

## **CIECA Newsletter**

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## **Monthly Event Summary**

Taiwan-Africa Business Association Held "The 17<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary Celebration Party" on January 8

The Taiwan-Africa Business Association (TABA) held "The 17<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary Celebration Party" at the Palais de Chine Hotel on January 8, 2024. The party was hosted by Mr. Lin Yuan, Chairman of the Taiwan-Africa Business Association. During his speech, he welcomed the distinguished guests to attend the party and hoped that all guests could find business opportunities in Africa.

Mr. Hu Cheng-Hao, Ambassador on Home Assignment of MOFA; H.E. Ambassador Promise Sithembiso Msibi of the Kingdom of Eswatini; Mr. Simon Wang, President & CEO of TAITRA; and Mr. Frank Wu, Secretary General of CIECA were invited to attend the party. Forty tables opened and all seats were occupied.



A group photo for the 17<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary Celebration Party held by Taiwan Africa Business Association.

## CIECA Attended the Reception of the 220<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Independence of Haiti on January 11

At the invitation of the Embassy of the Republic of Haiti to the ROC, CIECA attended the 220<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Independence of Haiti on January 11, 2024. In his speech, H.E. Ambassador Roudy Stanley Penn thanked the Taiwanese government and people for their long-term support to Haiti. During his three-year tour of duty in Taiwan, Ambassador Penn actively promoted the two countries' exchanges -- through Taiwanese political and business circles' assistance, too, -- in the fields of economy, trade, culture, education, science, and technology despite the challenges of the pandemic of COVID. He emphasized that the two countries will continue to deepen their friendship based on the values of solidarity, freedom, and co-Vice Minister operation. Remus Li-Kuo Chen of Foreign Affairs was invited to deliver a speech as a distinguished guest. He conveyed sincere congratulations of the government and people of the ROC for the 68th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between ROC and Haiti. "The two countries have worked together for many years in cooperation in areas such as infrastructure, education, agriculture, public health, and women's empowerment and have achieved fruitful results. We also thanked the Haitian government for its firm support for Taiwan's participation in international organizations," Vice Minister Chen said.

Mr. Mike Hung and Mr. Jeff Sun, both Vice Chairmen of CIECA received certificates of appreciation from the Embassy of Haiti to the ROC at the 220<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Independence of Haiti, for thanking them for their contribution to promoting the friendship between Taiwan and Haiti.



Mr. Mike Hung, Vice Chairman of CIECA (right) accepted certificates of appreciation from H.E. Ambassador Roudy Stanley Penn of Haiti (left) and Vice Minister Remus Li-Kuo Chen of Foreign Affairs (middle).



A group photo for Mr. Frank Wu, Secretary General of CIECA (left 1) and H.E. Ambassador of Haiti Roudy Stanley Penn (left 2).

## CIECA Attended "2024 Celebrating the Republic Day of India" on January 22

At the invitation of the India Taipei Association, CIECA attended "2024 Celebrating the Republic Day of India" on January 22, 2024.

During the event, Mr. Manharsinh Yadav, Director General of the India Taipei Association, congratulated for Taiwan's recent successful completion of a democratic election, reflecting its highly developed democratic system. Director General Manharsinh Yadav pointed out that under the "New India" vision initiated by Indian Prime Minister Modi, many large Taiwanese investors in India have benefited from manufacturing incentives such as "Made in India" and the "Production Linkage Incentive Program" policies. The people-to-people exchanges have also continued to deepen in the past few years. "Taiwan has already been an active place for many Indian students to study. There are currently more than 3.000 Indian students in Taiwan. The bilateral relationship between India and Taiwan is built on shared democratic values and strong industrial mutual benefit and complementarity. Together, both countries will surely develop further in the future," Mr. Yadav mentioned.

Dr. Jaushieh Joseph Wu, Minister of Foreign Affairs was invited to deliver a speech as a distinguished guest. He pointed out that Taiwan opened an economic and cultural office in Mumbai last year, which will facilitate bilateral people-to-people exchanges. He also expressed hope to restart the direct flights between Taipei and New Delhi in the not distant future. "India will play an even more important role in the Indo-Pacific region. Taiwan and India will, hopefully, continue to deepen cooperation in the fields of technology, medicine, and education for building a more resilient supply chain and cooperative relationship base upon a democratic partnership," Minister Wu further emphasized. Many other dignitaries as well as foreign ambassadors and representatives were present on that occasion. The scene was very lively.



Dr. Jaushieh Joseph Wu, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Mr. Manharsinh Yadav, Director General of the India Taipei Association, toasted to the peace and prosperity of Taiwan and India.



A group photo for Mr. Frank Wu (left), Secretary General of CIECA, Mr. Manharsinh Yadav (middle), Director General of the India Taipei Association and his wife (right).