022, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Bulgaria reached US\$284 million, with exports from Taiwan at US\$229 million and imports from Bulgaria at US\$55 million.

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 2022, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Croatia reached US\$64.27 million, with exports from Taiwan at US\$46.30 million and imports at US\$17.97 million.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: The Faculty of Political Science at the University of Zagreb offers a course titled the R.O.C. (Taiwan) Lecture Series. The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy arranged for Taiwanese scholars to deliver lectures online to provide insight into Taiwan's political and economic development.
- (4) Media exposure: In September, Croatia's Poslovni dnevnik published an article by Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu, calling for support for Taiwan's participation in the United Nations (UN).

7. Relations with the Czech Republic

- (1) Background: On August 7, 1991, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2022, bilateral trade volume amounted to US\$1.15 billion, with Taiwan's exports accounting for US\$683 million and imports from the Czech Republic amounting to US\$465 million.
- (3) Humanitarian assistance: Taiwan and the Czech Republic jointly assisted the resettlement of Ukrainian refugees in the Czech Republic. Taiwan allocated US\$2.5 million from the Ukrainian Refugee Fund to two NGOs designated by the Czech government, the Czech Red Cross and People in Need. The fund was used to provide vocational training for adults, first aid courses, psychological counseling, and after-school tutoring for school children.
- (4) Technological cooperation: The Central and Eastern European Semiconductor Expert Delegation visited the Czech Republic from March 30 to April 1 to gain insight into the status and cooperation niche

of the Czech semiconductor and high-tech industries. In late October, the Executive Yuan approved a five-year Taiwan-Czech Democratic Partner Supply Chain Resilience and Capacity Building Cooperation Plan. This plan has four pillars, including the establishment of a chip design center, a supply chain resilience center, critical technology scholarships, and the promotion of business opportunities.

- (5) Cultural and educational relations: The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic offers annual scholarship programs and Slavic-language research scholarships to Taiwanese students. Meanwhile, Taiwan's Ministry of Education offers Taiwan Scholarships and Huayu Enrichment Scholarships to students from the Czech Republic. In September 2020, MOFA increased the allocation of the Taiwan-Europe Connectivity Scholarship - Czech Project to 50 slots per year for Czech students. In addition, starting in 2023, the Taiwan-Europe Semiconductor Scholarship Program is scheduled to be offered to visiting and degree-seeking students from the Czech Republic.
- (6) Mutual visits by dignitaries:
 - A. Visits from Taiwan were made by Legislative Yuan President You Si-kun, Members of the Legislative Yuan Huang Shih-chieh, Wan Meiling, Kung Wen-chi, Jang Chyi-lu, Minister of Culture Lee Yung-te, and Deputy Minister of Culture Hsiao Tsung-huang.
 - B. Visits from the Czech Republic were made by Senator Jiří Drahoš, Chair of the Czech Senate Committee on Education, Science, Culture, Human Rights, and Petitions, Czech Deputy Minister of Education, Youth, and Sports Radka Wildová, Czech Deputy Minister of Science, Research, and Innovation Jana Havlíková, and Czech National Museum General Director Michal Lukeš.

8. Relations with the Kingdom of Denmark

- (1) Background:
 - A. In 1980, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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.

- B. On May 16, the Taipei Representative Office in Denmark obtained the agreement of 25 cross-party members of the Danish Parliament and four Icelandic Members of Parliament to send a joint letter to Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General of WHO, in support of Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA).
 - C. The Taipei Representative Office in Denmark, in cooperation with the Alliance of Democracies Foundation, once again facilitated President Tsai Ing-wen's online participation in the Copenhagen Democracy Summit on June 10, where President Tsai delivered a speech.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2022, bilateral trade volume amounted to US\$1.56 billion, with exports from Taiwan totaling US\$476 million and imports from Denmark of US\$1.09 billion.

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: In 2022, bilateral trade amounted to US\$198.2 million, with Taiwan exports at US\$73.52 million and imports at US\$36.30 million.
- (3) Humanitarian assistance: The Taipei Mission in the Republic of Latvia, on behalf of Taiwan, donated US\$1 million to the Estonia Refugee Council (ERC) to help resettle Ukrainian refugees in Estonia.
- (4) Mutual visits by dignitaries:
 - A. A visit from Taiwan was made by Director General of the National Central Library Tseng Shu-hsien.
 - B. A visit from Estonia was made by former Estonian President Toomas Ilves.

10. Relations with the Republic of Finland

- (1) Background: On April 19, 1990, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) established the Taipei Trade and Cultural Office in Finland. 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, in 2022, total bilateral trade volume amounted to US\$756 million, with Taiwan's exports totaling US\$351 million and imports from Finland amounting to US\$405 million.
 - B. The 7th Taiwan-Finland Trade Talk was held on 13 December 2022 in Taiwan. Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi and Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment Petri Peltonen co-chaired the meeting. The two sides engaged in in-depth discussions on topics including carbon reduction and green transition, energy, digital healthcare and digitization, and cybersecurity.
- (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.
- (4) Mutual visits by dignitaries:
 - A. A visit from Taiwan was made by Transportation Safety Board

Chairman Young Hong-tsu.

- B. A visit from Finland was made by Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment Petri Peltonen.

11. Relations with the French Republic

- (1) Background: On August 12, 1972, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) established the Association pour la Promotion des échanges 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. The visa section was established in 1985, and the Association française pour le développement culturel et scientifique en Asie was renamed the Bureau français de Taipei (BFT). In 1993, 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 Customs Administration, the total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and France was US\$5.86 billion, with exports from Taiwan of US\$1.93 billion and imports from France of US\$3.93 billion.
- B. According to the Investment Commission of the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA), as of the end of 2022, Taiwanese investments in France totaled 63 cases, amounting to approximately US\$821 million, with 30 Taiwanese companies investing in France. During the same period, French investments in Taiwan reached 732 cases, valued at approximately US\$1.33 billion, with over 160 French companies engaged in investment activities in Taiwan.

- C. In 2022, bilateral meetings, such as the 29th Industrial Cooperation Consultation Meeting (ICCM) between Taiwan and France, the 11th Taiwan-France Economic and Trade Dialogue, and the 3rd Taiwan-French Agricultural Working Group Meeting, were held via videoconference.
 - D. In 2022, the Bureau de Représentation de Taipei en France participated in events such as the Techinnov 2022, Paris-Saclay Spring, and the Hacking de l'Hotel de Ville startup matching event.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
- A. Culture:
 - a. Le Centre culturel de Taïwan à Paris (CCTP) organized exhibitions and performances in various fields, such as visual arts, performing arts, literary publishing, and cultural and creative design, for eight European countries, including France, Andorra, Belgium, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, and Switzerland.
 - b. Minister of Culture Lee Yung-te and tenured secretary Jean-Robert Pitte of Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques (Academy of Moral Science and Politics) jointly hosted the 25th Taiwan-France Cultural Award on June 20.
 - c. In 2022, the Bureau de Représentation de Taipei en France organized 22 cultural promotion projects, holding a total of 149 exhibitions and performances. These events attracted 68,496 visitors and were covered in 311 reports by both Taiwanese and international media.
 - d. In December, Control Yuan President and National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chair Chen Chu led a delegation to France to engage in in-depth exchanges with French counterparts on the development of democracy and freedom as well as human rights issues in Taiwan and France.
 - B. Education:
 - a. In 2022, the Ministry of Education awarded five Taiwan Scholarships and 24 Huayu Enrichment Scholarships to French

students. Similarly, the government of France provides annual la Bourse France Excellence Eiffel and the Bourses Joseph Fourier scholarships to Taiwanese students pursuing master's and doctoral degrees. According to the Ministry of Education, 872 French students are studying in Taiwan in 2022. Meanwhile, according to statistics from the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research (Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche), 351 Taiwanese students are enrolled in higher education institutions across France.

- b. Since 2008, Taiwan and the government of France have engaged in an exchange of Mandarin- and French-language teaching assistants. In 2022, 21 Mandarin and 21 French teaching assistants were sent to France and Taiwan respectively. In 2022, the Ministry of Education cooperates with seven French institutions, including the Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (Inalco), Université Gustave Eiffel, and Rennes 2 University, to support the deployment of seven Mandarin teachers from Taiwan to teach in France as part of the regular subsidy program. In addition, since 2007, Taiwan has conducted the annual Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) and the Children's Chinese Competency Certification (CCCC) in France. The cumulative number of test takers has reached 5,280 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. With the support of the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), EHESS offers lecture courses and seminars on Taiwan studies. 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 enable researchers from France and Taiwan to apply for cooperation programs and exchange grants through various channels based on the depth of collaboration. This promotes scientific research cooperation between Taiwan and France.

- B. On November 23, Representative to France Wu Chih-chung, Minister without Portfolio of the Executive Yuan and the Minister of National Science and Technology Council Wu Tsung-tsong, and the President of French Academy of Sciences (ADS) Patrick Flandrin jointly hosted the 24th Grand prix scientifique franco-taïwanais in Paris. The award was accepted by Zan Hsiao-wen, Professor and Vice-Chair of the Department of Photonics at the National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, and Olivier Soppera, CNRS Research Director at the Institut de Science et des Matériaux de Mulhouse of the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS).
- (5) Mutual visits by dignitaries:
- A. Visits from Taiwan were made by Legislative Yuan President You Si-kun, Legislators Kung Wen-chi, Wan Mei-ling, Jang Chyi-lu, Huang Shih-chieh, Chiu Yi-ying, Control Yuan President and National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chair Chen Chu, Minister of Culture Lee Yung-te, Director of the National Palace Museum Wu Mi-cha, and Director of the National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts (NTMoFA) Liao Jen-i.
 - B. Visits from France were made by Joël Guerriau, Vice President of the French Senate Foreign Affairs, Defense and Armed Forces Committee; Cyril Pellevat, Vice President of the French Senate European Affairs Committee; Olivier Cadic, Vice-President of the French Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Armed Forces Committee; Alain Marc, Vice-Chair of the Senate's Legal Affairs Committee; Vincent

Éblé, Vice-Chair of the Senate's Finance Committee; Sylvie Goy-Chavent, Vice-Chair of the groupe d'échanges et d'études Sénat-Taïwan; members of the groupe d'échanges et d'études Sénat-Taïwan Dany Wattebled, Ludovic Haye, and Brigitte Devésa; Pierre-Antoine Levi, member of the Senate's Committee on Culture, Education and Communication; members of the Institut de France, including Jean-Hubert Petit, Marianne Bastid-Bruguière, Pierre Delvove, and Daniel Andler.

12. Relations with the Federal Republic of Germany

(1) Background:

- A. On October 20, 1980, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) established the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Bonn, the capital of the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany), 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. In addition to the German Institute Taipei as the official representative office in Taiwan, Germany has established the German Trade Office Taipei (AHK Taiwan), the Goethe-Institute Taipei, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD Taiwan), and the Taipei European School Germany Section (Deutsche Schule Taipei).
- B. On August 1, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock attended the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons at the United Nations and stated: "We do not accept when international law is broken and a powerful neighbor attacks its smaller neighbor in violation of international

law-and that of course also applies to China.” On September 14, the German Federal Cabinet approved the progress report on the implementation of the Federal Government’s policy guidelines for the Indo-Pacific, prepared by the German Federal Foreign Office. For the first time, the report expressed support for Taiwan’s participation in international organizations and emphasized the importance of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait. On November 4, during his visit to China, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, at a joint press conference with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, reiterated that China bears a special responsibility for maintaining stability and peace in the region. He emphasized that any changes to the status quo of Taiwan must be peaceful and mutually agreed upon by both sides of the Taiwan Strait. This marked the first time a German Chancellor publicly made a definitive statement on peace in the Taiwan Strait while in China.

C. Germany supported Taiwan’s meaningful participation in international organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL). In 2022, the German Bundestag passed its first resolution in support of Taiwan, advocating for Taiwan’s participation in the WHO as an observer. In May, German Federal Minister of Health Karl Lauterbach explicitly supported Taiwan in his speech at the World Health Assembly (WHA), marking the first time a German health minister has publicly supported Taiwan. In addition, on September 27, Stefan Schnorr, the Permanent Secretary of the German Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport and the head of the delegation, stated during the ICAO Assembly session on Member State Statements that: “We need to ensure aviation safety, security, and facilitation as the main strategic objectives of ICAO by working closely together with all relevant partners, including cooperation with aviation nations and territories that are not members of ICAO.” This was the first time Germany indirectly advocated for Taiwan at the ICAO Assembly.

(2) Economic and trade relations: In 2022, bilateral trade between Taiwan

and Germany reached approximately US\$23.04 billion. Taiwan's exports to Germany amounted to approximately US\$8.81 billion, while imports from Germany totaled approximately US\$14.23 billion. Germany is Taiwan's ninth largest overall trading partner and the largest in Europe. There are about 250 Taiwanese companies in Germany and about 250 German companies in Taiwan.

- (3) Cultural and educational relations: In 2022, Taiwan awarded three Taiwan Scholarships and 16 Huayu Enrichment Scholarships to students from Germany. In 2022, there are 2,862 Taiwanese students studying in Germany and 454 German students studying or learning Mandarin in Taiwan.
- (4) Technological and environmental cooperation:
 - A. On November 16, Minister without Portfolio of the Executive Yuan and the Minister of National Science and Technology Council Wu Tsung-tsong met with German Federal Minister of Education and Research Bettina Stark-Watzinger. They reaffirmed the joint efforts between the two governments to promote cooperation in the fields of semiconductors, hydrogen energy, lithium batteries, and artificial intelligence.
 - B. From November 14 to 17, the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) for the first time formed a delegation to participate in MEDICA 2022 and established the Taiwan Smart Health Pavilion.
 - C. The National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) jointly implemented six exchange programs for technology researchers, four DAAD/NSTC- Sandwich- Scholarship Programmes, and sent eleven personnel from Taiwan to Germany for summer research and study.
 - D. The National Science and Technology Council and the German Research Foundation sponsored 16 bilateral 3-year joint research projects.
 - E. In 2022, the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) and the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) executed three projects under the second phase of the Taiwan-

Germany Joint Research on Battery Technology. During a mid-term seminar for the second phase, it was decided to continue promoting the third phase of the cooperation project.

- F. The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation recommended one young German scholar for the NSTC (Taiwan) Research Fellowships for researchers from Germany.
- (5) Think tank cooperation:
- A. The Taipei Representative Office in Germany and German think tank Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation for Freedom (FNF) co-hosted a virtual seminar on February 10 titled Taiwan – Risks of Engagement, How China Puts Economic and Political Pressure on EU Countries.
 - B. On October 11, German think tank Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation for Freedom (FNF) hosted a high-level international conference titled Reshape Europe: For a Resilient and Sovereign EU in a New World Order. Representative to Germany Shieh Jhy-vey was invited to participate in the discussions. The event was attended by over 100 experts and scholars from political, academic, and think tank arenas, including German Federal Minister of Education and Research Bettina Stark-Watzinger, Coordinator of Transatlantic Cooperation at the German Federal Foreign Office Michael Link, and Vice President of the European Parliament Nicola Beer.
 - C. On December 12, the German-Taiwanese Association e.V. (Deutsch-Taiwanische Gesellschaft e.V.) and the Federal Foundation for the Reappraisal of the SED Dictatorship jointly organized a human rights symposium. Control Yuan President and National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chair Chen Chu was invited to attend. Several members of the German Bundestag, including Marcus Faber, Chairman of the German-Taiwanese Association e.V., and Peter Heidt, a member of the Human Rights Committee, were also in attendance.
 - D. On December 5, Reinhard Bütikofer, German politician and Chair of the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with the People's Republic of China, hosted a forum titled Taiwan: Opportunities and Challenges in Times of Geopolitical Change. Representative to

Germany Shieh Jhy-wei was invited to deliver a speech at the event.

- (6) Bilateral agreements: The National Immigration Agency of the Ministry of the Interior of Taiwan and the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community of Germany have reached an agreement on the standard operating procedures for implementing the Mutual Use of Automated Immigration Clearance for German and Taiwan e-Passport Holders agreement. This agreement was officially launched on December 10.
- (7) Mutual visits by dignitaries:
 - A. Visits from Taiwan were made by Control Yuan President and National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chair Chen Chu, Members of the Legislator Yuan Su Chih-fen, Tsai Yi-yu, Wu Yu-chin, Wang Mei-hui, Fan Yun, Lin I-chin, Minister without Portfolio of the Executive Yuan and the Minister of National Science and Technology Council Wu Tsung-tsong, Minister of Culture Lee Yung-te, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Tsai Ming-yen, Deputy Minister of Culture Hsiao Tsung-huang, and Deputy Minister of the Overseas Community Affairs Council Hsu Chia-ching.
 - B. Visits from Germany were made by Chair of the German-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group (Parlamentarischer Freundkreis Berlin-Taipeh) Klaus-Peter Willsch, members of the friendship group Katrin Budde, Till Steffen, Frank Schäffler, Rainer Kraft, and Caren Lay, members of the German Bundestag's Committee on Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid, lawmakers Heike Engelhardt, Derya Türk-Nachbaur, Michael Brand, Carsten Brodesser, and Boris Mijatovic.

13. Relations with the Hellenic Republic

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2022, the total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Greece amounted to US\$215 million. Taiwan's

exports to Greece totaled US\$157 million, while imports from Greece totaled US\$58 million.

- (3) Cultural and educational relations: Each year, Taiwan provides Taiwan Scholarships and Huayu Enrichment Scholarships to Greek students to enable them to pursue their studies in Taiwan.
- (4) Multilateral cooperation: On September 22, Representative to Greece Kuo Shih-nan, on behalf of Taiwan, attended and delivered a speech at the launch ceremony of the Star Venture program, a project to sponsor Greek startups in cooperation with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

14. Relations with Hungary

- (1) Background: On April 2, 1990, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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 2022, total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Hungary amounted to US\$1.23 billion. Taiwan's exports to Hungary were US\$764.18 million, while imports from Hungary totaled US\$463.41 million.
 - B. The Hungarian Trade Office Taipei assisted the Budapest Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) and the Budapest Foundation for Enterprise Promotion (BVK) in sending representatives to participate in the Smart City Summit and Expo (SCSE) held in Taiwan on March 23. Representatives from these organizations also served as speakers at the event.
 - C. In April, the Taipei Representative Office in Budapest, Hungary assisted Taiwan's Linkou Startup Terrace in signing a memorandum of understanding with Hungary's startup incubator, Startup Campus. Additionally, in May, the Taiwan Machine Tool & Accessory Builders' Association virtually signed a memorandum of understanding with the Hungarian National Association of Machinery and Power Engineering

Industries.

D. The Taipei Representative Office in Budapest, Hungary assisted the Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA) of Taiwan and the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry in holding the 15th Taiwan-Hungary Joint Business Council Meeting via video conference in May.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

A. In 2022, MOFA offered 30 Taiwan-Europe Connectivity Scholarships to Hungarian students for exchange programs in Taiwan. In return, Hungary offers 20 scholarships annually to Taiwanese students to pursue a degree at Hungarian universities.

B. In 2022, the Ministry of Education awarded three Taiwan Scholarships to Hungarians to pursue bachelor's and master's degrees in Taiwan, while six Hungarians received Huayu Enrichment Scholarships to study Mandarin in Taiwan.

C. The Taipei Representative Office in Budapest, Hungary, along with Hungarian higher education institutions such as Eötvös Loránd University, Eszterházy Károly Catholic University, and Andrassy University Budapest, co-organized a series of 10 events. These included the inauguration of the Center for Chinese Studies (CCS), lectures on Indo-Pacific regional security issues, a pop music workshop, and Mandarin language proficiency tests.

D. In May, a Taiwanese musical, dance, and art performance group from the Tao tribe collaborated with European artists to present the show "The heritage of the Orchid Island. A Millennial Culture in Contemporary Light" at the renowned Hungarian performing arts venue House of Music Hungary.

E. In September, the Taipei Representative Office in Budapest, Hungary arranged for The Wanted, the winner of the Best Vocal Group at the Golden Melody Awards (GMA), to visit Hungary for a series of performances. The activities included performances for Ukrainian refugees, street flash mobs, campus performance workshops, a concert for the overseas Taiwanese communities, and a radio interview.

(4) Humanitarian assistance:

- A. On May 18, Representative to Hungary Liu Shih-chung donated US\$1.5 million on behalf of the government of Taiwan to Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA), Hungary's largest international religious humanitarian aid organization, as designated by the Hungarian government. The donation was accepted by HIA Director Lehel László to help Ukrainian refugees who have resettled in Hungary.
- B. On July 4, Representative to Hungary Liu Shih-chung, on behalf of the government of Taiwan, donated US\$150,000 to the Budapest City Government to assist with the resettlement of Ukrainian refugees. The donation was accepted by Budapest Mayor Gergely Karácsony. The event was witnessed by six members of the Legislative Yuan from the Taiwan-Hungary Inter-Parliamentary Amity Association, including President Lin Chu-yin, and members Lin Ching-yi, Wang Ting-yu, Hsu Chih-chieh, Shen Fa-hui, and Chuang Jui-hsiung.

(5) Public diplomacy:

- A. The Taipei Representative Office in Budapest, Hungary organized a photo exhibition of Tainan's culinary culture and a culinary experience event in Tiszaújváros and Budapest in April and September, respectively.
- B. The Taipei Representative Office in Budapest, Hungary, and the Palantir Film Foundation (PFF) co-hosted the Taiwan Documentary Festival (Taiwan Dox: Tajvani Dokumentumfilm Napok) from December 2 to 3. The festival featured a selection of diverse Taiwanese documentaries and included post-screening discussions. Additionally, the representative office produced videos and programs, such as Taiwan-Hungary School and Dine with Chef Ambassador, for social media promotion.
- C. In 2022, the Taipei Representative Office in Budapest, Hungary, assisted Hungarian media outlets, such as Hír TV, Telex, and travel magazines Világjáró and Utazás, as well as Hungarian influencer Li Taiwan, in producing programs that introduce Taiwan's political and economic developments and soft power.

- (6) Visits from Taiwan were made by members of the Legislative Yuan Lin Ching-yi, Wang Ting-yu, Hsu Chih-chieh, Shen Fa-hui, and Chuang Jui-hsiung.

15. Relations with Ireland

- (1) Background: On July 12, 1988, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2022, the bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Ireland amounted to US\$1.64 billion, with Taiwan's exports totaling US\$810 million, and imports from Ireland of US\$830 million.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. In 2022, the Taipei Representative Office in Ireland recommended five recipients for the Ministry of Education's Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program (HES) to study in Taiwan. Additionally, the representative office awarded the Taiwan-Europe Connectivity Scholarships to outstanding young students from Ireland.
 - B. On May 5, the Taipei Representative Office in Ireland invited members of the Irish political, academic, expatriate, and diplomatic communities to attend the Homage to the Music of Kuo Chih-yuan concert. Additionally, the office facilitated the establishment of Ireland's first Taiwan Centre for Mandarin Learning in Dublin. The center aims to expand Irish people's understanding of traditional Chinese characters through courses and various cultural activities.
 - C. The Taipei Representative Office in Ireland, in collaboration with the Taiwan Centre for Mandarin Learning in Dublin, organized the Painting, Poetry, and Intercultural Dialogue event on September 23. Local artists and cultural figures, along with expatriates from Taiwan and Hong Kong, were invited to recite Irish classical and contemporary poems in English, Irish, Mandarin, Taiwanese, Hakka,

and Cantonese.

- D. The Taipei Representative Office in Ireland, in collaboration with the Trinity Centre for Literary and Cultural Translation (TCLCT) at Trinity College Dublin, co-hosted the 2nd Translation Slam on July 12. Additionally, on November 24, the representative office and the TCLCT co-organized the launch event for the new Taiwanese translation of Dubliners.
- (4) Think tank cooperation:
- A. On May 4, the Taipei Representative Office in Ireland organized a roundtable discussion on the impact of the Russia-Ukraine War on the strategic landscape in Europe and Asia and its implications for Indo-Pacific Regional Security. The event invited Dan O'Brien, Chief Economist at the Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA), among others, to engage in discussions with the Prospect Foundation on the Russia-Ukraine War and its impact on the Indo-Pacific region and cross-strait relations.
 - B. On May 5, the Taipei Representative Office in Ireland facilitated a virtual seminar titled Post-Pandemic Public Health Cooperation between Taiwan and Ireland, co-organized by National Taiwan University, National Taiwan Normal University, and University College Dublin.
 - C. On May 17, the Taipei Representative Office in Ireland co-hosted a seminar with the Sligo Campus of Atlantic Technological University in Ireland on the challenges facing the biotechnology supply chain in the post-pandemic era and amid the Russia-Ukraine War.

16. Relations with the Italian Republic

- (1) Background:
- A. On August 7, 1990, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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 1995.

- B. In 2022, the Chamber of Deputies of the Italian Parliament passed three pro-Taiwan bills and resolutions, including (1) a call for the Italian government to coordinate with NATO and EU member states to jointly review and define their Indo-Pacific strategies; (2) a call for the Italian government to monitor developments in the Indo-Pacific region, particularly the situation in the Taiwan Strait, and to strengthen relevant cooperation in the region; and (3) a resolution by the Chamber of Deputies' Foreign Affairs Committee supporting Taiwan's meaningful participation in the WHO.
 - C. In 2022, a total of 78 members of the Italian Parliament, from both the Senate of the Republic and the Chamber of Deputies, co-signed a letter to WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus urging support for Taiwan's participation in WHO meetings, mechanisms, and activities.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
- A. In 2022, total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Italy amounted to US\$6.24 billion, with Taiwan's exports at US\$2.9 billion and imports from Italy at US\$3.34 billion. Italy is Taiwan's third-largest trading partner within the EU. In 2022, Taiwanese businesses invested US\$236 million in Italy.
 - B. In recent years, Taiwan and Italy have engaged in cooperative dialogues in the fields of electronics, semiconductors, electric vehicles, textiles, agriculture, and biotechnology and pharmaceuticals. The 10th Meeting of the Taiwan-Italy Economic, Industrial and Financial Forum was held on December 15 in Taipei.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
- A. The Taipei Representative Office in Italy held 45 cultural activities, including the promotion of a mobile exhibition tour showcasing the works of eight Taiwanese illustrators, a book tour for new Italian

translations of Taiwanese literature, and the Taiwan Focus segment at the La Guarimba International Film Festival. These events attracted nearly 90,000 participants.

- B. The Taipei Representative Office in Italy invited 14 illustrators who have been selected for or won awards at the Bologna Illustrators Exhibition in recent years to create the 2023 Dreams Come True Taiwan's Got Talent! (2023 I sogni si avverano Taiwan's Got Talent!) calendar notebook, themed around dreams. This calendar notebook was distributed to key figures in Italian politics and cultural institutions.
 - C. In 2022, the Taipei Representative Office in Italy, on behalf of the Ministry of Education, signed a memorandum of understanding for the Taiwan Research Lectures Program with Sapienza University of Rome.
- (4) Media exposure:
- A. On October 16, the Italian daily La Stampa published an exclusive interview with Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu, under the headline "Taiwan Foreign Minister: 'No to the Hong Kong model' (Taiwan, il ministro degli esteri: 'No al modello Hong Kong') and the subheading "Ready for dialogue, but we do not accept coercion" (Pronti al dialogo ma non accettiamo imposizioni).
 - B. On October 16, the Taipei Representative Office in Italy contacted the Italian newspaper La Repubblica to publish an article titled The Rebel Island (L'isola Ribelle), which provides a comprehensive analysis of Taiwan's response to threats from China, Taiwan-US relations, and the current political and economic situation in Taiwan.
 - C. In 2022, Representative to Italy Lee Sing-ying gave 20 interviews to major Italian media outlets, including the SKY TG24 television news channel and the newspapers Corriere della Sera and La Stampa.

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:
 - A. In 2022 total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Latvia was approximately US\$118.95 million, with Taiwan's exports at US\$104.09 million and imports from Latvia at US\$14.86 million.
 - B. In July, the Importers and Exporters Association of Taipei (IEAT) and the Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) signed a memorandum of understanding virtually.
- (3) Humanitarian assistance: The Taipei Mission in the Republic of Latvia, on behalf of Taiwan, donated US\$1 million to the Latvian charity organization Ziedot to assist in the resettlement of Ukrainian refugees in Latvia.
- (4) Visits from Taiwan were made by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Harry Ho-jen Tseng and Deputy Minister of the National Science and Technology Council Lin Minn-tsong.

18. Relations with the Republic of Lithuania

- (1) Background: On November 18, 2021, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) set up the Taiwanese Representative Office in Lithuania. On November 7, 2022, Lithuania established the Lithuanian Trade Representative Office in Taiwan.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. In 2022, the total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Lithuania was approximately US\$165 million, with Taiwan's exports at US\$123 million, and imports from Lithuania at roughly US\$42.15 million.
 - B. In January, Taiwan announced the establishment of the US\$200 million Central and Eastern Europe Investment Fund and the US\$1 billion Central and Eastern Europe Credit Fund. In November, the Central and Eastern Europe Investment Fund announced its first investment case in Lithuania.
 - C. Minister of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania Kęstutis

Navickas, virtually attended the opening ceremony of the Lithuania Products Center at the Taipei World Trade Center on April 12.

- D. On May 25, Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi visited Lithuania and had the first economic dialogue meeting at the deputy ministerial level between Taiwan and Lithuania with the Vice Minister of Economy and Innovation of Lithuania Jovita Neliupšienė.
 - E. Council of Agriculture (COA) Deputy Minister Chen Junne-jih and Lithuanian Vice Minister of Agriculture Egidijus Giedraitis, who led a delegation to Taiwan, held a high-level agricultural dialogue meeting on June 3.
 - F. On August 8, Deputy Minister of Transportation and Communications Chi Wen-jong met with the Lithuanian Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications Agnė Vaiciukevičiūtė, who led a delegation to Taiwan, to discuss bilateral transportation cooperation.
 - G. Taiwan's Linkou Startup Terrace and Startup Lithuania signed a memorandum of understanding on startup innovation on August 23. Additionally, Taiwan's Export-Import Bank of R.O.C. and Lithuania's investment and guarantee agency signed a financing guarantee agreement.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
- A. Deputy Minister of Education Lio Mon-Chi led a delegation to Lithuania and held a Study in Taiwan information session at Vilnius University on September 18, promoting exchanges with Lithuanian universities. Additionally, delegations from National Taiwan University, National Tsing Hua University, and National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University organized Study in Taiwan and scholarship information sessions in collaboration with various Lithuanian universities.
 - B. The National Taiwan Symphony Orchestra visited Lithuania in September and performed in both Vilnius and Kaunas. Additionally, LÜCY, a Taiwanese singer, was invited to perform in a series of activities under the program "Summer Stage" in Kunas, the European Capital of Culture 2022.

- (4) Technological cooperation:
 - A. On February 17, the Center for Crystal Researches of National Sun Yat-sen University and the Center for Physical Sciences and Technology (FTMC) in Lithuania jointly established the Taiwan and Lithuania Center for Semiconductors and Materials Science.
 - B. On October 17, 26 experts and scholars from Lithuania attended the Taiwan-Europe Semiconductor Forum, an online seminar organized by the Industrial Technology Research Institute.
- (5) International participation: On May 23, Lithuanian Minister of Health Arūnas Dulkys addressed the World Health Assembly (WHA) in support of Taiwan's meaningful participation in the World Health Organization (WHO). He also engaged in bilateral talks with Deputy Minister of Health and Welfare Lee Li-feng. This marked the first time a Lithuanian Minister of Health has publicly endorsed Taiwan's participation in the WHO. Furthermore, Lithuania has demonstrated its support for Taiwan's participation in ICAO, INTERPOL, and UNFCCC through meetings with Taiwan's delegations and public statements.
- (6) Media exposure: In 2022, over 110 articles were published in Lithuanian and international media featuring interviews with key Taiwan's officials, including Legislative Yuan President You Si-kun, Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu, National Development Council Chairman Kung Ming-hsin, Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi, and Representative to Lithuania Huang Jiun-yaw. Additionally, Lithuanian Minister of Foreign Affairs Gabrielius Landsbergis wrote an op-ed for UK's The Daily Telegraph titled The Free World Can't Allow Taiwan to Become a Second Ukraine, expressing support for Taiwan amid Chinese military exercises.
- (7) Mutual visits by dignitaries:
 - A. Visits from Taiwan were made by Legislative Yuan President You Si-kun, members of the Legislative Yuan Chen Yu-jen, Chiu Chih-wei, Lin Ching-yi, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Harry Ho-jen Tseng, Deputy Minister of Education Lio Mon-Chi, Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi, and Deputy Minister of the

National Science and Technology Council Lin Minn-tsong.

- B. Visits from Lithuania were made by Vice Minister of Economy and Innovation of Lithuania Jovita Neliupšienė, Vice Minister of the Economy and Innovation of Lithuania Karolis Žemaitis, Lithuanian Vice Minister of Agriculture Egidijus Giedraitis, and Lithuanian Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications Agnė Vaiciukevičiūtė.

19. Relations with the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

(1) Background:

- A. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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.
- B. On May 17, the Luxembourg Parliament unanimously passed a motion submitted by the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Yves Cruchten, to strengthen economic, scientific, and cultural relations with Taiwan.

- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2022, total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Luxembourg amounted to US\$63.83 million, with exports from Taiwan of US\$23 million and imports from Luxembourg of US\$40.83 million. As of the end of 2022, Taiwan has cumulatively invested US\$640 million in Luxembourg, while Luxembourg has made cumulative investments of approximately US\$3.3 billion in Taiwan.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: In 2022, the Ministry of Education, in cooperation with Luxembourg's Ministry of Education, Children and Youth, continued to send one Mandarin teaching assistant from Taiwan to support Mandarin language instruction at a public international institute in Luxembourg.
- (4) A visit from Luxembourg was made by Viviane Reding, former Vice-President of the European Commission, the Honorary Chairperson of the

European Parliament-Taiwan Friendship Group, and former Member of the Luxembourg Parliament.

20. Relations with the Kingdom of the Netherlands

(1) Background:

A. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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.

B. On November 29, the House of Representatives of the Netherlands passed two motions. The first motion urges the Dutch government to “strengthen bilateral ties with Taiwan in every possible way while helping boost the Taiwan-EU relationship”. The second motion urges the Dutch government to “express support for Taiwan and employ all diplomatic means to prevent China from taking any action against it”.

(2) Economic and trade relations: In 2022, total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and the Netherlands amounted to US\$18.99 billion, with exports from Taiwan of US\$10.14 billion and imports from the Netherlands of US\$8.86 billion. In 2022, Taiwan has accumulated 223 investment cases in the Netherlands, amounting to US\$4.28 billion, while the Netherlands has accumulated a total of 803 investment cases in Taiwan, amounting to US\$37.58 billion.

(3) Bilateral exchanges: The Taipei Representative Office in the Netherlands participated for the first time under the name “Taiwan” in the Embassy Festival 2022 in The Hague on September 3. Mayor Jan van Zanen of The Hague was invited to attend and speak at the celebration reception of the National Day of the R.O.C. hosted by the representative office on October 4. Representative to the Netherlands Chen Hsing-hsing attended

and spoke at the Taiwan Business Day seminar organized by the Utrecht City Government on October 27.

21. Relations with the Kingdom of Norway

- (1) Background: Matters relating to Norway are overseen by the Taipei Mission in Sweden.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. In 2022, bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Norway amounted to approximately US\$750.85 million, with exports from Taiwan at approximately US\$249.06 million and imports from Norway at approximately US\$517.9 million.
 - B. Liu Jia-wei, Deputy Minister of the Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting, and Statistics of the Executive Yuan, visited Norway in June. During the visit, Liu met with Tom Arild Fearnley, Investment Director at the Norwegian Ministry of Finance, to exchange views on the management of Norway's sovereign wealth fund.

