



Donation of 100,000 surgical masks to Ethiopia to extend humanitarian assistance in wake of COVID-19

On behalf of the Republic of China (Taiwan), Representative Matthew W. Chou of the Taipei Liaison Office in the RSA handed 100,000 surgical masks to the government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia at the Embassy of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in Pretoria on 18 June 2020.

There are more than 8 million confirmed cases of the coronavirus reported worldwide so far, and nearly 440,000 people died from the illness. But Taiwan has managed to keep the coronavirus at bay, with only 445 cases and 7 deaths so far. Taiwan has reported no new locally transmitted cases in 8 consecutive weeks.

Taiwan has never implemented any large-scale lockdowns or



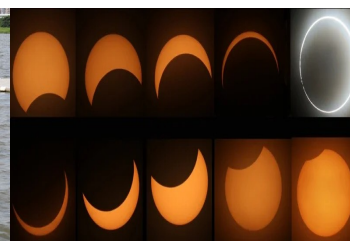
stay-home order since the beginning of the outbreak. Businesses and all kinds of economic activities continue normal operations. Taiwan's National Health Insurance ensures everyone to receive medical care and testing when needed, Taiwan also took early and proactive response toward the pandemic, for those reasons, Taiwan has achieved significant success on containing the coronavirus pandemic. Taiwan can help and Taiwan is helping. Meanwhile, Taiwan has ac-

tively launched international epidemic prevention cooperation and humanitarian assistance since the outbreak. The donation of the surgical masks is just the first step for Taiwan to join Ethiopia's efforts to fight against coronavirus pandemic together in Africa. Amb. Dr. Shiferaw Teklemariam expressed his appreciation on behalf of the government of Ethiopia, wishing Ethiopia and Taiwan can enhance the cooperation on the fields of health, economy and investment, increasing the bilateral relations pragmatically in the future.

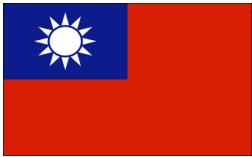
Lastly, Representative Chou wishes to enhance the bilateral relations and connection between Taiwan and Ethiopia, providing and increasing the welfare and benefits for both side.



June Snapshots of Taiwan



Left, A plate of zongzi—sticky rice, meat and other fillings wrapped in bamboo leaves—made by a food establishment at Hsinchu Central Market in the northern Taiwan city comes highly recommended by the local government for visitors to enjoy during the upcoming Dragon Boat Festival. (Courtesy of HCG); **Middle**, Students from 20 countries studying Mandarin at National Taiwan Normal University are all smiles while practicing in New Taipei City for an upcoming race marking Dragon Boat Festival, which falls on the fifth day of the fifth lunar month. (Courtesy of NTNU); **Right**, Shots of the annular solar eclipse, taken in the western county of Yunlin, record for posterity the celestial event witnessed by millions June 21 around Taiwan. (UDN)



President Tsai addresses Copenhagen Democracy Summit

President Tsai Ing-wen discussed the need for like-minded countries to defend shared values in the face of rising authoritarianism, as well as Taiwan's efforts in combating coronavirus, during her special address June 19 at the Copenhagen Democracy Summit.

Organized by Denmark-headquartered Alliance of Democracies, a nonprofit founded by the Scandinavian country's former Prime Minister and NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen, the third edition of the annual event was staged virtually due to COVID-19. Other high-profile participants included U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, European Commission Vice President Vera Jourova, former Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and former U.S. Secretaries of State John Kerry and Madeleine Albright.

Tsai said the people of Taiwan overwhelmingly chose democracy in the country's presidential election this

year. Democracy is in Taiwan's DNA, and is what enabled all segments of Taiwan society to quickly come together in the fight against the pandemic, she added.

Taiwan was well prepared for the health emergency, the president said, adding that its experiences with severe acute respiratory syndrome in 2003 held the country in good stead.

The World Health Organization decided to put politics above health by not inviting the country to present the Taiwan Model at the 73rd World Health Assembly, Tsai said. Nonetheless, Taiwan Can Help by sharing its know-how and resources with countries around the globe, she added, citing donations of 52 million face masks and other personal protective equipment to more than 80 countries.

Regarding Hong Kong, the president said the government will provide humanitarian aid to the people while joining the international community

in urging Beijing to honor its obligation to respect Hong Kong's freedom and democracy.

