



Headline News

ROC President Ma to hold videoconference with MEPs

ROC President Ma Ying-jeou has been invited by MEP Werner Langen, Chairman of the EP-Taiwan Friendship Group, to hold a videoconference in the European Parliament on 29 September. The President's address will focus on Taiwan-EU relations, and regional peace and stability, and it will be followed by a Q&A session.



MEPs from the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Economic Affairs, International Trade, and Energy and Transportation will attend. The conference will be streamed live on the websites of the ROC Presidential Office and the ROC Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Although this is the first time, since President Ma took office in 2008, that he holds such a videoconference with MEPs, he has already done so with several US-based think tanks and universities over the years.

Economic News

International 5G Summit held in Taipei

On 22 September, the 2015 International 5G Summit was held in Taipei. The ROC government announced that it has earmarked US\$50 million for the development of fifth-generation (5G) technology: given that Taiwan is a pioneer in this area and is committed to development of the technology. The summit aims to help Taiwan's

industries tap into the next wave of business opportunities in the ICT technology sector, and to share cluster leadership in the 5G field, along with Europe, the United States, Japan and South Korea. This must be done by establishing technology links with major international factories and deepening partnerships between Taiwan's ICT companies and international telecommunications operators. In addition to its strong manufacturing capability, Taiwan's innovation in design is also renowned around the world. Meanwhile, Taiwan is one of the fastest-growing markets for 4G devices. Therefore, it is expected to contribute greatly to the development of 5G systems.

Domestic News

More than 20,000 people swim across Sun Moon Lake

On 20 September, 20,391 participants took part in the 33rd Sun Moon Lake International Swimming Carnival. The lake, located in Nantou, is the largest fresh water lake in Taiwan. Vice President Wu Den-yih attended the opening ceremony and wished the swimmers health and happiness. The event was inaugurated in 1983, when Wu was County Magistrate.



Some 1,985 international swimmers from 33 countries, including Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States, enjoyed the 3 km swim across the beautiful lake. In addition, more than 400 firefighters and lifeguards were posted on the water

to assist any swimmers who got into difficulties, organizers said. The first Sun Moon Lake open water swimming competitions of 3,000m and 5,000m, were held the day before.

Information

Taiwan violin virtuoso to perform at Echternach Festival

In January 2015, Taiwanese musician Yu-Chien Tseng was awarded first prize at the Singapore Violin Competition, one of the world's most prestigious music contests. He prevailed over 35 musicians from 14 countries with his interpretation of Sibelius' Violin Concerto. He is also a former winner of the International Tchaikovsky Competition and the Queen Elisabeth Competition, and he has been invited to perform in Luxembourg at the prestigious International Echternach Festival. This Festival has been held every year since 1975, and is under the patronage of his Royal Highness the Grand Duke Henri of Luxembourg. Tseng will be accompanied on the piano by Korean musician Jinsang Lee, winner of the 2009 Géza-Anda Competition. They will play works from Mozart, Brahms and Frank, among others.



When: Friday 9 October, 8PM
Where: Église St-Pierre-et-Paul, Echternach

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