22. Relations with the Republic of Poland

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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 2022, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Poland amounted to US\$1.72 billion, with exports from Taiwan of US\$1.29 billion and imports from Poland of US\$432 million.
 - B. Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Technology of Poland Grzegorz Piechowiak led a delegation to Taiwan in May to participate in the 10th Taiwan-Poland Economic Consultations, during which three memoranda of understanding were signed. Additionally, the Taiwan-European Democratic Supply Chain Resilience and Cooperation Delegation visited Poland in September.

- (3) Cultural and educational relations: The Ministry of Education and the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education mutually provide scholarships. The Ministry of Education has dispatched ten Mandarin instructors to Polish universities to assist in promoting traditional Chinese characters. Deputy Minister of Education Lio Mon-Chi visited Poland in September to attend the first Taiwan-Poland Higher Education Forum. Deputy Minister of Education and Science for Poland Tomasz Rzymkowski visited Taiwan in December.
- (4) Humanitarian assistance: The first batch of medical supplies from Taiwan to aid Ukraine was delivered on February 28 with the assistance of the Polish Governmental Agency for Strategic Reserves. Subsequent shipments of domestically collected supplies were also sent to Ukraine. In March, the Taipei Representative Office in Poland signed an initial donation agreement with the Polish Governmental Agency for Strategic Reserves to help Poland settle Ukrainian refugees. In addition, the representative office partnered with six local Polish governments and two NGOs to implement aid projects for Ukraine.
- (5) Mutual visits by dignitaries:
 - A. A visit from Taiwan was made by Deputy Minister of Education Lio Mon-Chi.
 - B. Visits from Poland were made by Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Technology Grzegorz Piechowiak, Deputy Minister of Education and Science Tomasz Rzymkowski, and Chairman of Polish-Taiwanese Parliamentarian Group Waldemar Andzel.

23. 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: In 2022, total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Portugal amounted to US\$810 million, with exports from Taiwan of US\$606 million and imports from Portugal of US\$204 million.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:

- A. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in Portugal signed letters of intent with the Autonomous University of Lisbon and the Catholic University of Portugal to establish Taiwan Academy Contact Points. The Ministry of Education offers the Taiwan Scholarships and the Huayu Enrichment Scholarships to Portuguese students to study in Taiwan.
- B. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in Portugal assisted the Ministry of Culture in holding a major solo exhibition titled *Animal Farm* by Taiwanese photographer Chou Ching-hui. The exhibition was held at the Museum of the Orient (Museu do Oriente) in Portugal for the first time from July to December.
- (4) Environmental cooperation: On August 9, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in Portugal assisted the Forestry and Nature Conservation Agency of the Council of Agriculture in sponsoring the Tornada Wetland Conservation Project by the Portuguese environmental organization, the Territorial and Environmental Studies and Planning Group (GEOTA) (Grupo de Estudos de Ordenamento do Território e Ambiente).

24. Relations with Romania

- (1) Background: Matters relating to Romania are overseen by the Taipei Representative Office, Bratislava.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2022, total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Romania amounted to US\$480 million, with exports from Taiwan of US\$340 million and imports from Romania of US\$140 million.
- (3) Humanitarian assistance: The Taipei Representative Office in Bratislava, through the liaison of Cătălin-Daniel Fenechiu, the Chairman of the National Liberal Party in the Romanian Senate, donated US\$800,000 to the National Association of the Romanian Bar (NARB) and US\$200,000 to the City of Constanța. These funds were used to resettle Ukrainian refugees entering Romania and to purchase humanitarian aid supplies to be sent to Ukraine.

25. Relations with the Slovak Republic

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. In 2022, total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Slovakia was approximately US\$470 million, with exports from Taiwan at US\$160 million and imports from Slovakia at US\$310 million. In early 2022, the Central and Eastern Europe Investment Fund completed the first investment case in Slovakia.
 - B. The 2nd session of the Taiwanese-Slovak Commission on Economic Cooperation was held in Slovakia in December. Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Tsai Ming-yen led the Taiwan delegation and co-chaired the meeting with Deputy Minister of Economy of Slovakia Peter Gerhart. Following the meeting, the two sides signed a Protocol and three memoranda of understanding on import and export trade, innovation exchanges, and education.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. In 2022, Taiwan provided one Taiwan Scholarship, three Huayu Enrichment Scholarships, 48 Taiwan-Europe Connectivity Scholarships, and 21 Taiwan-Europe Semiconductor Scholarships to Slovak master's and PhD students.
 - B. The Taipei Representative Office in Bratislava assisted five universities—National Taiwan University, National Cheng Kung University, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, National Tsing Hua University, and National Sun Yat-sen University—in a joint visit to Slovakia in October. During the visit, university representatives visited the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava to promote bilateral research and personnel exchanges.
 - C. The Taipei Representative Office in Bratislava, in collaboration with Slovak think tank GLOBSEC and the Central Europe Institute of Asian Studies, co-organized six seminars.

- (4) Humanitarian assistance: The Slovak government assisted in transporting 360 tons of humanitarian aid donated by Taiwanese private entities to Ukraine and locations within Slovakia housing Ukrainian refugees. Additionally, Taiwan made donations to the Slovak government, the city of Bratislava, and the Ukrainian NGO Ukraine-Slovakia Initiative to help accommodate Ukrainian women and children who sought refuge in Slovakia due to the war.
- (5) Judicial cooperation: On June 8, Representative to Slovakia Lee Nan-yang and Head of the Slovak Economic and Cultural Office Taipei Martin Podstavek signed the Arrangement between Taiwan and the Slovak Republic on Judicial Cooperation in Civil and Commercial Matters. The signing ceremony, which took place in Taipei, was witnessed by Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu and Minister of Justice Tsai Ching-hsiang.
- (6) Mutual visits by dignitaries:
 - A. Visits from Taiwan were made by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Harry Ho-jen Tseng and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Tsai Ming-yen.
 - B. Visits from Slovakia were made by Deputy Speaker of the Slovak National Council Milan Laurenčík and Governor of the Bratislava Region Juraj Droba.

26. 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 2022, total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Slovenia was approximately US\$258 million, with exports from Taiwan at US\$209 million and imports from Slovenia at US\$49.36 million.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: The University of Ljubljana set up a Taiwan Study Center and provides elective courses focused on Taiwan. In 2022, the center organized the Spotlight Taiwan project to promote Taiwanese culture. The Ministry of Education also appointed a Mandarin

instructor to the Department of Asian Studies at the University of Ljubljana.

- (4) Media exposure: The Slovenian newspaper Delo published an article in September in which Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu called on the United Nations to include Taiwan in its efforts to address global challenges with the international community.

27. Relations with the Kingdom of Spain

- (1) The R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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 2022, total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Spain was US\$2.70 billion, with exports from Taiwan of US\$1.75 billion and imports from Spain of US\$944.81 million.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. In 2022, Taiwan provided three Taiwan Scholarships, as well as four one-year and 12 half-year Huayu Enrichment Scholarships to Spanish students, providing them with the opportunities to pursue degrees or language studies in Taiwan.
 - B. From February 23 to 27, the Representative Office in Spain organized the Taiwan Art Week in Madrid 2022 (La Semana del Arte de Taiwán en Madrid 2022), which featured works by Taiwanese artists Chang Teng-yuan and Wang Yu-song. In June, the office participated in Primavera Pro 2022 and the 28th Sónar, where musicians Trout Fresh and LÜCY, as well as new media artist veecky performed live. From September 22 to 25, the office participated in the 16th L.E.V. Matadero, which featured works by NAXS Corp. and Meuko Meuko. From December 13 to 16, in collaboration with the Madrid International Film Festival, the office screened four Taiwan films and held four seminars on Taiwanese cinema.

- (4) Media exposure:
- A. The Representative Office in Spain organized two interviews with Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu for the Spanish media outlet La Razón.
 - B. Representative to Spain Liu Der-li gave 67 interviews to media outlets such as TeleMadrid, El Mundo Financiero TV, Radio Nacional de España, Cadena de Ondas Populares Española, El Mundo, La Razón, the Diplomat in Spain, and Revista Atalayar. In the interviews, Representative Liu explained the political and economic situations in Taiwan, the Taiwan-Spain bilateral relations, the development of Taiwan's high-tech semiconductor industry, and Taiwan's participation in international organizations such as the World Health Assembly (WHA), United Nations (UN), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), INTERPOL, and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
 - C. To promote Taiwan's participation in international organizations, such as the World Health Assembly (WHA), the United Nations (UN), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), INTERPOL, and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Representative Office in Spain facilitated the publication of 18 op-eds by Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu and Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-chung. The op-eds were carried by mainstream media such as La Razón, the Diplomat in Spain, and El Mundo Financiero TV.
 - D. The Representative Office in Spain facilitated the publication of 16 articles and two op-eds by Representative to Spain Liu Der-li on Spanish media outlets, such as ABC, the Diplomat in Spain, El Mundo Financiero TV, and Revista Atalayar. Topics included "Taiwan's Identity in the Face of China's Threats", "Taiwan Should Not Be Left Out of the WHO", and "Spain and Taiwan: Two Democracies Seeking Mutual Benefit".
- (4) A visit from Taiwan was made by the Ill-gotten Party Assets Settlement Committee Chairman Lin Feng-cheng.

28. Relations with the Kingdom of Sweden

(1) Background:

- A. In September 1981, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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.
- B. The Riksdag passed a pro-Taiwan motion for the first time on April 28, calling for the establishment of the House of Sweden in Taiwan.
- C. On October 18, newly inaugurated Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson made his first policy statement, in which Kristersson expressed concern over China's military threats against Taiwan and emphasized that any form of military threat is unacceptable.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. In 2022, total bilateral trade between Taiwan and Sweden was approximately US\$1.79 billion, with exports from Taiwan of US\$789.09 million and imports from Sweden of US\$1.01 billion.
- B. On November 18, Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi and State Secretary to the Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade Hakan Jevrell co-chaired the 2022 Sweden-Taiwan Trade Talks in Taipei.
- C. The 38th Sweden-Taiwan Joint Business Council Meeting (JCB) was held on November 18. Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi and State Secretary to the Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade Hakan Jevrell witnessed the meeting. The Taiwan Patent Attorneys Association and the Swedish Patent Attorney Association signed a memorandum of understanding on intellectual property rights (IPR) cooperation, while the Center of Industry Accelerator and Patent Strategy at the National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University and Norlinanders AB, a Swedish financial technology consulting firm, signed a memorandum of understanding on FinTech industry cooperation.

- (3) Visits from Sweden were made by State Secretary to the Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade Hakan Jevrell, Head of the Swedish-Taiwanese Parliamentary Friendship Group Boriana Åberg, Deputy Speaker of the Swedish Parliament Kerstin Lundgren, Member of the European Parliament Charlie Weimers, and Swedish lawmakers Björn Söder, Lars Adaktusson, Markus Wiechel, Ann-Sofie Alm, Lars Püss and Alexander Christiansson.

29. Relations with the Swiss Confederation

- (1) Background: In 1973, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) set up the Far Eastern Service Center in Switzerland, which was later renamed the Taipei Trade Office on January 1, 1992. In June 1979, the R.O.C. 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, the R.O.C. set up the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Geneva. The Taipei Trade Office was merged with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office on October 1, 2007. Switzerland established the Trade Office of Swiss Industries on November 20, 1982.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: In 2022, bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and Switzerland amounted to US\$3.32 billion, with exports from Taiwan of US\$906 million and imports from Switzerland of US\$2.41 billion.
- (3) A visit from Taiwan was made by Deputy Minister of the Overseas Community Affairs Council Hsu Chia-ching.

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

- (1) Background:
 - A. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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, Taiwan-UK Joint Agriculture Dialogue, Taiwan/UK Railway Forum, and Smart City Summit.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

A. In 2022, total bilateral trade volume between Taiwan and the UK amounted to approximately US\$6.64 billion, with exports from Taiwan of US\$4.05 billion and imports from the UK of US\$2.59 billion.

B. Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi and the UK Trade Policy Minister Greg Hands co-chaired the 25th Annual UK-Taiwan Trade Talks on November 9.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

A. The UK is the top destination in Europe for Taiwanese students seeking education abroad, with approximately 12,000 Taiwanese students studying in the UK every year. In 2022, 80 students from the UK received the Taiwan-Europe Connectivity Scholarship to study Mandarin or exchange in Taiwan.

B. On January 31, the National Central Library and the British Library signed a memorandum of understanding to deepen academic exchanges between the two countries' national libraries.

C. In 2022, Taiwan and the UK collaborated on 13 cultural and artistic programs in the UK, consisting of a total of 224 individual events. These events covered various fields such as performing arts, literature, visual arts, and film.

(4) Technological cooperation: The National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) signed memoranda of understanding with the Royal Society and the British Academy. In 2022, the institutions jointly sponsored 13 projects in. In addition, the NSTC has signed a

memorandum of understanding with the British Office to continue to promote international cooperation between Taiwan and the UK.

- (5) International participation: During the 75th World Health Assembly (WHA) on May 23, UK Health and Social Care Secretary Sajid Javid once again expressed the UK's support for Taiwan's participation in the (WHA) as an observer. In addition, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee Tom Tugendhat, on behalf of the committee, wrote a letter to WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and the UK Health and Social Care Secretary Sajid Javid, urging Taiwan's participation in the WHA as an observer. In 2022, 117 members of UK Parliament from all parties in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords joined 34 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 international participation in the WHO.
- (6) Mutual visits by dignitaries:
 - A. Visits from Taiwan were made by Minister without Portfolio John Deng, Minister without Portfolio Lin Wan-i, Deputy Health and Welfare Minister Lee Li-feng, and Ambassador at Large for Religious Freedom Pusin Tali.
 - B. Visits from the UK were made by UK Trade Policy Minister Greg Hands, Chair of the UK House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee Alicia Kearns, Chair of the UK House of Commons Defence Select Committee Tobias Ellwood, and Member of Parliament in the House of Commons Judith Cummins.

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The Embassy of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) to the Holy See holds a series of events celebrating the 80th Anniversary of Diplomatic Ties Between the R.O.C. and the Holy See. The opening ceremony of the “Friendly Taiwan meets Fratelli tutti Calligraphy & Painting Exhibition” features Ambassador to the Holy See Matthew S. M. Lee (sixth from left), Representative to Italy Lee Sing-ying (fourth from left), President of the Pontifical Council for Culture Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi (fourth from right), Under Secretary of the Secretariat of State Miroslaw Wachowski (second from right), and Francesca Di Giovanni (first from right). (July 1, 2022)



Special envoy of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) Ambassador, former Vice President Chien-jen Chen (first from left), accompanied by Chancellor of the Pontifical Academies of Sciences Cardinal Peter Turkson, (second from right), meets with Pope Francis (first from right). (September 10, 2022)



Representative to the EU and Belgium Tsai Ming-yen (fifth from left) at the “Health for All, Taiwan can Help - the bid to support Taiwan’s entry into WHA” event, with European dignitaries and allied ambassadors. (May 18, 2022)



Representative to the EU and Belgium Remus Li-Kuo Chen (center) and Member of the European Parliament Ivan Štefanec (left of Representative Chen) co-hosting the Taiwan Orchid Exhibition at the European Parliament. (November 7, 2022)



Representative to Austria Katherine Chang attends the event organized by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development on the strategic expansion results of the Zagreb Stock Exchange in Croatia, funded by Taiwan. (April 19, 2022)



Representative to Austria Katherine Chang (third from left) hosts the 111th R.O.C. National Day reception, and poses for a photo with a member of the National Council of Austria Fiona Fiedler (second from left) and Minister for European and International Affairs, Education, and Human Resources of the State of Styria Werner Amon (first from left). (October 5, 2022)



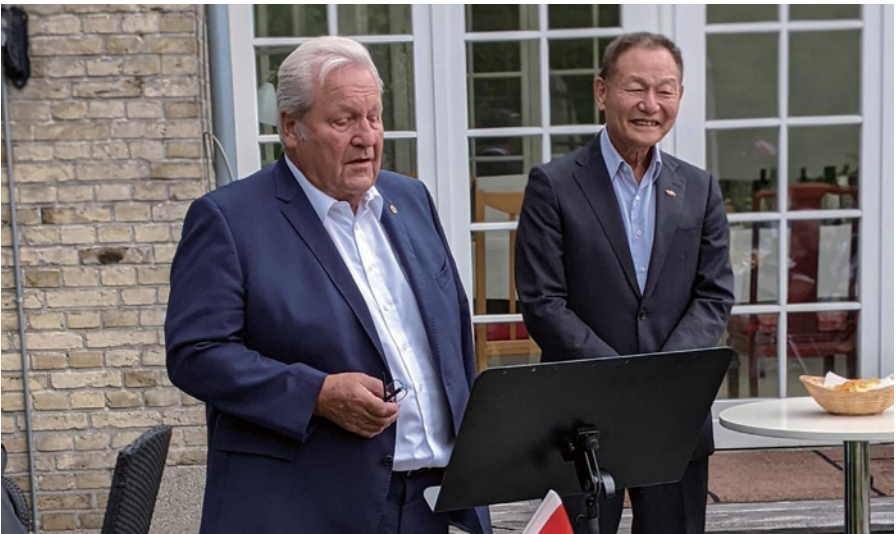
President of the Legislative Yuan You Si-kun (first from left at the podium) gives a speech at the Czech Senate. (July 20, 2022)



Representative to the Czech Republic Ke Liang-ruey (first from right) receives Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala (second from right) at Taiwan's pavilion at the 2022 MSV International Engineering Fair in Brno. (October 4, 2022)



Representative to Denmark Frank Shying-jow Lee (back row, fifth from left) and teachers and students of Næstved Gymnasium og HF (NGH) during their visit to the office. (April 28, 2022)



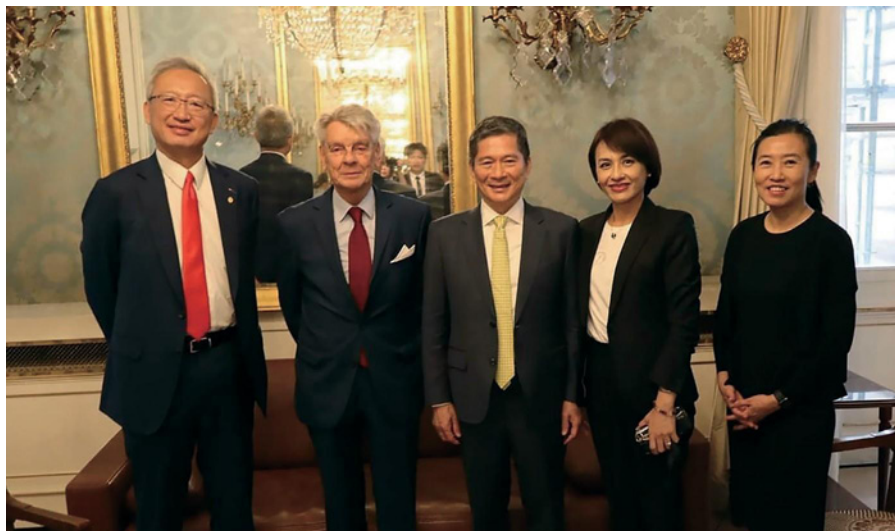
Representative to Denmark Frank Shying-jow Lee poses with Chairperson of the Taiwan-Denmark Association Svend E. Hovmand at the association's summer gathering. (August 9, 2022)



Representative to Finland Janet Chang poses with Mayor of the City of Oulu Päivi Laajala. (June 2, 2022)



Representative to Finland Janet Chang poses with Chair of the Finnish Parliamentary Taiwan Friendship Group Mikko Kärnä at the 111th R.O.C. National Day reception. (October 4, 2022)



Representative to France Wu Chih-chung (first from left) accompanies Minister of Culture Lee Yung-te (center) and Legislative Yuan Member Chiu Yi-ying (second from right) on a visit to the French Senate with Alain Vice-President of the French Senate and Chairman of the French Senate's Taiwan Friendship Group Alain Richard (second from left). (June 20, 2022)



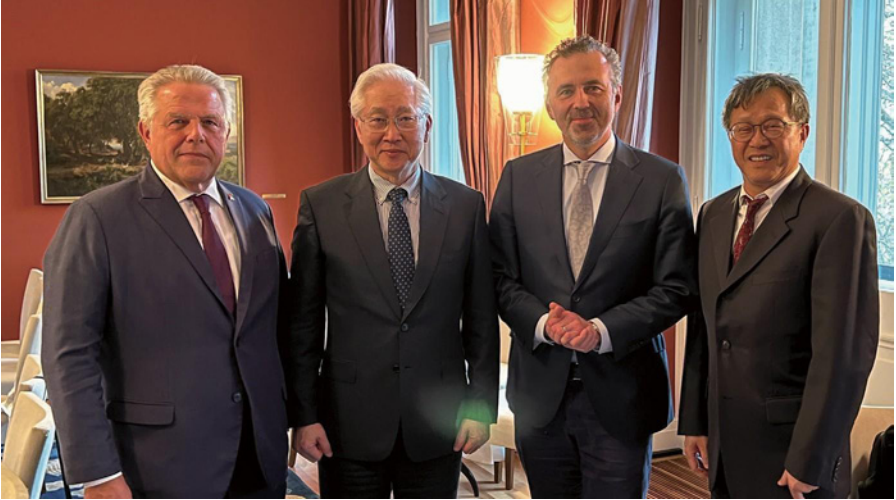
Representative to France Wu Chih-chung (first from right) accompanies President of the Legislative Yuan You Si-kun (fourth from right) to a meeting with Vice President of the French Senate and Chairman of the French Senate's Taiwan Friendship Group Alain Richard (fourth from left). (July 27, 2022)



The Representative Office in Provence receives the delegation led by President of the Legislative Yuan You Si-kun and accompanies them on a visit to the Regional Council of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur. (July 25, 2022)



General Director of the Representative Office in Provence Shin Chi-chih and his spouse (left and right) pose with French Senator Brigitte Devésa (center) at the R.O.C. (Taiwan) National Day event. (October 7, 2022)



Representative to Germany Shieh Jhy-vey (first from right) with National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Minister Wu Tsung-tsong (second from left), Bundestag member Thomas Jarzombek (second from right), and German-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group Chairman Klaus-Peter Willsch (first from left) (November 17, 2022)



Representative to Germany Shieh Jhy-vey (fifth from left) poses with members of the Berlin-Taipei Parliamentary Circle of Friends. (December 1, 2022)



Representative Office in Frankfurt Director General Chang Wei-ta and his spouse take a group photo with Vice President of the Hessian State Parliament Frank Lortz at the 111th R.O.C. (Taiwan) National Day reception. (October 6, 2022)



Representative Office in Hamburg Director General Chen Yu-shun pays a courtesy visit to President of the Bremen Parliament Frank Imhoff. (March 2, 2022)



Representative Office in Hamburg Director General Chen Yu-shun (first from left) accompanies Representative to Germany Shieh Jhy-wei (center) at the founding of the Parliamentary Circle of Friends of Lower Saxony and Taiwan. (May 2, 2022)



Representative Office in Munich Director General Ian-tsing Joseph Dieu (first from left) takes a group photo with Member of the Bavarian Parliament and Chairman of the Parliamentary Taiwan Friendship Group Markus Rinderspacher (fourth from left) and Vice Minister of the Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs Roland Weigert (fifth from left) at the 111th R.O.C. (Taiwan) National Day reception. (October 9, 2022)



Representative Office in Munich Director General Ian-tsing Joseph Dieu (third from left) accompanies Representative to Germany Shieh Jhy-wey (fourth from right) at the EVA Air inaugural flight reception celebrating the launch of the Taipei-Munich route. They pose for a group photo with Director General for Road Traffic and Transport in the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure Guido Zielke (sixth from left), and President of EVA Air Sun Chia-Ming (fifth from right). (November 4, 2022)



Representative to Greece Kuo Shih-nan (fourth from left) attends the “Doing Business with Asia” workshop series organized by the Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He takes a photo with President of the Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sophia Efremoglou Kounenaki, (fifth from left), President of the Greek-Asian Business Council Constantinos Antonopoulos (fourth from right), and the ambassadors of Indonesia, Vietnam, and the Philippines. (September 12, 2022)



Representative to Greece Kuo Shih-nan (center at the podium) represents Taiwan and delivers a speech at the launch ceremony of the Star Venture Program, a project to sponsor Greek startups in cooperation with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). (September 22, 2022)



Representative to Hungary Liu Shih-chung (center) delivers a speech on Taiwan's strategic role in the international community at Andrassy University in Hungary. (February 15, 2022)



Representative to Hungary Liu Shih-chung (right) attends the Tainan Street Food Culture Photography Exhibition and Food Tasting Event with Mayor of Tiszaöldvár István Hegedüs (left) and Member of Hungarian Parliament Zsolt Herceg (center). (April 30, 2022)



Representative to Ireland Yang Tzu-pao (first from right) poses with Irish Senator Gerry Horkan (first from left) and Taiwan soprano Hanying Iaia Tso (second from left) at the Homage to the Music of Kuo Chih-Yuan concert. (May 5, 2022)



Representative to Ireland Yang Tzu-pao (first from left) visits the National University of Ireland Galway and takes a group photo on campus with Irish Senator Gerard Craughwell (center) and others. (May 20, 2022)



Representative to Italy Lee Sing-ying attends the 59th Venice Biennale and takes a group photo with Director of the Taipei Fine Arts Museum Jun-Jieh Wang (second from left) and Stefano Bellato, President of the “Circolo degli Artisti” of Venice (first from left). (April 21, 2022)



Representative to Italy Lee Sing-ying (left) promotes Taiwanese bubble tea at the 111th R.O.C. National Day reception, taking a group photo with Vice Chairman of the Italy-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group Alessandro Pagano (center), and former Senator Giuseppe Marinello (right). (October 5, 2022)



Representative to Latvia Andrew H. C. Lee meets with Riga Deputy Mayor Linda Ozola. (April 8, 2022)



Representative to Latvia Andrew H. C. Lee holds the 111th R.O.C. National Day reception in Estonia, with Chairman of the Estonian Parliament Taiwan Friendship Group Juri Jaanson (left) and former Minister of Defence of Estonia Kalle Laanet (right). (October 4, 2022)



Representative to Lithuania Eric Jiun-yaw Huang (first from left) accompanies Legislative Yuan President You Si-kun (fourth from left) and Legislators Wan Mei-Ling (third from right), Kung Wen-Chi (second from right), Jang Chyi-Lu (first from right), and Huang Shih-Chieh (second from left) at a banquet welcoming Speaker of the Lithuanian Parliament Viktorija Čmilytė-Nielsen (fourth from right). (July 21, 2022)



Representative to Lithuania Eric Jiun-yaw Huang (fifth from right) at the Reception for the First Investment of the Taiwan Central and Eastern European Investment Fund in Lithuania, along with Deputy Speaker of the Lithuanian Parliament Paulius Saudargas (sixth from left), Chancellor of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Jovita Neliupšienė (fourth from left), and Vice Minister of Agriculture Egidijus Giedraitis (seventh from left). (November 7, 2022)



Representative to the Netherlands Chen Hsing-hsing (fourth from right) takes a group photo with Lukas Stary, Chair of the Board on Relations with Partners at the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) (third from left), and Coordinator of the European Judicial Cybercrime Network (EJCN) Support Team Claudia Pina (third from right). (June 13, 2022)



Representative to the Netherlands Chen Hsin-hsin (fifth from left) at the 2022 Taiwan Cultural Evening poses with Mayor of The Hague Jan van Zanen (fourth from left), former Deputy Prime Minister and current Senator Annemarie Jorritsma (third from right), Member of the House of Representatives Sjoerds Sjoerdsma (third from left), and Member of the House of Representatives Jan Klink (second from right). (October 4, 2022)



Representative to Poland Bob L. J. Chen (right) signs a cooperation agreement to aid Ukraine with President of the Government Agency of Strategic Reserves of Poland Michał Kuczmierowski (left). (April 6, 2022)



Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Tsai Ming-yen (front row, fourth from right) heads a delegation to Poland with the aim of seeking collaboration on building a resilient semiconductor supply chain. He takes a group photo with Representative to Poland Bob L. J. Chen (front row, second from right), President Piotr Dardziński (front row, third from left), and Vice President Marcin Kraska (front row, fifth from left) from the Łukasiewicz Research Network. (September 27, 2022)



Representative to Portugal Chang Tsung-che (fourth from right) attends the opening reception of the “Animal Farm” solo photography exhibition by Chou Ching-hui at the Museum of the Orient. He takes a group photo with the photographer Chou Ching-hui (second from right) and Director of the Museum of the Orient João Amorim (third from right). (July 16, 2022)



The Taiwan documentary “Taroko Village Hotel” was awarded first place for sustainable tourism issues at the 15th ART&TUR International Tourism Film Festival in Portugal. Representative to Portugal Chang Tsung-che (right) accepts the award on behalf of Taiwan. (October 28, 2022)



Representative to Slovakia David Nan-Yang Lee (fourth from left), Deputy Speaker of the Slovak Council Gábor Grendel (fifth from left), and Director General of the Economic and Development Cooperation Section of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic Lucia Kišš (fifth from right), at the handover ceremony of Taiwan’s donation of supplies and funds to Ukraine. (March 22, 2022)



Representative to Slovakia David Nan-Yang Lee (fifth from left) at the 111th R.O.C. National Day reception with Slovak Deputy Minister of Education Ľudovít Paulis (first from left), Member of Parliament Anna Zemanová (second from left), Member of the European Parliament Ivan Štefanec (fourth from left), and Chairman of the Economic Committee in the Senate of Romania Daniel Zamfir (second from right). (October 7, 2022)



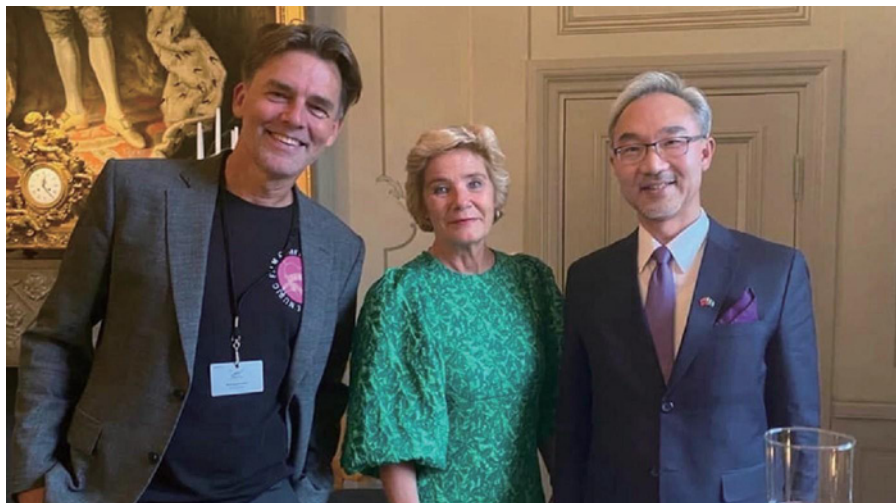
Representative to Spain Der-li Liu (fourth from left) takes a group photo with Member of the Congress of Deputies and Co-chair of the Formosa Club in Spain Eloy Suarez (fourth from right), Member of the Congress of Deputies Vicente Tirado (first from left), and Member of the Congress of Deputies Rosa Romero (second from left). (March 18, 2022)



Representative to Spain Der-li Liu (third from right) with Senator Mercedes Cantalapiedra (second from left), Senator Alberto Plaza (second from right), Member of the Congress of Deputies Jose Angel Alonso (third from left), and Member of the Congress of Deputies Eduardo Carazo (first from left). (May 6, 2022)



Representative to Sweden Vincent Chin-hsiang Yao was interviewed on the evening news program “AKTUELLT” on Sveriges Television (SVT). (August 4, 2022)



Representative to Sweden Vincent Chin-hsiang Yao (right) poses with Governor of Örebro County, Sweden Maria Larsson (center). (September 1, 2022)



Representative to Switzerland Huang Wei-feng (second from right) takes a group photo at the National Day reception on October 10, 2022, with Members of the National Council Priska Seiler Graf (first from right) and Franziska Roth (second from left). (October 10, 2022)



Representative to Switzerland Huang Wei-feng at the National Day reception on October 10, 2022, with Member of the National Council and newly appointed Chair of the Swiss-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group Lukas Reimann (third from left), former Chair of the Swiss-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group Felix Mürli (second from right), former Member of the Council of States Hans Hess (first from right), Director General of the TECO Geneva Office Nicole Ying-chun Su (first from left). (December 9, 2022)



The National Central Library and the British Library hold an online MOU signing ceremony, witnessed by Representative to the United Kingdom Kelly W. Hsieh (bottom left) and British Office in Taipei Representative John Dennis (bottom center). (January 13, 2022)



Representative to the United Kingdom Kelly W. Hsieh (left) represents Taiwan in signing an agreement with Managing Director for Impact and Partnerships at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Ines Rocha (right). (April 28, 2022)



The Taipei Representative Office in the UK, Edinburgh Office, hosts the 111th Taiwan National Day reception. Director General Chia-cheng Chang and his spouse (right 1, right 2) take a group photo with Member of Parliament Owen Thompson (first from left) and Convener of the Midlothian Council, Scotland Kelly Parry (second from left). (October 6, 2022)

Item 5 Taiwan's relations with North American countries

I. Introduction

The United States and Canada, located in North America, both maintain mutual representative offices in Taiwan. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) maintains representative offices in the capitals Washington, D.C. and Ottawa. An additional 14 economic and cultural offices are maintained in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Guam, Honolulu, Houston, 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 regional and global political, security, and economic issues, moving towards a comprehensive partnership. The Biden administration places great emphasis on its steadfast commitment to Taiwan. Beyond actively underscoring the importance of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait through both bilateral and multilateral channels, it maintains a policy of regularizing arms sales to Taiwan. Additionally, in December of this year, President Joe Biden signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2023 and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, both of which contain provisions favorable to Taiwan. Moreover, the United States Congress has continued to demonstrate robust bipartisan support for Taiwan-US relations. This year, a total of 37 U.S. Senators and Representatives visited Taiwan, including a historic visit by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who traveled by a special chartered aircraft, marking the first visit by a sitting US House Speaker in 25 years. On the level of local government officials, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb, Idaho Governor Brad Little, and Arizona Governor Doug Ducey also visited Taiwan this year. During their visits, they signed a series of memorandums of understanding on economic and trade cooperation with Taiwan. Additionally, Governor Ducey announced the establishment of the Arizona-Taiwan Trade & Investment Office in Taiwan. In the same year, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia each established or reestablished representative offices in Taiwan: the State of Minnesota, Taiwan Office; the Pennsylvania Trade and Investment Office in Taiwan; and the West Virginia Taiwan Office. In terms of economic and trade issues, Taiwan and the United States officially launched

negotiations on the Taiwan-US Initiative on 21st-Century Trade. The 3rd Taiwan-US Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue (EPPD) was held this year, focusing on issues of mutual concern such as economic coercion, supply chain resilience, and secure energy transition. Taiwan also dispatched the 2022 Taiwan Agricultural Trade Goodwill Mission to the United States to explore business opportunities in key agricultural states and sign letters of intent for procurement. In the realm of education, the second high-level dialogue of the US-Taiwan Education Initiative was held. The two sides reviewed the progress of Mandarin language collaboration and reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening international educational cooperation.

The Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF), jointly established by Taiwan and the United States in 2015, has recently included Japan and Australia as official partners. This year, seven hybrid online and in-person training events were conducted, attracting approximately 2,800 officials and scholars from 91 countries. Taiwan overseas offices also organized outreach activities in India, Saint Lucia, and Israel, focusing on areas and cooperation issues including digital health, women's empowerment, and the digital economy.

