

TAIWAN NEWSLETTER

Presidential Office thanks international community for their condolences following earthquake in eastern Taiwan

On the morning of April 3, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck eastern Taiwan, following which political leaders from more than 100 Taiwan allies and like-minded countries expressed condolences. In response, Presidential Office Spokesperson Olivia Lin expressed sincere gratitude on behalf of the government and people of Taiwan to the international community for their support. She stressed that the care and concern that everyone has shown is heartwarming for Taiwan, and gives the society even more strength to overcome challenges. In response to the earthquake, the Taiwan government had immediately ac-



tivated the Central Emergency Operations Center, and launched various emergency preparedness and rescue and relief efforts in conjunction with local governments.

The nation's armed forces are also cooperating to meet the needs of local governments, provide assistance, and ensure the safety of people's lives and property.

President Tsai meets delegation from UK Labour Party

On April 2, President Tsai Ing-wen met with a seven-member delegation of parliamentarians from the United Kingdom's Labour Party led by Lord Leong. In remarks, President Tsai thanked the members of the delegation for establishing Labour Friends of Taiwan, which is strengthening UK support for Taiwan and is continuing to boost Taiwan-UK parliamentary exchanges. She also thanked the British parliament for emphasizing the importance of peace across the Taiwan Strait to global affairs. The president expressed hope that Taiwan and the UK will continue to deepen cooperation, and that the UK will support Taiwan's application to join the Comprehensive and

Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). Minister of Foreign Affairs Jauhieh Joseph Wu also hosted a dinner on April 2 to welcome the delegation. He used the occasion to thank the UK for the high level of regard that all political parties had shown for Taiwan in recent years and for its emphasis on the importance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.



Taiwan, France hold inaugural economic, trade dialogue

The first Taiwan-France high-level economic and trade dialogue was held March 26 in France, underscoring the two sides' commitment to deepening industrial supply chain cooperation. Attended by Minister of Economic Affairs Wang Mei-hua, the event touched on areas spanning aerospace, artificial intelligence, electric

vehicles, renewable energy and semiconductors. During the dialogue, Wang said Taiwan has extensive expertise in manufacturing electric vehicle components. As for the aerospace sector, the two partners can further deepen collaboration on the strength of Taiwan's satellite ground equipment and France's robust space industry, she added.

Taiwanese comic book master Chang Sheng visits Brussels book fair "Foire du Livre"

On Sunday, April 7th, Taiwanese comic artist and manga master Chang Sheng will visit the Brussels book fair "Foire du Livre" at Tour & Taxis to talk about his illustrious career with writer and journalist Patrick Gaumer, specialist in Asian comics. Chang Sheng will also be hosting book signings at Mangas.io's Manga Theme Pavilion (Le Quartier Manga), with support from both Taiwan Creative Content Agency-TAICCA and Glénat Éditions. His latest series, "Yan", published by Glénat, will soon be adapted to the big screen.

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