

TAIWAN NEWSLETTER

President Tsai receives senatorial delegation, pledges to expand Taiwan-US ties

President Tsai Ing-wen received a delegation of US Senators Tammy Duckworth, Dan Sullivan and Chris Coons, at Taipei Songshan Airport, June 6, as she pledged to expand Taiwan-US ties and the country's contribution to the international community.

The visit of the bipartisan group of senators is reflective of the cross-party congressional support for Taiwan and bilateral relations that exists in America, Tsai stated. The government and people are grateful for the backing of President Joe Biden's administration, she added.

The visit came just days after Taiwan acquired more doses of COVID-19 vaccines from the US. Likewise, the



Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) welcomed the donation of 1.24 million doses of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine from Japan on June 4, for which they offered sincere appreciation on behalf of the government and people.

MOFA Minister Wu urges more cooperation among democracies in countering disinformation

Taiwan is committed to cooperating closely with like-minded partners to counter disinformation and defend the shared values of freedom and democracy, Foreign Minister Jaushieh Joseph Wu stated, June 9.

Ideological rivalry and strategic competition between democratic and authoritarian powers are on the rise, Wu noted during his remarks addressing the seventh Stratcom Summit staged by the

Prague-headquartered European Values Center for Security Policy via video link. Authoritarian powers are attempting to wage cognitive warfare to undermine free and open societies worldwide, he added. Wu also commented on the positive development of Taiwan-EU relations over the past few years, noting that the government is working to deepen ties with Central and Eastern Europe, as well as the Baltic states.

Taiwan-Luxembourg Joint Business Council Meeting held virtually

The 13th Taiwan-Luxembourg Joint Business Council Meeting was successfully convened, 10 June, attracting more than 100 participants, from which almost 20 companies have registered for the follow-up B2B match-making.

During the meeting, both sides engaged in substantial exchanges on two main subjects: "Smart Mobility" and "Cybersecurity and Fintech".

In his opening remarks, Ambassador Tsai Ming-Yen noted the potential for further cooperation between Taiwan and Luxem-

bourg, as the two not only share common values, but also have complementary industries. In view of these commonalities, Tsai declared it time for Taiwan and Luxembourg to work together and explore more opportunities for businesses, so as to boost economic recovery in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.



EIAS to hold webinar on EU-Taiwan circular economy cooperation

The European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS) will hold a webinar entitled "The EU Green Deal: Prospects for EU-Taiwan Circular Economy Cooperation" on June 16, featuring the participation of high-level Taiwanese and European governmental officials.

Opening remarks will be made by Tzi-Chin Chang, Minister of the Environmental Protection Administration of the ROC (Taiwan); Joanna Drake, Deputy Director-General of the DG Environment at the European Commission; and Alexandr Vondra, Member of the European Parliament. The subsequent panel discussion will be moderated by Charles Huang, Founder and Chairman of Taiwan Circular Economy Network, along with officials from both sides and a Taiwanese entrepreneur as panelists.

Registration for the event, which will include a Q&A session, [is open on the EIAS website](#).

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