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Monthly Event Summary

CIECA Held the Meeting for the 6th Session of the 6th Term of the Board of Directors and Supervisors Followed by A Networking Luncheon on April 26, 2023

CIECA held the Meeting for the 6th session of the 6th term of the Board of Directors and Supervisors at 4th floor of VIP Room at the Regent Taipei at 11:00 a.m. followed by a networking luncheon on April 26, 2023. Ms. Lien Yu-Ping, Director General, Department of International Cooperation and Economic Affairs, MOFA and Mr. Hsiao Chun, Economic Counsellor, Bureau of Foreign Trade, MOEA were invited to deliver greetings respectively. During the meeting, Chairman Henry Kao expressed his gratitude to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Bureau of Foreign Trade of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, and CIECA's board directors and supervisors for their consistent support.

Chairman Kao also mentioned that in the post-pandemic era CIECA will still maintain close contact and cooperation with its counterparts, Taiwan's representative offices overseas, and foreign countries' representative offices in Taipei. As a matter of fact, physically-or-online present bilateral meetings have been held in the past few years.

In the first half of this year, as the pandemic eased and countries gradually relaxed their border policies, CIECA has planned to hold the 47th Joint Conference of ROC-Korea and Korea-Taiwan Business Councils, Canada-Taiwan Business Network Forum, and the Taiwan & EU Business Networking Reception. CIECA also plans to organize the "2023 Taiwan Economic and Trade Delegation to Poland, Hungary and Luxembourg from June 13 to June 30" and to attend the "13th World Chambers Congress in Geneva, Switzerland from

June 21 to June 23. “I trust that all directors and supervisors will fully support the enthusiastic activities organized by CIECA.” Chairman Kao said.

A networking luncheon was held after the meeting, three newly appointed foreign representatives in Taipei were invited to the meeting, namely Mr. Peter Sand, Director of the Trade Council of Denmark; Mr. Iqbal Shoffan Shofwan, Representative of the Indonesian Economic and Trade Office, and Mr. Anders Wollter, Representative of the Swedish Trade & Invest Council. Chairman Kao expressed his hope that all representatives can successfully promote the substantive relations between Taiwan and their respective countries during their tours of duty in Taiwan. He also hoped that the guests attending the meeting could take this opportunity to exchange their views and expertise with those representatives stationed in Taiwan to promote bilateral trade.



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Mr. Frank Wu, Secretary General of CIECA presented a work report during the 6th Session of the 6th Term of the Board of Directors and Supervisors.



Ms. Lien Yu-Ping, Director General, Department of International Cooperation and Economic Affairs, MOFA (left) and Mr. Hsiao Chun, Economic Counsellor, Bureau of Foreign Trade, MOEA (right) were invited by CIECA to deliver greetings during the meeting.



Mr. Peter Sand, Director of the Trade Council of Denmark in Taipei (left); Mr. Iqbal Shoffan Shofwan, Representative of the Indonesian Economic and Trade Office in Taipei (middle); and Mr. Anders Wollter, Representative of the Swedish Trade & Invest Council in Taipei (right) were invited by CIECA to deliver greetings during the networking luncheon.

CIECA Visited the German Trade Office in Taipei to Discuss the 21st Taiwan-Germany Joint Business Council Meeting

Mr. Frank Wu, Secretary General of CIECA and Mr. Tito Tang, Director of CIECA led colleagues from the European Department to visit with Mr. Axel Limberg, Executive Director of German Trade Office in Taipei and Ms. Linda Blechert, Head of Governmental Affairs & GTO German Business Alliance on the morning of April 11, 2023. The two sides exchanged opinions on the development of semiconductor industry and smart machinery industry as well as discussion of the plan for the 21st Tai-

wan-Germany Joint Business Council Meeting.

The German Trade Office in Taipei stated that during the visit of Mr. Bettina Stark-Watzinger, German Federal Minister of Education and Research (BMBF), to Taiwan last March, he focused on seeking Taiwan-Germany cooperation on semiconductors, hydrogen energy, and so on. Indeed, Taiwan plays a pivotal role in the global semiconductor supply chain, yet high-end chips are indispensable for Germany's strong automobile and machinery industries. This mutually supplementary character demonstrates that there is room for cooperation on technological industries between Germany and Taiwan.

The “21st Taiwan-Germany Joint Business Council Meeting” will be held in Berlin, Germany in September this year after a three-year hiatus. Since Germany is the country with the largest Taiwanese investment and trade values in Europe, particularly a hot spot for Taiwanese semiconductor companies to make investment, the two sides agreed that this year's meeting will focus on the main theme of semiconductor industry and “Sup-

ply Chain Resilience.” It is hoped that through this Joint Business Council Meeting closer bilateral economic and trade cooperation between Taiwan and Germany will be advanced.



