

Cross Party Group on Taiwan Meeting
29th October 2014, 6pm
the Livingstone Room 4, the Scottish Parliament

Attendee List

MSPs

Colin Keir MSP (Co-Convener)
Richard Simpson MSP (Co-Convener)

Other Attendees

Dr Kevin McLoughlin
Leon Thompson
Jen-Chung Su
Peter Chen
Selena Chang
Hsinyen Lai
May Livsy
Chia-Yi Lin
Caroline Chen
Tao-Ho Chang
Ching-Yi Huang
Pat Reid
Neil Mackinnon
Provost Robbins
Charles Edmond
Kam Leung Ng
Wing Sie Ng
Joe Goldblatt

Convener welcomed guests and attendees

Presentation by Dr McLoughlin

Dr Kevin McLoughlin has been working as Principle Curator in East and Central Asia department in National Museum of Scotland for many years. Today, he shared his experience of collaboration with National Palace Museum, Taipei, in his presentation titled 'the loan of an oracle bone to the National Palace Museum, Taipei'.

Dr McLoughlin gave a brief introduction of the nature of the object, the oracle bone, and its historical backdrop. He focused on the historical significance of oracle bone to our understanding of the late Shang dynasty in China and particularly the history about Lady Fu Hao, a consort of the late Shang King Wu Ding, led a force of 3000 men against an enemy force. Furthermore, Dr McLoughlin shares his pleasant experience of working with experts from Taiwan.

In the Q&A section, members asked about the existing research on oracle bone and the mutual collaboration between Taiwan and Scotland in the future. From his experience, Dr McLoughlin said that he is looking forward to more collaboration between two sides if the issue of law restriction on preservation and protection of historical objects can be solved. In terms of existing research, he admits that few existing researchers pay attention to oracle bones and encourage more scholars and students would join this field.

Following Dr McLoughlin's presentation and the conclusion of the Q&A the meeting ended.