Taiwan-Canada relations experienced steady growth this year. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau publicly reaffirmed Canada's consistent stance in supporting Taiwan's participation in international multilateral forums and organizations. In November, the Canadian government released its Indo-Pacific Strategy, which explicitly states that Canada will actively invest resources to deepen cooperation with free and democratic partners in the Indo-Pacific region, including Taiwan, and oppose any unilateral actions that threaten the status quo in the Taiwan Strait. Regarding economy and trade, Taiwan and Canada jointly announced the launch of exploratory discussions on a Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Arrangement (FIPA) in January, demonstrating both sides' willingness to further deepen their economic and trade investment partnership. Additionally, Taiwan announced the preparation for establishing the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Montreal in December.

II. Relations with Individual Countries

1. Relations with Canada

(1) Background:

- A. On January 8, 1991, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Toronto, was established, followed by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Ottawa, on July 9, 1992. On August 3, 1993, the main diplomatic mission in Canada was moved from Toronto to Ottawa and renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Canada (TECO in Canada). Additionally, offices were set up in Vancouver and Toronto in 1991 and 1994, respectively. The Canadian Trade Office in Taipei was established on October 25, 1986.
- B. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau publicly supported Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA) as an observer during his speech in Parliament this year. The Canadian government also expressed public support for Taiwan during the WHA plenary discussions. Additionally, the Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) of Taiwan's Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC) was invited to join the Safer Skies Consultative Committee as an observer to participate in discussions on international aviation safety.
- C. The Standing Committee on Health, the Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, and the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development of the Canadian House of Commons, as well as the full House of Commons, passed four motions supporting Taiwan's comprehensive participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA) or the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Assembly. These actions clearly demonstrated bipartisan support within the Canadian Parliament for Taiwan's international participation. Additionally, the Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities and the Special Committee on the Canada-People's Republic of China Relationship held hearings on "Taiwan Strait Situation" and "Canada-Taiwan Relations", respectively, and Taiwan's Representative to

Canada Harry Ho-jen Tseng was invited to testify. These actions demonstrated the Canadian Parliament's strong support for Taiwan.

D. On November 27, the Canadian government released its Indo-Pacific Strategy, which mentioned Taiwan or the Taiwan Strait in seven different sections. The strategy emphasized that Canada will continue multifaceted engagement and cooperation with Taiwan in areas such as trade, technology, health, democratic governance, and combating disinformation. It also affirmed that Canada will oppose any unilateral actions that threaten the status quo in the Taiwan Strait.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

A. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$5.8 billion in 2022, with exports reaching US\$3.3 billion and imports reaching US\$2.5 billion. Taiwan is Canada's 10th largest source of imports and 20th largest export market, and Taiwan is also Canada's 5th largest trading partner in Asia.

B. Minister Without Portfolio John Deng and Canadian Minister of International Trade Mary Ng jointly announced the launch of exploratory discussions on the Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Arrangement (FIPA) on January 10, 2022.

C. In March 2022, Taiwan, New Zealand, Canada, and Australia became founding members of the Indigenous Peoples Economic and Trade Cooperation Arrangement (IPETCA) within the framework of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). Taiwan and Canada also agreed to continue cooperation on women's economic empowerment, SME capacity building, the digital economy, and e-commerce under the APEC framework.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

A. Minister of the Council of Indigenous Peoples Icyang Parod led a delegation to Canada in July to promote cooperation and exchanges on indigenous affairs between Taiwan and Canada.

B. The Ministry of Education (MOE) continued to execute the Taiwan Studies Project agreements with the University of Toronto, McGill University, and the University of Ottawa. The New Brunswick Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD), Upper Canada

District School Board (USDSB), Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB), Ottawa Catholic School Board (OCSB), and English Montreal School Board (EMSB) also established exchange relationships with Taiwan. The National Cheng Kung University (NCKU) Miin Wu School of Computing and the University of Toronto collaborated on academic research in areas such as artificial intelligence.

- C. This year, Taiwan provided the Taiwan Scholarship and the MOE's Huayu Enrichment Scholarship to 13 Canadian students to study in Taiwan. Currently, there are about 4,250 Taiwanese students studying at various educational institutions in Canada, while there are approximately 450 Canadian students studying in Taiwan.

(4) Technological cooperation:

- A. Taiwan's National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), and related research institutions continued to establish cooperative relationships with National Research Council Canada (NRC), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), the Communications Research Centre Canada (CRC), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Terry Fox Research Institute (TFRI), and the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR).
- B. This year, the National Science and Technology Council's (NSTC) Dragon Gate Program included the University of Ottawa, the University of Toronto, and the University of British Columbia. In November, Hon Hai Research Institute signed an MOU with Mitacs, a Canadian government-sponsored non-profit organization, to collaborate on projects in quantum technology.

(5) Mutual visits by dignitaries:

- A. Visits from Taiwan were made by Minister of the Overseas Community Affairs Council Tung Chen-yuan and Minister of the Council of Indigenous Peoples Icyang Parod.
- B. Visits from Canada were made by Mary Ng, Canadian Minister of

International Trade, and Judy Sgro, Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on International Trade.

2. Relations with the United States of America

(1) Background:

A. Reaffirming steadfast support for Taiwan:

- a. US President Joe Biden and other senior officials repeatedly reaffirmed US commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances in public statements.
- b. In February, the Biden administration published the Indo-Pacific Strategy, which identified Taiwan as one of the region's key partners. The strategy emphasized that the United States would cooperate with regional and extra-regional partners to maintain peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait. This includes supporting Taiwan's self-defense capabilities and ensuring that Taiwan's future is determined in a peaceful manner that aligns with the will and best interests of the Taiwanese people. The National Security Strategy, released in October, clearly stated that maintaining peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait is crucial to regional and global security and prosperity, and is in the enduring interest of the United States. The Biden administration has continued to collaborate with like-minded countries in bilateral and multilateral forums to jointly address the situation in the Taiwan Strait. In his speech at the United Nations General Assembly in September, President Biden publicly called on all nations to recognize the importance of maintaining peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait. The phrase "uphold peace and stability across the Taiwan Straits" has also been widely included in the communiqués of G7, as well as in the joint statements of high-level meetings between the United States and countries such as Japan, South Korea, Australia, and European nations.

B. Strengthening Taiwan-US partnership and resisting China's coercion:

- a. On August 2, US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan, accompanied by House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman

Gregory Meeks, Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Mark Takano, Representatives Suzan DelBene, Raja Krishnamoorthi, and Andy Kim. President Tsai Ing-wen received the delegation on August 3 and awarded Speaker Pelosi the Order of Propitious Clouds with Special Grand Cordon.

- b. In December, President Biden signed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, which mandate US executive departments to assist Taiwan in strengthening its defense capabilities and enhancing US-Taiwan defense interoperability under the International Military Education and Training (IMET) program. These legislations also support the US-Taiwan Cooperation on International Development and Humanitarian Assistance MOU signed between the US and Taiwan in November. They call on the State Department and the US Agency for International Development (USAID) to strengthen cooperation with Pacific Island countries in partnership with regional allies, including Taiwan, and increase the funding for the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF) from US\$3 million to US\$4 million.
- C. International participation, strengthening diplomatic ties, and deepening relations with third parties:
 - a. The Biden administration has continued to support Taiwan's participation in international organizations through concrete and public actions. On May 13, President Biden signed a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra, and Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg have publicly supported Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). The US continues discussions with Taiwan in the US-Taiwan Working Group Meeting on International Organizations on strategies to increase international participation.

- b. The Biden administration has assisted Taiwan in consolidating its diplomatic relationships and sought collaboration opportunities with the USAID and the International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) in allied countries. The US has also continued to help Taiwan deepen its relations with European countries, including publicly supporting Lithuania's relationship with Taiwan and addressing China's coercion against Lithuania. The Joint Statement on the Strategic Dialogue between the United States and the Czech Republic included Taiwan for the first time, emphasizing the commitment to deepen support and cooperation with regional and global democratic partners such as Taiwan.
 - c. The NDAA 2023 includes provisions opposing the misinterpretation of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758, devising strategies to assist Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations, countering China's suppression of Taiwan through the One China Principle, assisting in ensuring Taiwan's meaningful participation in ICAO, and requiring the executive branch to submit a list of up to 20 international organizations in which US government representatives are to support Taiwan.
- D. Legislative measures to strengthen Taiwan's security resilience:
- a. The NDAA 2023 reaffirms the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances, and includes the Taiwan Enhanced Resilience Act. This act provides Taiwan with "Foreign Military Financing" (FMF), establishes "Regional Contingency Stockpiles" for Taiwan, supports cooperation with Taiwan under the International Military Education and Training (IMET) program, authorizes the US President to provide military assistance or relevant materials to Taiwan through "Presidential Drawdown Authority" and "Emergency Authority", accelerates arms sales to Taiwan, authorizes US Indo-Pacific Command to conduct military exercises with Taiwan, and recommends that Congress support Taiwan's invitation to the 2024 Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC).
 - b. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 emphasizes that funds

allocated to the FMF program can be used to provide direct loans for Taiwan's FMF needs. Additionally, its explanatory statement includes that IMET funds can be used to assist Taiwan.

E. Strengthening global and regional cooperation:

- a. This year, GCTF organized 10 workshops. Additionally, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 allocated US\$4 million to GCTF and mandated that funds provided to USAID for Pacific Island countries should also be available for development and security projects in collaboration with countries like Taiwan. The act also allocated US\$5 million for trilateral security cooperation programs between the US, Pacific Island countries, and regional allies, including Taiwan.
- b. Taiwan has continued to implement the commitments made during the 2021 Summit for Democracy hosted by President Biden. These include co-hosting the 2022 Regional Religious Freedom Forum – An Indo-Pacific Civil Society Dialogue on Religious Freedom in Challenging Times with the US and hosting the 11th World Movement for Democracy in Taiwan with the National Endowment for Democracy (NED). Taiwan also responded to the US government's call to participate in the 2nd Global COVID-19 Summit, pledging continued donations of pandemic supplies and resources to enhance global vaccine coverage.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$120.47 billion in 2022, with exports reaching US\$75.05 billion and imports reaching US\$45.42 billion. Taiwan is the United States' 9th largest trading partner, while the United States is Taiwan's 2nd largest trading partner.
- B. On March 30, 200 members of the US House of Representatives co-signed a letter to US Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo and US Trade Representative Katherine Tai, supporting Taiwan's participation in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF). On May 18, 52 US Senators co-signed a letter to President Biden, also supporting Taiwan's participation in IPEF.

- C. Executive Yuan Minister Without Portfolio John Deng held a bilateral meeting with US Trade Representative Katherine Tai during the APEC Trade Ministers' Meeting in May and a virtual meeting with Deputy US Trade Representative Sarah Bianchi in June. Both sides announced the launch of the Taiwan-US Initiative on 21st-Century Trade and committed to initiating negotiations. In late June, Taiwan participated in the SelectUSA Investment Summit, once again becoming the largest foreign delegation.
- D. On September 14, the US House Committee on Ways and Means held a hearing titled "The Future of US-Taiwan Trade", marking the first hearing on US-Taiwan economic and trade issues by a key congressional committee in recent years.
- E. On October 11, Minister of Economic Affairs Wang Mei-hua hosted the Taiwan-US Business Forum under the Technology Trade and Investment Collaboration (TTIC) framework in Washington, D.C. About 40 companies spanning the semiconductor, cloud & ICT, and electric vehicle sectors attended the forum. On October 13, at a ceremony held at the AIT headquarters in Washington, D.C., Minister Wang witnessed the signing of seven cooperation memorandums between Taiwan and US industry representatives.
- F. A physical meeting of the US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade was held in New York City from November 8 to 9. Taiwan's delegation was led by Deputy Trade Representative Yang Jen-ni, along with representatives from the Executive Yuan's Office of Trade Negotiations, the MOEA, the Ministry of Finance (MOF), the Ministry of Justice (MOJ), and the National Development Council (NDC). The US delegation was led by Assistant US Trade Representative for China, Mongolia and Taiwan Affairs Terrence McCartin and AIT, accompanied by representatives from the National Economic Council (NEC), the Department of Commerce (DOC), the Department of the Treasury (USDT), the Small Business Administration (SBA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- G. The 3rd US-Taiwan Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue

was held on December 15 in a hybrid format, both in Taipei and Washington, D.C. Taiwan's side was led by Economic Minister Wang, and the US side was led online by Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment Jose W. Fernandez. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Tony Fernandes led a delegation to Taipei. Taiwan participants included Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Tsai Ming-yen, Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi, and other relevant ministry representatives. Both sides exchanged views on economic coercion, supply chain resilience, and clean energy.

- H. In December, President Biden signed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (NDAA 2023), which urges the executive branch to deepen US-Taiwan economic and trade relations through continuous dialogue and the development of a legal framework to support potential future agreements.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. NDAA 2023 stipulates the establishment of an institute for cultural exchange between Taiwan and the US to support bilateral educational and exchange initiatives.
 - B. Taiwan continues to promote the Huayu BEST Program, co-sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and the Ministry of Education (MOE). The program provides subsidies to 17 US universities for Mandarin education and exchange initiatives. Additionally, the MOE subsidizes 24 other US universities. 17 Taiwanese universities collaborate with the above 41 US universities to advance Mandarin language instruction.
 - (4) Medical cooperation: The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (NDAA 2023) includes provisions to explore US-Taiwan cooperation in establishing a disease surveillance center in Taiwan.
 - (5) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation:
 - A. Agricultural Trade: According to Taiwan's Council of Agriculture, the United States is Taiwan's largest export market for agricultural products, with exports amounting to approximately US\$910 million and imports at about US\$4.67 billion. Taiwan is the seventh largest

export market for US agricultural products.

B. Agricultural cooperation:

- a. On June 9, the US-Taiwan Organic Equivalence Agreement Working Group Meeting was held online, co-hosted by the Agriculture and Food Agency of the Council of Agriculture and the Agricultural Marketing Service of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). The meeting discussed future cooperation mechanisms and the exchange of import approval information for verification.
- b. On August 2, the 2022 Bilateral Cooperation Meeting on Agricultural Science and Technology was held in Washington, D.C., co-chaired by Council of Agriculture Deputy Minister Chen Junne-jih and Administrator of the USDA Agricultural Research Service Simon Liu. Both sides agreed to continue deepening cooperation, seeking future joint research projects, resuming fisheries and forestry cooperation, and strengthening talent cultivation and technical exchanges.
- c. On September 1, the Taiwan-US Fisheries Consultations were held in Washington, D.C. and co-chaired by the Fisheries Agency of the Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan, the US State Department's Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The discussions focused on marine conservation and fisheries sustainability policies, combating illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing activities, and cross-disciplinary topics such as high seas boarding and inspection. Additionally, both sides exchanged views on cooperation within regional fisheries management organizations.
- d. The 29th Session of the AIT-TECRO Sanitary, Phytosanitary, and Agricultural Standards Working Group Consultations was held virtually on October 25, 27, and 29. The discussions included important issues such as the export of Taiwan's processed heat-treated pork products and pineapples to the United States, as well as the import of US table potatoes to Taiwan.

- e. The 7th Annual US-Taiwan Technical Meeting on Rice took place online on November 3, with participation from the Agriculture and Food Agency of the Council of Agriculture, the US Rice Federation, and representatives of the US rice industry. The meeting focused on technical issues related to rice trade, aiming to enhance trade capacity between Taiwan and the US.
- (6) Technological cooperation:
- A. Important exchanges.
 - a. On March 1 and 3, the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) and the US National Science Foundation held the 2022 NSF-MOST Workshop on Cyber Physical Systems (CPS) & Smart and Connected Communities (SCC) online. The workshop discussed three main topics: “Smart Agriculture”, “Smart & Connected Communities”, and “CPS translatable”. Over 70 scholars and experts from Taiwan and the US participated in the event.
 - b. On May 10, the National Applied Research Laboratories’ (NARL) National Space Organization (NSPO) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) held an online meeting, discussing collection of space climate data and forming a project working group.
 - c. Minister of National Science and Technology Council Wu Tsung-tsong delivered a pre-recorded speech at the Global Emerging Technology Summit 2022 held in September, showcasing Taiwan’s capabilities and achievements in scientific research and talent development.
 - d. On September 29, the MOST and the US National Science Foundation announced the Advanced Chip Engineering Design and Fabrication (ACED Fab) Program. In November, a seminar on advanced semiconductor design and manufacturing was held, attracting over 400 scholars and experts from Taiwan and the US to discuss future cooperation opportunities.
 - e. From November 28 to December 2, TECRO and AIT co-hosted the 37th US-Taiwan Joint Standing Committee Meeting on Civil

Nuclear Cooperation at the Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois.

- B. Important technical agreements: TECRO and AIT signed the Agreement for Technical Cooperation Associated with Development, Launch and Operation of a Constellation Observing System for Meteorology, Ionosphere and Climate (COSMIC) in February, the Memorandum of Understanding and Implementing Arrangement for Cooperation in Advanced Semiconductor Chip Design and Fabrication in August, and an MOU for proteogenomics cancer research in the same month.

(7) Mutual visits by dignitaries:

- A. Visits from Taiwan were made by Vice President Lai Ching-te, former Vice President Chen Chien-jen, Minister Without Portfolio John Deng, Minister of Economic Affairs Wang Mei-hua, National Development Council Chairman Kung Ming-hsin, Minister of the Overseas Community Affairs Council Tung Chen-yuan, Deputy Minister of the Overseas Community Affairs Council Hsu Chia-ching, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Harry Ho-jen Tseng, Deputy Minister of Education Lio Mon-Chi, Deputy Minister of the Council of Agriculture Chen Junne-jih, Deputy Trade Representative of the Office of Trade Negotiations Yang Jen-ni, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs Secretary General Lily Li-Wen Hsu.
- B. Visits from the US were made by Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment Jose Fernandez; Senators Lindsey Graham, Robert Menendez, Richard Burr, Robert Portman, Ben Sasse, Tammy Duckworth, Rick Scott, Ed Markey, Marsha Blackburn; Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi; House Representatives Ronny Jackson, Gregory Meeks, Mark Takano, Suzan DelBene, Raja Krishnamoorthi, Andy Kim, Alan Lowenthal, John Garamendi, Don Beyer, Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen, Stephanie Murphy, Scott Franklin, Kai Kahele, Joe Wilson, Andy Barr, Darrell Issa, Claudia Tenney, Kat Cammack, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Seth Moulton, Michael Waltz, Brad Wenstrup, John Curtis, Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Burgess Owens, Michelle Steel; Governors Doug Ducey (Arizona), Brad Little

(Idaho), Eric Holcomb (Indiana); former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Michael Glenn Mullen; and former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

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Representative to Canada Harry Ho-jen Tseng (fourth from right) attends the first hearing on Canada-Taiwan relations held by the House of Commons Special Committee on the Canada-
People's Republic of China Relationship. (November 1, 2022)



Representative to Canada Harry Ho-jen Tseng and Chief Jason Daniels of the Swan Lake First Nation in Manitoba, Canada, take a photo together after a bilateral cooperation meeting. (December 7, 2022)



TECO Toronto Director General Jin-Ling Chen (first from left) attends the 2022 Canada-Taiwan Business Forum - Opportunities in the EV Industry co-hosted by the office and Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. (September 21, 2022)



TECO Toronto Director General Jin-Ling Chen (left 7), and Canadian Member of Parliament Scott Aitchison (right 7), among other Canadian officials, take a group photo celebrating the 111th National Day of the R.O.C. (Taiwan). (October 5, 2022)



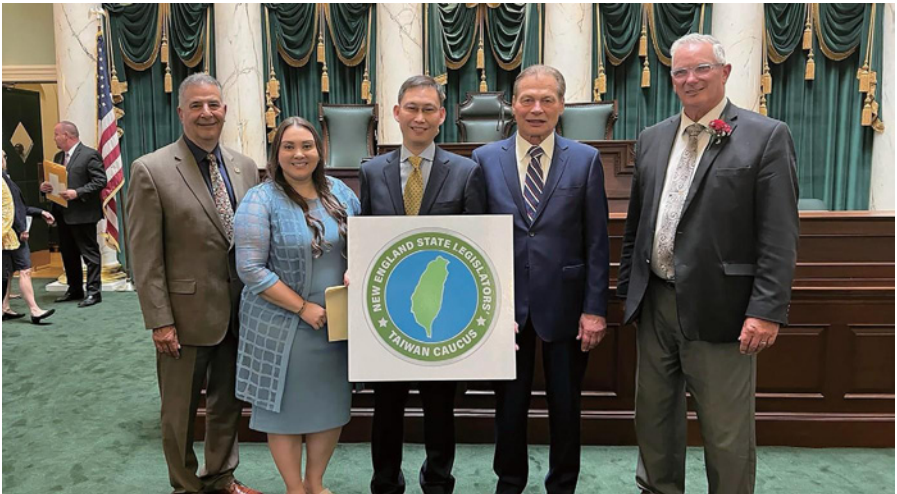
TECO Vancouver Director General Liu Li-hsin (third from right), and Member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, Norm Letnick (fourth from right), attend an event supporting Taiwan's inclusion in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). (May 27, 2022)



Representative to the US Bi-khim Hsiao (third from right), TECO Atlanta Director General Elliot Yi-Lung Wang (third from left), Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill (first from left), and Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives Mac McCutcheon (first from right) witness the signing of an education cooperation memorandum between Taiwan and the State of Alabama. (March 24, 2022)



TECO Atlanta Director General Elliot Yi-Lung Wang (second from left) witnesses the establishment of the AU-NCKU Taiwan Center of Chinese Language and Culture and poses for a photo with National Cheng Kung University (NCKU) President Huey-Jen Jenny Su and Auburn University Assistant Provost for International Programs Andrew Gillespie (third from right). (August 31, 2022)



TECO Boston Director General Jonathan C. Y. Sun (center) at the Rhode Island House of Representatives to witness the passage of a pro-Taiwan resolution and the establishment of the New England State Legislator's Taiwan Caucus Rhode Island Chapter, where he delivers a speech. (June 2, 2022)



TECO Boston Director General Jonathan C. Y. Sun (third from right) at the Massachusetts House of Representatives to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the sister state relationship between Taiwan and Massachusetts and to witness the establishment of the New England State Legislator's Taiwan Caucus Massachusetts Chapter, where he delivers a speech. (June 16, 2022)



TECO Chicago Director General Johnson Sen Chiang (center) witnesses the establishment of the bipartisan Taiwan Caucus at the Indiana State Legislature. (March 8, 2022)



TECO Chicago Director General Johnson Sen Chiang (first from left) and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz (center) witness the signing of LOIs for the procurement of soybeans and corn by the 2022 Taiwan's Agricultural Trade Goodwill Mission. (September 15, 2022)



TECO Denver Director General Bill Shih-chang Huang (second from left) meets with the Western Governors' Association Executive Director James Ogsbury (second from right) and Policy Director Holly Propst (first from right) to discuss cooperation between Taiwan and the 19 member states of the association. (April 12, 2022)



TECO Denver Director General Bill Shih-chang Huang (second from right) hosts the National Day reception, where Colorado Governor Jared Polis (second from left) attends, delivers a speech, and proclaims October 10 as “Taiwan Friendship Day”. (October 6, 2022)



TECO Guam Director General Paul Y. L. Chen (third from left) attends the signing ceremony of the sister city agreement between Taichung City and Guam, along with Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero (fourth from left). (February 23, 2022)



TECO Guam Director General Paul Y. L. Chen (fourth from left) hosts the National Day reception and takes a photo with Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero (third from left) and other guests. (October 7, 2022)



TECO Honolulu Director General Richard Lin (second from left) attends the 2022 Young Pacific Leaders Workshop on Marine Sustainability to explain Taiwan's current cooperation with Pacific island nations. (November 28, 2022)



TECO Honolulu Director General Richard Lin and his wife (front row left 1, right 1) represent the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at a banquet for Republic of the Marshall Islands President David Kabua and his wife (front row left 2, right 2). (December 16, 2022)



TECO Houston Director General Robert Fu-wen Lo (fourth from left) takes a photo with University of St. Thomas President Richard Ludwick (third from right). (June 18, 2022)



TECO Houston Director General Robert Fu-wen Lo (third from left) attends the 2022 Science, Engineering and Technology Seminars (SETS) hosted by the Association of Chinese American Professionals (ACAP). (October 13, 2022)



TECO Los Angeles Director General Louis Min-jing Huang (third from right) attends a press conference held by the Taiwanese community in Southern California supporting Taiwan's participation in the WHA. (May 12, 2022)



TECO Los Angeles Director General Louis Min-jing Huang (right), National Cheng Kung University President Huey-Jen Jenny Su (left-screen, center), and University of California, Irvine Vice Chancellor Hal Stern (left) jointly sign a trilateral MOU to promote Mandarin language education cooperation. (July 28, 2022)



TECO Miami Director General Amino C. Y. Chi meets with Florida Secretary of State Laurel Lee at the Florida Department of State. (March 8, 2022)



TECO Miami Director General Amino C. Y. Chi, on behalf of Taiwan, donates disaster relief funds to Florida for Hurricane Ian. Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Núñez accepts on behalf of Florida. (October 6, 2022)



TECO New York and the New York Mets co-host the 17th annual Mets Taiwan Day event, playing a video message from President Tsai Ing-wen. (August 28, 2022)



TECO New York Director General Kuang-jang Lee being interviewed by Fox News. (September 13, 2022)



TECO San Francisco Director General Ming-chi Lai (fourth from left) and Utah State Senator Jerry Stevenson (third from left) take a photo with bipartisan pro-Taiwan leaders after the passage of a pro-Taiwan resolution at the Utah State Legislature. (March 3, 2022)



Utah Governor Spencer Cox (first from right) welcomes TECO San Francisco Director General Ming-chi Lai (center) to the Utah Diplomatic Conference on International Relations. (March 21, 2022)



TECO Seattle and the World Affairs Council, Seattle co-host a symposium on US-Taiwan Relations and the Chinese Threat, featuring a discussion between Director General Daniel Kuo-ching Chen (left) and Congressman Adam Smith (center). (March 22, 2022)



TECO Seattle Director General Daniel Kuo-ching Chen (first from right) and Idaho Governor Brad Little (second from right) witness the signing of a wheat procurement LOI between the Taiwan Flour Mills Association and the Idaho Wheat Commission. (September 20, 2022)

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

I. Introduction

Of the 33 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, the R.O.C. (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 consulates general in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, and Ciudad del Este, Paraguay, and 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 have trade offices in Taiwan.

While Taiwan continues to bolster diplomatic relations with Latin American and Caribbean allies through cooperation and exchanges, the government is also actively furthering substantive ties with other countries in this region with which Taiwan does not have diplomatic relations. In 2022, the COVID-19 pandemic continued to affect Latin America and the Caribbean. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) government and private sector generously donated pandemic supplies, shared its experience with containing the pandemic, and assisted in post-pandemic economic recovery and women's empowerment programs. These efforts were not only appreciated by governments and various sectors in these countries but also further deepened Taiwan's friendship and cooperative relations with them.

II. Relations with Individual Countries

1. Relations with Belize

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established diplomatic relations with Belize on October 13, 1989, and subsequently set up the embassy on October 25 of that year. The Embassy of Belize in Taiwan was set up on September 21, 1992. In March 2022, Belizean Prime Minister John Briceño visited Taiwan, strengthening high-level ties between the two countries. The bilateral cooperation projects between Taiwan and Belize

were implemented as planned, benefiting Belize's economic development and the well-being of its people, and were highly appreciated. The Belizean government actively showcased the mutually beneficial results of the Taiwan-Belize partnership to the international community and strongly voiced support for Taiwan in various international arenas such as the United Nations (UN), World Health Organization (WHO), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL).

(2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. Bilateral trade amounted to approximately US\$11.82 million in 2022, with exports reaching approximately US\$8.58 million and imports reaching approximately US\$3.24 million.
- B. On September 30, 2020, Minister of Economic Affairs Wang Mei-hua and Minister of State at Ministry of Economic Development, Petroleum, Investment, Trade & Commerce Tracy Panton signed the Taiwan-Belize Economic Cooperation Agreement (ECA) on behalf of their respective governments. The agreement, which officially took effect on January 15, 2022, is helping to deepen bilateral trade relations and strengthening investment promotion cooperation.
- C. From March 8 to 12, Prime Minister John Briceño and his wife, accompanied by Ambassador of Investment Jamie Briceño and other officials, visited Taiwan. During their visit, they attended the Seminar on the New Era of Investment and Business Opportunities stimulated by the Economic Cooperation Agreement (ECA) between Taiwan and Belize, where they introduced Belize's economic and trade investment environment and business opportunities to Taiwanese companies. They also witnessed the signing of a lobster procurement LOI between Taiwan's YEN & Brothers Enterprise Co., Ltd. and Belize's Northern Fishermen Co-operative Society, Ltd.
- D. The 2022 Economic Cooperation and Business Opportunities Mission to Central and South American Allies visited Belize from July 12 to 17. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) Embassy in Belize and the Taiwan External Trade

Development Council (TAITRA) organized the Expo Taiwan 2022 in Belize City from October 7 to 9.

- E. On June 15, the Importers and Exporters Association of Taipei and the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) signed an agreement of mutual cooperation. Additionally, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) Embassy and the Importers and Exporters Association of Taipei organized the virtual Business Matchmaking Platform for Central American Imports in the Belize region on November 15, facilitating 13 virtual business meetings between Taiwanese and Belizean companies.
 - F. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) Embassy, TAITRA, and Belize Trade and Investment Development Service (BELTRAIDE) invited 25 Belizean companies to participate by sending products to major Taiwanese trade shows such as Giftionery & Cultural Creative Taipei, Kaohsiung Food Show, Taipei International Food Show, and Taichung Int'l Tea, Coffee and Bakery Show.
- (3) Bilateral cooperation:
- A. Humanitarian aid and infrastructure development: In 2022, Taiwan and Belize cooperated on five significant projects: National Healthy Start Feeding Program (Year 1), the Digi Wifi in Schools Solution (Year 1), Orange Walk Town -San Estevan Village Road Upgrading Project (Phase 1), Well Rig Truck Procurement Project, Guinea Grass Rudimentary Water System Rehabilitation.
 - B. Medical cooperation:
 - a. In November 2019, Taiwan and Belize signed a four-year agreement for the Project for Strengthening Medical Imaging Systems, aiming to improve Belize's medical imaging transmission systems. Upon project initiation, the Belizean Ministry of Health sent two radiologists to Taiwan in December of the same year for three years of radiology training at Far Eastern Memorial Hospital. Additionally, four radiology seed instructors completed a three-month training course in Taiwan this year and have since returned to Belize.
 - b. In February 2019, Chi Mei Medical Center and the Belizean Ministry of Health signed a letter of intent for cooperation of

training medical personnel. In 2022, the Belizean Ministry of Health selected three nurses who arrived in November for 18 months of training in infectious disease control. They are expected to finish training in May 2024.

- c. In March 2022, Belizean Prime Minister John Briceño visited Taiwan, during which the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government agreed to assist Belize in building a general hospital in San Pedro Town on Ambergris Caye.
 - d. Through the 2022 Healthcare Personnel Training Program, Taiwan invited Belizean healthcare professionals to receive training in various fields for periods ranging from one to three months in Taiwan.
- C. Agriculture and livestock cooperation:
- a. On March 26, 2020, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government signed the Breeding Sheep and Goat Production and Guidance System Enhancement Project agreement with Belize. The project continued implementation in 2022, achieving goals such as improving sheep and goat quality, as well as promoting the consumption and quality of sheep and goat products.
 - b. On November 7, 2022, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government signed the Regional Project for the Prevention and Control of Fusarium TR4 of Banana in Central America agreement with Belize, which assists with enhancing Belize's diagnostic capabilities for banana diseases.
- D. ICT cooperation: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) government and the government of Belize signed a one-year implementing arrangement for the "Digital Inclusion Program" on July 14, 2022. This project involves establishing five digital labs and providing education and training for ICT talents to enhance internet connectivity and e-government services in rural areas of Belize, improve digital literacy, and create a community-friendly network environment.
- E. Female empowerment: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) government and the government of Belize signed a letter of intent entitled "Enhancing the Economic Empowerment of Women in Latin America and the

Caribbean in the COVID-19 Post-Pandemic Era: Technical Assistance for Women Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Financial Inclusion” on October 13, 2021. This project aims to support Belizean women and small and medium-sized enterprises in coping with the impacts of the pandemic, while promoting post-pandemic economic recovery and social stability.

- F. Other cooperation: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) government and the government of Belize signed a three-year cooperation agreement for the “Flood Warning Capacity Improvement for the Belize River Basin Project” on December 1, 2022. This project aims to enhance Belize’s disaster mitigation capabilities by installing water monitoring stations and establishing an electronic geographic information system. The project’s scope will be expanded to cover the Belize River Basin and major cities.

(4) Cultural and educational relations:

- A. Scholarship programs: In 2022, Taiwan provided 14 Taiwan Scholarships and 37 TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarships to Belizean students for pursuing undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral degrees in Taiwan. As of 2022, a total of 513 Belizean scholarship recipients have studied in Taiwan.
- B. Seminars and training courses: In 2022, 35 Belizean participants attended online conferences or came to Taiwan to participate in various vocational training courses and seminars, including Workshop on Management of Medical Quality and Webinar on Green Finance Promotion.

(5) Humanitarian assistance:

- A. In November, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government donated US\$200,000 in emergency humanitarian aid to help Belizean victims of Hurricane Lisa.
- B. Taiwan donated pandemic supplies to Belize, including face masks, face shields, alcohol pads, hand sanitizers, and protective suits.

- (6) Visits from Belize were made by: Prime Minister John Briceño and his wife; Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Eamon Courtenay;

Minister of Education, Culture, Science, and Technology Francis Fonseca; Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise Jose Mai; Cabinet Secretary and Chief of Staff Stuart Leslie; Ambassador of Investment Jamie Briceño; CEO of the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics and E-Governance Jose Urbina; CEO of the Ministry of Youth, Sports, and Transport Marconi Leal; Belize City Mayor Bernard Wagner; Belmopan City Mayor Sheran Palacio; and Orange Walk Town Mayor Ladrick Sheppard.

2. Relations with the Republic of Guatemala

(1) Background:

- A. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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. Guatemala established a legation in Taiwan on December 22, 1954, and upgraded it to an embassy on September 1, 1960.
- B. In May 2022, the Guatemalan Congress presidium and the Central American Parliament presidium respectively passed pro-Taiwan resolutions supporting Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA).

- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to US\$412 million in 2022, with exports reaching US\$267 million and imports reaching US\$145 million. According to the Investment Commission of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, as of December 2022, Taiwan had 69 active investment projects in Guatemala, with a cumulative investment amount of US\$136 million.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: In 2022, Taiwan provided 24 Taiwan Scholarships and 13 TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarships to Guatemalan students. Taiwan also sponsored a one-year Mandarin language course at the College of Foreign Languages, National University of San Carlos. The TaiwanICDF dispatched Mandarin language teachers to carry out a Chinese-language education project catering to

Guatemalan diplomats and students from the Technical Institute for Training and Productivity (INTECAP), and assist the R.O.C. Elementary School in Guatemala City with Mandarin courses.

