



## Headline News

### Republic of China (Taiwan) contributes to maritime security in Somalia

Tung Kuo-yu, Representative of the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium, and Admiral Sir James Burnell-Nugent, Senior Fellow at Oceans Beyond Piracy, signed a MOU on 10 September, officially launching the Maritime Communications Initiative. On the recommendation of the European Union, the ROC has provided Oceans Beyond Piracy with a grant of US\$166,000 for the purpose of establishing maritime security centres in five Somali ports over a two-year period. The donation will allow Oceans Beyond Piracy to supply communications equipment and sustainable power to the five centres. The ROC has proved itself to be a major humanitarian and development aid donor in recent years, offering emergency assistance to victims of natural disasters, funding agricultural projects, and providing emergency medical assistance. This donation, again, shows that the ROC is willing to cooperate as much as possible with members of the international community, to make tangible contributions to international humanitarian aid efforts and maritime security.



## EU-Taiwan Relations

### ROC offers help for Europe's refugee crisis

The ROC Ministry of Foreign Affairs will maintain communication with relevant nations and non-governmental organizations to help address Europe's worst refugee crisis since World War II

by providing supplies if necessary, ROC Foreign Minister David Lin said. The ROC, as a major humanitarian aid provider in the international community, has been keeping a close watch over developments in the crisis and will maintain communication with the affected countries. As a major international humanitarian aid provider, the ROC has donated prefabricated housing units, among other things, to refugees in Jordan and northern Iraq who were left homeless due to armed conflicts in their own countries.



## Economic News

### Taiwan commits to APEC development initiative

A Memorandum of Understanding aimed at promoting human security and regional economic integration was signed by Taiwan and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat on 6 September in the Philippines. Under the Memorandum, Taiwan will contribute US\$700,000 until the end of 2015 to the APEC support fund and the policy support unit. Hsu Pei-yung, Taiwan's senior official to APEC said the Memorandum underscores the nation's commitment to the shared objective of inclusive growth.

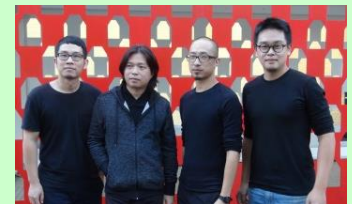
Taiwan leads the way in boosting natural disaster resilience, and applying big and open data to improve emergency preparedness. Promoting business continuity for small and medium enterprises in APEC economies, and reinforcement of the cross-border supply chains is another area of focus for Taiwan. Taipei is set to host the APEC Accelerator Network Summit and Global Challenge for Early

Stage Investment in October. The APEC Secretariat released a statement saying it appreciates Taiwan's participation and looks forward to closer collaboration, to benefit the peoples of the region.

## Cultural News

### Taiwan heavily represented at the City Sonic International Sound Arts Festival in Mons, Belgium

Four Taiwanese artists participated in the 2015 edition of CitySonic#13, which started on Friday 11 September. Yao Chung-Han's installation employs lasers and fluorescent lamps to explore the difference between digital and analog signals, while evoking a three-dimensional object. 'Sound of Suitcase' by Wang Chung-Kun contains a series of four installations, with which the public is invited to interact by means of audio devices. Wang Fu-Jui specializes in sound art and interactive art. He uses directional hypersonic speakers to generate 'sound beams' which approach the public from different directions. Chang Yung-Ta's work focuses on sounds in everyday life, which are then represented by signals and data via visual installations suspended in space. Mons is the European capital of culture in 2015.



More information at

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