Tsai also took the opportunity to invite European nations to invest in Taiwan, a country boasting top talent, a proven high-tech industry and deep-seated respect for human rights, intellectual property and the rule of law. A Taiwan-EU investment agreement would be one of the best examples of democracies supporting each other, and an effective way of consolidating the country's democracy, she said.

The president concluded her address with a post-pandemic invitation for participants to visit Taiwan and see firsthand its vibrant, open and respectful democracy, as well as gain a deeper understanding of why the country is a force for good in the world.



Taiwan, Australia, Japan, US stage GCTF online workshop

A virtual workshop on preparing for a potential second wave of coronavirus held under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework was staged June 24 in Taipei City, spotlighting the government's commitment to building an effective disease-fighting network.

Jointly organized by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Health and Welfare, American Institute in Taiwan, Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association and Australian Office Taipei, the event involved 70 public health experts, nongovernmental representatives and officials from more than 10 countries. Those in attendance included AIT Director Brent Christensen, JTEA Representative Izumi Hiroyasu and AOT Deputy Representative Susan Moore.



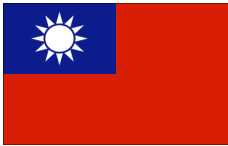
MOFA Minister Jaushieh Joseph Wu said the workshop is a timely reminder to maintain vigilance as countries around the world begin to lift lockdowns and turn toward stimulating their economies. A global action plan is needed to prevent a new wave of infections, he added.

In his closing remarks, MOHW Minister Chen Shih-chung said while new cases of COVID-19 have subsided in Taiwan, the disease continues to spread globally, adding the country will work with its allies and like-

minded partners to develop vaccines, treatments and diagnostics in case of a second outbreak.

According to the MOFA, the event focused on the challenges of managing the pandemic while maintaining healthy economies. It featured briefings on the organizing countries' experiences, with a Q&A session for participants to exchange best practices.

Since its launch in June 2015, the GCTF framework has seen more than 500 representatives from 38 countries and territories take part in 24 events, spanning topics such as disaster relief, education, environmental protection, humanitarian assistance, public health and women's empowerment.



Representative Chou donates food and sanitary supplies to help Gauteng residents fight Covid-19 outbreak

On behalf of the Republic of China (Taiwan), Representative Matthew W. Chou of the Taipei Liaison Office in the Republic of South Africa handed over 200 food parcels and sanitary items to Mrs. Refiloe Nt'sekhe, a Member of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature and Democratic Alliance's National Spokesperson and Deputy Federal Chairperson, on 22 June 2020 in Taipei Liaison Office. She expressed gratitude to the government of Taiwan as the donation will go to aid families in need in Tembisa, Ekurhuleni, Gauteng.

In his remarks, Representative Chou



said Taiwan's actions in containing this pandemic have been widely recognized internationally. There have been more than 8 million confirmed cases of the coronavirus reported worldwide, and nearly 440,000 people died from the illness so far. But Taiwan has only less than 450 cases, 7 deaths and no new locally-transmitted cases reported in

more than 8 consecutive weeks.

Representative Chou added that Taiwan has actively launched international epidemic prevention cooperation and humanitarian assistance since the Covid-19 outbreak. Taiwan can help and Taiwan is helping. Taiwan will continue to work with the government and people of South Africa to help the country contain the pandemic. He sent his best wishes to the South African Government and everyone affected by the pandemic and prayed that the outbreak will be soon suppressed and under control.

Taiwan can help and Taiwan is helping

On behalf of the Republic of China (Taiwan), the Taipei Liaison Office in the Republic of South Africa collaborates with Mr. Solly Malatsi, a Member of Parliament in the National Assembly and Democratic Alliance's national spokesperson, to donate food parcels, masks and sanitizers to communities in need in Limpopo Province on 16-17 June, 2020.

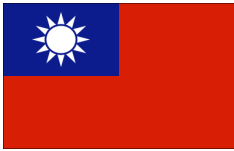
Undertaken in the spirit of "Taiwan can help and Taiwan is helping," this activity constitutes Taipei Liaison Office's first community-based humanitarian assistance initiatives in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak in South Africa. "The Covid-19 pandemic has brought many families across South Africa into poverty, hunger and desperation. The govern-

ment and the people of Taiwan are delighted to extend a helping hand and assist like-minded countries with their epidemic prevention and humanitarian relief efforts," said Mr. Matthew W. Chou, Representative of the Taipei Liaison Office in the RSA. He added that the Taipei Liaison Office hopes this aid will bring care and hope to the most deeply impacted households in the country and help local communities to become more resilient during this challenging time.

