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Monthly Event Summary

The 37th CACCI Conference Held in Kathmandu, Nepal

The “37th CACCI Conference” was held in Kathmandu, Nepal from November 6 to 7, 2023. The Conference was organized by the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI). The theme of the conference is “Chambers of Commerce--Helping Businesses Get SET for the Future.” A total of about 400 representatives from 25 countries attended the said conference, among whom 13 representatives are from Taiwan.

The important members included Mr. Allen John Ku, Director of Startup Island Taiwan; Mr. Sam Shen, Global Business Director of Taiwan Smart City Solutions Alliance; and Mr. James Shi Chu, Secretary General of Chinese National Association of In-

dustry and Commerce (CNAIC), Taiwan. Director Allen John Ku and Secretary General James Shi Chu served as speakers and respectively made a presentation on the topic of “Entrepreneurship: Driver for Regional Economic Growth” and “Trade: Helping Businesses Become Global Trade Players.”

Topics were discussed at this conference including “Sustainability: Developing Clean and Renewable Energy for a Greener World” and “CEO Forum: Development Challenges and Opportunities in the Asia-Pacific Region.”



A group photo of VIP guests at the opening ceremony of the 37th CACCI Conference. The first row from second left: Dr. Prakash Sharan Mahat, Honorable Finance Minister of Nepal; Dr. Baburam Bhattarai, Former Prime Minister of Nepal; Mr. Ramchandra Paudel, Right Honorable President of Nepal; Mr. Chandra Prasad Dhakal, President of FNCCI; Mr. Peter McMullin AM, President of CACCI.



A group photo for the Taiwan delegation with Mr. Peter McMullin AM (right 4), President of CACCI.

The 2023 Philippines-Taiwan Industrial Collaboration Summit was Grandly Held in Manila on November 23



Mr. Sam Shen (right 3), Global Business Director, Taiwan Smart Solutions Alliance, served as the speaker of Asian ICT Council at the 37th CACCI Conference.

The ROC’s Industrial Development Administration, Ministry of Economic Affairs, together with Chinese National Federation of Industries, Institute for Information Industry, Industrial Technology Research Institute, Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research, and Foundation of Urban Development and Environmental Education went to Manila from November 23 to 24 to participate in the “2023 Philippines-Taiwan Industrial Collaboration Summit,” which was cosponsored with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry. More than 240 experts and represent-

atives from enterprises attended the meeting.

This summit was physically held again after a three-year hiatus of the Covid-19 Pandemic. On November 23, many important guests were present and delivered speeches, including Mr. Chen Chern-Chyi, Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs; Dr. Ceferino S. Rodolf, Undersecretary of the Department of Trade and Industry; Atty. Tomas M. Guno, Board Director of Manila Economic and Cultural Office, Philippine Representative Office in Taiwan; and Mr. Wallace Minn-Gan Chow, Representative of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines. The enterprise representatives are Mr. Clement Yang, Chairman of the Philippines Affair Committee, Chinese National Federation of Industries, who is also the Chairman of the Chinese-Philippine Business Council, CIECA and Mr. George T. Barcelon, President of Philippine Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

At the summit, Mr. Chang Chih-Chiang, Board Director of CIECA was invited to make a presentation on digital infrastructure and future trends in digital parks, sharing

Taiwan's successful experience in the development of current digital technologies and solutions.

CIECA is looking forward to holding the 27th Taiwan-Philippine Economic Joint Conference with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Taiwan next year.



A group photo for Mr. Clement Yang (left 2), Chairman of the Philippines Affair Committee, Chinese National Federation of Industries and Mr. Chang Chih-Chiang, Board Director of CIECA (left 1) at 2023 Philippines-Taiwan Industrial Collaboration Summit on November 23, 2023.



A group photo for 2023 Philippines-Taiwan Industrial Collaboration Summit on November 23, 2023. Mr. Chen Chern-Chyi, Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs (left 6).

Mr. Wallace Minn-Gan Chow, Representative of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines (left 8). Mr. Clement Yang, Chairman of the Philippines Affair Committee, Chinese National Federation of Industries (right 5). Mr. George T. Barcelon, President of Philippine Chamber of Commerce & Industry (left 5).

A Welcome Luncheon for Mr. Omar De Marchi, First Vice President of the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina Was Held on November 10

Mr. Mike Hung, Vice Chairman of CIECA hosted a welcome luncheon for Mr. Omar De Marchi, First Vice President of the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina and his son at Grand Hyatt Taipei on November 10, 2023. The two sides reunited again after they had met in Argentina when CIECA launched the 2023 Taiwan Economic and Business Cooperation Mission to Argentina in October, which particularly reflected the deep friendship between Taiwan and Argentina.

