

Meeting Minutes, 11 September 2017

The meeting is the 1st session and the Annual General Meeting of Cross-Party Group (CPG) on Taiwan for 2017/18. James Dornan MSP, Margaret Mitchell MSP and Rhoda Grant MSP will be the co-convenors for CPG on Taiwan, and Mr Hsinyen Lai was elected to continue remain the position as the Secretary of the group.

In the AGM session, Margaret as the chair gave a review of the previous meeting minutes on 22 September 2016, which was passed unanimously by the members, and her welcome remarks for the meeting. Following the AGM, Ms. Jane Hsu, Director General of Edinburgh Office of the Taipei Representative Office in the UK, gave an update report of Taiwan's recent developments and participation in the international society. In her report, Jane mentioned that Taiwan, unfortunately, did not receive an invitation to participate the World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva, 2017. In the past eight years, Taiwan was actively participating the WHA and always committed to a wide range of the world health issues through international collaboration. For this, as Margaret noted, 'it is disappointing to hear that Taiwan was not invited to the WHA. But CPG on Taiwan would be delighted to support Taiwan on this issue'. Jane expressed her gratitude for the support from Margaret, other MSPs and non-MSP members of CPG on Taiwan.

In the discussion session, Jane introduced the National Energy Program Delegation from Taiwan that just attend 'All-Energy Exhibition and Conference' in Glasgow between 10 and 11 May. The delegation gave a brief presentation, entitled *A snapshot of Taiwan's National Energy Programme and international cooperation on renewable energy projects*, with featured guest speakers: Dr Kuang-Chong Wu, CEO of the National Energy Program-Phase II (NEP-II) Program Office, and Dr Yen-Haw Chen, Associate Research Fellow and Deputy Director, Taiwan Institute of Economic Research (TIER). The presentation highlighted the development of Taiwanese Government on the issue of renewable energy and how it could be carried on based on the current achievement and through international collaboration. In the Q&A session, Mr Ian McKee, the co-founder and former MSP co-convenor of CPG on Taiwan, raised a question of how Taiwanese Government has been managing a challenging issue of energy storage. Ian's concern also resonated with Rhoda and Margaret's questions on reducing energy consumption and how the Government has tackled these challenges. Replied Dr Wu and Dr Chen, the Government has been working closely with local authorities, e.g. Taipei Municipal Government, to initiate different projects on 'demand response programme' and 'virtual electronic account'. These projects aims to include more households that could collaborate further with local authorities. The meeting was then followed by the general discussion & networking session.

Attendance List:

Margaret Mitchell MSP (Co-convenor)

Rhoda Grant MSP (Co-convenor)

Liam McArthur MSP (member)

Clare Adamson MSP

Alexander Stewart MSP

Jane Hsu (Director General, Edinburgh Office of the Taipei Representative Office)

Seaver Chang (Deputy Director, Edinburgh Office of the Taipei Representative Office)

Aurora Wan-Mei Tsai (Assistant Director, Edinburgh Office of the Taipei Representative Office)

Hsinyen Lai (Secretary, CPG on Taiwan)

Ian McKee

Norman Skillen (Managing Director UK & Ireland, ST³ Offshore UK Ltd.)

David Ingram

Patrick McCarthy (Business Development Energy, Heriot-Watt Energy Academy)

Thomas Tan

Fen Chuan Hsu

Kuang-Chong Wu

Yenhaw Chen

Helen Yang

Emily Lin

Jeremy Horng

Janice Sun

Geo Huang

Da-Jeng Yao

Ke-Yen Kuo (Director of Ministry of Science and Technology, Taipei Representative Office in the UK)

Limei Shiu

Tung-Yang Chen

Jyh-Chen Chen

Mao-Hsiling Chiang