

SYMPOSIUM

“New Trends in the Relations between Taiwan and China and Implications for Slovenia”

1st December 2009 (Tuesday)

Background

As the Nationalist Party (KMT) regained control of the Republic of China (Taiwan) government in May 2008, tensions with Beijing have been greatly reduced and cross-Strait relations have visibly moved forward. The resumption of negotiations between the two governments across the Strait has brought about a new stage of relationship that not merely affects the two sides of the Strait but carries important implications around the globe. Commercial considerations and the imperative for stability and a secure environment in East Asia are the two most imminent issues that draw direct international concern. The symposium will address the new trends in cross-Strait relations and focus on new opportunities and challenges for Slovenia's exchanges with Taiwan.

Symposium language: English

Symposium Venue: Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Aškerčeva 2, 1000 Ljubljana

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Organization:

Taiwan Research Center in cooperation with
the Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana
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Program schedule

Faculty of Arts, Main Hall

12.00 **Photo Exhibition “Impressions of Taiwan” – Opening ceremony and an official announcement of the newly established Taiwan Research Center**

Welcoming Remarks

- **Dr. Saša Istenič, President, Taiwan Research Center**
- **Prof. dr. Frančiška Trobevšek Drobnak, Pro-Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana**
- **Mr. Robin Yun-pin Lu, Director, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO), Cultural Division**

12.30 **Lunch Break**

Faculty of Arts, The Blue Room (526)

13.00 - 15.00 **Symposium**

Opening address

- **Dr. Saša Istenič, President, Taiwan Research Center**

Slovenia-Taiwan academic and cultural exchanges

- **Prof. dr. Jana Rošker, Chair, Department of Asian and African Studies**
- **Director Robin Yun-pin Lu, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO), Cultural Division**
- **Dr. Peter Tomaž Dobrila, Director-General, Ministry of Culture (to be confirmed)**

Slovenia-Taiwan economic exchanges

- **Ms. Nataša Turk, Area Director, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia – CCIS, Centre for Competitiveness**
- **Mr. Borut Ovsenek, Director, Eurasia trade trgovina d.o.o.**

Slovenia-Taiwan political exchanges

- **Dr. Peter Verlič, Deputy, National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia**

New trends in cross-Strait relations and implications for Slovenia

- **Prof. dr. Mitja Saje, Department of Asian and African Studies**
- **Dr. Saša Istenič, President, Taiwan Research Center**

Discussion and concluding remarks