Several manufacturers that have economic and trade contacts with Argentina were invited to the welcome luncheon. The two sides interacted closely on bilateral economic and

trade cooperation. Some Taiwanese manufacturers who had gone to Argentina for inspection suggested that “they have already contacted Argentine manufacturers and will import to Taiwan such competitive products as red wine, frozen seafood, olive oil, etc. to enhance the economic and trade ties between Taiwan and Argentina.”



A group photo of a welcome luncheon for VIP guests from Argentina.

H.E. Donya Lynex Francis, Ambassador of Saint Christopher and Nevis Visited CIECA

H.E. Donya Lynex Francis, Ambassador of Saint Christopher and Nevis to the ROC visited with Mr. Mike Hung, Vice Chairman of CIECA on November 8, 2023. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. Ambassador Donya

Lynex Francis is very delighted to see the strong diplomatic relations existed between the two countries. He hopes to further promote the non-governmental economic and trade cooperation with CIECA via introducing incentives for Taiwanese manufacturers to make investment in Saint Christopher and Nevis.

Regarding the cooperative relationship between Taiwan and the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, CIECA vice chairman Mike Hung said, “in addition to tourism, Taiwan can assist Saint Christopher and Nevis in developing poultry breeding technology. In terms of fisheries, larger fishing vessels and live water aquaculture technology are also areas where both parties can work together. Ambassador Fan Donya Lynex Francis stated that he was looking forward to shops coming from Taiwan to the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis. The Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis is willing to assist Taiwanese manufacturers in setting up factories, promoting tourism, exporting rum, and expanding the hot sauce production scale in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis.

The two sides had an enjoyable conversation. CIECA Vice Chairman Hung presented a gift to Ambassador Donya Lynex Francis after the meeting and suggested that CIECA and the Embassy of Saint Christopher and Nevis in Taipei work together to consolidate the friendship between the two countries.



A photo for Ambassador Donya Lynex Francis of Saint Christopher and Nevis to the ROC and Mr. Mike Hung, Vice Chairman of CIECA.

Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture Visited CIECA

Mr. Sola Obadimu, Director General, Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (NACCIMA) and Ms. Omotayo Olawum Adeola, Honourable Commissioner of

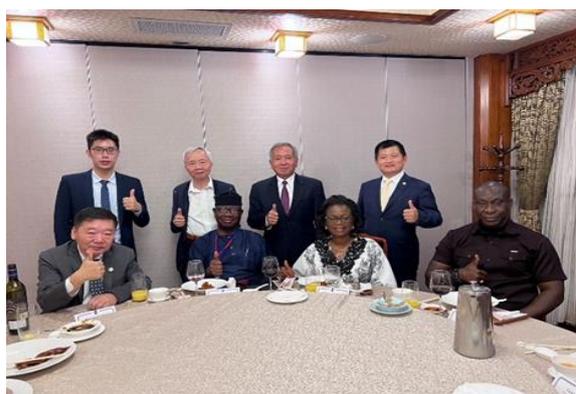
Ministry of Trade and Investment, Ekiti State Government paid a courtesy call on CIECA and was received by Mr. Jeff Sun, Vice Chairman of CIECA on November 6, 2023. The atmosphere of the meeting was warm. The two sides discussed economic and trade issues and exchanged views extensively on cooperation between Taiwan and Nigeria. CIECA and NACCIMA have held three bilateral meetings in the past. In the second and third meetings, CIECA organized a delegation visiting Nigeria. CIECA wishes NACCIMA can organize in the near future a delegation to visit Taiwan for holding a conference to discuss the topic of Taiwan- Nigeria industries cooperation. Director General Obadimu said that he was happy to see the resumption of the bilateral meeting between CIECA and NACCIMA.

After the meeting, CIECA Vice Chairman Sun held a welcome dinner for the Nigerian delegation at Jiang Nanchun on the third floor of the Howard Plaza Hotel in Taipei in furtherance of interactions between

the two associations on November 7, 2023.



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Ivorian Federation of Small and Medium Enterprises Visited CIECA on November 6, 2023

Mr. Kanigui Ouattara, Chairman of Ivorian Federation of Small and

Medium Enterprises; Ms. Ange Gbongue, Managing Partner of General Confederation of Ivory Coast Companies; and Mr. Kouakou Germain Yao, Director of Studies and Economic Information of Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Ivory Coast visited CIECA on November 6, 2023. The meeting was received by Mr. Jeff Sun, Vice Chairman of CIECA.

