

**General Meeting, Cross Party Group on Taiwan
(10th September 2013, 6pm in Committee Room 4, the Scottish Parliament)**

Director General Jen-chong Su, Taipei Representative Office in the U.K., Edinburgh Office:
The Taiwanese performers during the Edinburgh Summer Festivals 2013 achieved very successful cultural exchange between Taiwan and Scotland. Details of the eleven performing art groups can be reviewed here:

<http://youtu.be/7FuTeoCdyGw>

Presentation by Dr. Nathalie Mather-L'Huillier, International Policy Officer, Universities
Scotland:

- A greater sensitivity as to the independent status of Taiwan and a request to implement a blanket removal of any reference to Taiwan as a “province of China”.
- Greater cultural sensitivity regarding the importance of face-to-face contact in Taiwan, notably in student recruitment and partnership development.
- The need to increase visibility in Taiwan of Scotland as a study destination.
- Scotland’s share of the UK market for international students from Taiwan. 2011-12 data show that in the UK, there were 3,651 students from Taiwan, amongst which 329 were in Scotland. This equates to 9% of the UK market. This is in line with Scotland’s overall market share of international students in the UK (9.4%, despite an 8.8 per cent share of the UK’s total number of university students).
- There is a gap between the specified entry requirements for English language and the demands of being taught at fluency level. How to make sure that in-session support courses are not just seen as unnecessary because not compulsory.

Detailed presentation can be found in the attached presentation slides.

MSP Margaret Mitchell will lead a Taiwan Delegation to the National Day Celebration of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in October 2013. She will report to the CPG on Taiwan regarding this trip at the next meeting.

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