MP Malatsi called Taiwan a true friend and expressed deep gratitude for Taiwan Government's generous donation. Representative Chou pointed out that Taiwan has successfully managed to keep this pandemic at bay, with only 443 cases and no



new locally-transmitted cases in more than 8 consecutive weeks. As a responsible partner, Taiwan will continue to share its experience with other countries and provide further assistance, he said. "We believe, with Taiwan's successful experience in containing Covid-19, bringing Taiwan into the global public health system, such as the World Health Organization," will yield tremendous benefits for many other countries in the world," he added.



5 Taiwan hospitals recognized as 2020 GOLD Forum members

Five Taiwan hospitals were recognized as 2020 GOLD Forum members by Belgium-headquartered Global Network for Tobacco Free Healthcare Services, the Ministry of Health and Welfare said June 19.

The facilities are Buddhist Dalin Tzu Chi General Hospital in southern Taiwan's Chiayi County; En Chu Kong Hospital in New Taipei City; Kaohsiung Municipal Siaogang Hospital in southern Taiwan; Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taipei Branch; and National Cheng Kung University Hospital in southern Taiwan's Tainan City.

According to the MOHW, the five

additions take Taiwan's Gold Forum representation to 27 out of 66 facilities from 11 countries. To gain accreditation, a hospital must satisfy the highest level of implementation



in the eight standards of communication; community engagement; education and training; governance and commitment; healthy workplace; identification, diagnosis and tobacco cessation support; monitoring and

evaluation; and tobacco-free environment.

The MOHW credited Taiwan's large number of GOLD Forum-recognized hospitals to the ban on smoking in health care facilities countrywide. The measure was implemented as part of amendments to the Tobacco Hazards Prevention Act.

Taiwan was the first country in Asia to join the network in 2011. It is an active member and regularly participates in activities and exchanges, as well as shares best practices.

Tang Prize laureates for sustainable development, biopharmaceutical science unveiled

The 2020 Tang Prize winners for sustainable development and biopharmaceutical science were announced June 18 and 19, respectively, by Taipei City-based Tang Prize Foundation.

Jane Goodall was honored for contributions to primatology and environmental conservation, while Charles Dinarello, Marc Feldmann and Tadamitsu Kishimoto were jointly recognized for advancing inflammatory disease treatment.

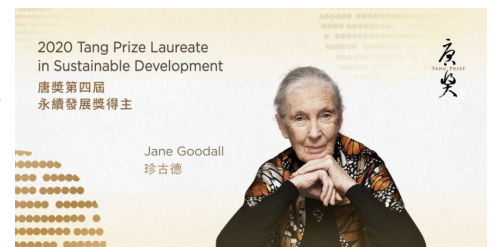
According to TPF, Goodall started studying chimpanzees in 1960 and made ground-breaking discoveries on the animal's behavior over the next few years. The British ethologist established a U.S.-based institute in her name in 1977 and opened a Taipei City office 21 years later.

Goodall was appointed a U.N. Mes-

senger of Peace in 2002 and made a Dame of the British Empire in 2004 for promoting environmental education and wildlife conservation.

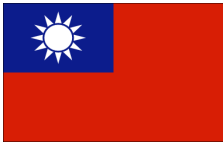
Feldmann, an emeritus professor of the University of Oxford, identified tumor necrosis factors as a key proinflammatory contributor in rheumatoid arthritis and developed an antibody to treat the disease. Dinarello, a professor at the University of Colorado, discovered and purified a protein strand as an inflammation mediator, as well as laid the foundation for research on cytokine biology and pathogenesis of autoimmune diseases.

Kishimoto, a professor at Osaka University, successfully cloned an antibody regulator and contributed to therapeutics on severe multiorgan chronic diseases.



Established by Taiwan entrepreneur Samuel Yin in 2012 and first conferred two years later, the Tang Prize allocates recipients in the categories of sustainable development, biopharmaceutical science, Sinology and rule of law NT\$40 million (US\$1.35 million), as well as a research grant of up to NT\$10 million.

The laureates are to be feted at a ceremony Sept. 25 in Taipei. A series of forums and speeches highlighting related work and achievements will also be staged during Sept. 20 to 25 during Tang Prize Week.