CIECA invited Taiwanese manufacturers having interest in seeking commercial opportunities with Ivory Coast to the meeting to interact with the Ivorian Federation of Small and Medium Enterprises to enhance mutual understanding and facilitate future cooperation between the two sides.



A group photo from left: Ms. Ange Gbongue, Managing Partner of General Confederation of Ivory Coast Companies (bottom left 2); Mr. Kanigui Ouattara, Chairman of Ivorian

Federation of Small and Medium Enterprises (bottom left 3); Mr. Kouakou Germain Yao, Director of Studies and Economic Information of Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Ivory Coast (bottom right 1) °

Mr. Bruno Hromy, Representative of Slovak Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei Visited CIECA

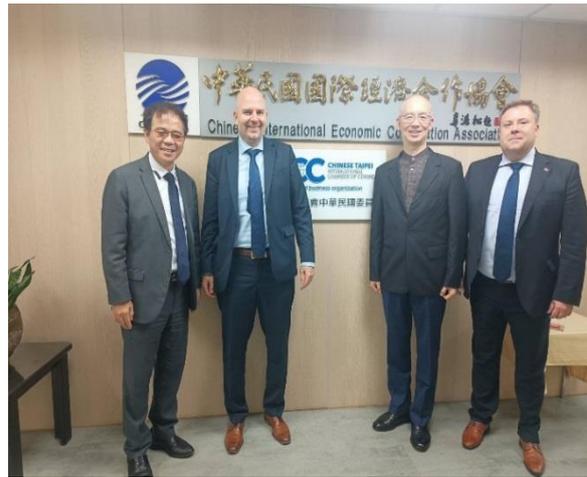
Mr. Bruno Hromy, Representative of Slovak Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei and Mr. Miroslav Fašung, Partner of BBH (a well-known law firm in Slovakia) visited CIECA and received by Mr. James Chiao, Chairman of Smart City Committee, CIECA and Mr. Tito Tang, Director of CIECA on November 16, 2023.

This is the first ever visit to Taiwan for Mr. Fašung. He was invited to participate in activities to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of Slovak Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei. During the meeting, Representative Hromy mentioned that “Taiwanese manufacturers have made many investments in Slovakia, playing an important role in local economy.” Having been practicing laws for more than 20 years, Mr.

Miroslav Fašung specializes in mergers and acquisitions (M&A) transactions for local and international clients and joint venture capital projects across multiple sectors and industries, which cover the business of making legal consultations, reviewing transaction documents, and managing negotiation.

BBH is a renowned law firm with international influence, specializing in legal consulting services for various industries, such as energy, environment and waste, legal rights in construction and new power distribution, optical fiber networks, etc. During the meeting, the two sides also mentioned about the bidding cases in the field of smart city technology.

Mr. Jeremy Yu, Coordinator, Smart City Promotion Team, Taipei Computer Association joined the meeting and introduced the “Smart City Forum and Exhibition in March 2024,” together with the foreign business registration and subsidy measures to attend the above said Forum and Exhibition. The two sides ended the conversation in a harmonious atmosphere.



A group photo: Mr. James Chiao, Chairman of Smart City Committee, CIECA (right 2); Mr. Bruno Hromy, Representative of Slovak Economic and Cultural Office, Taipei (right 1); Mr. Miroslav Fašung, Partner of BBH (left 2) and Mr. Tito Tang, Director of CIECA (left 1).

CIECA Attended the Polish National Day Reception on November 15, 2023

CIECA Secretary General Frank Wu led his colleagues to attend the Polish National Day Reception at Regent Taipei on November 15, 2023. During the event, Mr. Cyryl Jacek Kozaczewski, Director of Polish Office in Taipei and Dr. Jaushieh Joseph Wu, ROC Minister of Foreign Affairs were invited to deliver speeches respectively. They both invited guests to a toast for the Polish National Day. The crowd gathered at the scene, in-

cluding Mr. Chen Chern-Chyi, Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs; Mr. Tsai Ching-Hsiang, Minister of Justice, and Mr. Vincent C. H. Yao, Director-General, Department of European Affairs, MOFA were present to deliver congratulatory remarks on that occasion.

“In recent years, the relations have continued to deepen between Poland and Taiwan and the cooperation have been developed in semiconductors and hydrogen energy. We have also seen ministerial-level visits of economic, trade, scientific, and cultural delegations from our two countries, and we look forward to establishing more sister-city cooperation between the two countries in the future,” said Director Kozaczewski.



