

Cross-Party Group on Taiwan Meeting

Date: 5:30pm, 24/04/2018

Venue: Committee Room 4, The Scottish Parliament

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<p>Update on CPG on Taiwan’s Recent Developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Co-Convener, MSP Rhoda Grant, chaired the meeting and provided a brief review of the previous meeting held on 11th September 2017. The previous meeting minutes were approved by the members of the CPG on Taiwan. ▪ The Director General of the Taipei Representative Office (TRO) in Edinburgh, Jason C.C. Lien, noted that a number of motions have been proposed with the support of many MSPs as well as members of the CPG on Taiwan. These motions included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Welcoming Taiwan’s Constitutional Court Decision that paves way for Same-Sex Marriage. (ii) Recognising Taiwan’s Constructive Participation in the UNFCCC (iii) Commending Taipei LGBT Pride Parade in 2017 (iv) Supporting and offering of sincere condolences to the victims of an earthquake which struck Hualien, the East Coast of Taiwan, in February 2018. ▪ In addition to the above-mentioned motions, the Director General of TRO thanked all the friends in the Scottish Parliament who support Taiwan’s participation in international affairs such as the World Health Assembly (WHA). Jason C.C. Lien noted that Taiwan will seek to take part in the WHA in Geneva next month again, hoping to contribute to international knowledge exchange in the domain of Public Health. <p>Guest Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Yupin Chung gave a talk on the history of Taiwanese Tea Trade with Scotland as well as an introduction to the processes involved in tea-making in Taiwan. Her talk was complemented by Taiwanese tea-tasting and poetry-reading by Dr Ralph Moffat. The session on Taiwanese tea trade was well received. <p>General Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thomas Tan noted that a tuberculosis case on a commercial flight has recently been reported by WHO. However, the case was reported to the People’s Republic of China only. He noted that this could potentially create a loophole in relation to public health disease prevention and control as Taiwan is excluded from WHA meetings, therefore knowledge transfer and exchange is likely to fail to reach Taiwan or vice versa. MSP Rhoda Grant agreed to raise this concern to the Parliament. <p>Next meeting – Annual General Meeting (AGM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposed meeting date: 6pm, 5th June 2018 ▪ Venue: TBC <p>Attendance:</p>	<p>MSP Rhoda Grant</p>

1. Rhoda Grant MSP (Co-Convener)
2. Margaret Mitchell MSP (Co-Convener)
3. Liam McArthur MSP (member)
4. Jason C.C. Lien (Director General, Taipei Representative Office in Edinburgh)
5. Seaver Chang (Deputy Director, Taipei Representative Office in Edinburgh)
6. Daniel Wei-Ting Hu (Assistant Director, Taipei Representative Office in Edinburgh)
7. Hsinyen Lai (Secretary, CPG on Taiwan)
8. Yupin Chung (Guest Speaker)
9. Ralph Moffat (Poetry Reader)
10. Thomas Tan
11. Chien-Chen Lien
12. Lucy Cheung
13. K.C. Cheung
14. Claude Badion
15. Kevin McLoughlin
16. Liz Mylod
17. Kevin Grant
18. Yu-Tong Wang
19. Kriran Ure
20. Jennie Morgan
21. Ian Irvin
22. Philip Chan
23. Natalia S.Y. Fang Brand
24. N.C. Yau
25. Anny Chen
26. Chia-Lung Wu
27. David Beards
28. Thomas Jacobi
29. Tung-Cheng Chia
30. Shuiyung Chang
31. Blanca Kao