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RNC concludes: DPP thanks Taiwanese Diplomatic Corps for its tremendous support



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The 2024 Republican National Convention concluded on July 18th with Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump delivering the keynote nomination speech, stating his commitment to “Make America Great Again.” A cross-party delegation from Taiwan, including DPP Chairman’s Special Assistant Chen Min-jen (陳明真), New Taipei City Councilor Chen Nai-yu (陳乃瑜), Kaohsiung City Councilor Chiu Chun-Hsien (邱俊憲), Director of the DPP Youth Department Juan Chun-ta (阮俊達), and Director of the DPP Mission in the United States Sun-wen Iris Shaw (蕭舜文), participated in the event. They experienced the enthusiastic atmosphere at the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee and seized the opportunity to expand Taiwan's diplomatic space on-site.

Iris Shaw, director of the DPP Mission in the United States, noted that Trump's speech attempted to call for unity besides his own campaign language. Trump stressed that he was running for president for the entire nation, calling for healing the societal divisions and uniting under a shared destiny. The speech largely echoed the Republican Party's 2024 platform, advocating for reducing inflation, creating job opportunities, and ensuring border security. On international issues, Trump mentioned the looming conflict over Taiwan and in Asia, speaking on the competition with China and how to address it. Shaw observed that during the four-day convention, China was one of the most frequently mentioned keywords, reflecting the Republican Party's consistent stance on actively responding to competition from China. She also noted the support for Taiwan is bipartisan and genuine among the American people that the delegation interacted with.

The delegation also took the opportunity to visit former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs Marie Royce and Joanne Young, sister of former AIT Taipei Office Director Stephen Young, both Republican National Convention delegates. In the evening, they interacted with delegates from various U.S. states at the convention. Joanne Young, a member of the party platform committee, reaffirmed the Republican Party's firm support for Taiwan. Shaw responded that the deterrence strategy of "peace through strength," along with enhancing defense and infrastructure, are priorities for future Taiwan-U.S. cooperation. Royce mentioned that she has visited Taiwan more than ten times, and both she and her husband, former Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Ed Royce, are very fond of and supportive of Taiwan. They are pleased to see Taiwan forming a cross-party delegation – from the DPP, KMT, and TPP – to observe the U.S. election. This united effort to deepen Taiwan-U.S. relations is a demonstration of solidarity.

Delegation leader and DPP Chairman's Special Assistant Chen Min-jen stated that the four-day Republican National Convention concluded smoothly, and that the observation trip was fruitful. The efforts of the frontline diplomatic team in cultivating Taiwan-U.S. relations were clearly evident. Chen Min-jen conveyed President Lai Ching-te's appreciation, acknowledging the hard work of Ambassador Alexander Tah-ray Yui and the entire staff of the Taipei Economic and Cultural

Representative Office in the United States.

On July 19th, the delegation will head to Chicago to interact with the local Taiwanese community. In mid-August, the 2024 Democratic National Convention will be held in Chicago, during which the DPP will again dispatch members as part of a cross-party delegation organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to continue efforts in deepening Taiwan-U.S. relations and sharing democratic experiences.

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