President Tsai meets US National Endowment for Democracy President Wilson

On the morning of March 29, President Tsai Ing-wen met with National Endowment for Democracy (NED) President Damon Wilson. In remarks at the meeting, President Tsai expressed optimism that the 11th Global Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy, to be cohosted by the NED and the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy this October, will continue to advance cooperation and solidarity among democracies and further strengthen global democratic development. A translation of President Tsai’s remarks follows:

I would like to warmly welcome NED President Wilson on his first visit to our country. The NED has an enduring and profound relationship with Taiwan, and has long supported Taiwan’s democratic development. Mr. Wilson, since you took up the post of NED President last July, you have devoted much effort to strengthening cooperation with Taiwan’s civil society. And now, you have made Taiwan the opening stop on your first trip to Asia as NED president. This shows how much you value Taiwan’s democracy. We are very grateful for your commitment to working with us.

Global democratic development is currently being challenged by the expansion of authoritarianism. However, since the Ukraine crisis erupted, we have seen many democratic nations unite in condemning Russia’s invasion and implementing sanctions. People around the world have also shown their support and provided assistance to those affected in Ukraine.

Taiwan’s first batch of humanitarian aid for Ukrainian refugees has already arrived in Poland. As of yesterday, the Taiwanese public had donated more than NT$890 million for Ukraine. The people of Taiwan empathize with the Ukrainians’ determination to safeguard democracy and freedom. We have united through action to extend our support.

The Taiwanese admire how Ukraine’s Territorial Defense Forces are playing an important role in protecting their nation through a whole-of-society approach. President Wilson, I understand that you not only work with Ukrainian civil groups, but also territorial defense groups in Sweden and Finland. This kind of cooperation is very meaningful. Taiwan hopes to have an opportunity to be part of related exchanges so that we can learn from others’ experience. This will help us further mobilize an all-out defense and enhance resilience across all facets of society.

Russia’s invasion of Ukraine has once again highlighted the importance of democracies coming together to take a stand against authoritarianism. The Summit for Democracy held by the United States at the end of last year was an important event, doing much to promote the development of democracy in countries around the world. Taiwan was pleased to participate in the summit. We set out an extensive list of concrete commitments designed to further strengthen our democracy, including the promotion of open government initiatives and countermeasures against disinformation. These commitments demonstrate our staunch determination and willingness to advocate democracy alongside global partners.

Authoritarian nations are currently spreading disinformation and using cognitive warfare in an attempt to manipulate democratic nations. Taiwan has rich experience in combating disinformation. We look forward to sharing our experience with the NED so that we can jointly bolster democratic resilience.

This October, the NED and the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy will cohost the 11th Global Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy here in Taiwan. We have high expectations that this event will continue to advance cooperation and solidarity among democracies, and thus lend even further strength to global democratic development.

NED President Wilson then delivered remarks, a transcript of which follows:

Thank you, President Tsai. I’m a Taiwanese [in Mandarin and Taiwanese]. I want to thank you. I want to thank the people of Taiwan for their hospitality and their extraordinary warm welcome to me and my delegation. But I want to thank you for your principled leadership, first and foremost. The vibrancy of democracy here in Taiwan is an example to the world. But it also demonstrates – you have demonstrated – international democratic solidarity, from Lithuania to Ukraine, from the Afghan people to the people of Hong Kong. This is the first stop on my first trip to Asia as president of the National Endowment for Democracy. And it’s important to underscore that we stand with Taiwan. We are committed to safeguarding Taiwan’s democracy, and to working with Taiwan to safeguard democracy around the world.

The quality of Taiwan’s democracy is its national security. We see the democratic resilience that you have created with an engaged population committed to its democracy.

The National Endowment for Democracy is America’s foundation for freedom, and, after all, we’re here to underscore a sense of solidarity and partnership with the American people. And we’re here to build that partnership with our colleagues at the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, President Huang [Yu-Lin] (黃玉霖), as we joined together to organize the Global Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy here in Taipei in October. The assembly will gather democratic leaders and activists from around the world at what is a consequential moment for freedom. As President Biden just said in his speech in Warsaw, this is the task of our time.

