

TAIWAN NEWSLETTER

President Tsai pledges to advance equality, women's empowerment at IWD event

The government is sparing no effort in promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, President Tsai Ing-wen vowed, delivering remarks at the Women's Power Night held to mark International Women's Day (IWD), March 8. Describing the country as having made strides in the area, Tsai cited a recently released report by the Executive Yuan, which ranked Taiwan sixth out of 163 countries in overall gender equality, and first in Asia. She further noted that women account for 42 percent of the nation's legislators, which is significantly above the global average. Acknowledging the importance of progressive policy in the push to pro-



mote gender equality, Tsai vowed that the government will soon conclude a major review of the country's laws and policies to bring them further in line with international standards. Tsai's remarks were made at IWD re-

ception, which was co-organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Taiwan-based Foundation of Women's Rights Promotion and Development. The event also marked the launch of the Taiwan Gender Equality Week.

President Tsai vows to work with global community in advancing freedom, democracy at MOFA Spring Banquet

Taiwan is committed to working with allies and like-minded partners to safeguard freedom and democracy, while building a more secure and prosperous world, President Tsai Ing-wen vowed, March 10. Delivering remarks at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spring Banquet, Tsai noted that the government is looking forward to working with forces for good across the world in tackling global issues such

as the ongoing pandemic, global inflation, climate change and building digital supply chains. In wake of the war in Ukraine, Tsai also pledged Taiwan's support for the country and its people.



MOFA welcomes EP report on strengthening defense against foreign interference in democracy

The people and government of Taiwan sincerely appreciate the adoption of a report by the European Parliament on strengthening the EU's response to foreign interference, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) announced, March 9. The report, which passed with 552 votes for, 81 against, and 60 abstentions, praises Taiwan for standing at the forefront of the fight against information manipulation and for developing a successful system for dealing with ma-

licious interference and disinformation attacks. The passage of the report comes just months after the official visit of a delegation from the EP Special Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes in the European Union, including Disinformation (INGE). The Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium also expressed appreciation upon the EP's vote and vowed to continue making efforts to further Taiwan-EU relations and exchanges.

Taiwan donates US\$3.5 million to Ukraine refugees in Poland

The Taiwanese government made its first donation of US\$3.5 million (€3.19 million) for Ukrainian refugees in Poland, March 7, as part of ongoing efforts to demonstrate that Taiwan can help the global family of nations. Minister of Foreign Affairs Joseph Wu described the donation as a tribute to Ukraine's courageous resistance. The donation follows the establishment of a fund to collect donations from Taiwanese citizens, NGOs and enterprises, which has already topped US\$18.43 million (€16.80 million). Similarly, a physical collection drive set up by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has collected roughly 800 boxes of donated goods and medical supplies for Ukrainian refugees.

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