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**Meeting Minutes**

Friday, August 1, 2008

Long Island Restaurant

Meeting called to order by President Hirobo Obeketang at 12:15 P.M. Approximately 50 members and guests were in attendance. The next regular meeting will be on Friday, September 12, 2008.

- **Minutes** – approved electronically prior to the meeting

- **Guests**

- Irojlaplap Imata Kabua, RMI Past President
- Iroj Kotak Loeak, Chairman Council of Iroj
- Tony deBrum, RMI Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Jack Ading, RMI Minister of Finance
- Dennis Momotaro, RMI Minister of Transportation and Communication
- Heran Bellu, RMI Postmaster General
- Casten Nemra, RMI Chief Secretary
- Cent Langidrik, Chairman Public Service Commission
- Wilson Hess, President College of the Marshall Islands
- Carmen Bigler, President Women United Together Marshall Islands
- Antari Elbon, Manager V7AB Manager
- Stanley Wottokna, Technician V7AB
- Taiwan Ambassador Bruce J. D. Linghu
- Representatives of the Taiwan Embassy
- Dr. Jason C. Hu, Mayor Taichung City Taiwan R.O.C.
- Director Taichung City Affairs
- Director Taichung City Accounting Office
- Director Taichung City Cultural Bureau
- Director Taichung City Environmental Protection Agency
- Director Taichung City Civic Affairs
- Taichung City official
- Secretary Taichung City Cultural Affairs
- Taichung Symphony Orchestra violist
- Taichung Symphony Orchestra cellist
- Taichung Symphony Orchestra violinist
- Taichung Symphony Orchestra violinist

- **Chamber President's opening remarks**

Deferred due to time constraints.

- **Bruce J. D. Linghu remarks**

Introduced Dr. Jason Hu.

Birth Date: May 15, 1948

Education:

LL.B.,1970, National Cheng-Chi University, Taipei, Taiwan.

M.SC.,1978, University of Southampton, England

D.Phil.,1984, Oxford University, England

Work Experience:

1991 Deputy Director of the First Bureau, Office of the President, Republic of China

1991 Director, General of Government Information Office

1996 Member, National Assembly

1996 R.O.C. Representative to U.S.A.

1997 Minister of Foreign Affairs

2000 Director General, The Culture & Communication Affairs Committee, Kuomintang (KMT) Party

2000 Deputy Secretary General, KMT

Current Position: Mayor, City of Taichung(Since 2001)

Honors:

1993 Best Government Spokesman Award

1994 The Top Ten Chinese Award

1996 Outstanding Professional Achievement Award

1997 Honorary Doctorate, University of Southampton, England

- **Taichung Symphony Orchestra Chamber Ensemble performance**

The Taichung City Symphony Orchestra is a young professional symphony orchestra consisting of 75 musicians established in 2003.

The first selection was written by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (A little night music)

The second selection was "Over the Rainbow" (sometimes mistakenly known as "Somewhere Over the Rainbow") - a song with music by Harold Arlen and lyrics by E.Y. Harburg. It was written in 1939 for the movie The Wizard of Oz, and it became Judy Garland's signature song.

An encore was performed – a contemporary jazz selection.

- **Dr. Jason Hu remarks**

Dr. Hu presented a PowerPoint showing the “face” of Taichung City. Taichung is the third largest city in Taiwan, R.O.C. The city proper has approximately one million inhabitants with another six million in the area surrounding the city. Taichung has become the cultural center of Taiwan. It hosts the country’s oldest park. Last year it was voted as the International City of the Year as a result of its culture and artistic endeavor. It is a “sister city” to Kwajalein. As such and under Dr. Hu’s administration, the emphasis is placed on cultural, business, and trade exchange coupled with investment. Taichung City’s motto is that the “earth is the platform, and the sky is the future.” Dr. Hu’s motto is that whereas we “can’t always be the best, we can be on the only one.”

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Minutes prepared by:

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