And Taiwan is stepping up to play host. Taiwan will be at the center of a global agenda for freedom as part of integrating Taiwanese perspectives into the world, ensuring that Taiwan is a hub for democrats, not only to learn from each other, but to learn about Taiwan’s democracy and become champions of your freedom.

So we’re honored to be here for conversations, Madam President, to be inspired by the words above us that President Huang explained to me about openness, humility, fairness, and calm. [With] the inspiration of your leadership, I look forward to our conversations. And we thank the Taiwanese people for their solidarity and their partnership.
President Tsai vows to work with global community in advancing freedom, democracy at MOFA Spring Banquet

To further bolster interactions with friends and contribute more to the global economic recovery, Taiwan recently opened its borders to business travelers, Tsai said. The government is looking forward to working with forces for good in tackling issues such as climate change and global inflation while building digital supply chains, she added.

Tsai made the remarks during the 2022 Spring Banquet staged by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Taipei City. Hosted by MOFA Minister Jaushieh Joseph Wu, the event involved around 160 officials, legislators, foreign ambassadors and representatives stationed in Taiwan.

According to Tsai, the government will continue promoting the New Southbound Policy and seeking to join regional mechanisms like the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership. No effort will be spared in strengthening collaboration with Central America allies and EU member states, she added.

Tsai took the opportunity to express gratitude to allies and like-minded partners for their rock-solid backing of Taiwan’s international participation, citing the country’s commitment to freedom and democracy and support for Ukraine.

Following her remarks, Wu said that as a democracy and responsible member of the international community, Taiwan has launched a donation drive for supplies and funds to assist people displaced by the current conflict in Ukraine. The government will continue working with forces for good to counter authoritarian expansion while promoting peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific, he added.

President Tsai attends International Women's Day luncheon

On March 14, President Tsai Ing-wen attended a luncheon with members of the foreign diplomatic corps to celebrate International Women’s Day. In remarks at the event, President Tsai noted that Taiwan has been actively working with other like-minded countries to establish mechanisms to promote gender equality, and pointed to Taiwan Gender Equality Week as a key platform for highlighting our progress in empowering women. The president expressed hope that we can together realize a world free of discrimination, and said she looks forward to even closer cooperation with like-minded partners in the future.

A transcript of President Tsai’s remarks follows:
It is wonderful to see you all here today. First, I want to thank Ambassador [Jasmine Elise] Huggins and Representative [Jenny] Bloomfield for once again organizing this luncheon. Even though International Women’s Day was last week, it is my pleasure to join you all today to celebrate, and to thank you for the outstanding examples you set for women and girls, both here and around the world.

With your courage and hard work, and the support of our partners in the international community, Taiwan has become a leader in promoting gender equality and empowering women, ranking number one in Asia and number six in the world. Whether it is in the government, civil society, the business world and other fields, I am proud to see more and more women breaking barriers and playing key roles. But there is still progress to be made, and barriers to overcome in Taiwan, in our region, and in the world. That is why we should continue to learn from one another, as we forge ahead with engagement and cooperation to reach our goals.

For example, Taiwan has been actively working with Australia, the US, Japan, and other like-minded countries, establishing mechanisms such as the APEC Women and the Economy Sub-fund and the 2X Women’s Initiative to facilitate efforts to achieve gender equality. And through the Global Cooperation and Training Framework, Taiwan has partnered with countries such as the United States, Japan, and Australia to hold quite a few seminars on women’s empowerment in the past few years.

Moreover, as we learn from the experience of others, Taiwan is also eager to share our experience with the world. The Taiwan Gender Equality Week is one key platform for highlighting our progress in empowering women, and for raising awareness on how this progress is linked to climate justice, sustainable development, and other shared priorities. In challenging times like now, women continue to inspire us with their courage and resilience. Women’s achievements in the face of adversity serve as evidence of what is possible when we overcome gender norms. So, I want to encourage you all to support the #BreakTheBias campaign. Together, we can realize a world free of discrimination, where ability and competence, not gender, determines one’s opportunity and path.