- (4) Technological cooperation: In 2022, Taiwan maintains the following cooperative projects with Guatemala: Assisting the Economic Empowerment of Women Project in Latin America and the Caribbean in the Post COVID-19 Era Project/Guatemala; Healthcare Personnel Training Program; Regional Project for the Prevention and Control of Fusarium TR4 of Banana in Central America; Project for the Revitalization of Crafts and Youth Entrepreneurship in Antigua Guatemala and Surrounding Municipalities in Sacatepéquez; Project for the Promotion of Medical Technology for Improvement of Maternal-Neonatal Health in Guatemala (Phase 1); Guatemala Financial Dispatch Special Project; and the Overseas Professional Mandarin Teaching Project.
- (5) Technological cooperation: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) Embassy in Guatemala continues to collaborate with the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), an international NGO from the US, to promote the Disaster Risk Mitigation Database Project in Guatemala, assisting the Guatemalan National Institute for Seismology, Vulcanology, Meteorology and Hydrology (INSIVUMEH) in establishing a national monitoring center. Additionally, the Embassy also contributes to projects for the modernization and information security of the Guatemalan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- (6) Other cooperation: Under the framework of the bilateral MOUs between Taiwan and Guatemala, Taiwan assisted in the construction of the National Hospital of Chimaltenango and a maternity and children's hospital attachment for the Hospital San Juan de Dios. The construction of the National Hospital of Chimaltenango began in 2021 and is expected to be completed and handed over in 2023. The addition of a maternity and children's hospital for the Hospital San Juan de Dios started this year and is expected to be completed in 2024.
- (7) Humanitarian assistance:
 - A. In 2022, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government donated a total of 1,860

metric tons of rice to Guatemala, including one shipment of 300 metric tons of rice and an additional 1,560 metric tons for humanitarian aid delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- B. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) Embassy facilitated the donation of two containers of mobility aids to the Secretariat of Social Works of the President's Wife of the Republic of Guatemala. The donation, made by the Pu-Hsein Educational Foundation and the Cao Zhong Zhi Foundation, included 294 adult wheelchairs, 158 children's wheelchairs, and 848 assistive devices.
 - C. The Embassy facilitated the donation of a container of Christmas toys and supplies to the Secretariat of Social Works of the President's Wife of the Republic of Guatemala. This donation, made by the US-based SimplyHelp Foundation, included toys, soccer balls, backpacks, clothes, shoes, and household items.
- (8) Overseas community affairs:
- A. Around 17,000 overseas compatriots reside in Guatemala. Over 600 Taiwan nationals have taken up residence in Guatemala. They are mainly engaged in the following sectors: imports, wholesale, retail, dining, food processing, agriculture, and digital entertainment.
 - B. Overseas community organizations: 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:
- A. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established diplomatic relations with the Republic of Haiti 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. Haiti established an embassy in Taiwan on August 16, 1981.

- B. In 2022, the governments of Taiwan and Haiti signed several cooperation agreements, including Assisting the Economic Empowerment of Women Project in Latin America and the Caribbean in the Post COVID-19 Era Project/Haiti, National Rice Seed Production Enhancement Project, Cholera Prevention and Control Project (Le Projet d'Appui à la Lutte contre l'Epidémie de Choléra), and National Blood Safety Program (Le Programme National de Sécurité Transfusionnelle).
 - C. In 2022, Haitian senators expressed their support for Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP27) through various means.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to US\$48.05 million in 2022, with exports reaching US\$43.9 million and imports reaching US\$4.15 million.
 - (3) Cultural and educational relations: In 2022, Taiwan provided 22 Taiwan Scholarships and four TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarships to Haitian students to study in Taiwan. Taiwan also dispatched Mandarin language teachers to promote traditional Chinese character education at the Haitian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship and the Michèle Tardieu Library in Pétion-Ville. Additionally, Taiwan is involved in constructing a high school of excellence in North, Haiti sponsoring the Artisanat en Fête craft fair, and funding renovations of the municipal library in Saint-Raphaël.
 - (4) Agricultural, fisheries, and technical cooperation: The National Rice Seed Production Enhancement Project was implemented in the northern, central, and southern regions of Haiti in 2022. The Technical Mission in Haiti completed the construction of four CMS in South, Haiti. Training courses

were held on CMS operation and management, seed testing laboratory procedures, and agricultural machinery operation. Additionally, Taiwan collaborated with Food for the Poor (FFTP) to assist farmers' organizations in the South Department with rice production and marketing. Additionally, in line with the Haitian government's policy directives, Taiwan has implemented several cooperation projects to improve local electricity supply, provide humanitarian aid to vulnerable social groups, enhance food security, strengthen healthcare capabilities, and improve educational capacity.

- (5) Medical cooperation: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) Embassy in Haiti implemented several projects to assist the Haitian government in enhancing public health and medical response capabilities, as well as to procure necessary medical resources to combat the pandemic, which benefits patients and enhances the protection of healthcare workers. These projects include the Project to Strengthen the Operational Capacity of the National Ambulance Center (Reinforcement de la Capacité Opérationnelle du Centre Ambulancier National), the construction of OFATMA Hospital Building, National Blood Safety Program (Le Programme National de Sécurité Transfusionnelle), and the Cholera Prevention and Control Project (Le Projet d'Appui à la Lutte contre l'Epidémie de Choléra).
- (6) Green energy cooperation: The Embassy continues to implement a solar-powered water pumps systems project for irrigation (Le Projet de Systèmes de Pompage de l'Eau par le Solaire Photovoltaïque) to assist farmers and local communities in improving access to irrigation and domestic water supplies.
- (7) Police affairs and security cooperation: Taiwan donated personal protective equipment and bulletproof briefcases to the Haitian National Police Headquarters to enhance their operational capabilities.
- (8) Humanitarian assistance:
 - A. Taiwan collaborated with the Food for the Poor (FFTP) Haiti division to distribute 8,800 metric tons of rice, assisting vulnerable populations in overcoming hardships. Additionally, Taiwan worked with the Haitian Ministry on the Status and Rights of Women and FFTP Haiti to

- distribute relief supplies to disadvantaged people in Carrefour, Haiti.
- B. Ambassador to Haiti Ku Wen-jiann, on behalf of the Pu-Hsein Educational Foundation and the Cao Zhong Zhi Foundation, publicly donated a 20-foot container of wheelchairs and assistive devices to aid those with mobility impairment.
 - C. Ambassador Ku Wen-jiann, on behalf of the US-based SimplyHelp Foundation, donated two 40-foot containers of relief and pandemic supplies to Haiti, which were distributed to disadvantaged children, women, rural communities, and healthcare workers nationwide.
 - D. Ambassador Ku Wen-jiann and Haitian Minister of Agriculture Brédy Charlot co-hosted the inauguration ceremony for the “Project to Strengthen Food Security and Improve Living Conditions Post-Earthquake of August 14, 2021”, supported by the TF4DF foundation.

4. Relations with the Republic of Honduras

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established diplomatic relations with Honduras in April 1941 and opened a legation in June 1957, which was upgraded to an embassy in May 1965. Additionally, a consulate general was established in San Pedro Sula in December 1997. Honduras established an embassy in Taiwan in June 1985.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$192 million in 2022, with exports reaching US\$63.16 million and imports reaching US\$129 million.
 - B. Taiwan and Honduras have been actively promoting economic and trade cooperation projects for many years, fostering substantial economic and trade ties. Since the Taiwan-Honduras Free Trade Agreement came into effect in July 2008, bilateral trade volumes have increased annually. The Export-Import Bank of the R.O.C. has provided relending loans to assist Honduran companies in purchasing machinery from Taiwan.
 - C. For several years now, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) have organized missions to Honduras to procure seafood and coffee, and to hold

Taiwan Expo in Honduras to facilitate continued growth of bilateral trade.

D. Taiwanese businesses have continued to explore investment opportunities in Honduras, seeking to invest and export industrial technology, which benefits the industrial and economic development of Honduras and deepens the substantive economic and trade cooperation between the two countries.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

A. In 2022, Taiwan provided 48 Taiwan Scholarships and TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarships to outstanding Honduran students to study in Taiwan.

B. In 2022, four Mandarin language teachers were dispatched to teach in various Honduran government departments, the language center for the Honduran military, and academic institutions.

(4) Agriculture and fisheries cooperation:

A. Taiwan has helped Honduras develop its agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and animal husbandry, as well as provided technical consultations and technology transfers. To date, the following have been introduced to Honduras: Tilapia cage culture, white shrimp and pig breeding techniques, Asian vegetables and rice, orchids, Indian dates, guava, potatoes, and strawberry cultivation, as well as measures to control huanglongbing (HLB) in citrus fruits. In particular, as a result of the success with Asian vegetables, shrimp, Tilapia, and guava, these agricultural products have gained importance in Honduras. Ongoing projects include the Healthy Avocado Seedling Production Project and the Pig Breeding and Reproduction Project.

B. The import volume of Honduran agricultural products, such as white shrimp, coffee, melons, beef, and sea cucumbers, continues to increase, rapidly facilitating greater bilateral economic and trade ties.

(5) Medical cooperation: Taiwan has continuously donated pandemic supplies and humanitarian medical aid to assist Honduras in addressing public health crises, and cooperated with Honduras to implement the Health Information Management Efficiency Enhancement Project.

- (6) Other cooperation: In 2022, Taiwan funded the implementation of the Infrastructure, Water, and Sanitation Improvement Project for Public Schools in Honduras to assist school children in returning to school. Additionally, Taiwan donated funds to aid in flood disaster relief and provided 900 metric tons of rice.
- (7) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 4,000 overseas compatriots reside in Honduras, mostly in San Pedro Sula, a large industrial and commercial city in northern Honduras. The main overseas compatriot associations include the Chinese Association of Honduras and the Association of Hondurans of Chinese Descent.
- (8) Visits from Taiwan were made by Vice President Lai Ching-te and Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Alexander Tah-ray Yui.

5. Relations with the Republic of Paraguay

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established diplomatic relations with Paraguay on July 12, 1957, and set up an embassy on November 19, 1959. On December 12, 1988, a consulate general was established in Ciudad Stroessner, which was renamed the Consulate General in Ciudad del Este in February 1989 following the change of the city's name. Paraguay established its embassy in Taiwan in September 1976.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. Bilateral trade amounted to US\$253.41 million in 2022, with exports reaching US\$22.30 million and imports reaching US\$231.11 million.
 - B. Taiwan sent the 2022 Economic Cooperation and Business Opportunities Mission to Central and South American Allies and the Taiwan-Paraguay Industrial Policy Cooperation Expert Delegation to Paraguay, aiming to strengthen economic and trade exchanges and cooperation between the two countries.
 - C. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) government was the first to dispatch specialists to inspect facilities in Paraguay for pork imports. After completing the necessary procedures, Taiwan opened its market to Paraguayan frozen pork on November 28, 2022.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: In 2022, Taiwan provided 53 Taiwan

Scholarships, Huayu Enrichment Scholarships, and TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarships to Paraguayan students to study in Taiwan. The Taiwan–Paraguay Polytechnic University (Universidad Politécnica Taiwán Paraguay) held its fourth entrance examination on February 11.

- (4) Sports exchanges: In July 2022, Huang Jin-cheng, President of the Taiwan Association of International Tchoukball Federation (FITB), led a delegation to Paraguay to visit the National Secretariat of Sports and the Ministry of Education and Science. The delegation aimed to promote the sport of tchoukball and conduct training for instructors.
- (5) Technical cooperation: Taiwan and Paraguay conducted the following technical projects: the Surubi Fingerling Breeding and Cultivation Project, Health Information Management Efficiency Enhancement Project (Phase II), Project to Strengthen Capacity to Support Development of MSMEs, the Project to Strengthen Capacity for Commercial Production of Orchids, Assisting the Economic Empowerment of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean in the Post-Pandemic of COVID-19/Paraguay, and the Healthcare Personnel Training Program.
- (6) Humanitarian assistance:
 - A. Taiwan donated fire trucks to the Volunteer Firefighter's Corps of Paraguay and the Ciudad del Este Volunteer Fire Brigade.
 - B. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) Embassy, on behalf of the Pu-Hsein Educational Foundation and the Cao Zhong Zhi Foundation, donated adult and children's wheelchairs and canes to the National Secretariat for Human Rights and Persons with Disabilities.
- (7) Other cooperation:
 - A. To assist Paraguay in enhancing its public health system, Taiwan donated medical and information equipment to the Paraguayan government under the bilateral Medical Institutions Care Quality Improvement Project (Proyecto Mejoramiento de la Calidad de Atención de los Establecimientos de Salud del MSPBS), which supports the modernization and expansion of the Acosta Ñu Children's Hospital.

- B. Additionally, to aid Paraguay in post-pandemic economic recovery, Taiwan promoted the Women's Empowerment Project to support innovative female-led micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). Taiwan also actively facilitated industry exchanges between Taiwan and Paraguay to create business opportunities.
- (8) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 4,500 overseas compatriots live in Paraguay, most of whom are from Taiwan and are primarily engaged in business. 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.
- (9) Mutual visits by dignitaries: A visit from Paraguay was made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce Luis Alberto Castiglioni.

6. Relations with the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis

- (1) Background:
 - A. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established diplomatic relations with the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis (Saint Kitts and Nevis) on October 9, 1983, and set up an embassy on August 5, 1984. Saint Kitts and Nevis established an embassy in Taiwan on January 28, 2008.
 - B. Before the parliamentary election held on August 5, 2022, Prime Minister Timothy Harris, Deputy Prime Minister Shawn Richards, and leader of the parliamentary opposition Denzil Douglas, along with 15 other members of the Formosa Club, each sent a letter to WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, urging WHO to invite Taiwan to participate as an observer in the 75th World Health Assembly (WHA).
 - C. After the parliamentary election on August 5, 2022, Saint Kitts and Nevis Members of Parliament Shawn Richards, Mark Brantley, Alexis Jeffers, and Eric Evelyn (four members of the Formosa Club) each sent an individual letter to the President of the ICAO Council, voicing support for Taiwan's participation in the ICAO.
 - D. On October 10, 2022, all members of the Formosa Club, including

Prime Minister Terrance Drew, Deputy Prime Minister Geoffrey Hanley, Minister of Foreign Affairs Denzil Douglas, and leader of the parliamentary opposition Mark Brantley, signed a joint statement supporting Taiwan's participation in ICAO, UNFCCC, and INTERPOL.

- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to approximately US\$1.55 million in 2022, with exports reaching approximately US\$1.29 million and imports reaching approximately US\$260,000.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations: In 2022, Taiwan provided scholarships for 10 outstanding students from Saint Kitts and Nevis to study in Taiwan and learn Mandarin. Grants were also provided to 169 outstanding elementary and middle school students under the Human Resources Development Project. TaiwanICDF dispatched Mandarin teachers to offer Mandarin courses and recruited Overseas Volunteers to serve in St. Kitts and Nevis.
- (4) Medical cooperation: Taiwan continues to cooperate with Saint Kitts and Nevis on the Capacity Building Project for the Prevention and Control of Metabolic Chronic Diseases to help Saint Kitts and Nevis formulate a preventative strategy against chronic diseases, improve care capacity at medical institutions, and raise health awareness in local communities.
- (5) Agricultural cooperation: Taiwan and Saint Kitts and Nevis collectively promoted the Enhancing Agricultural Adaptive Capacity to Climate Variability Project, which aims to enhance the resilience of Saint Kitts and Nevis's agricultural systems through three key approaches: establishing an early warning information collection mechanism, developing or introducing crop disaster prevention and reduction technologies, and increasing the dissemination of agricultural information.
- (6) Media exposure: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) Embassy in Saint Kitts and Nevis has long cooperated with major media in Saint Kitts and Nevis to support the dissemination of Taiwan's policies and efforts to participate in international organizations such as the UN system, WHA, ICAO, UNFCCC, and INTERPOL. Through interviews and special articles, these media outlets regularly highlight Taiwan's achievements in technology and

cultural soft power, enhancing Taiwan's visibility in Saint Kitts and Nevis and deepening the relationship between the two nations.

- (7) Technological cooperation: Taiwan cooperates with Saint Kitts and Nevis on several projects, including the Digital Identity Authentication Project, the Land Administration Information System Project, the Renewable Energy Policy Consultant-dispatching Project, and Pinney's Beach Park Project.
- (8) Environmental cooperation: Taiwan and Saint Kitts and Nevis continue to cooperate on the Solid Waste Management and Recycling Project, assisting Saint Kitts and Nevis in establishing public awareness of resource recycling and a nationwide recycling system.
- (9) Mutual visits by dignitaries: Visits from Saint Kitts and Nevis were made by Prime Minister Terrance Drew, Minister of Foreign Affairs Denzil Douglas; Premier of Nevis Mark Brantley; Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment, Climate Action and Constituency Empowerment Joyelle Clarke; and Deputy Minister of Social Development, Youth Empowerment, Gender Affairs, Aging and Disabilities Isalean Phillip.

7. Relations with Saint Lucia

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) and Saint Lucia established diplomatic relations in May 1984. Relations were then severed in June 1997. The two countries resumed diplomatic relations in April 2007, and Taiwan re-established its embassy in Saint Lucia the same year. In 2015, Saint Lucia established its embassy in Taiwan, its first diplomatic mission in Asia.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. Bilateral trade: Bilateral trade amounted to approximately US\$660,000 in 2022, with exports reaching approximately US\$300,000 and imports reaching approximately US\$360,000.
 - B. Economic and trade exchanges:

The R.O.C. (Taiwan) Embassy in Saint Lucia, in collaboration with the Saint Lucian Ministry of Commerce, Manufacturing, Business Development, Cooperatives, and Consumer Affairs co-hosted the

opening ceremony of the 15th Taiwan-Saint Lucia Partnership Trade Exhibition. The event was attended by acting Governor-General Cyril Errol Melchiades Charles; Prime Minister Philip J. Pierre; incoming President of the Senate Alvina Reynolds; Speaker of the House Claudius Francis; Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism, Investment, Creative Industries, Culture and Information Ernest Hilaire; and Minister of Commerce Emma Hippolyte; among other dignitaries.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

- A. In 2022, Taiwan provided nine Taiwan Scholarships, 11 TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarships, and nine I-Shou University Medical Scholarships to Saint Lucian students to study in Taiwan.
- B. Taiwan continues to promote Mandarin language teaching programs in Saint Lucia. Mandarin courses have been offered at the Ministry of the Public Service, Home Affairs, Labour and Gender Affairs, the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force, and Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, helping civil servants, police officers, and students learn basic Mandarin conversation. Approximately 300 students participate in these courses every year. Additionally, Taiwan dispatches Mandarin teachers to assist Saint Lucia's Ministry of Education in editing Mandarin language curricula for primary and secondary schools, as well as organizing Mandarin proficiency tests and competitions.

- (4) COVID-19 cooperation: On March 2, Taiwan donated 10,000 doses of the AstraZeneca (AZ) vaccine to Saint Lucia.
- (5) Agricultural cooperation: This year, Taiwan and Saint Lucia signed a five-year Project for Enhancing the Efficiency of Production–Distribution Supply Chain in Fruit and Vegetable Sector (Phase II). This project aims to improve Saint Lucia's food self-sufficiency, enhance food security, strengthen supply chain efficiency, reduce imports, and address the challenges of climate change through capacity building and strengthening production and distribution systems.
- (6) Youth and female empowerment and entrepreneurship:

- A. Taiwan continues to implement the Assisting the Economic Empowerment of Youth and Women Project in Latin America and the Caribbean in the Post COVID-19 Era Project/St. Lucia, which provides job skill training, entrepreneurial incubation guidance, and support for micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises to youth and women.
 - B. Taiwan, Saint Lucia, and the United States jointly held an overseas workshop under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF) in Saint Lucia. The workshop, titled “Pursuing Inclusive and Gender-Equal Recovery: Empowering Women in the Post-Pandemic Era”, was attended by Saint Lucia’s Prime Minister Philip J. Pierre, several ministers, US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Kerri Hannan, US Ambassador Linda Taglialatela, and senior officials from seven Latin American and Caribbean allied countries.
- (7) Technological cooperation: Taiwan’s three-year Project for ICT in Education concluded in November 2022. Based on the educational needs and characteristics of schools in Saint Lucia, the project established seven pilot schools, eight smart classrooms, and 21 multimedia classrooms. It also organized multiple creative video competitions for teachers, providing Saint Lucian students with opportunities to connect with international educational resources. The project received an award in recognition of national achievement from Saint Lucia’s Ministry of Education.
 - (8) Medical cooperation: Taiwan promoted the 2022 Healthcare Personnel Training Program, inviting Saint Lucian personnel to Taiwan for training courses in various fields, ranging from one to three months.
 - (9) Mutual visits by dignitaries: Visits from Saint Kitts and Nevis were made by Prime Minister Philip J. Pierre and Minister of Education Shawn A. Edward.

8. Relations with Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

- (1) Background:
 - A. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines established diplomatic relations on August 15, 1981. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) Embassy in Saint Vincent began operations on March 24, 1983. Saint

Vincent established its embassy in Taiwan on August 8, 2019.

- B. Saint Vincent has consistently supported Taiwan's participation in various international organizations through speeches, letters, and proposals. Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves led a delegation to Taiwan in August of this year and signed the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Government of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and the Treaty between the Government of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on the transfer of Sentenced Persons.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: According to customs statistics from the Saint Vincent Ministry of Finance, bilateral trade amounted to US\$920,000 in 2022, with exports reaching US\$900,000 and imports reaching US\$20,000.
 - (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. In 2022, Taiwan provided 14 Taiwan Scholarships and seven TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarships to students from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Approximately 80 students from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines are currently studying in Taiwan. Taiwan also sends Mandarin-language teachers to reside and teach Mandarin in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
 - B. In collaboration with the Ministry of Education of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the R.O.C. (Taiwan) Embassy in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines provides grants to outstanding students under the Human Resources Development Project. Approximately 500 students are awarded grants each year, benefitting nearly 10,800 students since 2008.
 - (4) Agriculture, fisheries, and technical cooperation:
 - A. The Taiwan Technical Mission in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is implementing several projects, including the Banana Revitalization Project, the Public Health Emergency Response System Enhancement Program, the Intelligent Bus Management and Monitoring System Project, and Assisting the Economic Empowerment of Women Project

in Latin America and the Caribbean in the Post COVID-19 Era Project/ St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Additionally, Mandarin teachers are stationed at community colleges and Saint Vincent Girls' High School to teach Mandarin as part of technical cooperation initiatives.

- B. The TaiwanICDF and International Center for Land Policy Studies and Training launched several training programs and invited government officials from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Taiwan for training.
- C. Other cooperation projects include infrastructure development, such as road repairs and port expansions, as well as youth employment internships and cultural spotlight programs.

(5) Medical cooperation:

- A. To continue assisting Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in combating the COVID-19 pandemic, Taiwan donated 10,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine on March 7, 2022.
- B. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) Embassy assisted the Rotary Clubs of Taiwan and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in co-organizing the Breast Cancer Awareness Project, under which is a program for training radiology personnel.

(6) Humanitarian assistance:

- A. Taiwan continues to assist in the recovery efforts following the eruption of La Soufrière volcano in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines that occurred in April 2021. This includes repairing the Yurumein-Taiwan Friendship Bridge and promoting local community economic recovery.
- B. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) Embassy, on behalf of the US-based SimplyHelp Foundation, has made multiple donations including folding tables and chairs, food, personal items, medical supplies, and pandemic materials to assist the people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines affected by the pandemic and volcanic eruption. Additionally, Taiwanese NGOs, such as the Wu Thun-Chih Foundation for Charity and Public Welfare and the Cao Zhong Zhi Foundation, have also provided humanitarian donations to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

- (7) Mutual visits by dignitaries: Visits from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines were made by Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves and Minister of Social

Development Orando Brewster.

9. Relations with the Argentine Republic

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established the Taiwan Trade Office in Argentina on January 6, 1973, which was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Argentina on January 26, 1996. Argentina established the Argentine Trade and Cultural Office in Taiwan on July 9, 1992.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Bilateral trade amounted to approximately US\$893 million in 2022, with imports reaching approximately US\$648 million and exports reaching approximately US\$245 million.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. In June, Representative Tsao Li-je, on behalf of the National Central Library of Taiwan, signed Cooperation Agreement Between the National Central Library of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and the National Library of the Congress of Argentine Republic with General Coordinating Director Alejandro Santa of the Library of the National Congress of Argentina. This agreement established the world's first Resource Center for Taiwan Studies at the Library of the National Congress of Argentina.
 - B. Since the inception of the MOE's Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship programs in 2004, over 70 outstanding Argentine students have been given the opportunity to study Mandarin or pursue degrees in Taiwan. In 2022, 10 Argentine students received scholarships to study in Taiwan.
 - C. Ministry of Culture selected Argentina as the location for this year's Spotlight Taiwan program. TECO Argentina, in collaboration with the Library of the National Congress of Argentina and local Taiwanese community groups, organized several events to share Taiwan's local stories with the Argentine mainstream society through films.
- (4) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 10,000 Taiwanese expatriates reside in Argentina. Most reside in the capital city of Buenos Aires and the Buenos Aires Province, with others scattered across the provinces of

Córdoba, Mendoza, Santa Fe, and Tucumán. There are currently about 30 Taiwanese expatriate associations, most of which are concentrated in the capital region.

10. Relations with the Federative Republic of Brazil

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established the Far East Trade Center in São Paulo on July 14, 1975, which was renamed the Taipei Business Center in Brazil on February 15, 1980. On January 10, 1992, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Brazil was established in Brasília. Concurrently, the Taipei Business Center in São Paulo and the business center in Rio de Janeiro, established in June 1980, were respectively 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 amounted to approximately US\$3.7 billion in 2022, with imports reaching approximately US\$2.4 billion and exports reaching approximately US\$1.3 billion.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. In 2022, Taiwan provided Taiwan Scholarships, Huayu Enrichment Scholarships, and TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarships to Brazilian students. Additionally, MOFA provided Taiwan Fellowships to Brazilian scholars for conducting research in Taiwan.
 - B. Training programs: The TaiwanICDF, the International Center for Land Policy Studies and Training, and the National Development Program invited Brazilian government officials for training in Taiwan.
- (4) Humanitarian assistance:
 - A. The Representative Office in Brazil participated in Cardinal Dom Paulo Cezar Costa's Brasília Without Hunger (Brasília Sem Fome) donation project, distributing relief supplies to impoverished residents in the Federal District.

- B. The Representative Office collaborated with the Instituto Acesso de Promoção Cultural Esportiva e Social de São Sebastião-DF (Institute for the Advancement of Cultural, Sports, and Social Promotion of São Sebastião-DF) Institute for the Advancement of Cultural, Sports, and Social Promotion of São Sebastião-DF (Instituto Acesso de Promoção Cultural Esportiva e Social de São Sebastião-DF) and other NGOs to promote poverty alleviation projects, providing food baskets and disaster relief to economically disadvantaged groups in various cities in Brazil.
 - C. The Representative Office partnered with the Instituto Federal do Rio Grande do Norte (Federal Institute of Rio Grande do Norte) to organize the Christmas without Hunger project (Natal Sem Fome), donating food baskets.
- (5) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 72,000 Taiwanese expatriates reside in Brazil, with most concentrated in the cities of São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. There are over 60 various expatriate associations in Brazil, including business, social, leisure, charitable, religious, and local associations.

11. Relations with the Republic of Chile

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established the Far East Trade Office in Chile on September 30, 1975, which was renamed the Taipei Commercial Office in Chile on December 22, 1990, and further renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Chile on June 26, 1992. Chile established the Chilean Trade Office in Taiwan on September 22, 1989.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. Bilateral trade: Bilateral trade amounted to US\$1.908 billion in 2022, with exports reaching US\$242 million and imports reaching US\$1.666 billion.
 - B. Economic and trade exchanges
 - a. On May 10, the Representative to Chile Silvia Yu Chi Liu hosted the Taiwan-Chile Economic and Trade Roundtable (Encuentro

Taiwán y Chile), briefing Chilean officials and key association representatives on the importance of Taiwan's economy and trade, and urging the Chilean community to continue supporting Taiwan's bid to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

- b. On September 27-28, TECO Chile assisted the Taiwan External Trade Development Council in organizing the Latin America Hybrid Trade Mission, inviting 61 Chilean buyers to engage in nearly 100 online trade meetings with Taiwanese companies.
- c. On October 20, TECO Chile, in collaboration with the Importers and Exporters Association of Taipei, held a one-on-one video procurement meeting for Latin American products, facilitating 27 video negotiations between Taiwanese and Chilean companies.
- d. On October 25, TECO Chile organized the "Taiwan-Chile Industrial Business Matching Meeting", where Chilean companies and a visiting delegation from the Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA) conducted over 50 business matching negotiations.
- e. On October 26, TECO Chile, along with CIECA and the Federation of Chilean Industry (Sociedad de Fomento Fabril, SOFOFA), held The 13th Taiwan-Chile Joint Business Councils Meeting between CIECA and SOFOFA. The R.O.C. Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Alexander Tah-ray Yui delivered a pre-recorded speech at the opening ceremony, calling on the Chilean industrial community to support Taiwan's accession to the CPTPP.
- f. On October 26, TECO Chile held the Taiwan-Chile CPTPP Exchange Luncheon, attended by representatives from the Chilean government and key associations. At the opening ceremony, Representative Silvia Yu Chi Liu delivered a speech urging Chilean industry and business leaders to support Taiwan's accession to the CPTPP.

(3) Bilateral agreements:

A. TECO Chile facilitated the signing of a memorandum of

understanding between the Importers and Exporters Association of Taipei and the FEDEFruta on August 2. This established the first Taiwan-Chile fruit industry exchange platform aimed at continuously deepening cooperation and exchange in the fruit industry between Taiwan and Chile.

- B. On September 9, Representative Silvia Yu Chi Liu and Claudia Pizarro, Mayor of La Pintana, Chile, signed the Cultural Cooperation Agreement between the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chile and the Municipality of La Pintana at the city hall.
- (4) Cultural, educational, and sport exchanges:
- A. Academic cooperations: On January 11, TECO Chile facilitated former Vice President Chen Chien-jen's online participation in a seminar hosted by the Chilean think tank "Espacio Público", where he shared Taiwan's pandemic prevention experience, known as the "Taiwan Model". Additionally, at the end of August, TECO Chile arranged for Kung Kwo-wei, Director of the Center for Latin America and Caribbean Studies at Tamkang University, to attend discussions at the Chilean National Academy of Political and Strategic Studies and the Institute of International Studies (IEI) at the University of Chile.
 - B. Arts exchange: TECO Chile invited the Santiago Youth Orchestra (Orquesta Juvenil de Santiago) to perform Taiwanese folk songs at the National Day reception. Additionally, TECO Chile arranged for the A Root ensemble to visit Chile and perform at the Santiago Municipal Theatre (Teatro Municipal de Santiago).
 - C. Sport promotion: Representative Silvia Yu Chi Liu was invited to attend a demonstration and teaching event by Huang Jin-cheng, President of the Taiwan Association of the International Tchoukball Federation (FITB), at the Chilean Olympic Committee venue, promoting sport exchanges between Taiwan and Chile.
- (5) Humanitarian assistance: TECO Chile collaborated with the municipalities of Osorno and Puerto Varas to promote a hot meal charity program and small-scale social welfare projects. Additionally, the TECO Chile

partnered with the municipalities of Iquique, Quintero, and La Florida to organize care activities for impoverished and abused children and the Emergency Notification Network for Abused Women project (el Proyecto “Red de Ayuda Inmediata para Mujeres Víctimas de Violencia”).

- (6) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 1,500 overseas compatriots reside in Chile, mostly in Santiago and Iquique.

12. Relations with the Republic of Colombia

- (1) Background: The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established the Far East Commercial Office in Colombia on June 14, 1980. It started offering services to the public with the Barranquilla Office of the Far East Commercial Office in Colombia on August 26 of the same year. On November 27, 1990, the two offices were renamed the Taipei Commercial Office in Bogotá, Colombia, and the Taipei Commercial Office in Barranquilla, Colombia, respectively. The Taipei Commercial Office in Barranquilla, Colombia was closed on July 1, 1991. On May 7, 1993, Colombia set up a commercial office in Taiwan, which was closed in December 2002.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. Bilateral trade: Bilateral trade amounted to approximately US\$512 million in 2022, with exports reaching approximately US\$363 million and imports reaching approximately US\$149 million.
 - B. Economic and trade exchanges:
 - a. Nhora Yaneth Mondragón, Chief Secretary of the Municipal Government of Cali, Colombia, participated via video in the Taipei World Telecom Smart City Conference about future opportunities for 5G Private Networks in Smart City in March. She delivered a speech and shared experience with representatives from Taiwan’s Chunghwa Telecom, Far EasTone, as well as city representatives from Brazil, Singapore, and the Philippines, enhancing cooperation and exchanges in the smart city industry.
 - b. CEO of the Colombian Federation of Software and IT (FEDESOFIT, Federación Colombiana de Software y TI) Ximena Duque was invited by Taiwan to participate in the online CTALK Innovations

sessions held in June.

- c. The Cali Municipal Government and the Colombian Federation of Software and IT jointly participated via video conference Taipei Smart City Summit & Expo 2022 in September 2022, as well as a dialogue on city business opportunities.
- d. The Taipei Commercial Office in Colombia facilitated the first Cali & Kaohsiung Smart City Industry Business Meeting.
- e. The Taipei Commercial Office in Colombia assisted TAITRA in organizing various promotional activities this year, including Agricultural and aquatic products online import procurement day 2022, Latin America online business opportunities day 2022, and Latin America HYBRID trade mission and Latin America Taiwan week.

(3) Cultural and educational relations:

- A. In 2022, the Taipei Commercial Office in Colombia organized three in-person academic events with the National University of Colombia, National Pedagogical University, and the think tank, ProBogotá Foundation.
- B. In 2022, Taiwan provided two Taiwan Scholarships, six Huayu Enrichment Scholarships, and four TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarships to Colombian students.

(4) Bilateral cooperation:

- A. The Taipei Commercial Office in Colombia promoted various small-scale community development and social welfare projects across Colombia, a year-end toy project for underprivileged children, and a cultural preservation project for local cultural and historical centers.
- B. The Taipei Commercial Office in Colombia provided teaching equipment and scholarships to the R.O.C. School (Colegio República de China), attended the annual social responsibility public welfare forum hosted by the El Nogal Foundation, and participated in the year-end material donation campaign of the Diplomatic Security Service Headquarters in Bogotá.

- C. The Taipei Commercial Office in Colombia, in collaboration with Delta Group subsidiary Vivotek's Colombian branch, donated high-end industrial computers to the foundation of the University of Valle (Universidad del Valle), an important public innovation and education promotion and research institution in Colombia.
- (5) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 300 Taiwanese expatriates reside in Colombia, mainly concentrated in the capital city of Bogotá, the second-largest city, Medellín and the third-largest city, Cali.

13. Relations with the Republic of Ecuador

- (1) Background: The Trade Office of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) was established in Ecuador on April 12, 1977, which was renamed the Taipei Commercial Office in Ecuador in March 2017.
- (2) Economic and trade relations:
 - A. Bilateral trade: Bilateral trade amounted to approximately US\$269 million in 2022, with imports reaching approximately US\$93 million and exports reaching approximately US\$176 million.
 - B. Economic and trade exchanges:
 - a. The Taipei Commercial Office in Ecuador participated in ECUATEXIL 2022 and FICCE 2022 (FERIA INTERNACIONAL DE CALZADO EN ECUADOR) and also actively facilitated business opportunities at a trade meeting focused on the chemical industry, organized by the chemical division of the Pichincha Chamber of Small and Medium Enterprises.
 - b. The Taipei Commercial Office in Ecuador established connections with important industrial and commercial groups, such as the National Federations of Industry of Ecuador, National Federation of Chambers of Commerce of Ecuador, Ecuadorian Business Committee, and the Ecuadorian Federation of Exporters.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
 - A. Academic exchanges:
 - a. The Taipei Commercial Office in Ecuador established connections

with the Central University of Ecuador, University of San Francisco de Quito, and the Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador.

- b. In 2022, Taiwan provided three Huayu Enrichment Scholarships and one TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarship to Ecuadorian students.

