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President Tsai Addresses AmCham's 2017 Hsieh Nien Fan

President Tsai Ing-wen delivered the keynote address on her outlook on Taiwan-U.S. relations at AmCham Taipei's annual Hsieh Nien Fan banquet this evening at the Grand Hyatt Taipei. The purpose of the banquet is to thank Taiwan government officials, as well as local business leaders and scholars, for their constructive interaction with the foreign business community over the past year.

Also speaking at the dinner was American Institute in Taiwan Director Kin Moy. Both President Tsai and Director Moy highlighted Taiwan's track record in Intellectual Property (IP) protection and jointly announced that the United States has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Taiwan on IP enforcement.

This year's event, the 49th annual, was attended by more than 700 people, including some 130 government officials and other dignitaries.

In pre-dinner remarks, AmCham Taipei Chairman Albert Chang said: "We are grateful that we can always count on the willingness of Taiwan officials to listen to our concerns, discuss them candidly, and consider them carefully. That openness is one of the great strengths of Taiwan's business environment."

Chang also thanked the government of Premier Lin Chuan for recent steps to increase transparency and consultation in the rules-making process. He noted that the standard notice and comment period for new regulations has been increased from a mere 14 days to 60 days, government agencies are being reminded to adhere to that schedule, and a convenient online portal – join.gov.tw – has been established to facilitate communication with stakeholders on proposed regulatory changes. "AmCham Taipei heartily applauds these developments, which we believe will go a long way toward resolving many potential issues at an early stage," he said.

About AmCham Taipei

Founded in 1951, the American Chamber of Commerce in Taipei (AmCham Taipei) is a non-profit, non-partisan business organization dedicated to promoting the interests of international business in Taiwan. With around 1000 members from more than 500 companies and 26 committees representing various industry interests, AmCham speaks with collective authority on business issues as they affect its member companies operating in Taiwan.

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