Lastly, I want to thank all our like-minded partners for supporting Taiwan’s endeavors toward gender equality, and I look forward to even closer cooperation in the future.
President Tsai holds videoconference with ex-Japan PM Abe, pledges to strengthen bilateral ties

President Tsai Ing-wen held a videoconference with former Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe March 23 in Taipei City, with both expressing their commitment to fostering a closer bilateral relationship across the board.

Economic growth and trade expansion are key to developing the two sides’ partnership, Tsai said, citing Taiwan’s easing of regulations on food imports from Fukushima and its surrounding area last month. She also expressed anticipation that Japan will continue to support the country’s participation in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership as part of efforts to strengthen economies in the region.

Regarding Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, Tsai said as a democracy and a responsible member of the global community, Taiwan continues to stand with Ukraine. Unilateral use of military force to change the status quo and infringe on democratic sovereignty cannot be permitted to occur in the Indo-Pacific, she said, further expressing appreciation that Japan stresses the importance of cross-strait peace and stability in international arenas.

Abe concurred in this view, adding Taiwan and Japan can share intelligence to maintain regional stability while working together to safeguard a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Japan and Taiwan share the values of freedom, democracy, respect for human rights and the rule of law, Tsai said. The government will continue working with like-minded partners such as Japan and the U.S. to expand exchanges and cooperation while promoting peace and prosperity across the Indo-Pacific, she added.

Tsai also took the opportunity to thank Japan for donating vaccines to Taiwan during the pandemic and for Abe’s long-standing support for Taiwan. In turn, Abe expressed appreciation for Taiwan’s donation of masks, protective clothing and medical devices during the pandemic and for the assistance provided during the Great East Japan Earthquake of 2011.

Abe thanked the Japan ROC Diet Members’ Consultative Council for arranging the event during its annual meeting.

Tsai receives President Kabua, vows to enhance Taiwan-Marshall Islands ties

President Tsai Ing-wen said March 22 that Taiwan and the Marshall Islands are Indo-Pacific partners bound by a shared Australasian heritage and the universal values of freedom, democracy and respect for human rights.

Both countries are cooperating closely in forging opportunities spanning such areas as agriculture, clean energy, infrastructure and public health, Tsai said. Even greater effort will be made going forward to expanding related exchanges for the benefit of the people, she added.

Tsai made the remarks while receiving President David Kabua, first lady Ginger Kabua and the Marshall Islands delegation at the Presidential Office in Taipei City.

Kabua, who is on a five-day state visit to Taiwan, was welcomed by Tsai with a military honor guard, awarded the Order of Brilliant Jade with Grand Cordon for contributions to advancing bilateral relations and feted with a state banquet. Other attendees at the events included Vice President Lai Ching-te, Foreign Minister Jaushieh Joseph Wu and Secretary-General to the President David Tawei Lee.

According to Tsai, Taiwan and the Marshall Islands will complete amendments to a bilateral agricultural technical cooperation pact and establish an adaption and contingency fund for climate change. Such initiatives are expected to promote progress on sustainable development and global prosperity, she said.

Tsai also took the opportunity to thank Kabua for supporting Taiwan at numerous global events, including last year’s U.N. General Assembly. It is sincerely hoped this backing will continue in the international community as both countries cooperate closely on matters of national development, she said.

In response, Kabua lauded Taiwan as an important ally and friend of the Marshall Islands. This trip underscores this strength of the relationship with Taiwan, as well as the government’s desire to deepen friendship and ties, he added.

Kabua also presented a copy of the Taiwan Friendship Resolution passed unanimously March 18 by the Marshall Islands Parliament urging Taiwan’s participation in the U.N. and international agencies such as the World Health Organization, International Civil Aviation Organization, Interpol and U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change.

According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kabua and the delegation are scheduled to tour disaster response facilities, local businesses and International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF), as well as meet with Marshall Islands students, before departing March 25 from Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport.
**MOFA welcomes visit by NED President and CEO Damon Wilson**

The visit of a delegation from the U.S.-based National Endowment for Democracy led by Damon Wilson, president and chief executive officer, is sincerely welcomed by the government and people of Taiwan, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs March 28.

