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

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Metin Kazak, MEP, will convene a conference entitled “EU Strategies, Interventions and Future Prospects for Support to Indigenous Peoples in Taiwan” at the European Parliament in Brussels on 28 November 2012 in collaboration with the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO). The contributions of the speakers will aim at identifying the available EU policies and instruments to promote a developmental agenda for the EU-Taiwan partnership that is sensitive to the interests of Taiwan’s indigenous population.

Ching Hsin Yu (Taiwan Foundation for Democracy) will remark upon the considerable indigenous contribution to Taiwan’s democritisation and development while Professor Tsai Chih Wei (National Dong Hwa University) will deliver legal perspective on the prospects for indigenous self-government. Proffering insight into Taiwan’s global position and involvement, Michael Danielsen (Taiwan Corner) will tackle the question of Taiwanese sovereignty and participation in international fora. Professor Kevin T Jackson (Solvay Business School) will highlight the significance of grassroots considerations for national and international corporate social responsibility agendas. Yedda Palemeq (Council of Indigenous Peoples) will report on the work of the Taiwanese CIP in giving voice to indigenous interests on the island and in forging a wider Austronesian alliance, and Joëlle Hivonnet (European External Action Service) will discuss the opportunities for advancing a human rights and developmental framework within the sphere of the growing EU-Taiwan trading partnership.

The timing of the conference is of particular salience in light of recent discussion about consolidating the EU-Taiwan trade partnership into a fully-fledged FTA. This conference aims to promote greater consideration and support for aboriginal concerns within the overarching framework of the EU’s economic relationship with Taiwan.

More information on the conference is available from: http://www.unpo.org/article/15125

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