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The second day of the Taiwan 2024 DNC Observation Delegation's visit commenced with a visit to the University of Illinois, where comprehensive discussions were held on technological exchanges, educational research, and the application of technology in medicine. Subsequently, the delegation participated in the Chicago Global Affairs Seminar.

Kaohsiung City Councilor Tang Yung-yu (湯詠瑜) of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) mentioned the UI system's close collaborations with Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung Medical University, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, and National Tsing Hua University, the latter two planning to establish campuses in Kaohsiung. These partnerships, nurtured through grassroots interactions, have the potential to foster long-term and extensive collaborative relationships, particularly in the realm of education, contributing to furthering Kaohsiung's evolution toward high-tech, smart medical care, and digital city development.

In the afternoon, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized a "Friends of Taiwan" reception, attended by over 40 U.S. Democratic Party friends, including Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO). During her remarks, Speaker Emerita Pelosi reaffirmed the bipartisan and bicameral consensus to support Taiwan, expressing optimism for advancing Taiwan-U.S. economic and trade relations.

Later in the evening, the delegation returned to the DNC at the United Center, where they were apprised by keynote speeches delivered by former President Barack Obama and former First Lady Michelle Obama. The event exuded an intensified atmosphere. DPP Central Executive Committee member Lee Yen-hui (李妍慧) observed a larger second-day crowd and both Obamas delivered compelling speeches continually advocating for voter participation. The campaign slogans of the DNC event were different every day but closely aligned with the election theme. The delegation also engaged with numerous supportive friends and was warmly welcomed by many members of Congress. The DPP delegation seized this opportunity to observe the election while actively partaking in diplomatic efforts to advance the U.S.-Taiwan ties.



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