

Cross Party Group on Taiwan

Meeting 13 May 2015

Alexander Fleming Room, Scottish Parliament

MSP Attendees (2): Colin Keir MSP (Convener), Margaret McDougall MSP

Non-MSP Attendees (21): Jessica Chen Burger; Jui-Lan Lee; Thomas C J Tan; Tao-Ho Chang; Mei-Lin Su, Ching-Yi Huang; Li Feng Su; Yu-Chaun Chen; May Livsey; Hsinyen Lai (Secretary); Winston Wu; Selena Chang; Cheng-Lin Yang; Philip Chan; Shajahan Mir; Peter Chen; Chih Chien Lu; N C Yau; Hsin-Lzn Ru; Jean Ye; M Chan Leung.

The meeting is the 2nd session of CPG on Taiwan for 2015. In his opening remarks, Co-convenor Colin Keir MSP welcomed our guest speakers and members. The meeting topic is around education and business links between Taiwan and Scotland, and he looks forward to meeting discussion and that it would bring more substantial results between two sides in the future.

The first guest speaker is Dr Jessica Chen-Burger, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Heriot-Watt University. In the past few years, she has contributed over 60 publications and been funded by EU in several projects. Today's presentation, titled 'The Intelligent Workflow Machine in Fish4Knowledge', updates the current progress of her project on the application of computer science technology to marine environmental protection. This project was initiated in 2010 and funded to 2 million euro by EU. It is also a transnational project that brings research instituted from Amsterdam, Italy, Edinburgh and Taiwan. Dr Chen-Burger would like see the EU-Taiwan cooperation model could be applied to Scotland; however, she finds struggling to have Scottish funding to cover the project. For the future of this project, as Dr Chen-Burger addresses, she would like to improve High Performance Computing Resilience; to overcome the challenge from Big Data and Process Mining; and to apply her research to E-Commerce and Digital Economy. Also, she is looking forward to any opportunities for bilateral cooperation between Taiwan and Scotland.

The second guest speaker is Ms Jui-Lan Lee, Managing Director of SinoPac Securities Europe Ltd. Her presentation, titled 'Taiwan Equity Market, mainly talks about the current foreign investment in Taiwan, which has rapidly grown since 2004 and furthered the links between Taiwan and the global capitalist market. According the report by World Federation of Exchanges (WFE) in March 2015, Taiwan is the 8th largest in the worldwide stock market having 981,338 million US dollars. One of the major reasons for this development is the vigorous High-Tech industrial achievement in Taiwan; for example, as Ms Lee says, 94% of the laptops in the world have been produced by Taiwanese companies. In the recent years, with the growing cross-strait communication in all fields and the rise of China market in the world Taiwan also takes a crucial part in bridging China and the global market. For SinoPac, they have

been the vanguard of boosting cross-strait financial activities for many years, and also playing a more active role in European market. Since the first office was established in London in 1996, SinoPac has provided agency services to institutional investors in Europe for Taiwan Stock Trading, China A/B Share Trading, Hong Kong Stock Trading, Financial Advisory Service and other financial services. As a promising and emerging stock market in East Asian, Taiwan has its niche in providing high quality of skilful talent and workforce. Ms Lee hopes to see more financial activities between Taiwan and Scotland.