

Cross-Party Group on Taiwan Meeting

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Co-Convenors of the Cross Party Group on Taiwan

Date/Time & Venue:

6.00pm, Wednesday, 27th March 2019
Committee Room 5, Scottish Parliament Building

Meeting Agenda:

✧ **Welcome and Minutes of Last Meeting**

James Dornan MSP and Rhoda Grant MSP, Co-Convenors of the Cross Party Group on Taiwan

✧ **Update on Taiwan's Recent Development**

Mr. Jason Lien, Director General of the Taipei Representative Office in the UK, Edinburgh Office

✧ **Guest Presentation**

Mr. Peter Hounam and Mrs. Hilarie Burnett, great granddaughter of Dr James Laidlaw Maxwell Senior and granddaughter of Dr James Laidlaw Maxwell Junior

Dr James Laidlaw Maxwell Senior was born in Scotland and completed his medical degree at the University of Edinburgh. He was sent to Formosa (Taiwan) as a missionary in 1864, and built the first western-style hospital in Tainan, Sin-Lau Hospital (新樓醫院) in 1865. It became one of the most important hospitals in the southern part of Taiwan.

Dr James Laidlaw Maxwell Junior followed his father to Taiwan in 1900. He was also engaged in medical missionary work, caring for leprosy (or Hansen's disease) sufferers and strove to bring about the eradication of the disease.

Dr James Laidlaw Maxwell Senior's and Dr James Laidlaw Maxwell Junior's introduction of modern western medical practice had paved the way for Taiwan's modernisation of hospitals in many aspects. Hilarie and Peter both just visited Taiwan last year to pay tribute to Dr James Laidlaw Maxwell Senior and Dr James Laidlaw Maxwell Junior. They went to Sin-Lau Hospital and many historical places related to her ancestors. We are delighted to have them to share with us their journey to Taiwan and their observation of southern Taiwan.

✧ **Networking Session**

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