Industrial output continues growing in May for Taiwan

Taiwan's industrial production index rose 1.51 percent year on year to 110.18 in May, spotlighting growth momentum of the local electronics industry, according to the Ministry of Economic Affairs June 23.

Of the four subindexes comprising the overall benchmark, manufacturing—worth nearly 92 percent of the weighting—picked up 1.68 percent from a year ago while quarrying and mineral extraction rose 10.72 percent. In contrast, water supply dipped 0.1 percent and electricity and gas supply reported losses of 1.63 percent.

A breakdown of manufacturing revealed electronic components and parts surged 22.15 percent, reflecting

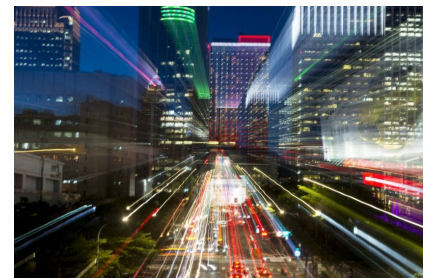
a six-month double-digit gain. Computers, electronics and optical products similarly saw a rise of 9.8 percent.

According to the MOEA, components orders have received a boost from emerging technologies such as 5G networks and high-performance computing devices. Also contributing to the rise was increased demand for chips, dynamic random access memory and liquid crystal panels caused by the recent spike in remote work and online learning, the ministry added.

Another factor accounting for the uptick in electronics production is increased need for internet servers and network communication devices

by businesses relocating their operations to Taiwan from overseas, the MOEA said.

The country's manufacturing sector is expected to continue growing apace in June, supporting overall industrial production, the MOEA said, adding that it cautioned the COVID-19 pandemic and friction between China and the U.S. may cast uncertainties over the country's economy going forward.



MOFA releases Q1 trade promotion report card



Taiwan's representative offices around the world working in tandem with the Ministry of Economic Affairs helped significantly boost foreign trade and investment in the first quarter of 2020, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs June 20.

During a challenging period for the world economy, overseas offices have put the spotlight on Taiwan's high-tech prowess and its potential

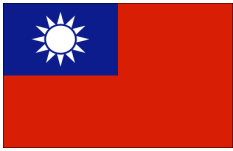
to fight the coronavirus pandemic, creating opportunities for local firms, the ministry said.

By attending investment tours, trade fairs and various promotional events, the MOFA, MOEA and other state-supported organizations helped attract US\$350 million in foreign direct investment, an increase of 40 percent year on year. Japan alone contributed more than US\$10 million.

The MOFA also helped secure US\$230 million in potential procurement deals, up 109 percent from last year, with its offices in Atlanta, Dubai, Malaysia, Turkey and Vietnam all reporting pacts exceeding US\$10 million.

Various agreements have been sealed in the last quarter by the country's representative offices, the ministry said, adding these include a deal on mutual recognition of organic products with New Zealand; an organic equivalency arrangement with Australia; and an MOU on small and medium enterprise cooperation with Turkey.

Taiwan's representative offices in the U.S. also lobbied for the passage of 16 resolutions at the federal or local level supporting trade engagement with Taiwan, including the Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative Act of 2019, the MOFA said.



Tsai lauds inaugural flight of indigenous advanced jet trainer

President Tsai Ing-wen said June 22 that the maiden flight of a new domestically developed advanced jet trainer marks a milestone in Taiwan's aerospace industry while highlighting government efforts to strengthen national defense capabilities.

The president made the remarks during a ceremony celebrating the inaugural flight of AJT Yung Ying, or Brave Eagle, at Ching Chuan Kang Air Base in central Taiwan's Taichung City.

Tsai also praised the event as an im-

portant moment in Taiwan history following the Ching-kuo Indigenous Defense Fighter's first flight in 1989.

Developed by the ROC (Taiwan) Air Force in collaboration with Taoyuan City-based National Chung-Shan Institute of Science and Technology and Taichung-headquartered Aerospace Industrial Development Corporation, Brave Eagle proves the country's manufacturing prowess and advancement in aerospace technology, Tsai said.

The AJT project has generated more than 2,000 jobs since its launch in 2017, helping cultivate the sector's next generation of talent, she added.

Designed to streamline the train-

ing process, the Brave Eagle is inexpensive to maintain and easily upgraded, Tsai said, adding that the aircraft plays a vital role in the government's policy to develop self-reliance in national defense.

According to Tsai, the aircraft has already cleared required preflight assessments but still needs to go through structural fatigue tests to ensure it will be operational for at least 30 years, or 8,000 flight hours.