Wilson met with Premier Su Tseng-chang and attended a luncheon hosted by Foreign Minister Jaushieh Joseph Wu. During his four-day visit, he will also meet with President Tsai Ing-wen and Legislative Yuan President You Si-kun, as well as take part in discussions with civic organizations.

According to the MOFA, this is Wilson’s first visit to Asia since assuming his current position last July. The fact that he chose Taiwan as his first stop demonstrates the importance he attaches to the country, the ministry added.

Wilson is set to announce that the NED will work with the capital-based Taiwan Foundation for Democracy and other local civic groups to host the global assembly of the World Movement for Democracy. The event slated for Oct. 24-27 in Taipei City shows Taiwan’s democracy is receiving international recognition and fulfills the undertaking to hold the event given at last December’s Summit for Democracy, the MOFA said.

**Taiwan, Marshall Islands renew pact on agricultural technical cooperation**

An agreement on agricultural technical cooperation between Taiwan and the Marshall Islands was renewed March 22, underscoring the two countries’ commitment to expanding exchanges between the diplomatic allies, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

Witnessed by Foreign Minister Jaushieh Joseph Wu and Marshall Islands President David Kabua, the pact was signed by Jeffrey S. C. Hsiao, ambassador of the ROC (Taiwan) to Marshall Islands, and Foreign and Trade Minister Casten Nemra. It promises collaboration on issues such as food security and a diverse supply of fruits and vegetables.

According to the MOFA, the agreement will provide mutual benefits by promoting people-to-people exchanges and expanding agricultural cooperation to outlying islands of the Indo-Pacific ally.

The signing ceremony was followed by a dinner banquet hosted by Wu at the historic Taipei Guest House, the MOFA said.

Wu took the opportunity to thank Kabua for supporting Taiwan at numerous global events. As a rock-solid partner, the country will stand shoulder to shoulder with the Marshall Islands to jointly tackle issues such as climate change and regional challenges, he added.

In a tweet on its official Twitter account, the ministry said “Minister Wu held a welcome banquet for President Kabua & his delegation. The event celebrated the renewed agricultural technical cooperation pact, as well as the deep friendship & respect shared by our countries & people. #Taiwan-MarshallIslands relations are powering ahead!”
Foreign Minister Wu gives exclusive interview to Canada’s Globe and Mail

Taiwan is fully committed to defending itself by continuing advanced weaponry procurement and enhancing asymmetrical combat capabilities, according to Foreign Minister Jaushieh Joseph Wu.

At the same time, the government is leveraging technical capabilities to develop indigenous warships and implementing reform to upgrade the combat readiness of the country’s reserve forces, he added.

The minister made the remarks during an exclusive interview with Robert Fife and Steven Chase published March 24 by Canada’s national daily The Globe and Mail.

According to Wu, Taiwan has been closely observing the situation in Ukraine. Russia has suffered a series of military failures in a land battle that is geographically less challenging than any possible amphibious assault on Taiwan by China, he added.

The fighting spirit of the Ukrainians and severe Western economic sanctions against Moscow should force Beijing to rethink any plans to use military force against Taiwan, the minister said.

Wu said Taiwan is strategically valuable due to its frontline role against authoritarian expansion and global leadership in producing semiconductor computer chips, which are vital to modern economies.

In terms of Taiwan-Canada relations, the minister called on Ottawa to fast-track negotiations on a foreign investment promotion and protection agreement to expand bilateral trade ties.

Canada can help Taiwan by dispatching warships through Taiwan Strait and sharing expertise on combating China’s cyber and disinformation operations, Wu said. He urged Ottawa to support Taiwan’s bid to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Foreign Minister Wu gives Sky News Australia interview

The government is committed to safeguarding Taiwan’s sovereignty and democratic way of life by enhancing defensive capabilities while seeking to take part in regional trade groupings such as the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, Foreign Minister Jaushieh Joseph Wu said.

China is determined to change the international order and impose its authoritarian views on Taiwan and other countries throughout the Indo-Pacific, Wu said. If Taiwan falls, the region will be significantly impacted, he added.

Wu made the remarks during an exclusive interview with Peta Credlin broadcast March 17 by Sky News Australia.