B. Cultural exchanges:

- a. The Taipei Commercial Office in Ecuador collaborated with Ecuadorian television stations, including Ecuador TV and Gamavisión, to broadcast several Taiwanese documentaries. It also engaged with Ecuavisa TV, Radio Ecuador, and the National Federation of Journalists.
- b. The Taipei Commercial Office in Ecuador assisted Ecuadorian youth in participating in the 53rd World School Children's Art Exhibition held in Taiwan, resulting in three bronze medals.
- c. The Taipei Commercial Office in Ecuador was invited to participate in the women's film festival "INPUT MUJER", organized by Ecuador TV and the Kymysaya Foundation, where they screened the documentary "The Story of Hsu Chin-Yu". The Taipei Commercial Office was also invited to the "Ileana Espinel Cedeño" International Poetry Festival, where they represented Taiwanese poet Dr. Tseng Kuei-hai to receive the "Ileana Espinel Cedeño" International Poet Award.
- d. Overseas community affairs: Approximately 750 Taiwanese expatriates reside in Ecuador with 14 associations, primarily in Quito, Guayaquil, and Machala.

14. Relations with the United Mexican States

(1) Background:

- A. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established the Far East Trade Service Center in Mexico on April 19, 1989, which was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Mexico on July 14, 1993. Mexico established the Mexican Trade Services Documentation and Cultural

Office in Taiwan in June 1991.

- B. On May 11, Karla Yuritzi Almazán, Vice President of the Mexican Chamber of Deputies, along with 93 other members of Parliament, jointly signed a letter to WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus under the name of the Formosa Club, supporting Taiwan's invitation as an observer to the 75th WHA this year. Additionally, 12 members of Parliament individually wrote letters in support of Taiwan. Furthermore, the Mexican Federation of Nursing Colleges and Schools (FEMCE) formally sent a letter to the WHO Director-General, representing 39 nursing associations across the country, calling for Taiwan's participation in the WHA.
 - C. On September 19, Representative to Mexico Armando Cheng attended the online MOU signing ceremony between the Taiwan Nurses Association and FEMCE, where he and Ana Rivera, Vice President of the Mexican Senate, served as witnesses representing their respective governments.
 - D. TECO Mexico promoted the establishment of the 65th cross-party congressional Mexico-Taiwan Friendship Group in the Mexican Chamber of Deputies on November 23.
- (2) Economic and trade relations: Mexico is Taiwan's largest trading partner in Latin America. Bilateral trade amounted to approximately US\$6.739 billion in 2022, with imports reaching approximately US\$1.894 billion and exports reaching approximately US\$4.845 billion. According to statistics from the Mexican government, from 1999 to 2022, Taiwanese businessmen invested a total of US\$1.155 billion in 295 businesses in Mexico.
 - (3) Cultural and educational relations: In 2022, Taiwan provided 11 Taiwan Scholarships, 24 Huayu Enrichment Scholarships, and three TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarships to Mexican students.
 - (4) COVID-19 cooperation: Representative Armando Cheng, along with Carlos Cinta, National Coordinator of the Formosa Club in Mexico, and federal deputies Héctor Castillo and Diana Gutiérrez, held a ceremony at the Taiwan Trade Office in Mexico to donate oxygen concentrators to the

governments of Guanajuato and Nuevo León.

(5) Humanitarian assistance:

- A. In January, Representative Armando Cheng, along with Senator Nadia Navarro, co-hosted a ceremony at the Museo Casa del Mendrugó in Puebla City to donate relief packages and winter blankets to impoverished families in Puebla State.
- B. In March, Representative Armando Cheng visited Atotonilco de Tula with Francisco Javier Guzmán de la Torre, Chair of the Mexico-Taiwan Friendship Group in the Chamber of Deputies, and Ameca with federal deputy Elvia Martínez to co-host ceremonies for donating computer equipment to elementary schools.
- C. In July, TECO Mexico organized the donation of computer equipment to a comprehensive care center in Sahuayo City.
- D. In August, Representative Armando Cheng visited San Luis Potosí and Hidalgo with federal deputy Saúl Hernández to donate computer equipment and assistive devices for indigenous communities and other people with disabilities.
- E. In August, Representative Armando Cheng visited Los Pozos with federal deputy Roberto Rubio to co-host a ceremony for donating computer equipment to a high school and establishing resources for a distance learning center at a higher education institution.
- F. In November, Representative Armando Cheng and Mexico City Councilor Raúl Torres co-hosted a ceremony for donating computers to a public elementary school.
- G. In December, Representative Armando Cheng visited Monterrey, the capital of Nuevo León, with Senator Víctor Fuentes to co-host a ceremony for donating food relief packages, ASUS computers, and Christmas turkey dinners.

(6) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 1,500 Taiwanese expatriates reside in Mexico, mainly involved in business, spread across major cities. There are five expatriate associations: 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.

15. Relations with Peru

(1) Background:

- A. The R.O.C. (Taiwan) established the Far East Trade Center in Peru on January 1, 1978, which was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Peru in November 1990. Peru established the Commercial Office of Peru in Taiwan in May 1994.
- B. On May 10, 22 Peruvian parliamentarians from various parties jointly signed a letter to WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus supporting Taiwan's participation in the WHA.
- C. On September 25, Peruvian parliamentarians, members of the Latin American and Caribbean cross-parliamentary platform Formosa Club (Formosa Club-Plataforma Interparlamentaria de América Latina y del Caribe), publicly expressed their support for Taiwan's participation in the United Nations.
- D. On September 27, Peruvian parliamentarians from the Formosa Club jointly signed a letter to ICAO Council President Salvatore Sciacchitano supporting Taiwan's participation.
- E. On November 3, Peruvian parliamentarians from the Formosa Club jointly signed a letter to UNFCCC Executive Secretary Simon Stiell supporting Taiwan's participation.

(2) Economic and trade relations:

- A. Bilateral trade amounted to approximately US\$800 million in 2022, with imports reaching approximately US\$530 million and exports reaching approximately US\$270 million.
- B. Economic and trade exchanges:
 - a. TECO Peru assisted TAITRA in organizing a delegation to participate in Seguritec Perú 2022 from May 18 to 20, where they set up a Taiwan Pavilion. Additionally, from May 25 to 26, TECO Peru assisted in organizing the 2022 Latin America Hybrid Trade

Mission.

- b. The Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA) led a delegation to visit Peru from October 18 to 22, co-hosting the 15th Taiwan-Peru Joint Business Councils Meeting with the Lima Chamber of Commerce.
 - c. TECO Peru assisted the Importers and Exporters Association of Taiwan (IEAT) in organizing the Central and South America Import Promotion Project on October 22, arranging 30 meetings with Peruvian companies for 14 Taiwanese businesses.
 - d. On November 26, Representative Francisca Yu-Tsz Chang was invited by the Lima Chamber of Commerce to serve as the guest of honor at the opening ceremony of XX EXPO PYME.
- (3) Cultural and educational relations:
- A. In 2022, Taiwan provided one Taiwan Scholarship and four Huayu Enrichment Scholarships to Peruvian students.
 - B. TECO Peru recommended 15 Peruvian participants for various training courses organized by the TaiwanICDF and two participants for the training program at the International Center for Land Policy Studies and Training.
- (4) Sport exchanges:
- A. Taiwan's table tennis team participated in the World Table Tennis (WTT) Contender Lima 2022 on June 19.
 - B. Taiwan's swimming team participated in the 8th FINA World Junior Swimming Championships on August 30, 2022.
 - C. Taiwan's Taekwondo team participated in the 2022 World Taekwondo Poomsae Peru Open on November 9.
- (5) Social welfare cooperation: In 2022, TECO Peru organized 49 projects including food assistance programs in the Lima Metropolitan Area, social welfare material programs in San Martín Province, clean drinking water programs in Puno Province, digital divide reduction programs in the Amazon Province, assistive devices programs for people with disabilities in Ancash Province, livelihood material programs in rural areas of La

Libertad Province, and Christmas toy programs for impoverished children in multiple provinces.

- (6) Mutual visits by dignitaries: A visit from Peru was made by José Ugaz, former Chair of Transparency International in Peru.
- (7) Overseas community affairs: Approximately 300 Taiwanese expatriates reside in Peru, mainly in Lima, Cusco, and Arequipa.

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Ambassador to Belize David K. C. Chien (second from left) and Belizean Minister of National Defence and Border Security Florencio Marin, Jr. (second from right) sign a Coast Guard cooperation agreement. (September 14, 2022)



Ambassador to Belize David K. C. Chien (second from left) and Belizean Prime Minister John Briceño (second from right) attend EXPO TAIWAN 2022. (October 8, 2022)



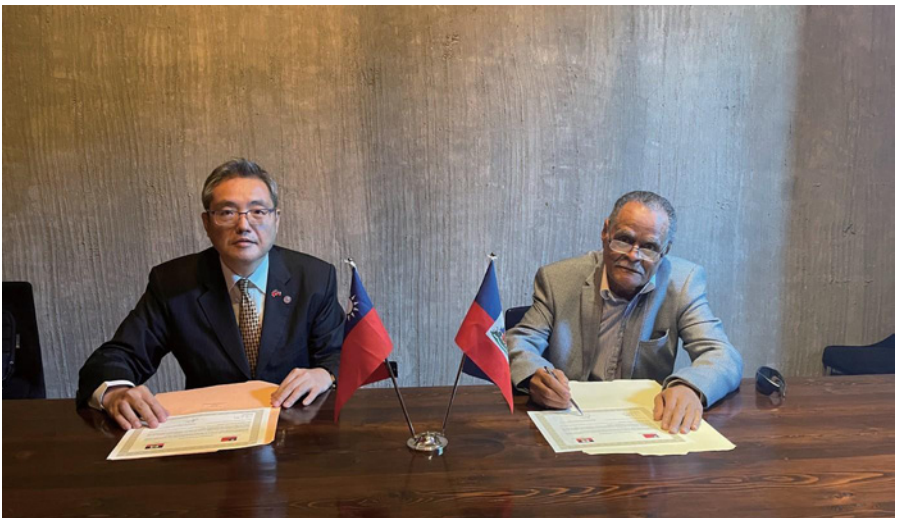
Ambassador to Guatemala Li-Cheng Cheng (fourth from left) and Guatemalan President Alejandro Giammattei (third from right) co-host the plaque unveiling and handover ceremony for the third phase of the CA-9 highway widening project in Guastatoya, El Progreso. (February 25, 2022)



Ambassador to Guatemala Li-Cheng Cheng (fourth from left) and Guatemalan Minister of Health Francisco Coma (third from left) co-host the groundbreaking ceremony for the maternity and children's hospital affiliated with San Juan de Dios Public Hospital. (December 1, 2022)



Ambassador to Haiti Ku Wen-jiann and Haitian Minister of Youth, Sports and Civic Action Raymonde Rival co-host the public donation ceremony for the 2022 School Year Sports Activities Program organized by the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Civic Action (MJSAC). (April 20, 2022)



Ambassador to Haiti Ku Wen-jiann and Haitian Minister of Health Alex Larsen sign the cooperation agreement for a national program on blood safety. (August 30, 2022)



Vice President Lai Ching-te leads a delegation to attend the inauguration ceremony of President Xiomara Castro of the Republic of Honduras, where he extends congratulations to President-elect Castro and presents his credentials as a special envoy. (January 26, 2022)



Ambassador to Honduras Vivia Chang poses with Honduran Minister of Foreign Affairs Enrique Reina during the celebration of Taiwan's Armed Forces Day. (September 2, 2022)



Ambassador to Paraguay José Chih-Cheng Han (third from left) accompanies the Economic Cooperation and Business Opportunities Mission to Central and South America to meet Paraguayan President Mario Abdo Benítez (fourth from left). (July 13, 2022)



Ambassador to Paraguay José Chih-Cheng Han and Paraguayan Minister of Health and Social Welfare Julio Borba pose for a photo during the handover ceremony of the medical information system equipment. (November 23, 2022)



Consul General in Ciudad del Este, Chang Chun-Pin (fourth from left), and Governor of Itapúa Department in Paraguay, Christian Brunaga (fifth from left), jointly preside over the ceremony for the donation of wheelchairs and walkers from Taiwan. (June 6, 2022)



Consulate General in Ciudad del Este, along with the Taiwan Can Help Foundation and Overseas Community Affairs Honorary Fund, donates children's toys to the Upper Paraná Provincial Government to help disadvantaged families celebrate Children's Day. Consul General Chang Chun-pin (second from left) and Upper Paraná Social Welfare Director Liliana Baéz (second from right) pose for a photo. (August 12, 2022)



Ambassador to Saint Kitts and Nevis Michael C. H. Lin attends the inauguration ceremony of the newly appointed Prime Minister Terrance Drew, where he conveys a congratulatory letter from President Tsai Ing-wen. (August 6, 2022)



Ambassador to Saint Kitts and Nevis Michael C. H. Lin (center), Prime Minister Terrance Drew (left), and Premier of Nevis Mark Brantley (right) attend the 111th R.O.C. (Taiwan) National Day Celebration Walkathon. (October 8, 2022)



Ambassador to Saint Lucia Peter Chia-yen Chen (right, front row) and Saint Lucia's Minister of Agriculture Alfred Prospere (left, front row) sign the memorandum of understanding for the Project for Enhancing the Efficiency of Production-Distribution Supply Chain in the Fruit and Vegetable Sector (Phase 2). (January 7, 2022)



Ambassador to Saint Lucia Peter Chia-Yen Chen (third from left), Saint Lucia Prime Minister Philip J. Pierre (third from right), and US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Kerri Hannan (right) attend the GCTF workshop "Empowering Women in the Post-Pandemic Era" held in Saint Lucia. (August 26, 2022)



The R.O.C. (Taiwan) Embassy in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, in collaboration with the government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, co-hosts the 111th R.O.C. (Taiwan) National Day Celebration sports event. R.O.C. Ambassador to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Peter Sha-Li Lan (third from right) poses with Governor-General Susan Dougan (fifth from right), Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves (fourth from right), and other dignitaries. (October 8, 2022)



Ambassador to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Peter Sha-Li Lan (third from left), Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves (fourth from left), and Minister of Education Curtis King (fifth from left) pose for a photo with recipients of the Taiwan Scholarship and the TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarship. (July 26, 2022)



Representative to Argentina Tsao Li-jei awards the Friendship Medal of Diplomacy to Marcela Campagnoli, Chair of the Taiwan-Argentina Parliamentary Friendship Group. (May 31, 2022)



Representative to Argentina Tsao Li-jei (center) meets with Natalio Mario Grinman (right), President of the Argentine Chamber of Commerce and Services (Presidente de la Cámara Argentina de Comercio y Servicios) to witness the signing of a cooperation with the General Chamber of Commerce of the R.O.C. (September 27, 2022)



Representative to Brazil Wen Yao-jen and Senator Marcondes Gadelha co-host a food basket donation ceremony. (July 14, 2022)



Representative to Brazil Wen Yao-jen visits Paraíba Deputy Governor Lígia Feliciano. (November 10, 2022)



TECO São Paulo and the Taiwanese community hold a march in São Paulo in support of Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization. (May 15, 2022)



TECO São Paulo, in collaboration with the University of São Paulo, organizes a talent recruitment event. (August 26, 2022)



Representative to Chile Silvia Yu Chi Liu presents the Friendship Medal of Diplomacy to Tucapel Jimenez Fuentes, Chairman of the Chilean Congressional Taiwan Friendship Group. (March 4, 2022)



Representative to Chile Liu Yu-chi (left), Mayor of Quinta Normal Karina Delfino Mussa (center) and Macarena Velázquez from the Glorious Foundation (right) jointly sign the meeting minutes for the Emergency Notification Network for Abused Women project. (November 25, 2022)



Representative to Colombia Veronica C. Y. Kuei (center) serves as the guest of honor at the opening of the entrepreneurship and handicraft skills exhibition in Nariño Province, Colombia, supported by Taiwan's cooperation program. (August 27, 2022)



Representative to Colombia Veronica C. Y. Kuei (center) poses for a photo with guests at the reception celebrating the 111th National Day of the R.O.C. (October 4, 2022)



Representative to Ecuador Jaime Chuang, poses for a photo with the Second Vice President of the Congress, Darwin Pereira. They cooperate in recording a video introducing the musical instruments donated by Taiwan to the Province of El Oro. (December 7, 2022)



Representative to Ecuador Jaime Chuang (right), attends the candy bag donation ceremony at the invitation of Overseas Community Affairs Advisor and President of the Taiwan Chamber of Commerce in Ecuador Huang Wen-hong (left). They pose for a photo with the recipient representative, Father Fernando Zurita of El Condado Parish (center). (December 12, 2022)



Representative to Mexico Armando Cheng (second from left) and Deputy Speaker of the Mexican Senate Ana Rivera attend the online signing ceremony of a memorandum of understanding between the Taiwan Nurses Association and the Mexican Federation of Nursing Colleges and Schools (FEMCE). (September 19, 2022)



Representative to Mexico Armando Cheng (third from right) accompanies Control Yuan Member Lai Cheng-chang (third from left) to the 26th Ibero-American Federation of Ombudsman (FIO) Annual Conference. (November 29, 2022)



Representative to Peru Francisca Yu-Tsz Chang (second from right) and President of the “Somos Perú” Foundation Patricia Li Sotelo (second from left) jointly preside over the social welfare project donation ceremony in Pachacamac, Lima Province. (February 18, 2022)



Representative to Peru Francisca Yu-Tsz Chang (second from left) presides over the 111th National Day of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) reception. She poses for a photo with the President of the National Chamber of Commerce of Peru Jesús Salazar Nishi (first from right), President of the Lima Chamber of Commerce Rosa Bueno (second from right), and President of The Exporters Association (ADEX) Julio Pérez (first from left). (October 10, 2022)

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 enhance the alignment of various issues and policy directions with international standards for contributing to the global community, Taiwan has endeavored unabated since 1993 to gain recognition and support from the international community for Taiwan's inclusion in the United Nations system.

Following the approach of steadfast diplomacy, which aims to advance mutual assistance for mutual benefit, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs actively demonstrates Taiwan's willingness and capacity to participate in the specialized agencies, mechanisms, and meetings of the UN, as well as its potential contributions. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs urges the UN to recognize the importance and necessity of Taiwan's inclusion and seeks international support for Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

This year, Taiwan's campaign has three core appeals. (1) The UN should take immediate action to resolve the inappropriate exclusion of Taiwan's 23.5 million people from the UN system. (2) The UN has wrongly denied the people and media of Taiwan the right to enter the UN to visit, attend, and cover its meetings and activities. This should be rectified immediately. (3) The UN should accept Taiwan's meaningful participation in and contributions to meetings, mechanisms, and activities related to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In 2022, 12 permanent representatives to the UN from among Taiwan's diplomatic allies wrote to the UN Secretary General, jointly or individually, on

behalf of Taiwan. Heads of state, heads of government, and foreign ministers of Taiwan's diplomatic allies spoke up for Taiwan during the General Debate at the UN General Assembly (UNGA) between September 20 and 26, 2022, expressing concerns about peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and the region and called on the UN to not respond to Taiwan's appeal for meaningful participation with a political interpretation of UNGA Resolution 2758. They also stated that Taiwan is capable of making greater contributions to realizing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and urged the UN to include Taiwan.

Meanwhile, like-minded countries have continued to express grave concern over the situation in the Taiwan Strait. During the UN General Debate, President of the United States Joe Biden, Foreign Minister of the Czech Republic Jan Lipavsky, and President of the European Council Charles Michel all emphasized support for peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait as well as opposition to unilateral changes to the status quo by either side. During the UNGA, the Foreign Ministers of the Group of Seven (G7) and the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs issued a joint statement reaffirming the importance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and encouraging the peaceful resolution of cross-strait issues. The United States, the United Kingdom, Japan, Australia, and Germany also expressed concerns over cross-strait developments during side events with other countries or through media interviews or official reports.

President Tsai Ing-wen delivered keynote remarks at the Annual Summit hosted by the New York-based nonprofit organization Concordia. In her prerecorded remarks, she emphasized that "securing Taiwan's democracy is imperative in securing freedom and human rights for our collective future". She called on all nations to work together to oppose authoritarian expansionism and include Taiwan in the UN. This was the first time Taiwan's head of state was invited to address a large public event held by the UN community in New York during the UNGA.

In 2022, Taiwan held five side events during the UNGA to focus on UN's priority issues of peace, innovation, and sustainable development. During the UNGA, Deputy Chair of the National Council for Sustainable Development Tsai Hung-teh released Taiwan's second Voluntary National Review on its implementation of the SDGs. He also held talks with Permanent Representative of Marshall Islands to the UN Amatlain Elizabeth Kabua, Permanent Representative of Palau to the UN Ilana Seid, and Deputy Secretary General of the ICDF Alex L.

J. Shyy. Minister of Digital Affairs Audrey Tang and Founder of Miniwiz Co., Ltd. Arthur Huang shared their start-up experience at the Concordia Annual Summit, underscoring Taiwan's ability and willingness to provide assistance in advancing the UN agenda for enhancing the well-being of humankind.

II. Campaign for WHO Participation

The vision of the World Health Organization (WHO) is a world in which all peoples attain the highest possible level of health. WHO provides health assistance and technical services and raises awareness concerning various diseases and environmental health to help governments across the world improve the quality of their people's health. The R.O.C. was a founding member of WHO until May 1972 when the World Health Assembly (WHA), WHO's decision-making body, passed WHA Resolution 25.1, thereby, excluding Taiwan from WHO. To safeguard the rights of the people of Taiwan and facilitate collaboration with a global health network led by 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) by WHO in January 2009. On April 28, 2009, then WHO Director-General Margaret Chan extended an invitation to Minister of Health Yeh Ching-chuan to attend the 62nd WHA as an observer under the name "Chinese Taipei". In the subsequent eight years, health ministers of Taiwan were similarly invited to attend the WHA.

This year, to demonstrate the government's commitment to global health cooperation and the welfare of the citizens of Taiwan, Deputy Minister of Health and Welfare Lee Li-feng led a delegation to Geneva to showcase Taiwan's strong determination to participate in the WHA. During the trip, the delegation participated in diplomatic receptions, the WHO "Walk the Talk" event, professional forums, overseas community activities, and media interviews. It also held 29 bilateral meetings with delegations representing the US, Czech Republic, Lithuania, and international professional medical organizations to discuss ways to increase public health cooperation, demonstrating Taiwan's commitment to contributing to the human right to health through concrete actions.

Taiwan urged diplomatic allies to write to WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, requesting that a proposal to invite Taiwan to participate

in the WHA as an observer be included in the agenda for the 75th WHA. The proposal was discussed by the WHA in May, where four diplomatic allies—St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Belize, Eswatini, and Tuvalu—voiced support for Taiwan during the WHA General Committee and plenary session debate, rebutting China’s erroneous claims. The representatives emphasized that UNGA Resolution 2758 and WHO Resolution 25.1 do not authorize the People’s Republic of China to represent Taiwan in the UN system. During the WHA plenary session, 11 like-minded countries, including the US, the UK, Australia, France, Germany, Canada, Luxembourg, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Japan, and New Zealand, as well as the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, voiced support for Taiwan either through direct reference to Taiwan or by emphasizing the need for inclusiveness. It was the first time that France, Germany, Luxembourg, Lithuania, and the Czech Republic explicitly mentioned support for Taiwan’s participation in the WHA in their statements.

Like-minded countries also showed their staunch support for Taiwan at various multilateral and bilateral fora. This was the second consecutive year the Group of Seven (G7), comprising Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the US, and the UK, together with the EU, unequivocally advocated Taiwan’s meaningful participation in WHO and the WHA in the Foreign Ministers’ Communique. It was also the first time that support for Taiwan was mentioned in the G7 Health Ministers’ Communique. Foreign dignitaries, including Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi, Czech Foreign Minister Jan Lipavsky, and Swedish Foreign Minister Ann Linde, publicly expressed support for Taiwan through remarks, interpellation responses, statements to the media, official statements, and social media posts. The representative offices in Taiwan of five countries, including the US, Australia, the UK, Canada, and Japan, issued a joint statement backing Taiwan’s participation. This shows that Taiwan’s participation in international public health mechanisms has become a focus of attention for major democracies around the world.

Parliaments around the world and interparliamentary organizations also backed Taiwan through passing bills, resolutions, and motions, and by sending letters to WHO or to their own governments, showing increasing support for Taiwan’s bid. The US Congress passed a bill “to direct the Secretary of State to develop a

strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in WHO”, which was then signed into law by US President Joe Biden. More than 140 Canadian parliamentarians signed letters urging the Canadian government to continue supporting Taiwan. In Japan, 41 out of 47 Japanese prefectural assemblies passed resolutions supporting Taiwan’s participation in the WHA. In Europe, the European Parliament and the parliaments of Germany, the UK, Denmark, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Luxembourg passed pro-Taiwan resolutions or motions. This was, in particular, unprecedented in Germany and Luxembourg. Members of the interparliamentary Formosa Clubs in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Indo-Pacific, West Asia, and Africa also took the initiative to support Taiwan. In Europe, over 1,500 parliamentarians from 34 countries, including the European Parliament, signed a joint letter to the WHO Secretary General, while representatives of the Indo-Pacific Formosa Club read out a joint statement supporting Taiwan’s participation in international organizations, including WHO, during the club’s inaugural online meeting.

Taiwan will continue to pursue equal and dignified participation in the WHA and urges the WHO and related parties to recognize 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 countries, 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 a 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. However, 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, 2019, and 2022, Taiwan sent delegations to Montreal, Canada for the ICAO Assemblies 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. The 41st Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) was convened between September 27 and October 7, 2022. During the ICAO Assembly, eight diplomatic allies backed Taiwan's campaign for participation through oral or written statements. Furthermore, 12 diplomatic allies submitted letters to ICAO Council President Salvatore Sciacchitano endorsing Taiwan's campaign. Five like-minded countries—the US, Germany, France, Japan, and New Zealand—spoke in support of Taiwan during the assembly, marking the first time that Germany and the US also voiced support for Taiwan at the event. US Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg explicitly mentioned and expressed support for Taiwan on the first day of the assembly. Additionally, 1,142 parliamentarians from 73 legislative bodies across 65 countries (including eight local councils in the US) expressed their support for Taiwan participation in the ICAO using various means, such as passing pro-Taiwan resolutions, sending joint letters to the ICAO Council President, writing to their respective executive branches, and interpellating administrative officials, demonstrating significant international recognition of Taiwan's campaign.

Taiwan will continue to follow the approach of steadfast diplomacy and mutual assistance for mutual benefit to maintain close cooperation with other countries and stakeholders as well as advocate for Taiwan's participation in the ICAO, including the assembly and its 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 participation 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 through participation in international organizations such as INTERPOL. Therefore, Taiwan launched a campaign in 2016 to advocate for its 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 90th INTERPOL General Assembly was held in New Delhi, India in October 2022. Over 1,375 prominent individuals from 50 countries, including officials from the executive branch of governments, legislators, and transnational parliamentary organizations, voiced staunch support. Ten of Taiwan's diplomatic allies wrote letters, spoke out, issued statements, posted messages on social media, and took other concrete actions endorsing Taiwan's campaign. They called on INTERPOL and the international police community to embrace Taiwan's participation. Like-minded countries have continued to publicly support Taiwan's bid for meaningful participation in INTERPOL on numerous occasions. Member of the UK Parliament Amanda Milling, while serving as Minister for Asia at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, publicly reaffirmed her consistent stance on Taiwan's participation in international organizations, including INTERPOL, as did Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands Wopke Hoekstra. Moreover, in recognition of Taiwan's capabilities and contributions to law enforcement, the American Institute in Taiwan's Taipei Office, the Taipei Office of the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association, and the Australian Office Taipei posted messages or shared Taiwan's INTERPOL campaign short film on their official Facebook pages.

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 (IGO)

While continuing the campaign for participation in the UN system, Taiwan also continues to leverage its political, economic, scientific and technological 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 of which it is not a member.

Taiwan has membership in 45 intergovernmental organizations, multilateral mechanisms, or their affiliated bodies. In 2022, Taiwan joined Global Cross-Border Privacy Rules Forum (Global CPBR Forum) and was a founding member of the Asian Access to Information Alliance (AAIA) and Indigenous Peoples Economic and Trade Cooperation Arrangement (IPETCA). Taiwan also has observer status in 27 intergovernmental organizations, conventions, multilateral mechanisms, or their affiliated institutions. (Please refer to Appendix 5)

1. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)

- (1) Established in 1989 with its secretariat located in Singapore, APEC currently has 21 member economies. In 2022, TSMC founder Dr. Morris Chang was designated to represent Taiwan at the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (AELM) held in Bangkok on November 18 and 19, 2022. During the AELM, Dr. Chang also met with US Vice President Kamala Harris, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong in bilateral meetings or side events.
- (2) Taiwan agencies were awarded funding for 11 APEC project proposals, totaling nearly US\$900,000. Taiwan also hosted 27 APEC meetings or events, covering topics such as building capacity for monitoring marine debris through innovative technology, empowering women economically through new media, and enhancing digital resilience for sustainable business operations.
- (3) Representatives from various R.O.C. (Taiwan) ministries and agencies

attended 17 high-level APEC meetings, including four Senior Officials' Meetings (SOM), the Finance and Central Bank Deputies' Meeting (FCBDM), the Ministers Responsible for Trade Meeting (MRT), the Senior Finance Officials' Meeting (SFOM), the Tourism Ministerial Meeting (TMM), the Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Forestry (MMRF), the High-Level Meeting on Health and the Economy (HLMHE), the Food Security Ministerial Meeting (FSMM), the Women and the Economy Forum (WEF), the Small and Medium Enterprises Ministerial Meeting ISMEMM), the Finance Ministers' Meeting (FMM), the Annual Ministerial Meeting (AMM, for trade and foreign ministers), and the Economic Leaders' Meeting (AELM).

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. Additionally, in 2022, Taiwan contributed to the ADB's Domestic Resource Mobilization Trust Fund (DRMTF) to help improve the tax administration efficiency of the ADB's developing member countries, marking a significant step in deepening Taiwan's cooperation with the ADB.
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, IDB has invited Taiwan to its annual Board of Governors meetings as an observer and Taiwan sends a delegation every year to actively strengthen cooperation with IDB. In 2006, through 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 2022, TaiwanICDF continued to work with the IDB to provide financing opportunities for women-owned enterprises and power transmission systems in our 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 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 2022, Taiwan and the EBRD worked together to launch 17 technical cooperation projects in such areas as fintech, SME development, and climate governance. Five Taiwan diplomatic missions abroad participated in the project launch ceremony with the EBRD. Additionally, Taiwan participated in the EBRD's first wave of aid projects for Ukraine and joined the newly established Action for Equality and Gender Multi-donor Cooperation Fund (A4EG) as a founding donor. The EBRD Secretary General Kazuhiko Koguchi visited Taiwan on November 28 to co-host a Donor Day event.
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 July 2021, CABEI opened its representative office in Taiwan which is also its first office in a non-regional member country. In November 2021, Taiwan and CABEI signed an agreement to establish the Taiwan-CABEI Partnership Trust Fund. According to the agreement, Taiwan will contribute to the fund 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, thereby expanding Taiwan's business ventures in Central America. In 2022, Taiwan and CABEI co-hosted a celebration for the 30th anniversary of Taiwan membership in CABEI and the first anniversary of the CABEI office in Taiwan.

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 times. In 2022, Taiwan and the PADF collaborated on disaster prevention and epidemic control projects in Paraguay, a diplomatic ally of Taiwan.
8. Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG): Established in 1997, the APG aims to ensure that countries in the Asia-Pacific region effectively implement international policies on anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT). Taiwan joined the APG in the same year. To deepen its participation in the APG, Taiwan has been contributing to APG-related projects since 2011, supporting the organization in conducting capacity-building training for Pacific members to enhance their capabilities. The 3rd Mutual Evaluation Report (MER) of Taiwan 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". In January 2022, Taiwan was elected as the North Asia Representative of the APG Governance Committee (GC) at the APG Annual Meeting.
9. 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. In addition, Taiwan has donated funding to the EG to assist with AML capacity building programs.

10. 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, including the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC), Extended Commission of the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT), Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO), the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC), and 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.
11. International Agricultural Organizations: Taiwan has strong capacity 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 (WOAH), 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.

12. 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 Taiwan 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.
13. Campaign for inclusion in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC): The UNFCCC COP27 was held from November 6 to 20 in Sharm El-Sheik, Egypt. Per tradition, the Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) of the Executive Yuan invited representatives from the public and private sectors to attend as NGO observers. The delegation successfully fulfilled its mission at COP27 in line with Taiwan's principles of professional, pragmatic, and constructive engagement in the international community. Major achievements from Taiwan delegation at COP27 include:
 - (1) During COP27, ten heads of state and ministers from Taiwan allies, including Palau, Eswatini, Tuvalu, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Nauru, Belize, the Marshall Islands, Guatemala, and Haiti, spoke on behalf of Taiwan at the Climate Implementation Summit and the High-Level Segment, defying intimidation from China. This marked the highest number and proportion of allies speaking for Taiwan in the history of COP.
 - (2) In addition to the Holy See, which is a UN observer, 12 Taiwan allies sent letters to UNFCCC Executive Secretary Simon Stiell. Furthermore, six

parliamentarians from Europe, Asia, and Latin America, along with 411 members of the Formosa Club from 21 Latin American and Caribbean countries, also sent letters in support of Taiwan, demonstrating robust international backing.

- (3) The delegation of Taiwan engaged in 40 high-level bilateral meetings with representatives from 30 countries and international organizations on diverse topics such as climate change policy, the 2050 net-zero emission target, carbon pricing, and energy transition. Notable meetings included bilateral discussions with Tuvalu Prime Minister Kausea Natano, Eswatini Prime Minister Cleopas Dlamini, and Palau President Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., along with seven ministerial-level officials from allied countries. For the first time, high-level bilateral meetings were also held with 20 representatives from non-diplomatic countries during the COP, including climate ambassadors, ministers, and deputy ministers from like-minded countries.
- (4) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs facilitated the organization of side events with Palau, Eswatini, Belize, St. Kitts and Nevis, TaiwanICDF, and Taiwan NGOs. These events covered critical issues, such as net-zero transition, climate justice, climate adaptation, and climate finance, showcasing the constructive role of Taiwan NGOs in climate change dialogues at COP.
- (5) Under the slogan “Net Zero World with Help From Taiwan”, and with the proactive planning of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EPA Minister Chang Tzi-chin’s article “Taiwan Injects Momentum into the Global Transition to Net-Zero Emissions” was published 209 times in prestigious international media outlets, including *The Diplomat* (US), *The Hill Times* (Canada), *European Business Review* (EU), *La Razón* (Spain), *The Korea Times* (South Korea), *Tia Belau* (Palau), *La Tribuna* (Honduras), and *Eswatini Observer* (Eswatini). Additionally, Taiwan utilized new media platforms in place of local promotional channels in Egypt, releasing 15 multimedia posts during the conference to highlight ally advocacy and Taiwan’s climate policy goals. On November 7, a promotional music video titled “Pathway to Net-Zero” was launched, conveying Taiwan’s commitment to achieving Net-Zero Emissions by 2050. The video, subtitled in 13 languages, garnered over 6.15 million views worldwide.

