

TAIWAN NEWSLETTER

President Tsai receives US bipartisan congressional delegation

President Tsai Ing-wen received a bipartisan delegation from the U.S. House of Representatives at the Presidential Office April 24 in Taipei City, pledging to keep working with the U.S. and other partners to strengthen the democratic alliance for a more stable and prosperous world. The group comprises Lisa McClain, Dan Kildee, and Mark Alford. According to the president, this year marks the 45th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act. She added that expanding authoritarianism in the Indo-Pacific means that Taiwan and the U.S. must work even closer to ensure peace and stability in the region.



Tsai also thanked the current U.S. administration and Congress for the arms sales that bolster the country's self-defense in line with the Taiwan Relations Act and

Six Assurances, as well as the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, which will provide even more resources for initiatives supporting Taiwan.

Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium (TRO) thanks Belgium and Luxembourg for WHA support

On April 23, in response to questions posed in the Belgian parliament, Belgian Foreign Minister Hadja Lahbib said that Belgium supports Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization (WHO), and considers it appropriate to invite Taiwan to participate as an observer at the 77th World Health Assembly (WHA) in May. On April 24, the Luxembourgish Parliament unanimously passed a motion regarding Taiwan, calling among other things on the Luxembourgish government to support Taiwan's participation in the WHO and in the WHA at the techni-

cal level as an observer. On behalf of the Taiwanese government and people, TRO is sincerely grateful to the Luxembourgish Parliament and to Belgian Minister Lahbib for its support of Taiwan's participation in international organizations and for further strengthening cooperation with Taiwan.



Ambassador Lee visits Flemish biotechnology institute VIB

Ambassador Roy Lee led colleagues to visit the Flemish biotechnology institute 'Vlaams Instituut voor Biotechnologie' (VIB) on April 24. Managing Director Mr Jerome Van Biervliet and his managing team, along with Director Mr Kristof Lowyck of Flanders Investment & Trade (FIT), delivered a briefing on the historical background of the VIB, its operation

model, business focus, the incentives for investment in Flanders, and its mechanisms for incubating start-ups. Ambassador Lee and colleagues also visited the VIB-UGent Center for Plant Systems Biology (PSB), to see one of the VIB's best examples of academic-industrial collaboration. Both sides also exchanged opinions on potential cooperation between relevant sectors in Taiwan and Flanders.

TRO staged first Operational Consular Service of the year in Luxembourg

Our office staged the first Operational Consular Service on April 24 in Luxembourg. Staff assisted overseas Taiwanese with applying for passports for the first time, renewing original passports, and providing various consular affairs consultations. The efforts were successful and well received by the overseas Taiwanese who look forward to continuous consular services in Luxembourg. In addition, the office also invited key members of the "Association Luxembourg-Taiwan R.O.C." and "Taiwanese Association in Grand Duchy of Luxembourg" to lunch, exchanging views on the latest political and overseas Taiwanese affairs in Luxembourg.

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