

TAIWAN NEWSLETTER

Premier Cho speaks at European Innovation Week opening

Premier Cho Jung-tai addressed the opening of European Innovation Week, October 21, emphasising deepening Taiwan-EU collaboration in innovation and sustainability.

The Ministry of Economic Affairs and the European Economic and Trade Office (EETO) in Taiwan jointly organised the three-day event, with attendees including Lutz Güllner, head of the EETO, and Hubert Gambus, deputy director-general of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs.

During his remarks, Premier Cho high-



lighted that the EU represents Taiwan's largest foreign investment source, surpassing US\$63.8 billion (€54.95 billion) as of September. European firms have estab-

lished research centres in Taiwan, drawn by the country's strengths in artificial intelligence, semiconductors, and information communication technology, he added.

President Lai congratulates new Japan PM Sanae Takaichi

Presidential Office Spokesperson Karen Kuo stated that President Lai Ching-te, on behalf of the Taiwanese government and people, sincerely congratulated Member of the Japanese House of Representatives Takaichi Sanae on her election as Japan's 104th Prime Minister, October 21.

Spokesperson Kuo emphasised the close cooperation and genuine friendship be-

tween Taiwan and Japan, noting that during the pandemic, both nations supported each other through challenges. In this vein, the Spokesperson also cited assistance from the Japanese government and citizens following the Fata'an Creek barrier lake disaster in September.

Prime Minister Takaichi is a staunch friend of Taiwan, she added, before expressing her hope that both sides will continue ex-

panding cooperation in trade, economy, technology, disaster prevention, and security guarantees.

Kuo also took the opportunity to convey President Lai's gratitude to former Prime Minister Ishiba Shigeru for his firm support and opposition to attempts at unilaterally changing the cross-strait status quo through force or coercion during his tenure.

MOFA thanks EP for statement supporting cross-strait peace and stability

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed sincere appreciation for the European Parliament's (EP) support for cross-strait peace and stability, October 18, following a communiqué from the 42nd Inter-Parliamentary Meeting between EP and People's Republic of China National People's Congress delegations in Brussels.

European delegates emphasised that cross-strait peace serves EU and global interests, rejecting unilateral status quo



changes through force or coercion while pledging continued close cooperation with Taiwan. They also rejected distortions of UN Resolution 2758.

The ministry noted the EP's continued backing through resolutions addressing China's military provocations, pledging to deepen cooperation based on shared values.

Taiwanese comics featured in Belgian magazine

Three Taiwanese comic artists have had their works published in Belgian magazine CARTOGRAFIK, introducing Belgian readers to Taiwan's culture through stories featuring street food, religious practices, and daily life.

The magazine's Issue 0, published by Belgium's Maison Autrique foundation in late September, features works by Taiwanese artists Chang Sheng, Wu Shih-Hong, and Zei. Editor Alexandra Rolland described the collaboration as a dialogue between

two cultures.

The stories incorporate Taiwanese elements, including temple culture, the traditional practice of consulting deities through divination blocks, and relationships between Taiwanese people and their pets. Currently available only in French in Belgium, the publishing team



seeks partners to translate the magazine into Chinese for distribution in Taiwan, with plans for a first issue next year.

Deputy Wang of the Taipei Representative Office also attended the launch party of the magazine, along with Schaerbeek Mayor Audrey Henry, October 9.

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