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Chairperson Lai Ching-te Addresses Legislative Challenges, AI Innovation, and Cross-Strait Relations at DPP Headquarters

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The Democratic Progressive Party held its 64th Central Standing Committee meeting of the 20th term today (5th).

The following is an excerpt from Chairperson Lai Ching-te's speech:

"Thank you to the Legislative Yuan caucus. Everyone has worked very hard, facing the bills proposed jointly by the KMT and the TPP, which have caused much social doubt. The DPP's political inquiry is undoubtedly challenging. I hope our caucus colleagues understand that this will not be a one-time or two-time occurrence and will likely continue. In this situation, we must still face it seriously and rationally. The decisions made by the caucus are not for individuals, nor for the DPP, but for the future development of the entire country. I hope everyone understands that based on the overall national interest, we must unite and cooperate to face each challenge together...

"This is my first party congress as both President and party chairperson. I believe Taiwanese society is paying close attention. Besides doing our administrative work well, we also need to clearly and comprehensively communicate to society what the DPP's stance is in

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such a highly competitive situation. Stabilizing societal morale and ensuring Taiwan's continued progress is essential, especially as I must unite party representatives and party officials to work together.

"Recently, the 'Computex Taipei 2024' has attracted much attention, with heavyweight stars from the global technology industry coming to Taiwan, making Taiwan once again the international focus. Facing the opportunities of the fully intelligent era, we are at the center of the global artificial intelligence wave, and Taiwan must seize this opportunity. Yesterday, at the opening ceremony of the computer show, I also called on the business community to work together to make Taiwan an ' Artificial Intelligence
(AI) Island.'

"In the future, the government will guide through policies, fully backing manufacturer industries. We hope to combine the strengths of industry, government, and academia to continuously grow on our existing advantages, becoming a more robust global pillar and leading the development of the new AI era.

"Additionally, at the recent 'Shangri-La Dialogue' in Singapore, many countries openly expressed their concerns about the situation in the Taiwan Strait. I want to thank the international community for their continued attention to peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait. Taiwan will also continue to maintain trusting relationships and deepen cooperation with like-minded countries.

"Taiwan's consistent policy stance is committed to maintaining the status quo in the Taiwan Strait. As a responsible member of the international community, we will do our utmost to maintain peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait. I want to reiterate that Taiwan is willing to engage in cross-strait dialogue and exchanges for mutual benefit and shared prosperity. We urge China to shoulder the responsibility of maintaining peace jointly."

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