Minister Joseph speaks at Lithuania's Future of Democracy: High Level Forum



MOFA Minister Joseph Wu gave a "Future speech at the Democracy: High Level Forum on Against Defending Authoritarianism" in Lithuania as part of his Baltic Tour which recently drew to a close. Minister Wu reminded those present that our shared values of democracy and the rule of law, which play an important role in fostering peace, stability, and prosperity, are not to be taken for granted; and must be defended, upheld, and advanced. One of the lessons to be learned from the conflict in Ukraine, he stated, is the economic impact of war on the rest of the world. He called on all democracies to work closely with each other to defend the values that we hold dear to our heart and to prevent a tremendous blow to the global economy.

## Taiwan welcomes support from countries around the world

Japan for their reaffirmation of the Chung-kwang represented Taiwan

importance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait in the G7 Foreign Ministers' Statement and the joint statement issued after the Japan-UK Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting 2023.

## Taiwan stands up for freedom



Xingqian Divey, also known as Jonathan Cheng and Cheng Shenguan, was posthumously awarded the Order of Courage by President of Ukraine Vladimir Zelensky, after he was killed in battles in the country as a volunteer. To mark the first anniversary of his death, Taiwan has launched the Shen Guan initiative with a logo that will represent Taiwan as a freedom fighter determined to uphold the values, we are proud of. Both Taiwan and Ukraine are at the forefront of the fight for democracy and freedom, suppressing the authoritarian threat. Taiwan is steadfast in its support of Ukraine and its recovery efforts.

## MOFA Deputy Minister Tien attends the Pacific Islands Forum

MOFA thanks the G7, the UK and MOFA Deputy Minister Tien

at formal multilateral discussions with Pacific leaders during the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) in the Cook Islands. The discussions were hosted by Tuvalu Prime Minister Kausea Natano and PIF Deputy Secretary General Esala Nayasi, with representatives from Palau, the Marshall Islands and Nauru present throughout.



In his address, Deputy Minister Tien stated that Taiwan/R.O.C. has taken part in the forum since 1993, cooperating both bilaterally and multilaterally to help Pacific nations in achieving their policy goals and the UN sustainable development goals. This cooperation crosses a range of different fields, including agriculture, education, public health, ICT, women's empowerment, clean energy and infrastructure projects and has greatly benefitted many Pacific islanders. He added that Taiwan will continue to work with the PIF, our four allies and likeminded partners in the region to implement the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.