



Taiwan Newsletter

Headline News

President Tsai honors Holocaust victims at Taipei remembrance event

At a Holocaust remembrance event—organized by German Institute and Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei—on Feb. 25, at National Central Library in Taipei City, President Tsai Ing-wen said that Taiwan is committed to standing with the international community in upholding the universal values of human rights, freedom and justice, and will continue working to secure a future free from hatred and discrimination.



The president said the international community must forever remember the Holocaust in accordance with the axiom “never forget, never again.” “We must continue to reflect on all that we can do as individuals—and together as a country—to ensure that such events never again occur anywhere in the world,” she added. The commemorative event also featured a screening of a short film commemorating late ROC (Taiwan) diplomat Ho Feng-shan. Ho served as ROC consul-general in Vienna from 1938-1940 and is credited with saving at least 2,000 Jews by issuing them visas to escape Nazi-annexed Austria.

National News

New MOFA Minister Wu thanks foreign reps at Spring Banquet

New Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Joseph Wu hosted the 2018 Spring Banquet at the Grand

Hotel for foreign ambassadors and representatives Feb. 27 in Taipei City, expressing gratitude for their efforts in strengthening bilateral relations and pledging to deepen Taiwan’s exchanges with diplomatic allies and like-minded nations.



The event was attended by President Tsai Ing-wen and some 300 foreign representatives and leaders from various fields.

According to Wu, who assumed his post the previous day, the government’s steadfast diplomacy strategy and New Southbound Policy are advancing regional and international cooperation.

In her address at the banquet, Tsai said that as a vibrant democracy, Taiwan will continue to work closely with neighboring countries to support a free and open Indo-Pacific and safeguard universal values.

Economic News

7 Taiwan hotels claim Prestigious Forbes Travel Guide honors

Seven Taiwan hotels recently won Forbes Travel Guide honors, reflecting the local accommodation industry’s rising international reputation for offering value for money, high-quality facilities and services.

At the head of the pack is Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Taipei. It bagged the coveted five-star award for the second consecutive year on the strength of its prime location, spa, spacious rooms and wide array of dining options.

Hot on the heels of Mandarin are four-star award winners Grand Hyatt

Taipei, Regent Taipei, Shangri La’s Far Eastern Plaza Hotel Taipei and W Taipei, as well as recommended listings Eslite Hotel Taipei and Humble House Taipei.



The 2018 edition of the annual guide surveyed 1,609 hotels, restaurants and spas in 50 countries and territories. A total 323 facilities earned five-star awards, 894 four-star awards and 392 recommended listings.

Cultural News

2018 Taipei Lantern Festival celebrates spirit of youth

2018 Taipei Lantern Festival is underway in Ximending of Wanhua District, attracting large numbers of visitors from home and abroad while showcasing the area’s creative pedigree and many cultural and historical attractions.



Running until March 4, the annual festival organized by Taipei City Government is themed Dreams, Wishes, Happiness and Love. It features a wide range of activities, including art shows, cultural and creativity market, performances, traditional ceremonies and international displays by countries such as the Netherlands and St. Kitts and Nevis, as well as cities like Matsuyama in Japan, Daegu in South Korea and Shanghai in mainland China.