VI. Current Participation in International NGOs (INGOs)

1. As the COVID-19 pandemic gradually subsides, the number of applications submitted by domestic NGOs for MOFA grants and subsidies to engage in international activities has slightly increased this year. Of the 200 applications, 169 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 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. Actively attracting and assisting INGOs set up operations in Taiwan: Major achievements include assisting notable INGOs, such as the European Values Center for Security Policy (Czech Republic), Safeguard Defenders (Spain), Terra Renaissance (Japan), and Freedom House (US), establish offices in Taiwan with approval from the Ministry of the Interior (MOI). Additionally, the Center for Asia-Pacific Resilience and Innovation, also acting as the Asia-Pacific center for the Reform for Resilience Commission, has set up its headquarters in Taiwan. The INGOs mentioned above are world renowned organizations for their advocacy for democracy, freedom, and human rights. Their decision to establish 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 Taiwan NGOs to implement the Women's Empowerment Diplomacy Program: To support the 66th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66), Taiwan held the Taiwan Gender Equality Week in March, inviting President Tsai Ing-wen to the opening event of the Women's Power Night held at Taipei Guest House on March 8, during International Women's Day. Vice President J. Uduch Sengebau Senior of Palau,

a diplomatic ally of Taiwan, delivered pre-recorded remarks, and several foreign female diplomats and ambassadors in Taiwan were in attendance. Taiwan NGOs also organized 27 online sessions to promote Taiwan's achievements in promoting gender equality to the international community. Through joint efforts by R.O.C. (Taiwan) embassies, NGOs, and INGOs, global news media coverage increased 5.5 times compared to 2021, receiving 208 reports in international media, 41 in local media, 889 in social media, and reaching 14.61 million people through social media networks.

5. MOFA encouraged Taiwan NGOs to host annual INGO meetings or major international conferences in Taiwan, also providing help with execution, or helping them to 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 2022 World Freedom Day Celebrations, 2022 WLFD European Regional Organization Video Forum, 2022 WLFD Latin American Regional Organization Video Forum, and 2022 WLFD International Video Forum on Freedom, as well as promote the WLFD Institute for Democracy. MOFA also helped the Asia Pacific League for Freedom and Democracy (APLFD) with organizing the 2022 Asia Pacific Video Roundtable Conference.

In terms of facilitating international medical and health exchanges, MOFA assisted the Taiwan Medical Women's Association in hosting the International Congress of the 32nd International Congress of the Medical Women's International Association and the Taiwan Nurses Association in organizing the 7th International Nursing Research Conference of World Academy of Nursing Science. Furthermore, MOFA facilitated the signing of MOUs with nursing associations from St. Lucia, Mexico, the Philippines, Mongolia, and Argentina, thereby enhancing the international influence and visibility of the medical and health NGOs of Taiwan. MOFA also supported the Taiwan Association of Family Medicine, Taiwan Association for Cellular Therapy, Taiwan Association for Medical Informatics, and the International College of Surgeons - Taiwan Section, in securing key positions within INGOs. Additionally, MOFA facilitated World Medical Association (WMA) President Dr. Osahon Enabulele's visit to Taiwan in December upon invitation from the Taiwan Medical Association.

In terms of social innovation and sustainable development, MOFA assisted Tainan Sprout in hosting the 5th Asia Pacific Social Innovation Summit to connect international social innovation communities and share Taiwan achievements in the field of social innovation. MOFA also supported the Taiwan Institute for Sustainable Energy in hosting the 5th Global Corporate Sustainability Forum to bring together international and local experts from the industry, governments, and academia and explore the Road to Net Zero. In addition, MOFA assisted the Taiwan Thousand Miles Trail Association with its 4th Asia Trails Conference in Taiwan to demonstrate Taiwan's achievements in forest and trail conservation.

6. MOFA supported UN SDGs and assisted Taiwan NGOs and INGOs with international cooperation projects. To promote good health and well-being, MOFA continued to provide assistance to the Eden Social Welfare Foundation (Taiwan) and Vietnam's Association for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (AEPD) with their International Cooperation Project against Land Mines; assisted the US-based SimplyHelp Foundation with their humanitarian aid program to send essential supplies to diplomatic allies and friendly nations; assisted the Sunshine Social Welfare Foundation with the Training Program for Burn Rehabilitation Professionals in Central and Latin America; and assisted the Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation with the 2022 Dental Care and Oral Health Education Projects in rural areas of Mongolia.

To promote Quality Education, MOFA continued assisting the Zhi-Shan Foundation Taiwan with the 2022 Toy Library Project for Central Vietnam Early Childhood Centers and assisted the Pu-Hsein Educational Foundation and Amitofo Care Center with their program teaching traditional Chinese abroad in Malawi, Lesotho, Eswatini, Mozambique, Madagascar, and Namibia.

To promote gender equality, MOFA continued assisting the Garden of Hope Foundation to organize their 2022 Asian Girls Campaign and 2022 Project of the Asian Network of Women's Shelters to advocate for empowering women and safeguarding women's rights and interests around the world.

To promote sustainable cities and communities, MOFA assisted the Taiwan Fund for Children and Families in their Community Resilience Project for Fire Hazards and Crisis Management, aimed at improving community environments

and disaster preparedness in Mandaluyong of Metro Manila, the Philippines.

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 3rd NGO Leaders Forum was held on December 5, 2022. The theme of the forum was Challenges and Opportunities: Taiwan's Public-Private Partnerships in Promoting Peace and Justice in Global Governance. World Medical Association Secretary-General Dr. Otmar Kloiber was invited to deliver the keynote speech, whereby Dr. Kloiber reiterated his support for Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization for a more robust global health system. The forum consisted of three sessions, spotlighting three themes: Building a Global Network of Democracy, Taiwan's NGOs Stand with Ukraine, and Taiwan's Path to Gender Equality.

Over 200 leaders from domestic and international NGOs, distinguished individuals from various fields, and representatives from relevant government departments participated, sharing insights and combining international resources and the strengths of Taiwan NGOs to enhance Taiwan's international participation.

- (2) MOFA NGO International Training Program

This year's training program, themed "Embracing a New Era—Taiwan NGOs Shine on the Global Stage", was held in Taipei, Taichung, and Tainan in October and November. Around 300 participants attended the training sessions, which aimed to enhance the capabilities of NGO partners in international affairs and align them with the latest global trends and issues of concern.

- (3) Sending NGO leaders and young students abroad for INGO internship programs

In 2022, one NGO leader and one young student were sent to Malaysia and South Korea for internships. Additionally, four NGO leaders who were accepted in 2021 but deferred due to the pandemic were able to complete their internships in the US, UK, Canada, and Cambodia this year. These

internships established cooperative relationships and exchanges with INGOs, achieving positive outcomes.

8. Resumed the International Youth Ambassadors Exchange Program

- (1) The International Youth Ambassadors Exchange Program was suspended in 2020 and 2021 due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022, the project was relaunched and marked the first group among central government ministries to go abroad for international youth exchange.
- (2) In 2022, the MOFA selected 40 Youth Ambassadors from over 20 universities. After rigorous training, these Youth Ambassadors visited Palau, a Taiwan's ally, from August 27 to 31. During the visit, the Youth Ambassadors introduced Taiwan to the people of Palau through creative and diverse approaches. They were received by Palau President Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., who engaged in discussions about the collaborative efforts between Taiwan and Palau in the fields of sustainability and environmental protection. Additionally, the Youth Ambassadors co-hosted a Climate Change Youth Forum with Palau's youth climate ambassadors, sharing achievements in climate change mitigation and marine conservation. The Youth Ambassadors also showcased Taiwan's cultural soft power through performances during the "Taiwan Culture Night".



Group photo taken at MOFA's Women's Power Night, featuring President Tsai Ing-wen (center), Minister of Foreign Affairs Joseph Wu (first from left), Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-chung (first from right), Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Taiwan and St. Kitts and Nevis Ambassador to the R.O.C. (Taiwan) Jasmine Huggins (second from left), and Taiwan's climate youth advocate Wang Hsuan-ju (second from right). (March 8, 2022)



Group photo featuring Palau President Surangel S. Whipps, Jr. (center), Director-General of the MOFA Department of NGO International Affairs Constance H. Wang (back row, right 3), and Ambassador to Palau Jessica Lee (back row, fourth from right) with Youth Ambassadors. (August 30, 2022)

Section 3 International Cooperation and Economic and Trade Activities

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

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. The Permanent Mission regularly communicates with delegations of key WTO members to gain insight into their perspectives on WTO reform issues. The aforementioned actions 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, small group consultations, and bilateral dialogues. It promotes dialogue with key WTO members on issues such as agriculture, industry, services, e-commerce, investment facilitation, MSMEs, fishery subsidies, and the WTO response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the Permanent Mission tracks the trends and positions of key members to facilitate policy formulation by relevant R.O.C. (Taiwan) ministries. The Permanent Mission also compiles negotiation documents to assist in trade negotiations.
- (3) Specific achievements from negotiations: In 2022, Taiwan participated in the WTO's Twelfth Ministerial Conference (MC12), during which the Geneva Package was adopted and the following Ministerial Decisions and Declarations were passed:
 - A. A package on WTO response to emergencies: two Ministerial Decisions on World Food Programme (WFP) Food Purchases Exemptions from Export Prohibitions or Restrictions and the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights

(TRIPS), respectively; and two Ministerial Declarations on the Emergency Response to Food Insecurity and the WTO Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Preparedness for Future Pandemics, respectively.

- B. Other Ministerial Decisions and Declarations include four Ministerial Decisions on the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, the E-commerce Moratorium and Work Programme, the Work Programme on Small Economies, and the TRIPS non-violation and situation complaints, respectively, as well as a Sanitary and Phytosanitary Declaration in response to modern SPS Challenges.
 - C. Agreement on the process for addressing longstanding calls for reform of the WTO.
- (4) Participating in sub-groups: The Permanent Mission has long participated in several negotiation subgroups, including the Friends of Systems (FoS) meetings, the Asian Group of Developing Members, 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 the Third-Party Rights. Taiwan is also a signatory of the Trade and Environmental Sustainability Structured Discussions, aiming to proactively advocate for the interests of Taiwan as much as possible within the WTO framework.
 - (5) WTO positions: Secretary of the Permanent Mission Harvey Hsin-lung Hung served as Chair of the Committee on Import Licensing and Secretary Wang Tang-kai served as Chair of the Committee on SPS Measures. These positions have allowed Taiwan to strengthen relations with major members such as the US, Japan, the EU, other international organizations, and officials of the WTO Secretariat.
 - (6) Expanding industry opportunities:
 - A. The Permanent Mission proactively engaged in dialogue and consultation with WTO members on a range of issues, including agriculture, e-commerce, fisheries, and SMEs. These efforts were aimed at creating avenues for economic and trade growth in Taiwan by reducing trade barriers, facilitating trade, and expanding business opportunities.

- B. In 2022, Taiwan raised concerns on various regulatory and procedural measures adopted by WTO members that directly affect the export interests of Taiwan manufacturers. Notable issues include China's COVID-19-related measures affecting food and agricultural trade, the suspension of Taiwanese fruit imports by China, China's draft for the Administrative Measures for Registration of Overseas Producers Manufacturers of Imported Food, India's draft Quality Control Orders for Chemical and Petrochemical Substances, India's new certification requirements for steel products, and India's new law on imported tires. The Permanent Mission has communicated Taiwan's concerns to relevant committees and sought for consultations to protect the interests of Taiwan.
 - C. MOFA assisted the Taiwan External Trade Development Council in presenting their proposal in the WTO Informal Working Group on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). The proposal, which won first place in the Digital Champions for Small Business competition, highlighted Taiwan's success in using digital tools to help SMEs participate in international trade.
- (7) Enhancing exchanges with the WTO Secretariat and key member delegations:
- A. Enhancing interactions with officials of key WTO organizations: Director of the Advisory Centre on WTO Law (ACWL) Niall Meagher was invited to visit Taiwan in December for exchanges with our industry, government, and academic sectors and aid in defending our industrial interests within the WTO.
 - B. Joining like-minded countries in supporting Ukraine and condemning Russia: During WTO's 12th Ministerial Conference, Taiwan participated in the EU-initiated ministerial meeting to demonstrate solidarity with Ukraine and issued a joint statement supporting Ukraine. Taiwan also facilitated connections between Ukraine, the Taiwan Stock Exchange, and Tzu Chi University of Science and Technology.
 - C. Strengthening bilateral exchanges with other permanent missions:

During WTO's 12th Ministerial Conference, the Permanent Mission of Taiwan attended bilateral meetings with officials from India, the UK, Lithuania, and the European Parliament to exchange views on issues of concern to the WTO and both parties.

- (8) Demonstrating Taiwan support for the WTO system: Taiwan has contributed to the Advisory Centre on WTO Law, with Permanent Representative of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) to the WTO Lo Chang-fa serving as a member on its management committee; donated to the WTI-affiliated Global Impact Association; organized a conference "The Overlapping Crises and Recovery: From Local Stories to WTO Agenda Setting" with the WTI; and established the Penglai Scholarships for students from Taiwan and Least Developed Countries (LDCs). Under the Penglai Scholarships, one student will be selected from each eligible country and given a full scholarship to enroll in WTI's master's program to cultivate legal professionals and foster friendly connections.

2. Utilizing the WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism

In 2022, the Executive Yuan Office of Trade Negotiations, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Taiwan, requested the establishment of a dispute settlement panel at the Dispute Settlement Body regarding India's Tariff Treatment on Certain Goods in the Information and Communications Technology Sector. As of present, substantive reviews have been completed.

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). On March 8, 2018, 11 countries, Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam, signed the CPTPP in Chile. The CPTPP entered into force on December 30, 2018, following ratification by Mexico, Japan, Singapore, New Zealand, Canada, and Australia. Subsequently, Vietnam, Peru, Malaysia, and Chile also completed ratification by the end of 2022. After the CPTPP came into force, the first and second commission

meetings were held in January and October 2019, respectively, followed by a virtual third commission meeting in August 2020. In the first three commission meetings, the CPTPP reaffirmed that it welcomes the interest of and remains open to accession by economies that are prepared to meet the agreement's high standards.

2. 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 UK's request for accession. A decision was reached to commence the accession process for the UK, and establish an accession working group. In September 2021, the CPTPP convened its fifth commission meeting, reaffirming that it continues to welcome economies able to meet the high standards of the agreement and commit to opening their markets. In October 2022, the CPTPP convened its sixth commission meeting, reflecting on implementation of the agreement since it came into force and reaffirmed its consensus to maintain high standards and expand membership.
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. Since then, Taiwan has maintained close communication with all CPTPP member countries, employing various channels to garner support and build momentum. Taiwan will continue to promote its accession in accordance with the CPTPP's procedures and regulations for new members.

III. Innovative and Flexible Approaches for Implementing Economic and Trade Diplomacy to Strengthen Ties to Allies and Substantive Cooperation with Other Countries

1. Establishing mutually beneficial bilateral economic and trade relations: In 2022, MOFA set four targets - consolidate diplomatic ties, promote partnerships in Africa, strengthen economic and trade relations with friendly nations in Middle and Eastern Europe, and participate in regional economic integration. In addition, the Ministry organized economic and trade events in support of the New Southbound Policy

and Six Core Strategic Industries, commissioning private associations to conduct seven Taiwanese trade fairs in allied countries and participate in ten overseas trade fairs in friendly nations. These activities served 282 enterprises and facilitated 2,094 business meetings, resulting in potential business opportunities worth approximately US\$29.02 million, thereby strengthening substantive economic and trade relations with various countries.

2. Assisting allied nations in post-pandemic economic recovery and developing business opportunities: To further leverage public and private sector resources in assisting Taiwanese businesses to explore business opportunities in allied countries, MOFA commissioned private associations to establish a platform connecting people and jobs and organized events such as the Seminar on Exploring Investment Opportunities in the Kingdom of Eswatini, the Central and South American Electric Vehicle Industry Delegation to Taiwan, the 2022 Delegation of Central & South American Allies for Economic Cooperation and Business Opportunities, and the Central and South America Import Promotion Project. These initiatives aimed to help businesses from both countries identify potential opportunities.
3. Building the influences of Taiwan's industries and participating in regional economic integration. In 2022, MOFA commissioned private associations to organize events in Taiwan to explore market opportunities, including the 2022 Business Matchmaking Program for Trade with East-West Africa Project and Lithuanian Lifestyle Festival as well as six delegations abroad for the East Africa Taiwan Week. These activities effectively promote the African Project and enhance substantive relations with Central and Eastern Europe. Furthermore, MOFA organized two Delegations to Peru and Chile for Economic Cooperation and Business Opportunities; held six bilateral economic cooperation meetings, including the 35th Joint Conference of the R.O.C.-Australia & Australia-Taiwan Business Councils; and hosted two business forums and investment seminars, namely the 2022 Nigeria-Taiwan Business Forum and the Vietnam Investment Seminar. These initiatives aimed to continuously accumulate support for Taiwan participation in regional economic integration through cooperation across

our industries.

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

1. Mutual assistance for mutual benefit: Since taking office, President Tsai Ing-wen has, on state visits to diplomatic allies, explained the new foreign policy paradigm of “steadfast diplomacy” and “mutual assistance for mutual benefit”. 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 22 overseas technical missions and investment and trade service missions to implement 78 technical cooperation projects, one Overseas Professional Mandarin Teaching Project, one Taiwan Youth Overseas Service Project, and one TaiwanICDFUniversity Youth Overseas Technical Assistance Internship Program. A total of 230 overseas specialists and Taiwan Youth Overseas Service personnel were deployed to 23 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, the TaiwanICDF dispatched SME and trade experts and volunteers to provide short- to medium-term guidance and consultation services to diplomatic allies. Sixteen training classes were conducted in 2022, initially online in the first half of the year due to the pandemic and later in person in the second half of the year, following the reopening of borders. The TaiwanICDF also continued to offer

- scholarships for undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs at local partner universities to help partner countries cultivate talents.
3. Official Development Assistance (ODA) Loans: In line with government foreign aid policies and its own development strategy, TaiwanICDF continued supporting the development of inclusive finance in allied and friendly countries in 2022, aiding post-pandemic economic recovery while also spotlighting resilient and green infrastructure. By collaborating with multilateral development banks, the TaiwanICDF maximized the leverage of its limited resources. In 2022, the TaiwanICDF aligned with MOFA policies for international participation and mainstream development agendas to integrate various aid tools, promoting the project for Enhancing the Economic Empowerment of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean in the COVID-19 Post-pandemic Era. Under the Financial Services and Credit Guarantees initiative of this project, the TaiwanICDF amplified momentum by integrating loan programs and guarantee mechanisms with international like-minded partners, increasing the income of women, securing employment opportunities, thereby empowering women economically. In 2022, Taiwan implemented 32 ODA investment and loan development and subprojects in allied and friendly countries across the Asia-Pacific, Latin America, the Caribbean, Central Asia, 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; collaborated with Terre des hommes Foundation to execute the Digital Health Innovation for COVID-19 Response in India (Phases 2); teamed up with World Vision for the cash assistance sub-project (Phases 1 and 2) of the Maternal and Infant Health Care Improvement Project in the Kingdom of Eswatini; partnered with CARE International to implement the Haiti Earthquake WASH Assistance to Affected Communities and Households project; collaborated with Action Against Hunger for Improving Nutritional Status of Households Affected by the Earthquake in South Department (Haiti); partnered with Catholic Relief Services for the Southern Leyte Typhoon Rai Livelihoods Early

Recovery Support (Philippines); and teamed up with Good Neighbors for the PSS Service Enhancement Project for Ukraine Refugee Children in Suceava, Galați and Constanța (Romania).

5. 22nd Taiwan Youth Overseas Service: In 2022, 65 servicemen with expertise in 19 fields such as agriculture, forestry, fisheries, animal husbandry, public health, nursing, information, food processing, and filming were deployed on technical missions to the Marshall Islands, Fiji, Tuvalu, Palau, Nauru, Eswatini, Somaliland, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Kitts and Nevis, Belize, Guatemala, and Paraguay, and will be discharged between June and July of 2023.
6. Third and Fourth TaiwanICDF University Youth Overseas Technical Assistance Internship Program: This is a collaborative program with eight 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, Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages, and National Dong Hwa University. In February 2022, the program sent ten interns from the Third TaiwanICDF University Youth Overseas Technical Assistance Internship Program to Paraguay, Eswatini, Nauru, the Marshall Islands, and St. Lucia, and welcomed them back to Taiwan upon completion of the internship in July. In August 2022, the program sent 12 interns from the Fourth TaiwanICDF University Youth Overseas Technical Assistance Internship Program to Belize, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Eswatini, Palau, Nauru, and Fiji, and will be expecting their return upon completion of the internship in January 2023.

V. Organizations Responsible for and the Current Status of 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 related information, please refer to the two tables below:

(1) Technical mission statistics for 2022

Region		No. of Countries	Technical Mission			No. of Staff
			Technical Mission (Incl. Investment and Trade Service Mission)	Project	Preparatory Project	No. of Deployed Personnel
Asia-Pacific		9	9	13	0	40
West Asia		4 ¹	2	6	0	6
Africa		2	2	10	0	18
The Caribbean		4	4	14	2	24
Central America		3	4 ²	13	5	23
South America		1	1	6	1	9
At-large ³	Overseas Professional Mandarin Teaching Project		0	1	0	19
	Taiwan Youth Overseas Service		0	1	0	65
	TaiwanICDF University Youth Overseas Internship Program		0	1	0	22
	Enhancing the Economic Empowerment of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean in the COVID-19 Post-pandemic Era		0	1	0	4
Total		23	22	66	8	230

¹ TaiwanICDF does not have any technical missions in Jordan or Türkiye. The number of Mandarin teachers deployed to these two countries are therefore listed in this row.

² TaiwanICDF has two missions in Guatemala.

³ At-large missions include seven commissioned projects for which TaiwanICDF has not dispatched personnel abroad and are, therefore, not listed in the table.

(2) 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)
	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)
			Epizootiology 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)
			Capacity Building Project for Microfinance Focusing on Grassroots Women in Eswatini
			Eswatini Technical and Vocational Skills Certification Enhancement Project
			Eswatini Aquaculture Project
			Maternal and Infant Health Care Improvement Project in the Kingdom of Eswatini (Phase II)
	Taiwan Technical Mission in the Republic of Somaliland	Aug. 2020	Improving Production and Quality of Vegetables and Fruits in Somaliland
			Somaliland E-government Capability Enhancement Project
			Maternal and Infant Health Care Improvement Project in Somaliland
			Health Information Management Efficiency Enhancement Project in Somaliland

The Caribbean	Taiwan Technical Mission in St. Kitts and Nevis	Oct. 1984	Enhancing Agricultural Adaptive Capacity to Climate Variability Project (St. Kitts and Nevis)
			Preliminary Preparation Phase of the Digital Identity Authentication Project (St. Kitts and Nevis)
			Capacity Building Project for the Prevention and Control of Chronic Metabolic Diseases (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 Project (St. Vincent and the Grenadines)
			Public Health Medical Emergency Response System Enhancement Project (St. Vincent and the Grenadines; Preliminary Research Phase)
	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) (Phase II)
			Banana Productivity Improvement Project (St. Lucia)
			Project for ICT in Education (St. Lucia)

Central America	Taiwan Technical Mission in Honduras	Feb. 1972	Hospital Health Information Management Efficiency Enhancement Project in Honduras
			Pig Breeding and Reproduction Project (Honduras)
			Healthy Avocado Seedling Production Project (Honduras)
			Farmers' Organization Production and Marketing Capacity Enhancement Project (Honduras)
	Taiwan Technical Mission in Guatemala	Feb. 1973	Corn Production Resilience Strengthening Project (Preliminary Preparation Phase)
			Bamboo Industry Sustainable Management and Strengthening Project (Guatemala; Preliminary Preparation Phase)
			Regional Project for the Prevention and Control of Fusarium TR4 of Banana in Central America (Guatemala; Preliminary Preparation Phase)
			Regional Project for the Prevention and Control of Fusarium TR4 of Banana in Central America (Guatemala)
			Project for the Promotion of Medical Technology for Improvement of Maternal-Neonatal Health (Guatemala; Preliminary Preparation Phase for Phase II)
			Project for the Promotion of Medical Technology for Improvement of Maternal-Neonatal Health
	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)
			Flood Warning Capacity Improvement for the Belize River Basin Project (Belize)
	Taiwan Service Mission in Central America	Dec. 1999	Disaster Prevention and Early Warning System Project (Guatemala; Preliminary Preparation Phase)
			Project for the Revitalization of Crafts and Youth Entrepreneurship in Antigua Guatemala and Surrounding Municipalities in Sacatepéquez (Guatemala)
			Guatemala Financial Technician Dispatch Mission

South America	Taiwan Technical Mission in Paraguay	Apr. 1972	Paraguay Project to Strengthen Capacity to Support Development of MSMEs
			Paraguay Project to Strengthen Capacity for Commercial Production of Orchids
			Paraguay Project to Strengthen Capacity for Commercial Production and Operation of Orchids
			Paraguay Project to Strengthen Capacity for Commercial Production and Operation of Orchids (Preliminary Preparation Phase)
			Health Information Management Efficiency Enhancement Project in Paraguay (Phase II)
			Paraguay Surubi Fingerling Breeding and Cultivation Project
			Innovation Project of MSME Digital Transformation (Paraguay)
Cross-Regional	Overseas Professional Mandarin Teaching Project		
	Taiwan Youth Overseas Service		
	TaiwanICDF University Youth Overseas Technical Assistance Internship Program		
	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		
	Cooperations and Exchanges with International Organizations and Friendly Nations		
	2021 Development x Innovation x Sustainable Competition – Impact Frontier Lab (IF Lab)		
	International Development and Cooperation Research Projects		
	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

MOFA has historically 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 2022.

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: 2022 Indo-Pacific Security Dialogue in July; co-organized two campus seminars with universities on Indo-Pacific Security Forum: The Impacts and Outlooks of the Ukraine-Russian War on the Indo-Pacific Region and The Ukraine-Russian War’s Implications on the World and Relations between Europe, China, and Taiwan Forum in April and October, respectively; and conducted 11 campus events to promote Taiwan’s foreign policy.
- (3) Drafting special reports and commissioned research: The Department compiled reports on the cross-strait situation, the Quadrilateral Security

Dialogue (Quad), the PRC's influence, a dynamic assessment of Taiwan relations with diplomatic allies, Taiwan's strategic position in the changing global landscape, major international diplomatic issues, and important seminars attended. The Department provided assessments, opinions, and specific recommendations to be used as reference for the formulation of foreign policy. The Department also organized panel discussions on China's 20th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party, its future policies toward Taiwan, developments in its Belt and Road Initiative, economic developments of former allies, etc.

- (4) Subsidizing academic institutions organizing conferences and promoting international academic exchanges: The Department funded 12 seminars and activities related to foreign affairs, security, politics, economics, and cross-strait relations.
- (5) Promoting Taiwanese academics to engage in academic diplomacy abroad: In 2022, the Department funded seven scholars and experts to engage in research residencies at academic institutions in the US, UK, France, and Belgium.

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, 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 the political, military, and security policies of Taiwan 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 assists high-level government officials participate in major international security meetings to promote the foreign policies of Taiwan and gain international support. The Department also 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 serves as the liaison between MOFA and the Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC); handles various key epidemic prevention projects such as the “travel bubble arrangement for diplomats” for visiting delegations, ensuring preferential entry procedures and establishing legally compliant epidemic prevention plans; and collects and provides information related to the global pandemic to help CECC formulate policies accordingly.

3. Project planning

- (1) Ambassador at Large appointments: In April 2021, President Tsai Ing-wen approved the appointments of Dr. Kuo Hsu-sung, Dr. Wu Yun-tung, Dr. Eugene Chien, Dr. Chen Zheng-ran, Chi Cheng, Dr. Lin Ching-yi, Dr. David F. Putal, and Pusin Tali as Ambassadors at Large. Subsequently, in January 2022, Lin Chia-lung was approved as Ambassador at Large for digital New Southbound Policy initiatives. The government aims to leverage the prestige, experience, and expertise of the Ambassadors at Large 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 2022, a total of 237 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 2022 academic year, a total of 21 students from diplomatic allies enrolled in the post-baccalaureate medical program at I-Shou University.

- (3) Managing the Taiwan Fellowship: In 2010, MOFA launched the Taiwan Fellowship to encourage foreign scholars to conduct research in Taiwan on social science issues related to Taiwan, cross-strait relations, the Indo-Pacific Region, etc. A total of 100 scholars were accepted for the Taiwan Fellowship in 2022, and they will be traveling to Taiwan to engage in research residencies in 2023.
- (4) Taiwan Alumni Association (TAA): Since 2010, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has instructed R.O.C. (Taiwan) 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 2022, 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 and handling Gender Equality Assessment of Government Agencies under the Executive Yuan.

4. Policy Objectives and Plans 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 diplomacy efforts and projects, managing and reporting progress each month.
- (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 the major policies and soft power of Taiwan in coordination with overall diplomacy, enhance Taiwan's national image, sway international public opinion in Taiwan's favor, and win recognition and support from the international community.

In addition to highlighting Taiwan's achievements in democracy, freedom, and economic development, current international information services policies focus on steadfast diplomacy and the New Southbound Policy by capitalizing on Taiwan's cultural strengths to reenforce Taiwan's position as an indispensable member of the international community. In light of the rapid and complex changes in the international landscape, we are also now leveraging social media platforms more extensively, in addition to traditional communication channels, 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: MOFA arranged for Libre, a monthly Japanese publication, to interview President Tsai Ing-wen online. The interview was published in the September issue.
2. International media interviews with the minister of foreign affairs: Minister of foreign affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu gave 76 interviews to international media outlets, press corps receptions, and international press conferences, leading to 548 reports in mainstream media outlets, such as CNN (US), NBC (US), The New York Times (US), The Washington Post (US), The Atlantic (US), BBC (UK), The Guardian (UK), The Nikkei (Japan), Nikkei Asia (Japan), France 24 (France), Deutsche Welle (Germany), TVNZ (New Zealand), and Espresso TV (Ukraine).
3. International information services by Project:
 - (1) New Southbound Policy:

- A. MOFA New Southbound Policy Portal: In 2022, 7,386 press releases were published in five languages on the New Southbound Policy Portal. Page views reached over 810,000.
 - B. Taiwan Today: A digital publication available in three languages: Vietnamese, Thai, and Indonesian. In 2022, 3,010 news reports were published on the Taiwan Today website to enable New Southbound partner countries to learn more about the political and economic landscape of Taiwan.
 - C. Taiwan Review: In 2022, six reports on the New Southbound Policy were published in the English version of the bimonthly magazine Taiwan Review.
 - D. Taiwan Panorama: Available in six languages—Mandarin, English, Japanese, Vietnamese, Thai, and Indonesian—Taiwan Panorama has published 120 features on Southeast Asia and New Southbound partner countries.
 - E. In 2022, MOFA selected and sent the Taiwan Ten-Drum Art Percussion Group to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City for three performances to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of representative offices in both countries. The group performed for the 2022 Taiwan Culture and Tourism Promotion Fair in Vietnam, which attracted almost ten thousand visitors. The group's performance and the fair were covered in 109 reports by Vietnam media outlets, Taiwan media outlets, MOFA, embassies and overseas missions, among other media outlets.
- (2) Campaign for Participation in International Organizations
- A. Campaign for the 75th World Health Assembly (WHA)
 - a. During the campaign calling for Taiwan's participation in the UN, 469 reports were published by international media outlets. These included 217 features on Minister of Health and Welfare Chen Shih-chung's article titled "Taiwan's COVID-19 Containment Strategy Utilizing Innovative Technology and Universal Health Coverage," 109 articles on Taiwan representative op-eds and interviews, and 143 articles favorable to Taiwan. The

international media outlets mentioned above include the Wall Street Journal (US), National Review (US), Reuters (UK), The Daily Telegraph (UK), The Globe and Mail (Canada), and The Australian (Australia). In addition, 403 articles on Taiwan's medical contributions were published on Taiwan's Leave No One Behind website; eight in-depth reports on Taiwan's public health and medicine were published in Taiwan Panorama's Mandarin/English and Mandarin/Japanese versions; and 353 articles and photographs were made available in nine languages for the digital publication Taiwan Today.

- b. MOFA also produced and uploaded "Sweetness of Friendship," a short video promoting Taiwan. The video received over 16.76 million views worldwide. On new media platforms, MOFA published 47 posts on the MOFA Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts as well as the Trending Taiwan Facebook and Twitter accounts, with total hits and views exceeding 5 million. Lastly, a Taiwan delegation and overseas compatriots visited the site of the WHA in person with traditional Taiwanese gaji bags and Formosan black bear souvenirs to promote Taiwan, the country's image, and the key visuals for this year's campaign.
- B. Campaign for the 77th Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA)
- a. During the campaign calling for Taiwan's participation in the UN, 331 reports were published by international media outlets. These included 259 articles on Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu's "Working as One for the Global Good," 52 articles on Taiwan representative op-eds and interviews, and 20 articles favorable to Taiwan. The international media outlets mentioned above include the Washington Examiner (US), Caribbean News Global, The Hill Times (Canada), Yomiuri Shimbun (Japan), Hokuto Shinbun (Japan), EU Political Report (EU), Die Welt (France), LRT (Lithuania), Tages-Anzeiger (Switzerland), Formiche (Italy), Segye Ilbo (Korea), Yeongnam Ilbo (Korea), The Nation (Honduras), La Tribuna (Honduras), Marshall Islands Journal (Marshall Islands), SKINS (St. Kitts and Nevis), and

ZIZ Radio (St. Kitts and Nevis). In addition, 531 articles and photographs were made available in nine languages for the digital publication Taiwan Today.

- b. “Taiwan’s Helping Hands,” a promotional short video available in 12 languages, was launched on new media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and the Trending Taiwan YouTube channel. The video received over 10.23 million views. In 2022, 40 posts were published on the MOFA Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts as well as the Trending Taiwan Facebook and Twitter accounts, with total views and hits exceeding 6.42 million.

C. Campaign for the 27th UNFCCC

- a. During the campaign calling for Taiwan’s participation in the UNFCCC, 253 reports were published by prominent international media outlets. These included 209 articles on EPA Minister Chang Tzi-chin’s “Taiwan Injects Momentum into the Global Transition to Net-zero Emissions” and 44 articles favorable to Taiwan. The prominent international media outlets mentioned above include The Diplomat (US), The Hill Times (Canada), European Business Review (EU), La Razón (Spain), The Korea Times (Korea), Tia Belau (Palau), La Tribuna (Honduras), and Eswatini Observer (Eswatini). In addition, 138 articles and photographs were made available in nine languages for the digital publication Taiwan Today.
- b. “A Pathway to Net-Zero,” a promotional short video, was launched on new media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram, with total views and hits exceeding 6.15 million. In 2022, 27 posts were published on the MOFA Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts as well as the Trending Taiwan Facebook and Twitter accounts, with total views and hits exceeding 2.39 million.

D. Campaign for the 90th INTERPOL

- a. Commissioner Li Hsi-ho of the Criminal Investigation Bureau

(CIB) wrote an op-ed titled “Taiwan’s Participation Can Strengthen International Cooperation to Fight Transnational Telecommunication Fraud in the Post-pandemic Era.” The op-ed and other related articles favorable to Taiwan were published over 180 times in prominent international media outlets, including the Washington Examiner (US), Tokyo Shimbun (Japan), Segye Ilbo (Korea), The Post Online (Netherlands), Nerikes Allehanda (Sweden), Agenzia Nova (Italy), and the Diplomat (Spain). In addition, 84 articles and photographs were made available in nine languages for the digital publication Taiwan Today.

- b. MOFA shared and reposted “INTERPOL, Taiwan Can Help!,” a promotional short video produced by the CIP, with related posts and the video reaching over 200,000 viewers.
- c. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in India partnered with India’s World is One News (WION) television channel to produce and broadcast a special program promoting Taiwan’s INTERPOL bid and showcasing Taiwan’s vital role in combating international crime.

