



Taiwan, US stage GCTF workshop on maritime matters in Athens

A workshop on innovation and inclusion in the shipping industry was held by Taiwan and the U.S. under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework March 27 in Greece, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Jointly organized by the Taipei Representative Office in Greece, the U.S. Embassy in Athens and the branch of the International Propeller Club of the U.S. based in nearby Piraeus, the event discussed methods of enhancing the sector's sustainable development in the context of the EU's green transformation measures and in response to global climate change. Opening remarks were delivered by Sherman S. Kuo, head of TRO in Greece; U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Maria Olson; Costis Frangoulis, president of the IPC branch in Piraeus; and George Pateras, chair of the Piraeus-based Hellenic Chamber of Shipping, the MOFA said. The workshop was attended by around 130 academics, experts and business representatives, who came from Taiwan's Evergreen Marine Corp. and Yang Ming Marine Transport Corp., as well as Greek and Japanese entities, the ministry added.

G7 foreign ministers' statement welcomed by MOFA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs thanked the foreign ministers of the Group of Seven nations for reiterating the importance of cross-strait peace and supporting Taiwan's meaningful global participation. In the statement following their meeting April 17-19 in Capri, Italy, the ministers restated the indispensability

of Taiwan Strait peace and stability to global security and prosperity and called for peaceful resolution of cross-strait issues, the MOFA said. They also voiced support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations, including in the World Health Assembly and technical meetings of the World Health Organization, the ministry added.

President Tsai receives Paraguayan Senate delegation



President Tsai Ing-wen thanked Paraguay for actively promoting Taiwan's international participation and said she hoped that the two sides would continue to deepen exchanges to benefit their people. Tsai made the remarks April 16 in Taipei City while receiving a group led by Senate President Silvio Adalberto Ovelar Benítez. Other prominent members include Hermelinda Alvarenga de Ortega, second vice president of the Chamber of Senators; Paraguayan Ambassador to Taiwan Carlos Fleitas; and Sen. Pedro Alejandro Díaz Verón. According to the president, bilateral ties have grown ever stronger over the past eight years, as demonstrated by her decision to make Paraguay her first official visit after taking office in 2016.

US State Department affirms Taiwan's democratic and human rights achievements



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs welcomed the fact that the United States once again affirmed Taiwan's democratic and human rights achievements in the 2023 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices. The section on Taiwan reaffirmed the county's democratic government and its respect and protection of freedom and human rights. According to the MOFA, as a frontline democracy facing authoritarianism, Taiwan attaches great importance to the protection of human rights and the exercise of its peoples' freedoms and makes good use of the country's high-tech advantages to actively cooperate with the public and private sectors of like-minded countries. Last month, Taiwan was invited to participate in the third Summit for Democracy, sharing with the international community the use of emerging technologies such as co-creation to successfully resist cyberattacks and cognitive warfare, to strengthen democratic resilience and further develop international human rights.