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Presidential Office Farewell Ceremony for President Tsai



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With May 20 approaching, President Tsai Ing-wen attended the "Presidential Office Farewell Ceremony" this morning and expressed her gratitude to her colleagues in the Presidential Office.

The following is excerpted from President Tsai's remarks:

"Thank you all for creating so many firsts together, providing better services for the people, and writing history with the people of Taiwan. We have promoted the overall development of the country. Compared to eight years ago, we have left behind a better Taiwan. If I were to leave a message for Taiwan, it would be, 'I hope Taiwan will be a united Taiwan.' We must have confidence in ourselves. As long as it is something good for the country, with our joint efforts, we can achieve it. It has been like this for the past eight years, and it will be the same in the future.

"In a few days, I will no longer be the one standing on this podium, and I won't need to use a teleprompter for my speeches anymore. Everyone will have the chance to see a different side of Tsai Ing-wen. I believe that under the leadership of President Lai Ching-te and Vice President Hsiao Bi-khim, we will continue to strive together and achieve even more remarkable and proud milestones. In the future, I will continue to move forward alongside everyone in different roles."

The following is excerpted from Vice President Lai's remarks:

"On the international stage, in the face of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, the impact of the US-China trade war, the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and ongoing pressure from China, President Tsai led Taiwan through these challenges. Not only has the international community recognized and affirmed Taiwan, but Taiwan has also stepped onto the center stage of the global arena.

"On domestic issues, when President Tsai took office in 2016, she faced numerous hot-button issues, such as pension reform, gender equality, economic transformation, energy transition, transitional justice, and military reform. President Tsai addressed each one, earning international recognition and support.

"During President Tsai's tenure, Taiwan's stock market saw significant growth, and the annual average economic growth rate exceeded 3.1% through the collective efforts of the entire nation, ranking first among the Four Asian Tigers. Additionally, President Tsai has always believed that the fruits of economic growth should be shared by all. Over the past eight years, she has continuously raised the minimum wage for workers and increased salaries for military, public, and educational personnel.

"I feel very honored and grateful for the opportunity to work alongside President Tsai during her administration, and I have learned a lot from

her. In a recent media interview, President Tsai mentioned four unfinished agendas: ensuring lasting peace across the Taiwan Strait, continuing cooperation with democratic countries, addressing young people's housing pressures, and resolving issues related to the labor insurance fund. The new government will continue to tackle these issues.

"President Tsai has already illuminated Taiwan and delivered an outstanding performance. I look forward to leading the new team in our joint efforts to make Taiwan shine even brighter on the international stage."

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