E. Campaign for the 41st ICAO Assembly

- a. During the campaign calling for Taiwan’s participation in the ICAO Assembly, 256 reports were published by international media outlets. These included 189 articles on Minister of Transportation and Communications Wang Kwo-tsai’s “Calling on the International Community to Support Taiwan’s Meaningful Participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization,” 35 articles on Taiwan representative op-eds, and 32 articles favorable to Taiwan. The international media outlets mentioned above include The Diplomat (US), EU Political Report, LRT Radijas (Lithuania), Mainichi Shimbun (Japan), The Chosun Ilbo (Korea), The Reporter (Belize), The Voice (St. Lucia), ABC Color (Paraguay), El Pais (Honduras), St Vincent Times (St. Vincent and the Grenadines), and Le National (Haiti).
- b. “Reconnection,” a promotional short video available in 12

languages, was launched on new media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and the Trending Taiwan YouTube channel. The video received over 13 million views. In 2022, 34 posts were published on the MOFA Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts as well as the Trending Taiwan Facebook and Twitter accounts, with total views and hits exceeding 8.87 million.

F. APEC 2022 Thailand

The Taiwan delegation organized two international press conferences and four press briefings, which were covered in 241 reports from Taiwan and international media outlets. In addition, an outdoor advertisement with the headline “A Better Taiwan for the World” was put up in Bangkok. In 2022, three posts were published on the MOFA Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts, with total views and hits exceeding 35,000.

4. Collecting International News Reports

MOFA collects news reports from media outlets around the world on a daily basis. In 2022, MOFA collated 12,566 global media reports and 250 updates on public opinions across the international community. MOFA also completed 10 analytical reports on major issues concerning Taiwan, such as the implications of the Russia-Ukraine War for the Taiwan Strait, international media strategies employed by the Ukrainian government, US Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi’s visit to Taiwan, media coverage of Taiwan’s Nine-in-One Elections, and international reactions to the 2022 COVID-19 protests in China.

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

1. MOFA issued invitations to international media agencies, including the Lithuanian Press Corp, National Day Press Corp, and Political and Economic Press Corps I to III. A total of 102 reporters from 62 countries were invited to Taiwan to visit government agencies, leading enterprises, and think tanks, resulting in a total of 210 articles.

2. MOFA organized respective gatherings for Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu and Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Chen Chern-chyi with international correspondents in Taiwan, as well as an international press conference on the local elections. The gatherings and press conference were attended by 128 international correspondents and covered in 150 reports.
3. In terms of services to international media outlets, MOFA issued foreign press credentials and provided news services to international correspondents in Taiwan. MOFA also helped correspondents from Los Angeles Times (US), The NewsWorthy (US), Jewish Telegraphic Agency (US), Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Canada), Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), Sky News Australia (Australia), Le Figaro (France), Politiken (Denmark), Expressen (Sweden), Anadolu Agency (Türkiye), İhlas News Agency (Türkiye), Canal 1 (Colombia), and other major media outlets around the world with their postings to Taiwan.

IV. International Information Services Communication on Taiwan's Soft Power

1. MOFA produced "Taiwan: Force for Good," a short video introducing Taiwan. The short video revolved around the concept of Taiwan as a force for good and connected five themes: friendly residents, multiculturalism, innovation and sustainability, democracy and human rights, and international cooperation, highlighting Taiwan's political, economic, diplomatic, and other achievements. The short video was uploaded to new media platforms and played by MOFA, embassies, and overseas offices during events.
2. MOFA launched the #Taiwan National Soft Power & Digital Promotion Program. A total of 22 overseas missions in the US, Japan, Spain, etc., were selected to work with local media or influencers and produced videos promoting a positive image of Taiwan's soft power and success against COVID-19 through a local perspective and local media channels in those countries. As of the end of 2022, 67 videos have been produced and received 13 million views through television or online channels.

3. MOFA produced 10 English-language videos on Taiwan's cultural soft power and other themes, as well as 19 Ukrainian-language and English-language videos on MOFA's drive to collect supplies for Ukraine, the videoconference between Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu and Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko, the World Movement for Democracy Global Assembly, the Taiwan-Ukraine Friendship Reception, etc.
4. MOFA subsidized overseas embassies and offices in promoting outstanding Taiwanese films to international film festivals or collaborating with related units to screen Taiwanese films. In 2022, MOFA assisted a total of 11 overseas embassies and offices with film-related activities, screening a total of 69 Taiwanese films to around 12,000 viewers. These activities generated over 90 reports in the press, on TV, and on the radio, as well as millions of views and hits on the internet and social media platforms, such as Facebook and Twitter.

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 foreign policy positions, and important topics requiring international information services. These publications include the nine-language digital publication Taiwan Today, the bimonthly English publication Taiwan Review, and the bimonthly Spanish publication Taiwan Hoy. In 2022, the three publications released a total of 13,500 reports, 14,553 Facebook posts, 11,441 tweets, and 64 posts on Instagram. The Taiwan Today website, available in nine languages, has published nearly 12,000 reports and received up to 4.3 million views since its establishment.
2. MOFA compiled and printed "Taiwan at a Glance," a pamphlet describing the current state of the nation, in 14 languages: English, French, Spanish, German, Japanese, Russian, Portuguese, Arabic, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Thai, Malay, Mongolian, and Hindi. MOFA also produced the multilingual MOFA calendar entitled "National Treasures."
3. Advertisements on the three themes of democratic Taiwan, innovative

economy, and shining culture were designed for the 2022 National Day Issue with text and graphics provided to overseas embassies and offices for promotional purposes.

4. Related articles from Taiwan Panorama, a monthly multilingual magazine, were provided to MOFA's New Southbound Policy Portal, MOFA's bilingual NGO website, and the National Academy for Educational Research. The articles were also selected as recommended teaching materials for 25 Taiwan Education Centers in India.

VI. Innovative Media Exposure Approaches

1. MOFA used new media platforms, including MOFA's Facebook (@mofa.gov.tw), twitter (@MOFA_Taiwan), and Instagram (@mofa_taiwan) accounts, as well as the Trending Taiwan YouTube (@TrendingTaiwan) and Facebook (@Trending Taiwan 潮台灣) accounts to amplify Taiwan's voice in the world. MOFA also assisted 106 overseas embassies and offices with maintaining their Facebook pages and coordinated with 91 overseas embassies and offices with Twitter accounts to share MOFA posts.
2. MOFA created the Trending Taiwan YouTube channel in July 2015 and has since uploaded over 1,000 short videos. The channel has brought in 44 million views and over 30,000 subscribers. In January 2016, MOFA created the Trending Taiwan Facebook Fan Page to share information on a variety of issues relating to Taiwan. The cumulative number of followers was 45,000.
3. The MOFA Facebook Fan Page was created in July 2017 and has since published 1,600 posts, amassing over 61 million hits and over 260,000 followers as of the end of 2022.
4. MOFA's Twitter account, created in April 2018, has made 5,962 tweets, received 283.62 million views, and amassed over 407,640 followers.
5. MOFA's Instagram account, created in July 2018, has published 850 posts and amassed over 80,000 followers.
6. MOFA organized the Eighth Trending Taiwan Short Film Competition and received over 310 innovative short films. Those selected were uploaded to online community platforms to share with audiences in Taiwan and abroad.

7. In 2022, MOFA accumulated 32.25 million views on its six major international information services websites, including the English-language Portal Website of Taiwan, joint website for R.O.C. (Taiwan) embassies and missions abroad, the New Southbound Policy Portal, the Taiwan Today website (available in nine languages), the Taiwan Panorama website (available in six languages), and the Leave No One Behind website.

Item 2 Public Diplomacy

I. Communicating Taiwan's Foreign Policy and Positions

1. To effectively communicate the foreign policies and positions of Taiwan 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 the diplomatic endeavors of Taiwan, MOFA issues timely statements, press releases, and background information. MOFA also submits letters to the editor and contacts media outlets to correct erroneous reportings. In 2022, MOFA issued 554 statements, 488 press releases, and 128 reference materials in Mandarin and other languages.
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 2022, MOFA hosted 92 routine press briefings and 72 media events and international press conferences. Since November 2022, a total of 16 routine press briefings and international press conferences have offered sign language services. Major events and press conferences are all livestreamed on the official MOFA YouTube channel for the public to access in real time.
4. MOFA drafts remarks, speeches, and reference materials on major diplomatic issues for senior government officials, including the minister and deputy and vice ministers. These materials expound on the government's foreign policy and policy directions, strengthen its capacity to effectively promote the significance of steadfast diplomacy, and boost both at home and abroad public understanding of and support for the government's foreign policies.

II. Enhancing Online Information Service Functions and Publicity

1. MOFA maintains its website and social media pages on such platforms as YouTube to introduce Taiwan's foreign policies and soft power to the peoples of other nations. In addition to releasing a variety of statements, press releases, reference materials, and publications in 2022, MOFA established dedicated website sections, including Taiwan Stands with Ukraine, New Southbound Policy, and Leave No One Behind, to highlight important issues and campaigns. YouTube was also used to livestream 70 international press conferences and share National Day and Lunar New Year videos produced by MOFA, thereby enhancing the world's understanding of Taiwan and garnering more support abroad.
2. 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, public and private universities, and secondary schools, as well as to public and private libraries in Taiwan and overseas, to bolster their impact.
3. 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 3,995 batches of promotional materials in 2022.

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. In 2022, the MOE, upon careful consideration, decided to suspend the Teen Diplomatic Envoys

- program due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. MOFA and the Council of Agriculture (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 partner countries. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, MOFA and the COA agreed to temporarily suspend the program in 2022.
 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 340,000 youths have participated in these programs. To better support young people on working holidays, MOFA integrates resources and information from the Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Ministry of Labor, COA, Financial Supervisory Commission, Overseas Community Affairs Council, and other agencies. Related information is regularly uploaded to MOFA's Youth Taiwan website for youth to easily access, helping them develop a better understanding of working holidays, as well as their rights and interests.
 4. To promote the abundant soft power of Taiwan and develop cultural diplomacy, MOFA encourages and supports outstanding art troupes to tour overseas and assists the Ministry of Culture in setting 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.
 5. To enhance the public's understanding of the nation's current diplomatic landscape and increase recognition of and support for the government's foreign policy, MOFA receives groups of students from high schools,

colleges, and universities. In 2022, these visits were suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but MOFA arranged for diplomatic personnel to speak to the public on 181 occasions, reaching over 18,567 students and adults.

Section 6 Parliamentary Diplomacy

The Legislative Yuan serves an important supervisory role in the execution of Taiwan's foreign policy. In addition, we develop substantive relations with diplomatic allies and non-diplomatic allies through multiple channels, such as technology, economy and trade, culture, and education, and we establish various channels of communication with political parties of different countries, so that through liaison between legislators and members of parliaments of different nations, we can strengthen the depth and breadth of our diplomatic work. This is an important part of the pragmatic diplomacy championed by President Tsai Ing-wen.

The primary function of parliamentary diplomacy is to develop friendly bilateral relations through exchanges and understanding between 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 and facilitate exchanges with like-minded nations advocating for democracy, freedom, and human rights. Substantive exchanges between legislators and members of parliaments have grown increasingly frequent in recent years, further supporting diplomacy efforts by Taiwan.

A total of 228 foreign parliamentarians visited Taiwan, 53 of whom were from the Asia-Pacific region, 117 from Europe, 42 from North America, and 16 from Latin America.

In 2022, MOFA actively supported the Legislative Yuan in engaging in parliamentary diplomacy and maintaining high levels of communication with our overseas missions to facilitate interactions and exchanges between R.O.C. (Taiwan) legislators visiting other countries and the members of parliaments in said country. Parliamentary diplomacy efforts achieved great success in 2022, with over 28 delegations and 97 legislators. These visits included high-level parliamentary officials advocating Taiwan's participation in international organizations as well as attending international conferences advocating for democracy, freedom, and human rights.

I. Parliamentary Friendship Organizations and Activities by Region and Country

1. Asia Pacific

- (1) The Formosa Club in the Indo-Pacific Region, established on May 7, 2021, currently consists of 272 parliamentarians from 17 countries.
- (2) The Australia-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group established in March 1992, consists of over 120 members, and is currently co-chaired by MP Graham Perrett (Australian Labor Party) and MP Kevin Andrews (Liberal Party of Australia).
- (3) The Indonesia Parliamentary Taiwan Caucus (IPTC) was established on June 28, 2016.
- (4) 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 270 members.
- (5) The Taiwan-Korean Parliamentary Friendship Group, established in 1996, consists of seven members, and is currently chaired by Cho Kyoung-tae.
- (6) Taiwan-the Philippines Parliamentary Friendship Association, reorganized on October 21, 2020, is currently served by former Deputy Speaker Rose Marie "Baby" J. Arenas as honorary chairperson.

2. West Asia and Africa

- (1) The Formosa Club in West Asia, established in April 2021, currently consists of 63 parliamentarians from 11 countries.
- (2) The Jordan-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Association, established on August 1, 2015, and is currently chaired by MP Khaleel Atieh.

- (3) The Russian Parliamentary Group of the State Duma for the Relations with Taiwan, established in June 2018, consists of over 40 members of the Duma, and is currently chaired by Gadzhemet Safaraliev.
- (4) The Eswatini-Taiwan Parliament Members Association, established on October 4, 2007, is currently chaired by Speaker of the House of Assembly Petros Mavimbela.

3. Europe

- (1) The Formosa Club, a pan-European parliamentary platform of friendship, now boasts approximately 250 members of parliament from 30 nations (including 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.
- (2) The European Parliament-Taiwan Friendship Group, established on June 12, 1991, is currently chaired by MEP Michael Gahler, and has over a hundred members.
- (3) The Belgium-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group (now renamed “European Taiwan Friendship Group”), established in December 1993, 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).
- (4) The Czech Republic-Taiwan Friendship Group, established on February 10, 1994, is currently chaired by Deputy Marek Benda.
- (5) The Danish Parliamentary Association for Friendship with Taiwan, established on April 27, 2004, is currently chaired by Michael Aastrup Jensen, a member of the Folketing.
- (6) The Estonia-Taiwan Support Group, established on September 8, 2003, is currently chaired by Jüri Jaanson, a member of the Riigikogu.
- (7) The Taiwan Friendship of Finnish Parliament, established in June 2004, is currently chaired by MP Mikko Kärnä.

- (8) 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.
 - 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.
- (9) 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.
- (10) The Hungary-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Association was established on October 11, 2006, and is currently chaired by MP Istvan Tiba.
- (11) The Ireland-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Society was established on January 31, 2002, and is currently chaired by Teachta Dála John McGuinness.
- (12) Gruppo Interparlamentare di Amicizia Italia-Taiwan: was established in June 1994 and is currently chaired by Senator Lucio Malan.
- (13) The Group for Interparliamentary Relations with Taiwan was established on March 14, 1996, and is currently chaired by Deputy Janis Vucāns.
- (14) The Group for Interparliamentary Relations with Taiwan was established in March 1997 and is currently chaired by Matas Maldeikis, a member of the Seimas.
- (15) The Taiwan Group in the Norwegian Parliament, established in June 1995, is currently convened by MP Tor-André Johnsen.
- (16) The Polish-Taiwanese Parliamentarian Group was established on July 17, 1997, and is currently chaired by Deputy Waldemar Andzel.
- (17) Grupo Parlamentar de Amizade Portugal Taiwan was established

on April 1, 2004, and is currently chaired by Deputy Paulo Rios de Oliveira.

- (18) The Slovak-Taiwanese Parliamentary Friendship Group was established on December 14, 2005, and is currently chaired by MP Peter Osusky.
- (19) Asociación Independiente de Parlamentarios Amigos de Taiwán-España was established on November 19, 2008, and is currently chaired by Deputy Eloy Suárez Lamata.
- (20) The Swedish-Taiwanese Parliamentary Association was established on November 26, 1997, and is currently chaired by Boriana Åberg, a member of the Riksdag.
- (21) Parlamentarische Gruppe Schweiz-Taiwan was established in September 2017 and is currently chaired by Marco Chiesa of the Council of States of Switzerland.
- (22) The British-Taiwanese All-Party Parliamentary Group is currently co-chaired by Lord Rogan and MP Bob Stewart and boasts over 100 members.

4. North America

- (1) 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 Senate 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.

5. Latin America and the Caribbean

- (1) Formosa-Club Plataforma Interparlamentaria entre los Países Sudamericanos y los Estados Unidos Mexicanos (Formosa Club) 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. On October 26, 2021, the Formosa Clubs of Latin America and the Caribbeans were combined and renamed Formosa Club-Plataforma Interparlamentaria de América Latina y del Caribe.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Foro de Presidentes y Presidentas de Poderes Legislativos de Centroamérica y la Cuenca del Caribe (FOPREL): The President of the Legislative Yuan of Taiwan was admitted as a permanent observer in December 1999.
- (4) The Paraguayan Senate and Chamber of Deputies jointly established the Comisión Parlamentaria de Amistad Paraguayo-República de China (Taiwán).
- (5) 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.

Section 7 Treaties, Agreements, and Legal Affairs

I. Overview of Treaties and Agreements

In 2022, Taiwan signed 34 treaties and agreements with ten countries: Japan, the Republic of the Philippines, the Marshall Islands, the Kingdom of Eswatini, the British Overseas Territory of Turks and Caicos Islands, the Republic of Somaliland, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of India, the Slovak Republic, Palestine, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Republic of Guatemala, the Republic of Indonesia, Belize, Tuvalu, Slovenia, the Principality of Monaco, Saint Lucia, the Republic of Nauru, and the Republic of Paraguay as well as with the International Regional Organisation for Plant and Animal Health (Organismo Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria, OIRSA). The scope of the treaties and agreements covers climate; education and culture; foods and medicines; agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and animal husbandry; economics and trade; anti-money laundering; energy; aviation/freedoms of the air; standards; military; justice; technical cooperation; foreign affairs and consul; police cooperation; transportation; medical care and public health; leasing; development aid, and other areas for cooperation.

II. Research and Consultation on Treaties, Agreements, and Foreign Laws

MOFA researched and gave opinions on 1,387 cases relating to treaties, agreements, and legal matters.

III. Foreign Affairs and Legal Affairs

1. Taiwan 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 2022, MOFA handled approximately 16,844 requests from Taiwanese judicial authorities for the investigation of evidence in foreign countries, as well as 159 requests from foreign courts and other judicial authorities for mutual legal assistance with judicial authorities in Taiwan.
2. In 2022, MOFA assisted with around 845 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. The director-general of the MOFA Department of Treaty and Legal Affairs serves as chairman of the Appeals Committee, while committee members are elected every two years. The Appeals Committee consists of 15 members (including the chairman), which includes ten legal scholars and experts and five heads and deputy heads of MOFA units. Most 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 2022, a total of 55 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’s 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; Taiwan 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 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 2022 World Day of Peace message**
<https://english.president.gov.tw/NEWS/6215>
- (2) President Tsai meets US Heritage Foundation founder Dr. Edwin Feulner**
<https://english.president.gov.tw/NEWS/6232>
- (3) President Tsai meets US delegation sent by President Biden**
<https://english.president.gov.tw/NEWS/6238>
- (4) President Tsai meets senior US congressional delegation led by Senator Graham**
<https://english.president.gov.tw/NEWS/6262>
- (5) President Tsai meets US delegation led by House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi**
<https://english.president.gov.tw/NEWS/6292>
- (6) President Tsai addresses 26th Forum 2000 Conference**
<https://english.president.gov.tw/NEWS/6316>
- (7) President Tsai attends 2022 EU Investment Forum**
<https://english.president.gov.tw/NEWS/6402>
- (8) President Tsai meets GMF delegation**
<https://english.president.gov.tw/NEWS/6185>
- (9) President Tsai receives credentials from new Guatemala Ambassador Oscar Adolfo Padilla Lam**
<https://english.president.gov.tw/NEWS/6414>
- (10) President Tsai meets European Parliament Committee on International Trade delegation**
<https://english.president.gov.tw/NEWS/6415>
- (11) President Tsai meets delegation led by Japanese House of Councillors member Seko Hiroshige**

<https://english.president.gov.tw/NEWS/6418>

2. Excerpts from Premier Su Tseng-chang's statements on foreign policy

(1) The Executive Yuan's 2023 directions for foreign policy are as follows:

1. Uphold the fundamental values of peace, freedom, democracy, and human rights; through a forward-looking and innovative approach, implement the principles of steadfast diplomacy and mutual assistance for mutual benefit; 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 specialized international organizations of which Taiwan is not a member; adopt pragmatic and creative approaches to achieve breakthroughs; and consolidate the support of like-minded countries to actively participate in the international community.
3. Integrate the strengths of Taiwan's society with those of the global village to enhance international cooperation in such domains as humanitarian relief, medical care and public health, disaster mitigation and prevention, digital governance, sustainable development, gender equality, and food security; and establish public-private partnerships with like-minded nations and important domestic and foreign nongovernmental organizations so as to contribute to both the region and the international community.

(Excerpts from the Executive Yuan's 2023 guidelines detailed by Premier Su Tseng-chang on March 31, 2022)

- (2) In his report to the Legislative Yuan, Premier Su Tseng-chang discusses the significant success of "striding onto the world stage," one of the government's three main policies.

Over the past year, Taiwan's visibility on the international stage has reached a historic high. In Asia, Europe, the Americas, and Australia, countries have passed resolutions of friendship and support, or used legislative diplomacy to deepen exchange and express support for our participation in the international community.

Last year, the US Senate and House of Representatives sent bipartisan delegations three times to visit Taiwan. Delegations from the European Parliament, the parliaments of the three Baltic states, and the French Senate and National Assembly also visited during October to December of last year. “Taiwan’s fate will determine the future of the world,” said a member of one of the delegations I received. Although they came from different countries, all of them expressed admiration at how Taiwan is still able to use democratic methods to contain the pandemic, combat disinformation, and supply important materials to meet international needs, all despite China’s forceful intimidation. This is also a reason why nations wish to befriend Taiwan and learn lessons from us.

Last year, the European Parliament and parliaments of multiple European nations passed a total of 26 pro-Taiwan resolutions, representing a new peak of friendly support. On February 10, the Australian Parliament’s Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade issued a report expressing support for Taiwan to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). On the same day, the United Kingdom House of Commons approved a motion across party lines, calling on the UK government to strengthen the Taiwan-UK trade relationship and deepen security cooperation. The following day, the US government released an *Indo-Pacific Strategy* report stating that it will work with regional partners to maintain peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait, including by supporting Taiwan’s self-defense capabilities. On February 17, the UK and Australian prime ministers issued a joint statement after a virtual summit, once more calling for stability across the Taiwan Strait and expressing support for Taiwan’s meaningful participation in international organizations.

Despite China’s unrelenting oppression, the Taiwanese Representative Office in Lithuania began operation on November 18, 2021, the first office in Europe to be called “Taiwanese.” This was a hard-won and significant diplomatic achievement. Going forward, we will continue to strengthen substantive cooperative relations with Taiwan-friendly nations and demonstrate how resilient our free and democratic partnerships are when we work together.

In order to bolster regional trade relationships, Taiwan resumed the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement talks with the United States last June after a five-year hiatus. On September 22, 2021, Taiwan officially applied to join the CPTPP. The government is currently adjusting regulations and systems and planning supporting measures, putting forth our full effort to actively win over the support of member nations.

To strengthen Taiwan's economic and trade presence in Europe, last October the government organized an economic, trade, and investment delegation to Slovakia, the Czech Republic, and Lithuania, where they reached agreements on cooperative projects covering a broad range of topics including semiconductor talent training, the automobile industry, chip design, tourism, financial technology, economics and trade, and taxation.

Two months later, Slovakia sent its largest and highest-level delegation to Taiwan in 20 years, and convened the first deputy-ministerial level economic and trade meeting with Taiwan. A meeting of the Taiwanese-Slovak Commission on Economic Cooperation was also held to discuss the economy, trade, investments, industrial linkages, and other topics, paving the way for stronger bilateral cooperation. The government will also propose a project to strengthen links with Europe. Based on our increasingly close friendship, we will further develop Taiwan-Europe collaboration in various fields by integrating resources across ministries and agencies.

Last year was also our best-performing year under the New Southbound Policy (NSP). Taiwan's export value to the 18 NSP partner countries exceeded US\$82.6 billion, which is the highest ever and represents a 35 percent jump over the previous year.

(Excerpts from the oral report delivered by Premier Su Tseng-chang to the fifth session of the 10th Legislative Yuan on March 4, 2022)

- (3) Premier Su Tseng-chang stresses that under President Tsai Ing-wen's leadership, Taiwan has garnered support of record magnitude, bravely advanced onto the world stage, and created even closer diplomatic, economic, and trade linkages.

Thanks to our commitment to freedom, democracy, and human rights, our indispensable role in international supply chains, and our key position in regional security, more and more countries and international organizations have expressed staunch support for Taiwan through concrete action. The Taiwanese Representative Office in Lithuania, the first representative office in Europe to bear the name “Taiwan,” began formal operations in November last year, and the Lithuanian Trade Representative Office began operations in Taiwan this month. On September 14, the German government formally passed its 2022 progress report on the implementation of its policy guidelines on the Indo-Pacific region. The report mentioned Taiwan for the first time, clearly expressing concern about peace and security in the Taiwan Strait as well as opposition to any change in the status quo across the Taiwan Strait by other than peaceful means.

On September 15, European Parliament (EP) members from a wide spectrum of political parties overwhelmingly passed a resolution on the situation in the Taiwan Strait, strongly condemning China’s irresponsible military provocations and reiterating opposition to any unilateral change to the status quo in the Taiwan Strait or threat of force. The resolution underlines that it is up to the people of democratic Taiwan to decide their way of life and clearly states that the EP will continue to strengthen reciprocal visits and interactions with Taiwan’s Legislative Yuan.

That was the eighth Taiwan-friendly resolution passed by the EP this year, and the twenty-first since last year. The latest resolution followed the first-ever Taiwan-EU political relations and cooperation report passed by the EP in October of 2021, and reiterates suggestions to strengthen bilateral Taiwan-EU relations including deepening institutionalized cooperation in economics, trade, culture and politics, and encouraging EU member states who have yet to set up representative offices in Taiwan to follow in Lithuania’s footsteps and do so.

In June the Japanese government passed its 2022 Basic Policy on Economic and Fiscal Management and Reform, which mentioned Taiwan for the first time and emphasized the importance of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait. In August a joint statement was issued by the G7 foreign

ministers, followed by a joint statement by the foreign ministers of the United States, Australia, and Japan, both expressing concern about actions taken by China that undermine the status quo in the Taiwan Strait, and reiterating their commitment to maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.

Over the past year the United States, Japan, France, Sweden, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and the EP have all sent heavyweight delegations to Taiwan, with the French Parliament sending four delegations and the US Congress sending nine delegations including 39 congresspeople on a succession of visits. In July, EP Vice-President Nicola Beer led the EP's first high-ranking delegation to visit Taiwan. In August, Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi became the first house speaker to visit Taiwan in 25 years. Although Taiwan is not a member of the United Nations, the government has taken the initiative to commit to the obligations laid out in international human rights conventions. This year we have already completed international reviews of our national reports on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. International reviews of our reports regarding the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women will follow.

(Excerpts from the oral report delivered by Premier Su Tseng-chang to the sixth session of the 10th Legislative Yuan on September 23, 2022)

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 17, 2022

Major accomplishments in steadfast diplomacy since the last Legislative Yuan session:

A. Stable and cordial ties with diplomatic allies

Taiwan highly values the cordial ties it enjoys with its diplomatic allies and continues to arrange exchanges and mutual visits by high-level officials, while complying with antipandemic measures. Then Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández Alvarado, the First Lady, and Foreign Minister Lisandro Rosales visited Taiwan last November to jointly celebrate the 80th anniversary of diplomatic ties between Taiwan and Honduras. Valerie Woods, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Belize, also visited Taiwan in November to attend the 2021 Open Parliament Forum coorganized by the Ministry and the Legislative Yuan.

In late January, Vice President Lai Ching-te visited Honduras as President Tsai Ing-wen's special envoy to attend the inauguration ceremony of President Xiomara Castro. During his visit, he twice met with President Castro, reinforcing Taiwan's strong diplomatic relations with Honduras. In Honduras, Vice President Lai also met with Belizean Prime Minister John Briceño, who recently took up our invitation to come to Taiwan. It was his maiden visit as Prime Minister and came 16 years after his first trip. The visit was of great importance to Taiwan-Belize relations.

Cooperation and exchanges with diplomatic allies are proceeding smoothly. These include a donation of patrol boats to Palau, a coast guard goodwill visit to Palau, and a joint patrol mission in international waters. Taiwan also signed agreements on postpandemic economic recovery, women's empowerment, and public health system

enhancement with diplomatic allies including Paraguay and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The governments of Taiwan and Eswatini signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on a reconstruction fund. Taiwan continues to assist its diplomatic allies in combating the pandemic and recovering from natural disasters or social unrest.

The heads of state and prominent political figures of diplomatic allies have publicly endorsed strong diplomatic ties with Taiwan. In an interview with a British newspaper at the end of last year, President of Guatemala Alejandro Giammattei stated that Taiwan is Guatemala's "only real ally." In January, I held a phone call with new Guatemalan Foreign Minister Mario Búcaro to further deepen bilateral ties.

B. Steady advances in Taiwan-US partnership

The comprehensive Taiwan-US partnership is rock solid and developing steadily. We have strengthened our ties in multiple ways and continue to engage in close cooperation.

Vice President Lai made stopovers in the United States on his way to and from Honduras. He had cordial interactions with US Vice President Kamala Harris at the presidential inauguration in Honduras. During his transit in the United States, he had a videoconference meeting with Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi, 18 other members of Congress, and other figures from different fields.

The US government continues to take concrete actions in support of Taiwan. President Joe Biden sent former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Michael Glenn Mullen to lead a high-level bipartisan delegation to Taiwan this month. Coming in the context of the escalation of the Russia-Ukraine situation, this was the second US delegation to Taiwan since April last year and fully demonstrated the importance the United States attaches to Taiwan. In February, the United States announced the sale to Taiwan of equipment and services to maintain the Patriot missile system. The deal was the second arms sale to Taiwan by the Biden administration and a continuation of the policy of recent years to normalize arms sales. The US Indo-Pacific

Strategy released last month mentioned Taiwan numerous times, showing the US commitment to Taiwan. In addition, Minister without Portfolio Audrey Tang and Taiwan's Representative to the United States Hsiao Bi-khim were invited to attend the Summit for Democracy in December last year. The government of Taiwan submitted a written list of commitments to demonstrate its determination to promote democracy with democratic partners. The United States has issued many statements in support of Taiwan. During the Biden-Xi meeting last November, President Biden expressed strong opposition to any unilateral action that would change the status quo or undermine peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait. He has also conveyed support for Taiwan on many international occasions, such as the East Asia Summit in the same month and the US-Japan Summit this year. Secretary Blinken reiterated the importance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait in a meeting with the Australian Foreign Minister this year. Secretary Blinken, National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan, and other high- ranking officials have also reaffirmed the US commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances.

The US administration staunchly supports Taiwan's international participation. After Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs Rick Waters in September last year publicly refuted China's misuse of UN General Assembly Resolution 2758, Secretary Blinken issued a statement on October 26 supporting Taiwan's participation in the United Nations. The press statement underscored that Taiwan's participation is not a political issue but a pragmatic one, and demonstrated strong support for our international engagement.

The US Senate and House of Representatives have shown bipartisan support for Taiwan and, in various ways, continue to urge the US administration to upgrade relations with Taiwan. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) and Representative Mark Takano (D-CA) separately led successive delegations to Taiwan last November, demonstrating staunch bipartisan support for Taiwan-US relations. Last November, Republican Senator Jim Risch (R-ID), ranking member of the Senate Foreign

Relations Committee, and many of his colleagues introduced the Arm Taiwan Act, the Taiwan Deterrence Act, and a resolution commending the government of Lithuania for increasing ties with Taiwan and supporting its firm stance against coercion by China. In February, the House of Representatives passed the America COMPETES Act of 2022, introduced by the Speaker, which includes many components of previous acts backing Taiwan. Last December, President Biden signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022, which also included wording favorable to Taiwan. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022 that President Biden signed this month similarly contained numerous articles supporting Taiwan.

Taiwan and the United States have steadily broadened and institutionalized cooperation in many areas. For example, the third Taiwan-US Consultations on Democratic Governance in the Indo-Pacific Region and the second Taiwan-US Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue were held in November last year. An agreement to establish the Taiwan-US Technology Trade and Investment Collaboration was signed in December to diversify the development of key supply chains. The second high-level dialogue under the Taiwan-US Education Initiative was held in March this year to continue to deepen cooperation in Chinese language teaching. In addition, 13 online events were held last year under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF). The United Kingdom, Slovakia, Israel, and Canada cohosted GCTF events for the first time. In other firsts, the Czech Republic, Saint Christopher and Nevis, and Eswatini held GCTF franchise events in their countries. Australia followed Japan by becoming an official partner, and this month India hosted an overseas GCTF event for the first time. We hope this platform will continue to unite the international community in response to global issues.

In addition, a total of 43 resolutions backing Taiwan were passed in 30 states as well as Guam last year. These actions demonstrate the solid friendship between Taiwan and the United States.

C. Continued enhancement of Taiwan-Japan relations

Taiwan-Japan relations are stable and cordial. There is a profound bond between our peoples. Japan has shown greater support for Taiwan in the international arena in recent years. Comprehensive and substantive cooperation continues to deepen. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and other high-ranking officials continue to follow the consistent position of the Japanese government. Cross-strait security has been brought up at various occasions this year, including the Japan-Australia and Japan-US summits and the Japan-France 2+2 meeting. The Japanese government has publicly endorsed Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA) as an observer on numerous occasions and has welcomed our application to accede to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), making Japan the staunchest supporter of Taiwan among CPTPP members. In addition, a Taiwan policy task force established by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party last year had two 2+2 dialogues with Taiwan's ruling Democratic Progressive Party. Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has shown generous support for Taiwan, stating on several occasions recently that "a Taiwan emergency is a Japanese emergency."

Taiwan and Japan enjoy close exchanges, with parliamentary interactions in particular growing more frequent. In November 2021, for the second time the Japan-R.O.C. Diet Members' Consultative Council passed a resolution to support our participation in the WHA. The 45th Taiwan-Japan Economic and Trade Conference was held between January and February this year, during which MOUs were signed to promote customs cooperation and youth exchanges. The agreements will deepen bilateral economic and trade cooperation and partnership. The fourth Taiwan-Japan Third Country Market Cooperation Forum was conducted by videoconference in February to exchange views on market and industrial cooperation between Taiwanese and Japanese companies.

While ensuring food safety and adhering to international norms, Taiwan adjusted import restrictions last month on food products from five prefectures affected by the Fukushima disaster. Taiwan and Japan

will continue to strengthen food safety cooperation and establish a platform for dialogue. In addition, Japan has donated six batches totaling over 4.2 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine to Taiwan, which is more than any other country. Taiwan in return has donated antipandemic supplies such as oxygen concentrators to Japan, creating a virtuous cycle. The Japan-Taiwan Co-Prosperty Leaders Alliance, formed at the end of last year, called for the institutionalization of bilateral exchanges. The move fully demonstrates the value of the friendship between Taiwan and Japan.

D. Steady advancement of Taiwan-Europe relations

Relations between Taiwan and Europe have maintained a healthy momentum. Taiwan is an important values-based partner for Europe in the Indo-Pacific region. Taiwan and the EU have fortified bilateral cooperation and jointly responded to global challenges through the Human Rights Consultation, the Labor Consultation, the EU Investment Forum, and other platforms.