After the prototype of the new AJT was first unveiled last September, AIDC said it aims to deliver a total of 66 aircraft by 2026. The model is expected to replace the aging AT-3 and F-5 E/F jet trainers currently in use.



6 Taiwan-Sweden collaborative research projects greenlighted

Six projects were approved under the Taiwan-Sweden Collaborative Research Framework organized by the Ministry of Science and Technology and Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research (SSF), according to the MOST June 18.

Selected from 49 proposals, the projects involve 14 Taiwan and 23 Swedish scientists working together in the fields of solid anode-less lithium batteries, nanopore biomolecule sensors, subwave communications equipment, quantum optoelectronics devices, chip-size accelerators for material research and health, as well as antenna technologies for fifth generation and beyond wireless communication.

A total of US\$8.12 million will be allocated by the MOST and SSF toward the projects over the next five years.

Taiwan's representation hails from top institutions like National Taiwan University and National Taiwan University of Science and Technology in Taipei City; National Tsing Hua University and National Chiao Tung University in northern Taiwan's Hsinchu City; National Central University in northern Taiwan's Taoyuan City; and National Cheng Kung University in southern Taiwan's Tainan City.

Sweden's participants come from Chalmers University of Technology, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Linköping University and Uppsala University.

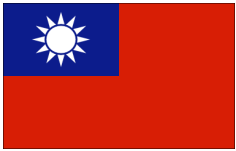
The MOST, which described the projects as models of transnational scientific cooperation, said they are expected to significantly advance key



studies in related fields. They follow the inking of a MOST-SSF memorandum of understanding on academic R&D synergy cooperation last August in Stockholm.

Under the pact, the two sides will collaborate on advancing interdisciplinary research in information, communication and systems technology, as well as life and materials sciences.

The SSF is a large-scale supporter of scientific talents and research projects at universities and technical institutes worldwide. Its focus spans the areas of science, engineering and medicine.



MOFA releases World Refugee Day short film

A short film showcasing Taiwan's humanitarian assistance efforts in Africa and Asia was released June 19 in the run-up to World Refugee Day by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

"Taiwan Story-Together Stronger" draws the curtain back on aspects of the MOFA's long-term collaboration with local and overseas nongovernmental organizations, as well as like-minded partners, in conducting assistance projects in such countries as Iraq, Jordan and Turkey.

According to the MOFA, these undertakings include constructing street lamps; donating emergency shelters and light-emitting diode, or LED, lamps; and providing medical and re-

lated assistance.

Other initiatives span information literacy education, job training for women, physical rehabilitation, post-traumatic stress disorder counselling and renewable energy implementation.

Last year, Taiwan carried out 450 cooperation and development projects in more than 60 countries. The bulk of these centered on refugees in the Middle East, the MOFA said.

Taiwan also plays a key role in strengthening the response to COVID-19 in the region, the MOFA said, adding that the country donated surgical masks to refugees in Syrian camps and assisted front-line medical workers



combat coronavirus.

This demonstrates Taiwan Can Help, and is fulfilling its obligation as a responsible member of the international community, the MOFA added.

WRD is a U.N.-designated day taking place June 20 to raise awareness of the need to build a more equitable, fair and inclusive world for refugees.

MOFA's 6th Trending Taiwan Short Film Competition opens with total prize pool of NT\$830,000



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs' 6th Trending Taiwan Short Film Competition is accepting entries from June 15 to July 31. This year, in addition to the existing open category, which encourages entries that showcase Taiwan's unique local stories, a new pandemic-prevention category has been added. MOFA invites all Republic of China (Taiwan) citizens and foreign nationals in Taiwan to creatively record Taiwan's beauty or present your special take on Taiwan's antipandemic efforts. Submit a short film, no longer than three minutes, to show the world your definition of Trending Taiwan!

There are no restrictions on filming methods or video format, and all forms, from dramas and documentaries to animations and music videos, are welcome. Films will be judged on a variety of criteria, including script creativity, theme and content, narrative technique, and technical aspects, such as camera work and editing tech-

niques. The total prize pool is NT\$830,000.

For the open category, the first-place winner will be awarded a cash prize of NT\$200,000, the two second-place winners will receive NT\$60,000 each, the three third-place winners NT\$30,000 each, and the six honorable mention award winners NT\$20,000 each.

