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Event Highlights: "Lai Ching-te: Shaping Taiwan's Political Landscape and Global Strategy"



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We are pleased to share that on June 18, 2024, the DPP US Mission participated in a significant event co-hosted by US Taiwan Watch and Formosan Association for Public Affairs - DC Chapter (FAPA DC Chapter). The event, titled "Lai Ching-te: Shaping Taiwan's Political Landscape and Global Strategy," provided a platform

for robust discussions on Taiwan's evolving political landscape and its global strategy under the new administration of President Lai Ching-te. President Lai, a seasoned statesman of Taiwan, has been instrumental in shaping Taiwan's political landscape and global strategy.

This engaging panel discussion moderated by **Anny Hsiao**, Executive Director of FAPA, attracted around 40 attendees, including policy professionals, scholars, and international journalists, all keen to delve into Taiwan's future policy directions.

Key Takeaways from the Event

Opening Remarks by **Iris Shaw**, Director of DPP US Mission:

In her opening remarks, Iris Shaw underscored Taiwan's remarkable achievements in the international arena over the past eight years, attributing these successes to the changing geopolitical landscape and Taiwan's vibrant democracy and economy. Shaw reiterated President Lai's dedication to continuing President Tsai Ing-wen's cross-strait and foreign policy, upholding democratic values, and fostering alliances with regional partners in close coordination with the U.S. "lattice" Asia strategy. She highlighted the critical importance of these policies in countering China's increasing aggression, ranging from military pressure, gray zone operations, and cognitive warfare. She expressed optimism that democratic nations will continue to support Taiwan's efforts to maintain regional stability and democracy.

Panel Discussions:

Michael Fonte, Senior Advisor of DPP US Mission:

Michael shared his experiences from Taiwan's martial law period, highlighting the Democratic Progressive Party's roots in fighting oppression. He elaborated on Lai's "National Project of Hope," a comprehensive policy initiative, which aims to reconnect with young voters by addressing issues like inequality, rising living costs, and the difficulties of starting families. He emphasized the administration's efforts to promote a "just society" and a "sustainable future."

William Yang, Freelance Correspondent from Voice of America:

William provided insights based on his observations in Taiwan, stressing the need for the DPP to better communicate with young voters and address their concerns. He noted the importance of finding new ways to navigate Taiwan's complex political environment and gain support for the DPP's policy agenda

beyond just the "China" narrative.

Russell Hsiao, Executive Director of Global Taiwan Institute:

Russell discussed the diplomatic and security challenges faced by Lai's administration, particularly China's attempts to undermine Taiwan's international support. He analyzed Lai's inaugural address and emphasized the importance of the "Four Commitments" in maintaining Taiwan's sovereignty and countering Chinese aggression. He also touched upon the strategic implications of key cabinet appointments.

Moving Forward

We are grateful for the opportunity to participate in such an insightful event. It provided an excellent platform to discuss Taiwan's political and strategic future and reinforced the importance of our shared values and objectives.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to US Taiwan Watch, FAPA DC Chapter, the distinguished panelists, and all participants for making this event a success. We look forward to continuing our collaboration and dialogue on these critical issues.

For a detailed recap, welcome to [read the press release from US Taiwan Watch](#)
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[Link to the event video >>>](#)

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