

Thank you for the question — and for bringing Taiwan into this important conversation.

As a diplomat from Taiwan based in Australia, I see every day how deeply interconnected we are with the Indo-Pacific — not just as an abstract policy label, but in the real exchanges, cooperation, and challenges we face.

Taiwan doesn't stand on the sidelines — we are in the region, and of the region. We engage with our partners not just because of shared interests, but because of shared values. Whether it's working with the U.S, Australia and Japan on democratic governance, natural disasters, public health crises through the GCTF, or advancing innovation with India, or supporting vocational training in Southeast Asia and the Pacific — Taiwan is showing up and contributing.

We may not have formal diplomatic ties with everyone — but that hasn't stopped us from being a trusted and proactive partner. I've seen this firsthand in the way we collaborate here in Australia, from Indigenous and Hakka cultural exchanges to energy partnerships rooted in sustainability.

Taiwan's leadership has emphasized that peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait is essential to the broader Indo-Pacific. In my own experience, many regional colleagues have shared that Taiwan's calm and constructive posture is appreciated, especially in times of tension. Taiwan is not looking for conflict. We're focused on building trust, deepening cooperation, and contributing — responsibly and reliably — to the region we all share.

So when I think about Taiwan's role in the Indo-Pacific, it's not about being instrumentalized in others' strategic competition. Taiwan stands ready to engage — not just to be present, but to be a partner rooted in shared values, committed to a region that is free, open, and based on trust. And we learn a great deal from our regional partners — on resilience, adaptation, and long-term cooperation.

Let me put it simply — Taiwan is already contributing to the Indo-Pacific, not in theory, but in practice.

Even though we're often left out of major international meetings — not because of lack of will, but because of political pressure — we still show up in meaningful ways.

Some still use UN Resolution 2758 to keep us out. But if you actually read it, it says nothing about Taiwan. It doesn't give anyone the right to silence 23 million people.

And we don't stay silent. We act. We share our medical know-how during global health crises. We send disaster relief, train young professionals, support clean energy and women's empowerment across the region.

We're not asking for a special seat — just the chance to pull up a chair and help. Because to us, being a responsible stakeholder doesn't mean waiting for recognition. It means stepping up — and doing what's right.

That's how I see it — not just as a diplomat, but as someone who believes deeply in what Taiwan stands for.