A group photo for Mr. Frank Wu, Secretary General of CIECA (right); Mr. Caryl Jacek Kozaczewski, Director of Polish Office in

Taipei (middle) and Mrs. Iwona Kozaczewska (left).

CIECA Attended the “New Generation Belgium Conference & Belgian King’s Day” on November 15, 2023

At the invitation of the Belgian Office in Taipei, CIECA attended “Next Generation Belgium Conference & Belgian King’s Day Reception” held on November 15, 2023. The Conference invited Belgian manufacturers to introduce a few world-leading projects being currently undertaken in Belgium, including the world’s first artificial energy island, offshore photovoltaic, offshore wind farms, rechargeable battery recycling, medical waste treatment equipment, micro-hydropower generation, etc., portraying an accelerated transition to a sustainable future. During the reception, Mr. Tien Chung-Kwang, Deputy Foreign Minister was invited to deliver a congratulatory message. Many other dignitaries as well as foreign ambassadors and representatives were present on that occasion. The scene was very lively.



A group photo for Mr. Matthieu Branders, Director of the Belgian Office in Taipei (left); Mr. Tien Chung-Kwang, Deputy Foreign Minister (middle); and Mr. Frank Wu, Secretary General of CIECA.

CIECA Attended the Reception for the 53rd National Day of Sultanate Oman on November 21

CIECA was invited by Mr. Mohammed Muslem Said Al Baraami, Director of Commercial Office of the Sultanate of Oman in Taiwan to the reception for the 53rd National Day of Sultanate Oman at Howard Hotel in Taipei on November 21, 2023. During the reception, Mr. Remus Li-Kuo Chen, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, was invited to deliver congratulatory remarks. Many other dignitaries as well as foreign ambassadors and representatives were present on that occasion.



A group photo for Mr. Mohammed Muslem Said Al Baraami, Director, Commercial Office of the Sultanate of Oman in Taiwan and Mr. Mike Hung, Vice Chairman of CIECA.

Indonesia Night Was Held in Taipei on November 22

The Indonesian Economic and Trade Representative Office in Taipei held an “Indonesia Night-Unity in Diversity, Embracing the Connection” event at the Grand Mayfull Hotel Taipei on November 22, 2023. Guests from political and business circles were invited to attend this event. Dr. Roy Chun Lee, Deputy Foreign Minister was the guest of honor on that day. CIECA Chairman Henry Chih-Shang Kao, Secretary General Frank Wu and colleagues were also present. The Indonesia Night provided traditional Indonesian singing and dancing performances. The atmosphere was warm and enjoyable.

Mr. Iqbal Shoffan Shofwan, Representative of Indonesian Economic and Trade Office in Taipei, delivered a speech and said that Indonesia has played an active role in international affairs, having served as the G20 presidency in 2022 and the rotating chair of ASEAN in 2023.

“It is expected that Indonesia will become the fourth largest economy in the world after China, India, and the United States by 2045. The bilateral trades between Taiwan and Indonesia have also grown significantly in the past five years,” Representative Shoffan Shofwan said.

Deputy Minister Roy Chun Lee said that more than 16,600 Indonesian students came to Taiwan to study, making it the second largest source of international students in Taiwan.

Beyond that, the number of Indonesian migrant workers in Taiwan exceeds 267,000, contributing significantly to Taiwan's economy and making it the largest source of migrant workers. “It is hoped that Taiwan and Indonesia will cooperate with each other in many more fields in the fu-

ture,” Deputy Foreign Minister Lee noted.



A group photo from left: Mr. Frank Wu, Secretary General of CIECA; Mr. and Mrs. Iqbal Shoffan Shofwan, Representative of Indonesian Economic and Trade Office in Taipei; Ms. Muse Wu, Director of CIECA.

Upcoming Events of CIECA

Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Forum: Netherlands, Switzerland on December 18, 2023

To help Taiwanese companies understand the trends of the development of international hydrogen energy and fuel cell industry and explore opportunities for industrial cooperation between Taiwan and Europe, CIECA will organize “the Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Forum: Netherlands and Switzerland,” at Room 201BC of the Taipei International Convention Center at

3:30 p.m. on December 18, 2023. The forum will invite industry experts from Taiwan, The Netherlands and Switzerland to describe their own hydrogen and fuel cell industry outlook. It will also introduce World Hydrogen 2024 Summit & Exhibition and related visit arrangements. Those who are interested in this forum are welcome to sign up and the deadline for registration is December 13, 2023.