



## ROC National Day

### TRO hosts National Day celebration in Brussels

On 8 October, the Taipei Representative Office (TRO) in the EU and Belgium hosted a reception at the Concert Noble in Brussels, celebrating the 104<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Republic of China. More than 500 guests attended, including the Belgian Minister of State Mark Eyskens, Co-Chairs of the Belgium-Taiwan Friendship Group Peter Luykx and Georges Dallemagne, and MEPs Hannu Takkula and Jorn Dohrmann.



In his speech, Representative Kuo-yu Tung of the TRO stressed that this year marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWII and the founding of the UN, which makes this 104<sup>th</sup> National Day all the more significant. From an impoverished society, the ROC has been transformed into a model democracy in Asia, and a trusted partner on the world stage. He also called for closer EU-Taiwan ties, especially economic ones, saying that just as the ROC and Europe fought side by side during WWII, now both sides should join forces to face the challenges that lie ahead.



A special photo exhibition, entitled "A Shared History – A Common Destiny", commemorated the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary

of the end of WWII and the Second Sino-Japanese War. Following 4 themes, the guests were introduced to the Second Sino-Japanese War and the ROC's alliance with the Allied Forces in WWII. The ROC involvement in the creation of the UN and the post-war world order, as well as the ROC's recent humanitarian relief efforts, were also part of the exhibition. In addition, guests also enjoyed the selection of refined chinaware from the Franz Collection on display.



### National Day Celebration in Luxembourg a big success

On 9 October, the TRO organized a National Day reception in Luxembourg. Guests included Astrid Lulling, President of the Association Luxembourg-Taiwan (ROC), Georges Santer, President of the Constitutional Court, Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Colette Mart, Deputy Mayor of Luxembourg City, and many others from political and business circles.



Representative Kuo-yu Tung stressed that he wished to engage further with Luxembourg and expressed the hope that Luxembourg-Taiwan relations would continue to advance through bilateral

trade and cultural contacts. He also expressed his gratitude for the friendship and good relations Taiwan has enjoyed with Luxembourg for all these years.

## EU-Taiwan Relations

### TAITRA & Eurochambres sign export cooperation pact

On 5 October, the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA), Taiwan's main trade promotion body, signed an MOU with the Eurochambres to strengthen export cooperation among SMEs. The MOU is expected to promote Taiwan's exports to Europe and improve bilateral economic and trade development by enabling Taiwanese businesses to reach potential European customers through Eurochambres' network of 1,700 chambers across Europe.



## Local Activities

### Taiwanese violin virtuoso performs at Echternach Festival

On 9 October, Taiwanese violinist Tseng Yu-Chien performed at the 40<sup>th</sup> edition of the prestigious Echternach International Festival. Together with South-Korean pianist Jinsang Lee, Tseng regaled spectators with sonatas from Mozart, Brahms and Franck. Despite his young age (21), Tseng has won international acclaim, taking first prize in the Singapore International Violin Competition and second prize in the XV International Tchaikovsky Competition this year.