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CHAIRMAN OF MAINLAND AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

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Taiwan has rapidly democratized since the early 1990s. However, most countries do not have formal diplomatic relations with the young democracy. “Our president is being treated like a criminal and that’s not fair to Taiwan,” Dr. Wu remarked. China’s economic coercion and military threats are all part of a scheme to marginalize the island nation, and the communist regime has not renounced its resolution to use military force against Taiwan. Dr. Wu pointed out that China currently deploys 820 missiles on its east coast, with plans to add 100 more annually.

Dr. Wu has served as the Chairman of the Mainland Affairs Council in Taiwan since 2004. He previously served as the Deputy Secretary-General to President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan from 2002 to 2004. Before becoming a government official, Dr. Wu was the Deputy Director at the Institute of International Relations, and an Adjunct Professor in the Political Science Department at Taiwan’s National Chengchi University.

Dr. Wu received his M.A. degree from the University of Missouri at St. Louis and Ph.D. degree in political science from the Ohio State University. He is an expert on Taiwan’s political development, cross-strait relations, and international relations. Some of his publications include: *Taiwan’s Democratization: Forces Behind the New Momentum* and *China Rising: Implications of Economic and Military Growth of the PRC*.

Admission to the event is free. The Taiwan Center is located at 3001 Walnut Grove Avenue, Rosemead.

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**陸委會吳釗燮簡報台灣的現況
美國福爾摩莎基金會暨台灣會館主辦演講會
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洛杉磯—美國福爾摩莎基金會及洛杉磯台灣會館基金會日前宣布，台灣行政院陸委會主委吳釗燮博士將於本月八日晚間七時在洛杉磯台灣會館演講，主題「台灣現況簡報—脆弱的民主需要您的支持」。LOS ANGELES—Dr. Jaushieh Joseph Wu, Chairman of the Mainland Affairs Council in Taiwan, will speak on “Taiwan’s Current Situation: A Fragile Democracy in Need of Your Help,” at 7:00 p.m. on September 8 at the Taiwan Center in Los Angeles. The event is co-sponsored by the Formosa Foundation and the Taiwan Center Foundation of Southern California.

美國福爾摩莎基金會執行長賈泰麗女士表示，「吳釗燮博士在學術界及台灣政界備受尊敬。這次他將分析台灣目前面臨的問題，探討台灣民主的成敗對美國所可能造成的影響。」

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有鑒於台灣所面臨的政治困境及來自中國的威脅，吳釗燮此行來美國華府及洛杉磯等地，向美國社會大眾闡述台灣的民主迫切需要美國的支持。

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台灣會館董事長陳文石先生對台灣現況表示關切，「面臨中國軍事及經濟不斷的威脅，台灣民心不安，台灣民主的永續面臨很大的危機。」

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吳釗燮出生於1954年的彰化大城鄉，高中就讀臺中一中，畢業於政治大學政治系，再赴美國俄亥俄州立大學取得政治學博士學位，返國任教於政治大學，兼任該校國關中心副主任。2001年出任總統府副秘書長，繼而2004年接任陸委會主委。

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九月八日的演講會晚上 7 時開始，在洛杉磯台灣會館舉行。不收門票，歡迎鄉親踴躍前來一起為台灣的民主自由打氣。台灣會館地址：3001 Walnut Grove, Rosemead.

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於2001年立基於美國加州洛杉磯，美國福爾摩莎基金會是一非營利組織，旨在促進臺美間的相互了解及友好關係，並且追求提升臺灣的民主、自由及人權。

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