

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Taiwan
DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)
11 May 2017
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
7 June 2018
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
11 May 2017
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
11 June 2018
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures. Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
11 May 2017 (AGM) Attended by: MSP Margaret Mitchell, MSP Rhoda Grant, MSP Liam McArthur, MSP Clare Adamson and MSP Alexander Stewart and other 23 non-MSP attendees.

The meeting was 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 were elected the co-convenors for CPG on Taiwan, and Mr Hsinyen Lai was elected to continue to remain in 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 approved 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 on 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 in the World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva in 2017. In the past eight years, Taiwan has been actively participating in the WHA and has always been committed to a wide range of the world health issues through international collaboration. Regarding this, Margaret noted that '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 had just attended 'All-Energy Exhibition and Conference' in Glasgow on 10th and 11th May. The delegation gave a brief presentation titled "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 out 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 a general discussion and networking session.

24 April 2018

Attended by: MSP Margaret Mitchell, MSP Rhoda Grant and MSP Liam McArthiur and other 28 non-MSP attendees.

Update on CPG on Taiwan's Recent Developments:

- The Co-Convenor, 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:

- (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.

Guest Presentation:

- 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.

General Discussion:

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.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Conservatives:

MSP Margaret Mitchell

SNP:

MSP James Dornan

MSP Clare Haughey

MSP Richard Lyle

Labour:

MSP Rhoda Grant

Lib-Dem:

MSP Liam McArthur

NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals

Blanca Kao - secretary
Hsinyen Lai
Alex MacKinnon
Angel Lin
Brian McLeish
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John Kinloch Anderson
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Organisations	Taipei Representative Office in the UK Edinburgh Office

Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce in Scotland (TCCS)

GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener

Co-conveners:

MSP Margaret Mitchell

MSP James Dornan

MSP Rhoda Grant

Deputy Convener

N/A

Secretary

Blanca Kao

Treasurer

N/A

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support; the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

N/A

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