



## Interview with Minister Joseph Wu



MOFA Minister Joseph Wu was interviewed recently by NOS correspondent Sjoerd den Daas on Taiwan's progress in seeking international support to counter Chinese authoritarian expansionism, Taiwan's semiconductor prowess and Taiwan-Netherlands relations. In the wake of the 20th CCP National Congress, Minister Wu pointed to Beijing's clear statements refusing to rule out the use of force to invade Taiwan and their deliberate distortion of UN General Assembly Resolution 2758 to falsely claim Taiwan as a domestic issue for the PRC. He added that, as China's economy continues to falter and social stability has broken down with the lockdowns in the country, the Chinese leadership continues to use Taiwan to distract attention from domestic issues, and that he does not rule out the use of force in this effort. He stated Taiwan's ambitions to work to establish resilient semiconductor supply chains alongside democratic nations like the Netherlands, pointing to a recent investment by Dutch multinational ASML in Taiwan, the largest on record. MOFA welcomes the motions passed by the Dutch House of Representatives in support of Taiwan and strengthened Taiwan-Netherlands and Taiwan-EU ties.

## Fight for freedom

The family of Tseng Sheng-kuang, the Taiwanese volunteer who gave his life in



Ukraine's fight for freedom, arrived back in Taiwan earlier today along with his ashes. As Sheng-kuang's mother said in the brief comments she made to the media on her return, his comrades in arms who fought beside him in Ukraine were touched by his bravery and selflessness and will remember him for the rest of their days, and his mother stated the comfort she feels amidst her grief, that his spirit will live on. Sheng-kuang, here's to you and to the values of freedom and democracy that you fought to defend.

## Interview with Deputy Minister Tsai Ming-Yen

MOFA Deputy Minister Tsai Ming-Yen sat down for an interview with Filip Styczyński for Poland's TVP World recently, in which he stated Taiwan's determination to hold our ground in the face of authoritarian expansionism. In the interview, Deputy Minister Tsai noted the similarities between Taiwan and Ukraine, in that both are front line states battling authoritarian aggression, adding that China is monitoring the situation in Ukraine closely, to inform its decision on when and how to invade Taiwan. He stated that Taiwan is cognizant that the responsibility for defending our sovereignty and democracy lies on our own shoulders, which is why we have been working hard to beef up our defensive capacity, with defense spending set to rise by 14% next year, putting it at a level of around

2.4% of GDP. The priority for defense is strengthening asymmetric warfare capabilities, he added. He called for solidarity in the international community and the use of all kinds of policy tools to support Taiwan by raising the cost of a Chinese invasion, which, he said, was the best way to ensure peace and stability around the world.

## International friends support Taiwan

MOFA welcomes the Indo-Pacific strategy document issued by the Czech government stating the country's intent to work with Taiwan and other democratic partners in the region. The Slovak National Council Foreign Affairs Committee for passing a resolution in support of Taiwan's participation in the mechanisms of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. We also thank our allies Guatemala, Haiti, the Marshall Islands, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Belize, Nauru and Saint Lucia for expressing their support for Taiwan at the 27th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of Parties.

## The UK parliamentary delegation is the first to visit Taiwan

MOFA welcomes the new chair of the UK House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee Alicia Kearns MP on her Taiwan visit. Kearns is leading a cross-party delegation of MPs, including Royston Smith, Liam Byrne, Stewart Malcolm McDonald, and Neil Coyle, on a trip to Taiwan from November 29 to December 3. On their first visit to Taiwan, the MPs will be granted an audience with President Tsai Ing-wen and they will also engage in exchange with government departments and legislators on a range of issues, including Taiwan-UK ties, cross-strait developments, regional security, disinformation and cyberattacks.