

TAIWAN NEWSLETTER

MOFA responds to US National Security Strategy

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs welcomed the White House's National Security Strategy of the United States of America, released December 4, which emphasises Taiwan's leadership in semiconductor manufacturing, vital geo-strategic location, and importance to global shipping and the US economy. Foreign Minister Lin Chia-lung expressed sincere appreciation for the strategy clearly indicating Taiwan's importance to key supply chains and geostrategy. The document states the United States is prioritising preserving military overmatch to deter conflict across the Taiwan Strait while maintaining its long-standing policy, including not supporting unilateral changes to the cross-strait status quo. The strategy stresses the US will build a



military capable of denying aggression anywhere in the first island chain, calling on allies and partners to invest more resources in collective defence and critical deterrent capabilities.

The ministry noted the Trump administration's continued support, including

President Trump's signing of the Taiwan Assurance Implementation Act and announcement of arms sales. Taiwan remains committed to advancing security cooperation, including through President Lai Ching-te's NT\$1.25 trillion (€34.33 billion) special defence budget over eight years.

FM Lin speaks to international media

Foreign Minister Lin Chia-lung hosted a reception for 10 journalists from nine countries across America, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East in early November, briefing them on China's aggressive tactics and Taiwan's international relations.

The group visited Taiwan from November 2-8 to gain insight into the country's politics and economy. Speaking to the group, Minister Lin highlighted the fact that Taiwan-US relations are founded on the Taiwan Relations Act and Six Assur-

ances, noting shared democratic values and common security interests. He further stated Taiwan could assist Europe with re-industrialisation in artificial intelligence and big data to forge democratic supply chains. In addition, Deputy Foreign Minister François Chih-chung Wu emphasised that China disrupts Taiwan through hybrid warfare while threatening European Union security and international semiconductor supply chains, before reiterating Taiwan's commitment to safeguarding regional peace and stability.

Economics Minister Kung visits Poland and Czechia

Minister of Economic Affairs Kung Ming-hsin led delegations to Czechia, December 7-9, and Poland, December 9-11, underscoring the commitment to deepening trade ties and democratic supply chain partnerships.

In Prague, Kung met Senate President Miloš Vystrčil and First Vice-President Jiří Drahoš, noting that Czechia is Taiwan's largest Central and Eastern European trade partner with bilateral trade of US\$2.37 billion (€2.02 billion). Meanwhile, in Warsaw, the minister launched Taiwan's fourth overseas Trade and Investment Service Center and witnessed a memo-

randum of understanding between drone industry representatives.

In remarks, Minister Kung highlighted cooperation potential in artificial intelligence, drones, electric vehicles, green energy, and semiconductors, and noted that Poland is Taiwan's largest export market for unmanned vehicles.



Taiwanese cuisine to be featured on French TV

Deputy Foreign Minister François Chih-chung Wu stated that Taiwanese night markets embody the country's democratic spirit while the diversity of Taiwanese cuisine represents major soft power during an interview with François-Régis Gaudry, host of "Très Très Bon" on French channel Paris Première. Gaudry and his team filmed across Taiwan, December 3-7, visiting Taipei markets, Tainan and Yilan, meeting chefs and tea farmers. The deputy minister expressed hope the programme would provide francophone audiences broader insight into Taiwan. The special is scheduled for broadcast in February 2026.



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