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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: MR. CLAYTON WONG, FISCAL OFFICER  
CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER TREVOR OZAWA 

SUBJECT: U.S. YOUNG LEADERS DELEGATION TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
(TAIWAN) TRIP REPORT

Pursuant to Resolution No. 16-274, I was selected to represent the Honolulu City Council and participate in the "2016 Young American Leaders Delegation" to visit Taiwan from November 13 to 19, 2016.

This is my trip report with details of my site visits and meetings with accompanying information about my trip to Taiwan.

**Meeting with Joseph Shih-chie Hua, Director-General, Department of Cultural & Educational Affairs, Mainland Affairs Council**

Discussed trade volume, GDP of Taiwan, and in his opinion the importance of TPP to Taiwan. We also discussed the relationship between Taiwan and mainland China, Director-General Hua explained his opinion to keep the status quo. Lastly, we also discussed gender equality in Taiwan and how the president of Taiwan is the first female president in the history of Taiwan.

**Meeting with Mayor Eric Liluan Chu, New Tapei City Government**

This was a meet and greet with Mayor Chu to talk about his city's infrastructure projects such as rail extensions, jobs, and education in his city.

**Meeting with Muzha Refuse Incineration Plant, Department of Environment Protection, Taipei City Government**

Toured the incineration plant and saw firsthand how the Taipei City Government disposes of its refuse.

### **Taiwan-USA Industrial Cooperation Promotion Office, Ministry of Economic Affairs**

Discussed how companies in the US can do business with Taiwan as well as with China. We also discussed the differences between Taiwan and mainland China such as intellectual property protection in Taiwan. Discussed how Taiwan has a strong foothold in the computer hardware industry but is expanding into the software arena.

### **Mr. Hua-tao Hsing, Chief Engineer, Department of Rapid Transit Systems, Taipei City Government**

Watched a presentation on the rapid transit systems in Taipei City Government and also learned about the history of the MRT. The government started their rail projects in 1987 and have now completed many miles of rail at a cost of about \$100 million/mile for steel on steel construction. The MRT officials stated that they are not sure that the \$100 million/mile figure is accurate but thought that was the estimate. Their point for the rail is for usage not for profit, but the government's role is to get cars off the road. Operation is separate from planning, designing and construction.

### **Tzu Chi Foundation**

Toured an impressive non-profit dedicated to help people in disasters and times of need. They provide international broadcasts and provide service similar to a Red Cross.

### **Tour of Songshan Culture and Creative Park**

Toured a Japanese built structure and park that is an innovative business incubator and artistic center.

### **Fulbright Taiwan, Foundation for Scholarly Exchange**

Discussed the Fulbright relationship between Taiwan and the US.

### **Mr. Jin-Siang Chen, Deputy Speaker, Taipei City Council**

Had a great meeting with the Deputy Speaker to discuss issues in the city and to discuss our similar problems and solutions between Taipei and our relative cities.

### **Mr. Sean Fogarty, President, American State Office's Association**

Great meeting continuing the discussion of how to build business relationships between the US and Taiwan.

### **Visit of Gogoro Taiwan Co., Ltd**

Site visit to an entrepreneurial venture related to mopeds. Battery powered mopeds, similar to the Tesla cars.

### **Visit – Taipei 101 Financial Tower**

Visited the tallest building in Taiwan and enjoyed a 360 degree view of Taipei from a very tall height of 1,600 feet.

**Visit – StartUP@ Taipei EXPO**

Walked through the StartUP @ Taipei Expo to see various new startup companies in Taiwan at a local convention center.

**Mr. Douglas Y.T. Hsu, Deputy Director General, Department of North American Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Had a good discussion of the MOFA issues in Taiwan and enjoyed a luncheon hosted by the Deputy Director General.

**Visit – Kaohsiung City Government**

Visited the Kaohsiung City government at the city hall. This is a sister city of Honolulu and they gave a great presentation on our relationship with them and we had a great discussion about the history of Kaohsiung and how it was a port city originally and still thrives as such.

**Visit – Tour Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum**

Toured the Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum.

**Tour: Kaohsiung Public Library and the Pier-2 Art Center**

Toured a very impressive sustainably built public library. It is one of the most impressive libraries both in cleanliness, design, and sustainability of the construction. It serves many people and is impeccable.

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# CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Traveler: Trevor Ozawa, Councilmember - District 4

*2016 American*

Event: Visit of the U.S. Young Leaders Delegation to the Republic of China (Taiwan)

Location: Taiwan

Dates: From November 13, 2016 To November 19, 2016

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	\$0.00	
2. Airfare	\$0.00	*Gifted Travel by Reso 16-274 adopted 11/2/16
3. Hotel	\$0.00	*Gifted Travel by Reso 16-274 adopted 11/2/16
4. Local Transportation & Meals	\$0.00	*Gifted Travel by Reso 16-274 adopted 11/2/16
5. Tips	\$0.00	
6. Other Expenses	\$0.00	
7. Other	\$0.00	
Other	\$0.00	
Other	\$0.00	
TOTAL COST OF THE TRIP	\$0.00	
REIMBURSEMENT DUE TO TRAVELER	\$0.00	

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:



Signature of Traveler

1/10/17

Date