

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Taiwan
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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.)
14 June 2016
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
11 May 2017
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [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]
14 June 2016
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
8 June 2017
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>
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.
<b>14 June 2016 (preparation meeting)</b>  Attended by: MSP James Dornan, MSP Margaret Mitchell, MSP Rhoda Grant, and MSP Richard Lyle.

Meeting was opened by James Dornan who explained this would be a brief meeting to discuss the reestablishment of the CPG. Office bearer positions were discussed. Margaret, James and Rhoda decided that they would be happy to make this term's CPG a co-convenorship. This was agreed by the group. Richard Lyle indicated that he was happy to just be a member of the group this term. It was then suggested by James that the rest of the office bearer positions should be held by people specifically from Taiwan.

## **22 September 2016**

Attended by: MSP James Dornan MSP, MSP Margaret Mitchell, MSP Tom Arthur, MSP Clare Haughey, MSP Alexander Stewart, MSP Jamie Greene, MSP Richard Lyle and other 15 non-MSP attendees.

The meeting is the 1st session and AGM of CPG on Taiwan for the new parliamentary term following the election in May, 2016. James Dornan MSP, Margaret Mitchell MSP and Rhoda Grant MSP will be co-convenors for the CPG on Taiwan, and Secretary Hsinyen Lai will remain his posts.

In the opening of this session, James on behalf of the CPG on Taiwan gives his remarks on the new session of the CPG on Taiwan meeting, and welcomes every member join the meeting to facilitate bilateral relations between Scotland and Taiwan in the future. From her experiences of being the co-convenor in the past few years, Margaret also briefed the progress of the CPG on Taiwan as yet. The new phase of the CPG on Taiwan is marked by the Scottish parliamentary election in May, and also by the newly elected Taiwanese President, Dr Tsai Ing-Wen, and her Administration.

Following the opening remarks by co-convenors, Director General of Taipei Representative Office in the UK, Edinburgh Office, Ms Jane Hus gave update on an overarching Taiwan's current development under Tsai's Administration with focus on the role of Taiwan in the international society and cross-strait relations. As Jane quotes from President Tsai, 'a peaceful and stable Asia-Pacific region is in the interest of all parties involved in the region and beyond'. Taiwan will play a 'responsible and indispensable... citizen of the world...to contribute [itself] toward diplomatic and global issues' through the principle of 'steadfast diplomacy'. To strengthen its cooperation with Scotland, Jane also notes several potential and key opportunities for both sides: renewable energy, electronics and digital health technology, chemical, food and drink, life sciences and biotechnology, textiles, and investment trusts investing in Taiwan equities.

Resonating with Jane's update on Taiwan-Scotland relations, CPG on Taiwan also invites the representative of Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce Scotland (TCCS), Dr Thomas C.J. Tan, Institute of Immunology and Infection Research, University of Edinburgh, to give a talk on the development of Taiwanese business community in Scotland. He briefs the history of the TCCS and outlines the plans for the coming Years. In these plans, it is expected to see that not only will the TCCS continue to play a crucial role to facilitate the bilateral communication between Scotland and Taiwan in the fields of culture, business and tourism, but also it will strengthen the ties of Taiwanese community to Scotland.

**11 May 2017**

Attended by: MSP James Dornan, MSP Margaret Mitchell, MSP Rhoda Grant, MSP Alexander Stewart, MSP Clare Adamson, MSP Alexander Stewart and other 25 non-MSP attendees.

This is the second AGM meeting, chaired by MSP Margaret Mitchell. Margaret gave verbal report of the CPG on Taiwan's previous meetings. The meeting minutes of the meeting on 22 Sept 2016 was also passed. Hsinyen Lai was elected to continue holding the position as the Secretary of the group.

Ms. Jane Hsu, Director General of the Taipei Representative Office in the UK, Edinburgh Office, gave an update on Taiwan's most recent developments and introduced the National Energy Program Delegation from Taiwan.

The delegation gave a brief presentation: "A snapshot of Taiwan's National Energy Program 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 meeting was then followed by the general discussion & networking session.

#### **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

Hsinyen Lai – Secretary

Alex MacKinnon

Angel Lin

Brian McLeish

Candy Lotus

Chen Burger

Chen Yen Fa

Chia Ling Yang

Chimin Wu

Chiu Wen Hsiung

Craig Ballard

Deirdre Kinloch Anderson

Donald Anderson

Douglas Kinloch Anderson

Klaus Staubermann

Gari Donn

Hung-Chieh Chang

Ellie Casson

Emma Wheeler

Eric Milligan

Hsien-Lin Ro

Ian Irvin

Ian McKee

Isabella Morton

Jack Lin

Jenny Chen

Jhenyi Wu

Jim Ramage

John Kinloch Anderson

John Leighton

Kevin McLoughlin

Li Feng Su

	<p>Lindsey Low  Lisa Hsu  Lord Andrew Hardie  Martin Bell  Martin Hunt  Maya Lu Luna Schumacher-Lu  Martino Chan  Mei Jung Fu  Michael Bates  Michael Clarke  Owen Kelly  Raffkas Liu  Robert Mitchell  Roger Huang  Ron Hewitt  Simon Chiu  Siobhan Paterson  Stephen Blackmore  Steve Cardownie  Thomas Lee  Tony A.T. Shek  Tuang Jung Lee  Wei Lee Ger  Wei Sheng Hong  Wingsie Ng  Winston Wu  Yen Yi Lee  Yi Chiao Chung  Mark Hughes  Rob Munn  Toni Taylor</p>
Organisations	<p>Taipei Representative Office in the UK Edinburgh Office  Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce in Scotland (TCCS)</p>

## 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	Hsinyen Lai
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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