EU Strategies, Interventions and Future Prospects for Support to Indigenous Peoples in Taiwan

13.00 – 14.30
Wednesday, 28 November 2012
Room A3G-2, ASP Building, European Parliament, 60 Rue Wiertz, Brussels

Brussels, 23 November 2012 – In recent years, Taiwan has achieved a position as a model for the South-East Asia region in terms of its democratisation and minority rights record. The instrumental contribution of the island’s indigenous peoples in campaigning for greater recognition and representation is however often overlooked in discussions about Taiwan’s progress, despite offering a fascinating perspective on the island’s development. Discussion that fails to take into account this considerable contribution, therefore, can only ever offer partial insight into Taiwan’s successes.

This conference comes as talk about consolidating the already strong EU-Taiwan trade relationship into a free trade agreement has intensified. Amidst these prospects for Taiwan’s deepening international engagement, the island’s progress has illuminated opportunities to enhance the breadth of its developmental agenda, particularly where Taiwan’s aboriginal population is concerned.

To address the opportunities and available EU strategies to enhance the developmental prospects of Taiwan’s indigenous peoples therefore, Metin Kazak, MEP, will convene the conference “EU Strategies, Interventions and Prospects for Support to Indigenous Peoples in Taiwan” in the European Parliament, ASP room A3G-2, Brussels on 28 November 2012 from 13:00-14.30.

The conference will be opened by Dr Wan-li Wang, Deputy Representative for the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium. Along with several specialists from the EU, insights and recommendations will be provided by Ching-Hsin Yu (Taiwan Foundation for Democracy), Michael Danielsen (Taiwan Corner), Tsai Chih Wei (National Dong Hwa University), Yedda Palemeq (Council of Indigenous Peoples) and Kevin T Jackson (Daniel Janssen Chair in CSR, Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management).

By bringing together those actors from academia, NGOs and various institutions from Europe and Taiwan with a particular concern in promoting socially responsible EU external relations, the conference intends to direct future policy and priorities for the EU-Taiwan partnership.

More information on the conference is available from:

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