



President Lai addresses Copenhagen Democracy Summit

President Lai Ching-te addressed the 2026 Copenhagen Democracy Summit via video, May 12, urging democracies worldwide to stand together against expanding authoritarianism.

Hosted by the Alliance of Democracies Foundation at the Royal Danish Playhouse, the summit brought together current and former leaders including Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, Greenlandic Prime Minister Jens-Frederik Nielsen and former Japanese Minister Kono Taro, among others.

In his remarks, Lai expressed gratitude to Taiwan's democratic partners for their support, describing their voices as a powerful deterrent to aggressors. He said Taiwan would continue strengthen-



ing its self-defence capabilities, maintaining regional peace and working with other nations to build whole-of-society defence resilience.

The President also emphasised that Tai-

wan is a sovereign, independent nation whose people have every right to engage with and contribute to the international community, adding that no attempt at isolation would alter that determination.

Taiwan stages GCTF AI workshops in Europe

Two workshops on artificial intelligence were held under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF) earlier this month, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

The first, organised by the Taiwanese and US embassies to the Holy See, took place May 4 to 5 at Pontifical Gregorian University and marked the first GCTF event held in the diplomatic ally. Drawing over 200 participants, including representatives from OpenAI, Microsoft, Google DeepMind, and the UN Development Program, the workshop responded to concerns expressed by Pope Leo XIV on AI ethics and underscored President Lai

Ching-te's vision for ethical, internationally collaborative AI development.

A second workshop, co-organised with the US Embassy in Switzerland, took place May 7 to 8 in Bern, bringing together over 80 experts and officials from seven countries to discuss supply chain resilience, cybersecurity and AI applications in healthcare.



Smart Medical HealthTech Expo to be held in Geneva

Foreign Minister Lin Chia-lung and Health and Welfare Minister Shih Chung-liang announced plans to hold a Taiwan Smart Medical & Health Tech Expo on the sidelines of the World Health Assembly in Geneva, at a joint press conference in Taipei City, May 11. Despite Taiwan not being invited to the 79th WHA, the expo will showcase AI-powered telemedicine, big data applications in health insurance and

smart medicine, with over 30 domestic medical institutions and businesses taking part. In remarks, Shih urged the WHO not to jeopardise the health of Taiwan's 23.5 million citizens for political reasons.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs also released two promotional videos calling on the international community to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in the WHO.

Ambassador Shieh welcomes Kinmen students to Brussels

Ambassador Shieh Jhy-Wey welcomed teachers and students from Jinhu Elementary School in Kinmen to the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium, May 8.

The Ambassador introduced the young visitors to key international institutions in Brussels, including the EU and NATO, and shared insights on European history and the values of freedom and democracy. The students performed songs they had prepared for the occasion, and even took part in an impromptu classical poetry recital, making for a lively and memorable visit.



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