A group photo: Mr. Frank Wu, Secretary General of CIECA (left 4); Mr. Tito Tang, Director of CIECA (left 2); Mr. Axel Limberg, Executive Director of German Trade Office, Taipei (right 4); Ms. Linda Blechert, Head of Governmental Affairs & GTO German Business Alliance (left 3).

CIECA Attended the Dutch King's Day 2023 Reception on April 25

The Netherlands Office in Taipei held the King's Day 2023 Reception at the One in Taipei 101 to celebrate King Willem-Alexander's birthday. On behalf of the CIECA, Chairman Henry Kao, Secretary General Frank Wu and Director Tito Tang were invited to attend the event on April 25, 2023.

During the event, Mr. Guido Tielman, Representative of the Netherlands Office in Taipei, said in his welcome speech that “On the King’s Day there are many celebration activities held in the Netherlands such as songs and dance performances, parades, game competitions, and the flea markets. It is just like a national giant garden fair.” During the evening event, many guests wore orange clothing or accessories, making the reception even more shining.

At the reception, an exhibition of “A Floral Journey through Dutch Masters’ Painting from 16th to 21st century” was held too. Mr. AJ Schep, a current Dutch florist, used flowers to reproduce many Dutch artists’ (from 16th to 21st century) classic works including Van Gogh's Sunflowers and Jan Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring.



A group photo from left to right: Mr. Tien Chung-kwang, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Guido Tielman, Representative of the Netherlands Office in Taipei.

Upcoming Events of CIECA

“From Mines to Mobility: Canada-Taiwan Business Network-Forum on Critical Minerals” Will be Held on May 10, 2023

To strengthen Taiwan-Canada enterprise-government-academia exchanges for learning more about two-country industries’ latest development, CIECA has held “Canada-Taiwan Business Network Meeting” twice in cooperation with Bureau of Foreign Trade (BOFT), MOEA and Canadian Trade Office in Taipei (CTOT).

In recent years, mining products have caught more and more attention in the global market. Canada has rich and diverse critical minerals, which can stably provide its partners with long-term needs, while Taiwan has technologies and market demand for mining products. Therefore, both provide each other good opportunity for cooperation.

CIECA, Bureau of Foreign Trade (BOFT), MOEA, and Canadian Trade Office in Taipei (CTOT) will hold the “Canada-Taiwan Business Network Forum on Critical Minerals” from

8:40 a.m. to 12:00 noon at East Gate of Shangri-La's Far Eastern Plaza Hotel in Taipei on May 10, 2023. The Forum will invite Canadian speakers and Taiwanese experts and industrialists to conduct on-site and online seminars. Relevant business associations, experts, and representatives from industries will participate in the forum to seek business opportunities.

CACCI President's Visit to Taiwan from May 17 to 18

The delegation of the Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CACCI) is scheduled to visit Taiwan from May 17 to May 18. This has been the first time for Mr. Peter McMullin AM, president of CACCI to lead a delegation to visit abroad since he was elected last year. The delegation consisting of 19 people from Australia, Iran, Pakistan, Georgia, Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, and other countries will call on Ministry of Economic Affairs, National Development Council, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chinese National Association of Industry and Com-

merce, Taiwan (CNAIC), MiTAC Information Technology Corp., Delta Electronics Industry Co., Ltd., Business Development Research Institute, Importers and Exporters Association of Taipei (IEAT), etc. Kao Chih-Shang, Chairman of CIECA, is the vice president of CACCI will host a luncheon for the visiting group on May 18.

Taiwan & EU Business Networking Reception Will Be Held on May 30

CIECA and ECCT will be held the "Taiwan & EU Business Networking Reception" at 6:30 p.m. on May 30, 2023. This networking reception, combining with EU Innovation Week, is to welcome the delegation of DG GROW of the European Commission to Taiwan.

2023 Taiwan Economic and Trade Delegation Will Visit Poland, Hungary and Luxembourg

CIECA is scheduled to organize the "2023 Taiwan Economic and Trade Delegation to Poland, Hungary and Luxembourg" from June 19 to 30,

2023. Mr. Robert Ou Young, the Vice Chairman of CIECA and the Chairman of ANKO Food Machine Co., Ltd., serves as the head of the delegation. The delegation focuses on visiting “Food Processing/Food Machinery,” “Green Energy/Energy Storage/Electric Vehicle),” “Smart City/ICT,” and other industries to strengthen technical cooperation and sales expansion with the above-mentioned countries as well as create business opportunities for cooperation between Taiwan and the said countries. Please register to join the delegation for seeking business opportunities. For details, please refer to our website: <https://reurl.cc/V8ok2y>.