For the new pandemic-prevention category, in order to encourage foreign contestants to share Taiwan's experience combating COVID-19, submissions will be divided into a local contestant group and a foreign contestant group. One first-place winner, one second-place winner, and one third-place winner will be selected from each group. The two first-place winners will be awarded a cash prize of NT\$80,000 each, the two second-place winners NT\$50,000 each, and the two third-place winners NT\$20,000 each.

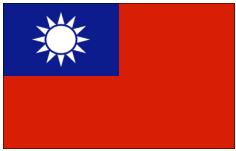
MOFA created the Trending Taiwan YouTube channel in July 2015 to actively promote digital diplomacy. Short film competitions are held every year and foreign language subtitles are added to winning submissions, which

are then transmitted to the world via media platforms including MOFA's official website, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and Instagram.

This annual competition has been held for the past five years, with the total number of submissions now surpassing 400. Contestants include friends hailing from all corners of the globe, including France, India, Malaysia, and Switzerland. The themes and genres of the submissions have been diverse and innovative, making this government-held competition an annual highlight for short creative films.

There are no restrictions on age or nationality to enter. The films submitted must be original works and must not exceed three minutes (including opening and credits). Film aspect ratios must be 16:9, with a minimum resolution of 1920 x 1080 (1080p).

Visit the Trending Taiwan Short Film Competition website for more details: Chinese website: <https://web.cheers.com.tw/trending-taiwan/2020/index.html> English website: https://web.cheers.com.tw/trending-taiwan/2020/en_index.html



CECC announces new quarantine rules for foreign business visitors

Qualified foreign nationals visiting Taiwan for short-term business purposes can apply to reduce their 14-day mandatory quarantine beginning June 22, as the country gears up to reopen borders for international trade activities in the post-pandemic new life.

According to the Central Epidemic Command Center, the rule applies to travelers arriving from the low-risk countries and territories of Australia, Bhutan, Brunei, Fiji, Hong Kong, Macao, Mongolia, New Zealand, Palau, Thailand and Vietnam, as well as low-to-moderate risks countries of Japan, Malaysia, Singapore and South Korea.

To be eligible for reduced quarantine, visitors must not stay in Taiwan for more than three months and must not have traveled to other

countries or territories in the 14 days prior to boarding their inbound flights. Applicants must submit documents prepared by their local host companies, travel itineraries and disease prevention plans, as well as a negative COVID-19 test result issued within three days prior to flying to Taiwan.

After checking in to a quarantine hotel, visitors can contact local health authorities to conduct a self-paid COVID-19 test on the fifth or seventh day after arrival, depending on the risk level of the country of departure. Individuals with a negative test result can leave quarantine but will still have to practice self-health monitoring until the 22nd day after arrival.

This requires taking body temperature twice a day and reporting health status to the relevant authorities.



Visitors can follow their travel plans during this time, but must make a list of all the people they come in close contact with and wear a mask when visiting public areas, the CECC said.

Taiwan has closed its borders to most foreign nationals since March 19 as part of its coronavirus pandemic response, with exceptions made for those holding a valid resident certificate or visitors taking part in approved business, diplomatic or other special missions.

MOE launches measure helping foreign students return to Taiwan

A measure aimed at helping foreign students resume their studies in Taiwan was launched by the Ministry of Education June 17, highlighting the country's return to normalcy after the government's successful management of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applications are now open for students from low-risk countries and territories listed by the Central Epidemic Command Center, including Australia, Bhutan, Brunei, Hong Kong,

Fiji, Macau, Mongolia, New Zealand, Palau, Thailand and Vietnam. Entry priority will go to graduating seniors, followed by other current students and incoming freshmen, in that order.

A list of applicants' full legal names will be submitted to the CECC for approval, the MOE said, adding that it will work with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Mainland Affairs Council and the National Immigration Agency under the Ministry of the Interior to facilitate the visa process and help students fill out Quarantine System for Entry forms before boarding.

Upon landing at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, students will undergo health checks and those with a

fever or respiratory symptoms will be sent to the hospital for further screening, the MOE said. The remaining arrivals will be processed through a special counter before being dispatched to designated quarantine hotels by school buses or disinfected taxis for the mandatory 14-day period.

The measure follows a series of moves by local tertiary institutions assisting Taiwan students to return to the country. Among them is Taipei City-based National Taiwan University, which announced earlier this year that a total of 162 places are available for Taiwan nationals studying abroad to continue their studies back home as the coronavirus continues to disrupt daily life in countries around the world.