According to Wu, the Russian invasion of Ukraine is unacceptable and has to be halted as it could easily trigger another world war. Democracies worldwide must unite in resisting authoritarian expansion, he said.

Peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait are now a focal point in the region and around the world, Wu said, adding that it is his belief other democracies are increasingly concerned about China’s ongoing campaign of coercion against the country and will stand with Taiwan.

Regarding the country’s bid for CPTPP participation, Wu said Australia’s support is sincerely appreciated. The government will continue working to advance bilateral cooperation across a broad spectrum of areas, he added.
Tsai vows to advance research capabilities, industrial transformation in southern Taiwan

President Tsai Ing-wen said March 15 that the government is advancing research capabilities and industrial transformation in southern Taiwan as part of efforts to build the country into a hub of quantum technology and green energy.

Shalun in the southern city of Tainan plays a vital role in Taiwan’s advanced technology development, Tsai said. This is evidenced by the establishment of Academia Sinica South Campus facilitating regional public-private cooperation, she added.

Tsai made the remarks during a beam raising ceremony for a new complex and an attached research building at the ASSC. Launched in 2020, the campus boasts 11 agricultural biotechnology laboratories.

According to Tsai, top Taiwan research teams specializing in key areas such as human and social sciences, environmental change and quantum technology are expected to relocate to the ASSC upon completion of construction in 2026.

The enlarged ASSC will join Shalun Smart Green Energy Science City and Southern Taiwan Science Park in accelerating industrial transformation in southern Taiwan, Tsai said. This development augurs well for spurring collaboration on challenges like reaching net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 with Hsinchu County-based Industrial Technology Research Institute and the Ministry of Science and Technology, she added.

VP Lai vows to secure Taiwan’s position in global supply chains

The government is committed to placing Taiwan at the center of global supply chains, cementing the country’s position in the world economy in the post-pandemic era, according to Vice President Lai Ching-te March 24.

Taiwan recorded respective economic growth of 3.11 percent and 6.28 percent in 2020 and 2021, the highest among the Four Asian Tigers for both years, Lai said. This is complemented by a rising per capita national income, which jumped from US$28,000 in 2020 to US$33,000 in 2021, he added.

This impressive economic growth can largely be attributed to the machinery industry, Lai said, adding that the country’s machinery exports grew 27 percent to reach US$27.8 billion last year, with production values totaling US$45.33 billion.

Lai made the remarks while attending a general assembly of capital-based Taiwan Association of Machinery Industry in Taipei City.

According to Lai, the machinery industry is playing a key role in the government’s five-plus-two innovative industries plan and six core strategic industries initiative. Unveiled by President Tsai Ing-wen during her May 2020 inauguration and founded on the five-plus-two plan, the six core strategic industries comprise information and digital technology; cybersecurity; biotech and medical technology; national defense; green and renewable energy; and strategic stockpile industries.

On the global front, the government is leaving no stone unturned in strengthening Taiwan’s trade links with like-minded partners, Lai said, citing the Taiwan-U.S. Trade and Investment Framework Agreement Council meeting and the country’s bid to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership as notable examples.

Lai also took the opportunity to thank industry leaders for their dedication to advancing machine-related sectors. The government will continue working with companies to stimulate the country’s economic growth while making Taiwan an integral part of global supply chain restructuring, he added.
Taiwan, US, Japan, Australia, Slovakia stage GCTF on combating digital crime

A virtual workshop on combating digital crime was staged by Taiwan, Australia, Japan, the U.S. and Slovakia under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework March 22 from Taipei City.

Jointly organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau, American Institute in Taiwan, Australian Office in Taipei, Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association and Slovak Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei, the daylong virtual event focused on addressing cyber-enabled and crypto threats.

According to the organizers, nearly 300 law enforcement officials from 32 countries took part in the workshop focusing on best practice to counter cyber financial crimes, share experience and thus build capacity. In keeping with the virtual event, MOJ Minister Tsai Ching-hsiang, MJIB Director-General Wang Chun-li and SECOT Representative Martin Podstavek all delivered pre-recorded opening speeches.

