

Good evening sisters and brothers, I am Yu-En Wang, PCT youth delegate. With the Taiwan Isolation presentation delivered from the previous speaker. I will address on the slogan proposed by the government during the pandemic, “Taiwan can help and Taiwan is Helping” as a different approach of Taiwan’s situation.

- Taiwan is still facing political, economy, and military threats from the hostile neighbor. However, Taiwan has successfully developed a steady democratic society which has gone through 3 power shifts through national elections.

- According to the democracy index report from the Economist magazine, Taiwan was categorized in the “full democracy” spectrum with countries such as Norway, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Germany, Korea, Japan...and more.

- In 2016 and 2020 we elected Ing-wen Tsai, who is Taiwan’s very first female President to lead the government. This decision signifies that we Taiwan citizen’s will no longer back off when encountering threats from the Chinese Communist Party. As a global citizen, we will spend more time and efforts building stronger friendships with democratic allies and support countries in need with genuine friendship.

- To me “Taiwan can help” is presented in several perspectives “Democracy, Equality, Justice and Peace”

- Taiwan Can Help and Taiwan is Helping the regional Democracy Condition

- Taiwan learned from its’ painful history of how devastating and destructive consequences’ an authoritarian regime can cause. Taiwan has become a democratic, Free-loving society, as we are free to pursuit dreams and advocating human rights, equalities, and to speak up for justice and peace without being afraid of life threats and surveillances

- Back in 2014, the Sunflower Student Movement took place in protest of cross-Strait Service Agreement with the PRC. Such trade pact was led by the KMT party(a China-friendly party) and might undermine Taiwan economy and open a door for the CCP to penetrate Taiwan’s democracy.

- This movement encouraged people in Hong Kong during the 2014 Umbrella Movement as they stand up against the CCP decision and request for a transparent election and in the 2019 Anti-Extradition Law Movement as protestors suffered from extreme police violence, thousands were injured and arrested and some even lost their lives. Taiwan society is a strong supporter and a beacon of democracy for people in Hong Kong. During the movement, there was church in Taiwan that secretly supported Hong Kong students with protection equipment such as helmets, Respirator Masks. The church provide shelters and comfort for devastating Hong Kong friends.

- Taiwan Can Help_ Promoting Equality
 - In May 17th 2019, same-sex marriage was legalized in Taiwan. With more than 30 years of LGBTQ+ equality movements, Taiwan finally becomes the first Asian country that legalizes same sex marriage. This achievement serves as a sign of freedom and hope for Asian LGBTQ+ communities.
 - Taiwan helps, standing in solidarity with those who are struggling with their gender identity and those who stand up for their rights. Taiwan is helping and will deepen cultural exchanges with countries that respect Taiwan's sovereignty and share the belief of equality and prosperity.
- Taiwan Can Help_ Justice and Peace
 - Covid-19 rampaged the entire world for the past three years, all nations came together at the table of World Health Assembly carrying out the commitment of "Health for All" vision. However, since 2017 Taiwan has been excluded from the WHA due to opposition from Beijing. Taiwan was not approved as an observer in the 75th WHA held in May this year. With our painful lesson learned from the 2003 SARS outbreak, Taiwan can help by sharing these experiences. In fact, we did hold a forum sharing our experiences in Geneva, nearby the venue where WHA took place.
 - Taiwan produced some of the best quality medical masks in the world. Taiwan has supported over 10 million high quality masks to countries in Europe & the United States. Taiwan supports allied countries with masks, ventilators, infrared thermometer, and protective suits. These medical goods were sent to countries and regions in need of our support.
 - PCT raised around 1.4 million Taiwan dollars, and donate masks, medical resources for partner churches.
- Taiwan Can Help as We Stand in Solidarity with Ukraine
 - We felt deeply for brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Taiwan can be so relatable for neighboring an intrusive empire. Taiwan and many Eastern Europe countries such as Poland, Czechia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Romania, Hungary and East Asia countries and regions like Japan, Korea etc. we stand in solidarity against the expanding military, and economy colonization and threats from huge authoritarian empires.
 - Taiwan government started a fund-raising account in March 2nd (16 days after the war started) and in March 4th within 48 hours, the fund raised up to 129 million TWD (4.2 million eur). Till the closing of the fund raise account, there were a total 944,686,276 TWD (about 31,372,525 Euro) raised for the support of Ukraine.
 - PCT takes actions as well. Supporting Ukraine refugee ministries by raising

funds of 7.5million TWD(about 249,091 eur). The latest news just few days ago, in Aug 24th PCT had commissioned Taiwan Community Care Association to manufacture 154 medical beds that will be delivered to the Kiev, Ukraine in about 60 days. The day of shipment was coincidentally 8/24th , which is the Independence Day of Ukraine.

- Taiwan can help and Taiwan is Helping!
 - Taiwan is a reliable democratic partner, we are making genuine friends that share the common value of freedom, equality, justice and peace.
 - PCT has an important role in Taiwan society. PCT have the responsibility to discern the trend of the current society, to speak up for the marginalized as well as the weak, and to serve as an agent of peace and justice.
 - In the end, the idea of “Taiwan Can Help and Taiwan is Helping,” resonates with the teaching of Jesus Christ in book of Mark 12:31 “Love your neighbor as yourself.”
 - Taiwan can Help Taiwan is Helping