Last October, President Tsai delivered, via video, an address to share Taiwan's democratic experience at the 25th Forum 2000 Conference held by the Czech Republic. I gave a closing address to the forum. The same month, I visited Slovakia, the Czech Republic, and Belgium. During the trip, I delivered a keynote speech at a GLOBSEC conference in Slovakia, visited Czech Senate President Miloš Vystrčil, and addressed the first annual meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China (IPAC) in Rome via video link. Also in the same month, National Development Council Minister Kung Ming-hsin led an economic and trade delegation to the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Lithuania. Eighteen MOUs were signed to deepen economic and trade exchanges with Europe. In November, former Vice President Chen Chien-jen was invited to speak at a democracy forum in Lithuania and also paid a visit to Poland, further demonstrating Europe's recognition of our democracy.

Our European friends have shown their support by visiting Taiwan. Karol Galek, State Secretary of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak

Republic, led a delegation to Taiwan last December. He signed the protocol of the first session of the Taiwanese-Slovak Commission on Economic Cooperation and another nine MOUs. A delegation of the heads and members of parliamentary groups for relations with Taiwan from the three Baltic states; a delegation led by Alain Richard, Chairman of the French Senate's Taiwan Friendship Group; and a delegation led by François de Rugy, Chairman of the French National Assembly's France-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group visited Taiwan in quick succession.

Europe has put security across the Taiwan Strait higher on its agenda. The importance of cross-strait peace has been brought up at several international occasions such as the EU-US, EU-Japan, and UK-Australia summits. The coalition agreement of Germany's new government at the end of last year and a government program statement issued by the new Czech cabinet early this year both included wording in support of Taiwan. UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson publicly underscored the need for peace across the Taiwan Strait. In this cordial atmosphere, Taiwan and Europe have developed substantive relations in various areas. The Taiwanese Representative Office in Lithuania officially began operations last November. It is the first new representative office that Taiwan has set up in Europe in 18 years. Our government launched an investment fund for central and eastern Europe to promote cooperation and development in semiconductors and other sectors. Taiwan and the United Kingdom signed an MOU on the exchange of driving licenses last December. Taiwan and the government of the Flanders Region in Belgium signed a framework MOU on cooperation in January. In addition, the proposed European Chips Act was unveiled by the European Commission in February, marking the second time it had mentioned the desire to strengthen cooperation with Taiwan in an official document.

The European Parliament (EP) and the national parliaments of many European countries have been staunch supporters of Taiwan. Since the beginning of last year, the EP has passed 17 resolutions that are favorable to Taiwan. The EU-Taiwan Political Relations and

Cooperation Report it adopted last October for the first time called for comprehensive enhancement of bilateral political relations. The EP also passed resolutions last month to adopt annual reports on the implementation of the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defense Policy. The reports urge China to stop threatening the peace and stability of the Taiwan Strait and the Indo-Pacific region. Members of the Special Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes in the European Union, including Disinformation visited Taiwan last November, marking the first official EP delegation to Taiwan. Their subsequent report and policy recommendations were adopted in early March. In addition, Formosa Club cochairs from 25 parliaments in Europe as well as 41 EP members representing IPAC sent letters to high-ranking EU officials urging them to support Lithuania in resisting China's coercion. Eight national parliaments, including those in France and the Netherlands, have passed 13 resolutions backing Taiwan since the start of last year.

E. Further deepening the New Southbound Policy

The New Southbound Policy is an important regional policy for Taiwan in Asia. Taiwan has achieved considerable success in deepening diverse exchanges with target countries.

In terms of economic and trade exchanges, Taiwan's exports to partner countries reached US\$82.58 billion in 2021, a record high since the New Southbound Policy was launched and representing year-on-year growth of 35.2 percent, exceeding the growth rate of total exports. Two-way investment also expanded significantly. More than 500 cases of inbound investments from these partners were approved, up 162.32 percent year-on- year, while outbound investments rose 105.97 percent. These figures highlight the importance of New Southbound Policy partner countries to future economic recovery and restructuring of global supply chains. Industrial collaboration forums were held virtually with Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, the Philippines, and India. The 10th Taiwan-India Cooperation Forum was also held online. Promotional activities for the halal industry were held, market needs of New Southbound Policy partners were assessed,

and assistance was provided to Taiwanese companies seeking business opportunities overseas.

More than 2,700 individuals on personnel exchanges from New Southbound Policy partner countries remained in Taiwan last year. They include graduates from industrial-academia collaboration programs for international students. Other programs launched by Taiwan include internships for Philippine young farmers and a digital trade skills training program.

With regard to resource sharing, Taiwan has continued to conduct online training, conferences, and keynote lectures that provided training to more than 170 healthcare professionals. Essential medical supplies were also sent to assist the fight against the pandemic. More than 110,000 individuals from New Southbound Policy partner countries came to Taiwan for medical treatment, accounting for roughly half of all recipients of international medical services provided by Taiwan.

Taiwan has continued to demonstrate its commitment to humanitarian assistance by donating US\$500,000 and nearly 100 tons of supplies to the Philippines for postdisaster reconstruction after it was hit by Typhoon Rai last December.

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.

Last October, Secretary Blinken issued a statement endorsing Taiwan's participation in the UN system. The international community continues to back Taiwan's participation in related specialized agencies and mechanisms. Diplomatic allies, including Paraguay and the Marshall Islands, endorsed Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization (WHO) by giving speeches, submitting written

statements, or sending letters to the WHO Director-General during the 150th session of the WHO Executive Board earlier this year. The United States, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the EU also echoed the appeal for Taiwan to join WHO. The parliaments of Canada, France, Italy, Argentina, and other countries have publicly supported Taiwan's participation in the 41st International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Assembly, which will be held in September, as well as other technical meetings. Taiwan's ICAO bid received additional public backing from Secretary Blinken. Following past precedents, Taiwan participated as a nongovernmental organization delegation in the 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change last November. Diplomatic allies and parliamentarians of eight friendly nations sent letters or gave remarks calling for Taiwan's participation. During COP26, Taiwan held 30 bilateral meetings with 11 countries, including diplomatic allies, the United States, and the United Kingdom, and attended 14 side events. The Ministry also released a short film, *A Green Promised Land*, and held a Taiwan Day activity.

Taiwan continues to bolster its participation in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum. Leader's Representative Morris Chang attended the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting and the Leaders' Dialogue with the APEC Business Advisory Council last November. During the meetings, he sought the support of APEC members for Taiwan's participation in the CPTPP. Between late October last year and mid- February this year, Taiwan attended six APEC meetings for senior and higher-level officials—two Senior Officials' Meetings, the Small and Medium Enterprises Ministerial Meeting, the Finance and Central Bank Deputies' Meeting, the Finance Ministers' Meeting, and the APEC Ministerial Meeting. During this same period, we hosted eight APEC seminars and activities. Taiwan donated a total of US\$1.5 million to APEC last year.

Taiwan continues to push for participation in many other international organizations. We established the Taiwan-Central American Bank for Economic Integration Partnership Trust Fund

last November. We were reelected to the Executive Committee of the African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) and elected to the Management Committee of the AARDO Corpus Fund. During the 89th INTERPOL General Assembly, the administrations of diplomatic allies and numerous friendly nations as well as over 860 parliamentarians, local councilors, and representatives from 44 countries and multilateral organizations expressed support for Taiwan in various ways.

G. Taking proactive steps to make our voice heard internationally

The Ministry continues to employ a variety of approaches to speak to the international community, including arranging interviews for President Tsai with the international media. Dating back to last year, I have given nearly 40 interviews to international media outlets, which were widely reported in print and electronic media. We provided assistance to journalists dispatched or relocated to Taiwan by eight news outlets, including the US-based ABC News and Japan-based Nikkei Asia. A total of 75 international media outlets are currently registered in Taiwan. We have also collaborated with the international media to promote a positive image of Taiwan. The fourth series of the Embracing Taiwan program, produced and broadcast in partnership with television companies in New Southbound Policy partner countries, reached nearly 190 million viewers.

The Ministry's official Facebook page has attracted more than 230,000 followers since its launch, and the Facebook pages of our overseas missions have a combined total of nearly 720,000 followers. The 106 Facebook accounts and 230 websites of these overseas missions help promote our key interests. Meanwhile, our official Twitter account has reached more than 230 million users, effectively raising Taiwan's international visibility.

(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 October 26, 2022

Major accomplishments in steadfast diplomacy since the last Legislative Yuan session:

A. Stable and cordial ties with diplomatic allies

The government highly values our diplomatic alliances and continues to promote exchanges and mutual visits by high-level officials while implementing antipandemic measures. President of the Marshall Islands David Kabua, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of Tuvalu Kausea Natano, President of Palau Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., and King of Eswatini Mswati III recently visited Taiwan. Vice President Lai Ching-te will be leading a delegation on a visit to Palau from November 1 to 3. Former Vice President Chen Chien-jen visited the Holy See in September as a special envoy of President Tsai Ing-wen. Minister of Environmental Protection Chang Tzi-chin traveled to Palau in April to attend the seventh Our Ocean Conference as a special envoy of President Tsai. These exchanges highlight the solid friendships between Taiwan and diplomatic partners.

Bilateral cooperation with diplomatic allies is proceeding smoothly. Taiwan signed a letter of intent with the Inter-American Development Bank and Belize on a joint financing project to support production sectors and employment loans in Belize. An agreement was concluded with the Central American Bank for Economic Integration to promote women's economic empowerment in Latin America and the Caribbean in the postpandemic era.

In addition, cooperation accords were signed with Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Palau, and Guatemala in various domains such as mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and training for diplomatic personnel. In partnership with the United States, we launched the Building Economic Inclusion via the Blue Economy program to enhance women's economic empowerment in Pacific allies. We also

continue to provide humanitarian assistance to allies, including a recent donation of US\$620,000 to help people affected by floods in Honduras.

The heads of state and prominent political figures of allies have publicly endorsed robust diplomatic ties with Taiwan on several occasions. When the Prime Minister of Tuvalu visited Taiwan, he and I signed a joint communiqué reaffirming diplomatic relations. During King Mswati III's visit, the Eswatini Foreign Minister and I signed a joint declaration between our countries. I held phone calls with newly elected Prime Minister of Saint Christopher and Nevis Terrance Drew as well as high-level officials of other allies. All of them reiterated that diplomatic ties would be maintained and cooperation deepened.

B. Steady advances in the Taiwan-US partnership

The comprehensive Taiwan-US partnership is developing steadily. We have strengthened our ties in multiple ways and continue to engage in close cooperation.

The US government has continued to support Taiwan through concrete actions. President Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and other high-ranking officials have on multiple occasions publicly reaffirmed the US commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances. The United States has further emphasized the importance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait at the US-EU High-Level Consultations on the Indo-Pacific, the US-Australia-Japan Trilateral Strategic Dialogue, the US-ROK Summit, and other bilateral and multilateral events. The National Security Strategy report recently published by the White House also reiterated that peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait are critical to global security and prosperity. Since assuming office, the Biden administration has announced six arms sales packages to Taiwan, continuing the policy of normalizing arms sales to Taiwan and demonstrating the United States' high regard for our national defense needs. Minister without Portfolio John C. C. Deng and US Trade Representative Katherine Tai held a bilateral meeting during the APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade Meeting in May. The US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade was launched

in June. That same month, Taiwan sent the largest delegation among all participating countries to the SelectUSA Investment Summit for the fifth time in a row. We have also steadily deepened economic and trade cooperation through the Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue, the Technology Trade and Investment Collaboration framework, and other mechanisms.

The US administration staunchly supports Taiwan's international participation. In May, President Biden signed into law a bill directing the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to help Taiwan regain observer status in the World Health Organization (WHO). Also in May, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken issued a statement on "Taiwan as an Observer in the World Health Assembly." US Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg expressed explicit support for Taiwan's meaningful participation at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Assembly. All of these actions demonstrate strong backing for our international engagement.

There has been bilateral support for Taiwan in both the US Senate and House of Representatives. Since mid-March, more than 30 members of the US Congress have visited Taiwan. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) led a delegation to Taiwan, marking the first visit by a US House Speaker in 25 years. The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations approved the bill for the Taiwan Policy Act of 2022, conveying robust backing for comprehensively upgrading Taiwan-US relations and underscoring strong friendship toward Taiwan among both parties in the Congress.

Taiwan and the United States have steadily broadened and institutionalized cooperation in many areas. Under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework, nine events have been held so far this year. An affiliated activity overseas in Saint Lucia was also organized. Taiwan and the United States jointly organized the 2022 Regional Religious Freedom Forum—An Indo-Pacific Civil Society Dialogue on Religious Freedom in Challenging Times. President Tsai, President of the Legislative Yuan You Si-kun, US Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom Rashad Hussain, and Chair of

the US Commission on International Religious Freedom Nury Turkel participated in and addressed the forum.

Meanwhile, US local governments have also engaged in close exchanges with Taiwan. Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb and Arizona Governor Doug Ducey visited Taiwan and signed MOUs on strengthening technological, economic, and trade exchanges. Taiwan recently donated US\$300,000 to assist in reconstruction work in the United States after it was hit by Hurricane Ian. Since the beginning of the year, more than 40 resolutions backing Taiwan have been passed by 26 US states as well as Guam. These actions demonstrate the solid friendship between Taiwan and the United States.

C. Continued enhancement of Taiwan-Japan relations

Taiwan-Japan relations are stable and cordial. Japan has continued its consistent position of supporting Taiwan in the international arena in recent years. Comprehensive and substantive cooperation continues to deepen. The first Diplomatic Bluebook published by Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's administration expressed support for Taiwan to regain observer status in the World Health Assembly. The white paper *Defense of Japan 2022* devoted twice the amount of space to discussing Taiwan as the previous edition. It included friendly content about Taiwan, reiterating that the Taiwan situation is closely linked to Japan's security and that Taiwan is a vital partner. Among members of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), Japan has been the staunchest supporter for Taiwan's accession to the accord. It raised the issue of security across the Taiwan Strait at such international events this year as the Japan-US and Japan-EU Summits. At a meeting with United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, Prime Minister Kishida strongly condemned China's firing of ballistic missiles during military drills. All this underscores the Japanese government's high regard and concern for security across the Taiwan Strait.

Taiwan and Japan enjoy close exchanges and a solid and profound friendship. Following the passing of former Japanese Prime Minister

Shinzo Abe, President Tsai paid her respects at the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association, Taipei Office, and Vice President Lai traveled to Japan to express condolences. A delegation comprising former President of the Legislative Yuan Wang Jin-pyng and Chairman of the Taiwan-Japan Relations Association Su Jia-chyuan attended the state funeral in Japan, where they were announced as being from Taiwan. Parliamentary interactions between Taiwan and Japan have grown especially close. In March, President Tsai interacted with former Prime Minister Abe via videoconference during the annual meeting of the Japan-R.O.C. Diet Members' Consultative Council. Among Japanese parliamentarians and delegations to visit Taiwan were then Director of the Youth Division of the Liberal Democratic Party Masanobu Ogura, a delegation of a parliamentary association on security issues led by former Minister of Defense Shigeru Ishiba, and a delegation led by Japan-R.O.C. Diet Members' Consultative Council Chair Keiji Furuya that came to take part in National Day celebrations. These exchanges underscored Japan's strong support for Taiwan.

D. Steady progress in Taiwan-Europe relations

Relations between Taiwan and Europe have maintained healthy momentum. Taiwan is an important values-based partner for Europe in the Indo-Pacific. Taiwan and the EU have fortified bilateral cooperation and jointly responded to global challenges through the Labor Consultation, Human Rights Consultation, Trade and Investment Dialogue, and other platforms.

Taiwan and Europe enjoy frequent exchanges. President Tsai was invited to address and share Taiwan's democratic experience at the Copenhagen Democracy Summit and the 26th Forum 2000 Conference. I also spoke at the latter event, urging democratic nations to oppose authoritarianism. Legislative Yuan President You and officials from the Ministry as well as the Ministries of Economic Affairs and Culture visited Europe. Numerous European friends have visited Taiwan to demonstrate concrete support, including key government officials from Poland, Lithuania, and the Czech Republic; EP Vice-President Nicola Beer; and lawmakers from Slovakia, France, and the Czech Republic.

Recently, Europe has been more open in expressing support for security across the Taiwan Strait. President of the European Council Charles Michel called for cross-strait stability during the UN General Debate. Then UK Prime Minister Liz Truss stated that efforts should be made to make sure that Taiwan is able to defend itself. For the first time, the Progress Report on the Implementation of the Federal Government Policy Guidelines for the Indo-Pacific, the 2022 version of which was approved by the German government last month, mentioned Taiwan and expressed concern for peace and security across the Taiwan Strait. The importance of cross-strait peace was also raised at the EU-Japan Summit, the third high-level meeting of the EU-US Dialogue on China, and other international events.

In this favorable climate, Taiwan and Europe continue to forge substantive relations in various domains. The Taiwan-EU Trade and Investment Dialogue was upgraded to the ministerial/director-general level for the first time this year. The Taiwan-EU Human Rights Consultation proceeded smoothly. We signed an agreement on judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters with Slovakia, our first such arrangement with an EU member state. We also concluded six MOUs on cooperation in technology, education, and culture with the Czech Republic. The first Taiwan-Germany Economic Policy Consultation and the 20th Taiwan-Germany Joint Business Council Meeting were a success. Newly elected Prime Minister of Sweden Ulf Kristersson expressed concern over China's military threat to Taiwan in his first policy statement to the Swedish Parliament. The Lithuanian Trade Representative Office in Taiwan was officially opened and Paulius Lukauskas, an advisor to the Lithuanian Prime Minister, was appointed his country's first Representative to Taiwan.

The EP and the national parliaments of many European countries have been staunch supporters of Taiwan. Since the beginning of this year, the EP has approved eight documents favorable to Taiwan. These include a resolution on the situation in the Taiwan Strait, *the Report on the Indo-Pacific strategy in the area of trade and investment*, and *the Report on the EU and the defence of multilateralism*. More than

1,500 parliamentarians from 34 countries, who are also members of the Formosa Club in Europe, sent a joint letter to the WHO Director-General endorsing Taiwan's participation. More than 30 European members of the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China also sent joint letters urging EU leaders to sign a bilateral investment agreement with Taiwan as soon as possible. Since March, national parliaments and local assemblies have passed more than 10 resolutions backing Taiwan. The parliaments of Germany, Denmark, Poland, and other countries adopted resolutions calling for Taiwan's involvement in international organizations, demonstrating a high level of consensus among European democratic partners on supporting Taiwan.

E. Further deepening the New Southbound Policy

The New Southbound Policy (NSP) is an important policy for Taiwan in the Indo-Pacific. Taiwan has achieved considerable success in deepening diverse exchanges with partner countries.

In terms of economic and trade exchanges, in the first half of this year, trade with NSP partners reached US\$91 billion for year-on-year growth of more than 30 percent. Taiwan's exports to partner nations rose to about US\$50 billion, higher than the same period in any previous year. In that same time frame, Taiwan's investments in NSP partners totaled US\$2.06 billion, surpassing investments in China and Hong Kong for the first time. Meanwhile, inbound investments of more than US\$1.4 billion from these partners were approved, up nearly fourfold year-on-year. These figures indicate a significant increase in two-way investment. We plan to hold industrial collaboration summits and Taiwan Expos and will employ innovative digital marketing technologies to help Taiwanese companies seeking business opportunities overseas.

In terms of personnel exchanges, more than 13,000 individuals have participated in NSP industrial-academia collaboration programs since they were launched in 2017. With regard to resource sharing, Taiwan plans to expand the scope of medical and health cooperation with Vietnam and two other NSP partners by replacing the One Country, One

Center program with the One Country, Two Centers initiative. Between January and May this year, about 55,000 individuals from NSP partner countries came to Taiwan for medical treatment, accounting for nearly half of all recipients of international medical services provided by Taiwan. In regional linkages, Taiwan and India signed an agreement on mutual acceptance of standardization and conformity assessment procedures and a cooperation pact on intellectual property rights. Taiwan also signed an agreement with Indonesia on cooperation in industrial product design development.

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. Countries worldwide have acknowledged that Taiwan's appeal for international participation is both appropriate and legitimate and have increased their support as China continues to escalate threats against Taiwan.

Taiwan's bid to attend the World Health Assembly this year again received unprecedented worldwide backing. For the second consecutive year, the G7 Foreign and Development Ministers and the EU issued a communiqué backing Taiwan. The G7 Health Ministers' Communiqué expressed support for the first time. Thirteen diplomatic allies endorsed Taiwan's participation in various ways. The United States, Japan, France, Australia, seven 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 Canadian Prime Minister, US Secretary of State, and Foreign Ministers of Japan, the Czech Republic, and Sweden were among 3,800 prominent political figures and friends from 88 countries who supported Taiwan's bid.

The international community called for Taiwan's involvement in various ways during the UN General Assembly (UNGA). High-level officials, including the President or Prime Minister, of 11 diplomatic allies spoke up during the UN General Debate urging the UN to accept Taiwan into its fold. Also speaking at the General Debate, US President

Biden, European Council President Michel, and Czech Foreign Minister Jan Lipavský reiterated support for peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait. During the UNGA, the G7 Foreign Ministers and the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs called for the peaceful resolution of cross-strait issues. In addition, President Tsai delivered keynote remarks via a prerecorded video at a summit hosted by the New York-based nonprofit organization Concordia, marking the first time that Taiwan's head of state addressed a large public event held by the UN community in New York while the UNGA was in session.

The international community also called for Taiwan's participation in ICAO and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL). In July, the EP approved the Report on the EU and the defence of multilateralism, recommending Taiwan's meaningful participation as an observer in ICAO, INTERPOL, and other multilateral bodies. During the recent ICAO Assembly, the United States, Germany, France, Japan, New Zealand, and numerous diplomatic allies spoke in support of Taiwan. More than 450 parliamentarians of like-minded and friendly nations also expressed their positive stance in diverse ways.

Taiwan continues to bolster its participation in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum. Since mid-March, Taiwan has attended 12 APEC meetings for high-level officials, including two Senior Officials' Meetings, a Ministers Responsible for Trade Meeting, a Senior Finance Officials' Meeting, and a High-level Meeting on Health and the Economy. Taiwan has held 19 APEC meetings and activities on such topics as capacity building in the use of innovative technologies to monitor marine waste as well as enhancement of women's economic empowerment through training in the use of new media. Taiwan received nearly US\$900,000 in APEC funding for 11 initiatives. These developments highlight the outcomes of Taiwan's active engagement with and contributions to APEC.

Taiwan continues to push to participate in many other international organizations, strengthening exchanges with development banks in particular. We welcomed a visit to Taiwan by Executive President of

the Central American Bank for Economic Integration Dante Mossi; took part in the first assistance package for Ukraine launched by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; and, for the first time, participated in the Domestic Resource Mobilization Trust Fund of the Asian Development Bank. All these efforts demonstrated Taiwan's professional participation and contributions.

G. Taking proactive steps to make our voice heard internationally

The Ministry continues to employ a variety of approaches to speak to the international community, including arranging interviews for President Tsai with the international media. Since the last Legislative Yuan session, I have given over 40 interviews to international media outlets, including CNN, Deutsche Welle, Sky News Australia, and Agence France-Presse, which were widely reported in print and electronic media. This year, we provided assistance to journalists dispatched or relocated to Taiwan by 16 news outlets, including the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Denmark-based Politiken, and the US-based Los Angeles Times. A total of 75 international media outlets are currently registered in Taiwan.

The Ministry's official Facebook account has attracted nearly 260,000 followers since its launch and the Facebook accounts of 106 overseas missions have a combined total of nearly 830,000 followers, with total exposure exceeding 500 million. Meanwhile, our official Twitter account has reached more than 270 million users, effectively raising Taiwan's international visibility.

4. 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	North America	Meteorology	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENT NUMBER 18 ADVANCED OPERATIONAL AVIATION WEATHER SYSTEM RENEWAL AND UPDATE (AOAWS-RU) TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION ASSOCIATED WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVANCED OPERATIONAL AVIATION WEATHER SYSTEMS	2022/01/07 2022/01/10 / 2022/01/10
2	Asia-Pacific	Education and Culture	JAPAN	台湾日本関係協会と公益財団法人日本台湾交流協会との間の青少年交流の強化に関する覚書 [MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TAIWAN-JAPAN RELATIONS ASSOCIATION AND THE JAPAN-TAIWAN EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION ON STRENGTHENING YOUTH INTERACTION]	2022/02/18 / 2022/02/18
3	Asia-Pacific	Food and Drugs	JAPAN	台湾日本関係協会と公益財団法人日本台湾交流協会との間の食品安全及び食品の輸出入に関する協力に係る覚書 [MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TAIWAN-JAPAN RELATIONS ASSOCIATION AND THE JAPAN-TAIWAN EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION REGARDING COOPERATION ON FOOD SAFETY AND PROMOTION OF FOOD IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BETWEEN TAIWAN AND JAPAN]	2022/03/04 / 2022/03/04
4	Asia-Pacific	Education and Culture	PHILIPPINES, REPUBLIC OF	MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MANILA ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN TAIWAN CONCERNING COOPERATION ON EDUCATION AND LEARNING LINKAGE (EXCHANGE OF LETTERS)	2022/03/07 2022/05/20 / 2022/05/21
5	Asia-Pacific	Agriculture, Fishery, Forestry and Animal Husbandry	MARSHALL ISLANDS, REPUBLIC OF	THE AGREEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (EXCHANGE OF NOTES)	2022/03/22 / 2022/03/22
6	Africa	Economy and Trade	ESWATINI, KINGDOM OF	DECISION NO. 2- NEW TARIFF CONCESSIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO SUB- COMMITTEES FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI	2022/03/30 / 2024/01/12

NO	REGION	CATEGORY	SIGNATORY	NAME OF TREATY	DATE OF SIGNATURE/ DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE
7	Europe	Anti-Money Laundering	TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS	MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING DIVISION, INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE EXCHANGE OF FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE RELATED TO MONEY LAUNDERING, ASSOCIATED PREDICATE OFFENCES AND TERRORISM FINANCING	2022/04/08 2022/04/13 / 2022/04/13
8	Africa	Energy	SOMALILAND, REPUBLIC OF	AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOMALILAND ON ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES COOPERATION	2022/04/08 2022/05/23 / 2022/05/23
9	Asia-Pacific	Air Services	PALAU, REPUBLIC OF	AMENDMENT NO.3 OF THE ANNEX TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU RELATING TO AIR SERVICES	2021/07/12 2021/08/03 / 2021/08/03
10	Europe	Anti-Money Laundering	MALTA, REPUBLIC OF	MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING DIVISION, INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS UNIT, REPUBLIC OF MALTA CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE EXCHANGE OF FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE RELATED TO MONEY LAUNDERING, ASSOCIATED PREDICATE OFFENCES AND TERRORISM FINANCING	2022/05/04 2022/05/10 / 2022/05/10
11	Asia-Pacific	Standardization	INDIA, REPUBLIC OF	AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL CENTER IN INDIA AND THE INDIA-TAIPEI ASSOCIATION, TAIPEI ON MUTUAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF STANDARDIZATION AND CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT	2022/05/18 / 2022/05/18
12	North America	Military	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN CONCERNING LEAHY INELIGIBLE UNITS WRITTEN AGREEMENT REQUIREMENT	2022/06/07 2022/06/13 / 2022/06/13
13	Europe	Judicial Affairs	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE TAIPEI REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE, BRATISLAVA AND THE SLOVAK ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE, TAIPEI ON JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS	2022/06/08 / 2022/06/08

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NO	REGION	CATEGORY	SIGNATORY	NAME OF TREATY	DATE OF SIGNATURE/ DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE
14	West Asia	Anti-Money Laundering	PALESTINE	MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING DIVISION, INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE FINANCIAL FOLLOW-UP UNIT, STATE OF PALESTINE CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE EXCHANGE OF FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE RELATED TO MONEY LAUNDERING, ASSOCIATED PREDICATE OFFENCES AND TERRORISM FINANCING	2022/07/13 / 2022/07/13
15	Central and South America	Judicial Affairs	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	TREATY ON MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	2022/08/08 / 2023/07/22
16	Central and South America	Judicial Affairs	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	TREATY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES ON THE TRANSFER OF SENTENCED PERSONS	2022/08/08 / 2023/07/22
17	Central and South America	Technical Cooperation	GUATEMALA, REPUBLIC OF	CANJE DE NOTAS DEL "CONVENIO SOBRE EL ESTABLECIMIENTO DE LA MISIÓN DE SERVICIO A LA INVERSIÓN Y AL COMERCIO EN CENTROAMÉRICA ENTRE EL GOBIERNO DE LA REPÚBLICA DE CHINA (TAIWÁN) Y EL GOBIERNO DE LA REPÚBLICA DE GUATEMALA" [EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON THE AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INVESTMENT AND TRADE SERVICE MISSION IN CENTRAL AMERICA BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA]	2022/08/09 / 2022/07/05
18	Asia-Pacific	Economy and Trade	INDONESIA, REPUBLIC OF	COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDONESIAN ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE TO TAIPEI AND TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE, JAKARTA, INDONESIA ON DESIGN DEVELOPMENT FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS	2022/08/19 / 2022/08/19
19	Central and South America	Others	BELIZE	AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE ON COAST GUARD COOPERATION	2022/08/23 2022/09/14 / 2022/09/14
20	Asia-Pacific	Judicial Affairs	PALAU, REPUBLIC OF	MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON FORENSIC PATHOLOGISTS COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU	2022/08/30 / 2024/06/12

NO	REGION	CATEGORY	SIGNATORY	NAME OF TREATY	DATE OF SIGNATURE/ DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE
21	Central and South America	Diplomatic and Consular Affairs	GUATEMALA, REPUBLIC OF	ACUERDO DE COOPERACIÓN SOBRE INTERCAMBIO Y FORMACIÓN DEL PERSONAL DIPLOMÁTICO ENTRE EL MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES DE LA REPÚBLICA DE CHINA (TAIWÁN) Y EL MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES DE LA REPÚBLICA DE GUATEMALA [COOPERATION AGREEMENT ON THE EXCHANGE AND TRAINING OF DIPLOMATIC STAFF BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA]	2022/08/30 / 2022/08/30
22	Asia-Pacific	Police Cooperation	TUVALU	AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND TUVALU ON POLICE COOPERATION	2022/09/05 / 2022/09/05
23	Asia-Pacific	Others	TUVALU	AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TUVALU ON COAST GUARD COOPERATION	2022/09/05 / 2022/09/05
24	Europe	Anti-Money Laundering	SLOVENIA, REPUBLIC OF	MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING DIVISION, INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE OFFICE FOR MONEY LAUNDERING PREVENTION, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE EXCHANGE OF FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE RELATED TO MONEY LAUNDERING AND TERRORIST FINANCING	2022/09/07 2022/09/14 / 2022/09/14
25	Europe	Anti-Money Laundering	MONACO, PRINCIPALITY OF	MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING DIVISION, INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE SERVICE FOR INFORMATION AND MONITORING OF FINANCIAL NETWORKS, PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE EXCHANGE OF FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE RELATED TO MONEY LAUNDERING, ASSOCIATED PREDICATE OFFENCES AND TERRORISM FINANCING	2022/09/20 2022/10/20 / 2022/10/20
26	Asia-Pacific	Economy and Trade	PALAU, REPUBLIC OF	AGREEMENT ON PUBLIC FINANCE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU	2022/10/06 / 2022/10/06

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27	Asia-Pacific	Transportation	PALAU, REPUBLIC OF	AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ACCEPTANCE OF SEAGOING SERVICE, EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF SEAFARERS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND CERTIFICATION BY PALAU INTERNATIONAL SHIP REGISTRY, UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED. BETWEEN: THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU	2022/10/06 / 2022/10/06
28	Central and South America	Technical Cooperation	SAINT LUCIA	FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA	2022/10/28 2022/11/18 / 2023/02/08
29	Asia-Pacific	Others	NAURU, REPUBLIC OF	THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE REPUBLIC OF NAURU'S JOINT MARITIME PATROL IN THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAURU (EXCHANGE OF NOTES)	2022/10/31 2022/11/17 / 2022/11/17
30	Central and South America	Food and Drugs	PARAGUAY, REPUBLIC OF	ACUERDO GENERAL DE COLABORACIÓN ENTRE LA ADMINISTRACIÓN DE ALIMENTOS Y MEDICAMENTOS DEL MINISTERIO DE SALUD Y BIENESTAR SOCIAL DE LA REPÚBLICA DE CHINA (TAIWÁN) Y LA DIRECCIÓN NACIONAL DE VIGILANCIA SANITARIA DE LA REPÚBLICA DEL PARAGUAY [COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF SANITARY SURVEILLANCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY]	2022/11/01 / 2022/11/01
31	Asia-Pacific	Medicine and Health	INDIA, REPUBLIC OF	MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL CENTER IN INDIA (TECC) AND THE INDIA TAIPEI ASSOCIATION (ITA) CONCERNING COOPERATION IN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE	2022/11/04 / 2022/11/04

NO	REGION	CATEGORY	SIGNATORY	NAME OF TREATY	DATE OF SIGNATURE/ DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE
32	Central and South America	Technical Cooperation	EL ORGANISMO INTERNACIONAL REGIONAL DE SANIDAD AGROPECUARIA (OIRSA) [INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR AGRICULTURAL HEALTH]	CONVENIO DE COOPERACIÓN PARA LA EJECUCIÓN DEL “PROYECTO REGIONAL DE PREVENCIÓN Y CONTROL DE FUSARIUM RAZA 4 TROPICAL DEL BANANO EN CENTROAMÉRICA ENTRE EL GOBIERNO DE LA REPÚBLICA DE CHINA (TAIWÁN) Y EL ORGANISMO INTERNACIONAL REGIONAL DE SANIDAD AGROPECUARIA (OIRSA) [COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR PLANT AND ANIMAL HEALTH ON PROMOTING THE REGIONAL PROJECT FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF FUSARIUM TR4 OF BANANA IN CENTRAL AMERICA]	2022/11/07 / 2022/11/07
33	Asia-Pacific	Lease Agreement	JAPAN	台湾日本関係協会と公益財団法人日本台湾交流協会との間の台北日本人学校が借用する台湾銀行及び財政部国有財産署が管理する土壌の計算、徴収に関する備忘録 [Memorandum of Understanding between the Taiwan-Japan Relations Association and the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association on the Calculation and Collection of Rent for Land Leased to the Taipei Japanese School and managed by the Bank of Taiwan and the National Property Administration of the Ministry of Finance]	2022/11/25 / 2022/11/25
34	Central and South America	Development Assistance and Cooperation	BELIZE	AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE ON COOPERATION FOR THE FLOOD WARNING CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT FOR THE BELIZE RIVER BASIN PROJECT	2022/12/01 / 2022/12/01

5. 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

	Year of Accession	Acronym	Year of Accession
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

	Year of Accession	Acronym	Year of Accession
36.	Asset Recovery Interagency Network-Asia Pacific	ARIN-AP	2014
37.	Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS		2014
38.	North Pacific Fisheries Commission	NPFC	2015
39.	International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use	ICH	2018
40.	Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement	SIOFA	2019
41	Global Financial Innovation Network	GFIN	2019
42	International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation	ICCR	2020
43	Indigenous Peoples Economic and Trade Cooperation Arrangement	IPETCA	2022
44	Global Cross-Border Privacy Rules Forum	Global CBPR Forum	2022
45	Asian Access to Information Alliance	AAIA	2022

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

	Year of Accession	Acronym	Year of Accession
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

	Year of Accession	Acronym	Year of Accession
21.	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	UNFCCC	2009
22.	International Consumer Protection and Enforcement Network	ICPEN	2009
23.	International Renewable Energy Agency	IRENA	2011
24.	Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels	ACAP	2019
25.	Safer Skies Consultative Committee	SSCC	2022
26.	International Religious Freedom or Belief Alliance	IRFBA	2022
27.	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.