In a tweet on its official Twitter account, the MOFA said “#Taiwan, #US, #Japan, #Australia & #Slovakia are cooperating on combating digital crime. The forces for good staged a GCTF aimed at beefing up the response to cyber-enabled & #Crypto threats. Our thanks to the near 300 officials from 32 countries for the superb event!”

Since its launch in June 2015, the GCTF has hosted over 40 workshops with experts, officials and representatives from around 100 countries and territories in response to emerging global challenges, including disaster relief, energy security, media literacy, public health and women’s empowerment.

MOFA thanks Italian Chamber of Deputies for motion backing

A motion approved by the Italian Chamber of Deputies in support of Taiwan is sincerely appreciated by the government and people, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs March 18.

Passed in a 387-19 vote, the motion called on Italy’s government to work with the EU and NATO member states to review its Indo-Pacific strategy while attaching greater importance to peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.

The motion, proposed by Paolo Formentini, deputy chairperson of the lower house’s Foreign Affairs Committee, comes amid concerns that China could take action against Taiwan amid Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

According to the MOFA, such strong cross-party support demonstrates that the Italian Parliament recognizes the importance of maintaining the cross-strait status quo and that Taiwan plays a key role in the Indo-Pacific. The two countries share the universal values of freedom, democracy and respect for human rights, the MOFA said, adding that there was close bilateral cooperation in areas spanning trade, culture, education and energy.

The government is committed to working with like-minded partners such as Italy to expand exchanges while contributing to the peace, stability and prosperity of the world, the MOFA added.

In a tweet on its official Twitter account, the MOFA said: “We welcome the Chamber of Deputies in the Italian Parliament’s approval of a motion urging Italy’s government to review its #IndoPacific strategy & prioritize peace & stability across the #Taiwan Strait. Special thanks to @PaoloFormentini for the support.”
President Tsai Ing-wen said March 21 that the government is committed to working with academics and businesses to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

The government has been aggressively implementing energy transition plans since 2016, Tsai said. Further efforts will be made through public-private collaboration to fast-track progress toward the net-zero goal, she added.

Tsai made the remarks during an event discussing how to boost Taiwan’s sustainable development via environmental, social, and governance measures staged by capital-based Business Today magazine in Taipei City.

According to Tsai, the government is leaving no stone unturned in conducting research on green and hydrogen energy while accelerating the country’s export-oriented industrial transformation.

These efforts are complemented by the adoption of low-carbon emission methods during construction of public facilities and transportation networks, Tsai said. She also stressed the importance of ensuring citizen participation and maintaining good communication with the public.

In addition, the president said that a more detailed plan will be issued by the Cabinet-level National Development Council by the end of March and lauded the Financial Supervisory Commission’s ongoing efforts to promote green finance. The government will continue working with the private sector to implement ESG measures while overcoming challenges in hitting net-zero targets, she added.

Taiwan Film Festival Edinburgh kicks off in Scotland

The third Taiwan Film Festival Edinburgh is underway in Scotland, underscoring the government’s commitment to bringing homegrown creators to audiences in the U.K., according to the Ministry of Culture March 25.

Organized by the Taipei Representative Office in the U.K. and supported by the MOC, this year’s edition is expanded to run from March to November. A total of 20 productions will be screened at locations from Edinburgh and Glasgow to Inverness and the Orkney Islands in partnership with institutions such as Regional Screen Scotland and Scottish Poetry Library, the MOC said.

Headlining the delegation for the TFFE 2022 are “Girl in the Water,” an animated short by director Huang Shi-rou; “The Price of Democracy,” a documentary by Liao Jian-hua; and “Among Us,” a documentary by Lin Cheng-Sheng. The other films are “Le Moulin,” a documentary by Huang Ya-li; as well as “Grandma and Her Ghosts,” a restored animated work by Wang Shau-di.

According to Liu Kuan-ping, chief curator of TFFE, the theme of the festival is “The (un)Usuals.” The pieces showcased explore how the politics of social change, mass movements and personal identity shape our notions of ordinary and extraordinary, he said.

Founded in 2020, the TFFE harnesses the power of film to deepen cultural dialogue between the people of Taiwan and the U.K.