

# SYMPOSIUM

## *“New Trends in the Relations between Taiwan and China and Implications for Slovenia”*

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 (Tuesday)**

### **Background**

As the Nationalist Party (KMT) regained control of the Republic of China (Taiwan) government in May 2008, tensions with Beijing have been greatly reduced and cross-Strait relations have visibly moved forward. The resumption of negotiations between the two governments across the Strait has brought about a new stage of relationship that not merely affects the two sides of the Strait but carries important implications around the globe. Commercial considerations and the imperative for stability and a secure environment in East Asia are the two most imminent issues that draw direct international concern. The symposium will address the new trends in cross-Strait relations and focus on new opportunities and challenges for Slovenia's exchanges with Taiwan.

**Symposium language:** English

**Symposium Venue:** Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Aškerčeva 2, 1000 Ljubljana

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### **Organization:**

**Taiwan Research Center** in cooperation with  
**the Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana**  
with the support of the **Taiwan Foundation for Democracy**, and the **Taipei Cultural and Economic Office, Vienna, Austria.**



## **Program schedule**

### Faculty of Arts, Main Hall

**12.00**            **Photo Exhibition “Impressions of Taiwan” – Opening ceremony and an official announcement of the newly established Taiwan Research Center**

#### **Welcoming Remarks**

- **Dr. Saša Istenič, President, Taiwan Research Center**
- **Prof. dr. Frančiška Trobevšek Drobnak, Pro-Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana**
- **Mr. Robin Yun-pin Lu, Director, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO), Cultural Division**

**12.30**            **Lunch Break**

### Faculty of Arts, The Blue Room (526)

**13.00 - 15.00**    **Symposium**

#### **Opening address**

- **Dr. Saša Istenič, President, Taiwan Research Center**

#### **Slovenia-Taiwan academic and cultural exchanges**

- **Prof. dr. Jana Rošker, Chair, Department of Asian and African Studies**
- **Director Robin Yun-pin Lu, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO), Cultural Division**
- **Dr. Peter Tomaž Dobrila, Director-General, Ministry of Culture (to be confirmed)**

#### **Slovenia-Taiwan economic exchanges**

- **Ms. Nataša Turk, Area Director, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia – CCIS, Centre for Competitiveness**
- **Mr. Borut Ovsenek, Director, Eurasia trade trgovina d.o.o.**

#### **Slovenia-Taiwan political exchanges**

- **Dr. Peter Verlič, Deputy, National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia**

#### **New trends in cross-Strait relations and implications for Slovenia**

- **Prof. dr. Mitja Saje, Department of Asian and African Studies**
- **Dr. Saša Istenič, President, Taiwan Research Center**

#### **Discussion and concluding remarks**