



Headline News

ROC President Ma touts significance of ROC war victory

ROC President Ma Ying-jeou said on Sept. 2 that the victory of the ROC in the Second Sino-Japanese War (1937-1945) played a pivotal role in re-establishing the nation's sovereignty and enabling the Allies to prevail in World War II. "In commemorating the



70th anniversary of the end of the eight-year conflict, the nation is seeking to learn the lessons of history and pave the path toward lasting peace and prosperity," Ma said. The memorial event was attended by ROC veterans who fought in the war and it also featured special guests from overseas. These included the descendants of important figures in the Allied forces and those of former U.S. Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman. President Ma stated that he was pleased to see the nation's contribution to post-war peace and stability gaining increased recognition, with the valiant sacrifices of the ROC armed forces and citizenry appreciated anew at home and abroad.

International News

Descendants of WWII hero visit the ROC to attend anniversary events

Family members of Chinese-Belgian scientist Siou-ling Tsien de Perlinghi, who was awarded a medal for saving the lives of nearly 100 Belgians during World War II, are in Taiwan to attend the 70th anniversary commemoration of the end of the war. They are scheduled to meet

with ROC President Ma Ying-jeou.

Dimitri de Perlinghi, the eldest son of the late scientist, said they were pleased and honored to attend the events. His mother was born in Jiangsu Province and went to Belgium in 1929 to study chemistry. During the German occupation of Belgium, Mrs. Tsien de Perlinghi convinced German General Alexander von Falkenhausen who was the head of Nazi-occupied authorities in Belgium, to grant a reprieve to a group of the young people on humanitarian grounds. They had been sentenced to death for their efforts to resist the German forces. Her courage earned her a medal of honour from the Belgian government and she was also granted Belgian citizenship.



Economic News

TBAC generates record-high investment

The annual Taiwan Business Alliance Conference concluded Sept. 2 in Taipei City, with 66 foreign firms now planning investment that should amount to a record total of NT\$156 billion (US\$4.76 billion). This is expected to create more than 15,000 job opportunities in the country over the next few years. During the opening ceremony, ROC President Ma Ying-jeou said that since its launch in 2003, the event has attracted steady streams of investment from more than 600 multinationals. A highlight was the signing of letters of intent between the Ministry of Economic Affairs and 20 global heavyweights, which agreed to invest a total of NT\$100 billion. Mostly based in Europe, Japan and the U.S., include Decathlon from France, Lam



Research Corp. from the U.S., Merck KGaA from Germany and Novartis Pharmaceuticals from Switzerland, the firms operate in biomedical, chemical materials, financial services, furniture, pharmaceuticals, retailing, semiconductor and tourism.

Cultural News

Cultural performance by Taiwan International Youth Ambassadors great success

The performance which took place on September 2 in the *Conservatoire de la Ville de Luxembourg*, was attended by 400 enthusiastic spectators, among which were Mrs. Colette Mart, deputy Mayor of Luxembourg City, Ms. Cécile Hemmen, Member of the Luxembourg Parliament, and Ms. Astrid Lulling, President of the Luxembourg-Taiwan Association. The show provided a wonderful opportunity for the audience to appreciate the cultural traditions of Taiwan from the perspective of its youth. The final theme of the show entitled *Energetic New Taiwan*, focused on the warmth of Taiwan's people, which was emphasized through the delegation motif "Youth from Taiwan, Compassion for All."

