

## **The meeting minute for 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, 2016**

The meeting is the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Attendance List:**

James Dornan

Margaret Mitchell

Clare Haughey

Richard Lyle

Jamie Greene

Tom Arthur

Alexander Stewart

Franklin Evans

Wing-Sie Ng

Jane Hsu

Seaver Chang

Aurora Wan-Mei Tsai

Hsinyen Lai

Thomas Tan

Yu-Tong Wang

Fang-Chin Kao

Philip Chan

Amino Chi

Shui-Yang Chang

Lindsay Low

Genna Dall

Douglas Kinloch Anderson