

JOINT REPORT OF THE 10TH SOUTH AFRICA – TAIWAN ECONOMIC CONSULTATION

PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA

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1. Introduction

The 10th session of the South Africa – Taiwan Economic Consultation was held in Pretoria, South Africa on the 22nd of October 2015. The session was co-chaired by Mr. Victor Mashabela, Chief Director: Bilateral Trade Relations, International Trade and Economic Development (ITED) Division, Department of Trade and Industry (the dti), South Africa and Mr. I-Min Tong, Director General: Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA), Taiwan.

Both co-chairs briefly outlined bilateral trade and investment relations between South Africa and Taiwan over the past years. In addition, they urged both sides to continue to undertake concerted efforts to enhance trade and investment between South Africa and Taiwan. The co-chairs also encouraged both sides to take advantage of the existing complementarities on the sectors identified for future cooperation and enhance the quantum flow of investment between South Africa and Taiwan.

2. Issues discussed:

Cooperation on Trade Promotion and Facilitation

In an endeavour to enhance the level of trade and investment between South Africa and Taiwan, both sides would amongst other things, continue to undertake concerted efforts to encourage their respective authorities to expedite their market access protocols for South Africa's exports of agriculture and agro-processing, such as beef and pork to enter the Taiwanese market. Taiwan committed to inform their relevant authorities to send dossier on import requirements for South African beef and pork to enter the Taiwanese market. Moreover, both sides undertake to continue to work closely in promoting South Africa's value-added products in Taiwan.

The Taiwan side noted that there are currently no quarantine issues regarding cut flowers imported from South Africa into Taiwan. In an endeavour to facilitate considerations for market access for South African avocados in Taiwan, it is suggested that South Africa will provide information on cultivation management, an avocado pest list, including information on pest control, and a list of chemicals used, to the Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine (BAPHIQ) so that it can initiate pest risk assessment (PRA). Under the quarantine requirements specified by the BAPHIQ, South African avocado imports may only be allowed after the PRA is finalized.

Cooperation on Green Economy and Green Energy Industry

The Taiwan side indicated that South Africa has strong demand for power-generating and related products, such as electricity generators, solar products, and so on, while Taiwan's photovoltaic (PVC), light emitting diodes (LED) and related products are internationally competitive, so both sides agreed to enhance their trade cooperation in the green energy sector.



In order to enhance cooperation on green economy industries, both sides undertook to organize trade mission visits, and also participate in each other's trade fairs.. Both sides undertook to assist each other's trade delegations as necessary to further strengthen and deepen bilateral cooperative relations in the green sector.

Cooperation on Bilateral Investment between Taiwan and South Africa

Both sides will continue to encourage their business communities to take advantages of existing complementarities, particularly in sectors such as automobile and auto-parts production, agro-processing, renewable /green energy and ICT. Taiwan will encourage its business communities to support South Africa in up-scaling its industrial capacity and exploring investment opportunities on Special Economic Zones (SEZs) established in South Africa.

The Taiwan side invited South Africa to send government officials, industry experts, and private enterprise representatives to Taiwan to introduce their country's trade and economic policies, industrial development, and investment advantages. For such visits, Taiwan will be happy to help the South African side organize investment seminars and other events as well as arrange visits to local enterprises, agencies, and so on, and introduce information on South African industry and investment opportunities to Taiwan businesses. Such activities will help potential Taiwanese investors in understanding the investment opportunities in South Africa.

Taiwan also welcomed South African enterprises to invest in and utilize Taiwan as a gateway to other Asia-Pacific markets.

Cooperation on Renewable Energy

Both sides will continue to strengthen their cooperation on renewable energy. Accordingly, Taiwan will continue to encourage their photovoltaic (PV) and light emitting diodes (LED) industry to invest in South Africa and also support South Africa's localization programs. The Taiwan side recommended that the South African side assist Taiwan businesses in assessing establishing module production plants in South Africa. Such plants would create jobs for South Africans and help these manufacturers tap the South African and other African markets. South Africa welcomes Taiwan's renewable energy sector to invest in South Africa and will provide Taiwan with information regarding the existing investment opportunities in renewable energy in South Africa.

The two sides agreed to cooperate in carrying out photovoltaic (PV) installation in South Africa. Taiwan is in a position to provide high-quality PV products and services to enhance the efficiency and lifespan of South African PV power plants for mutual economic benefits.

Cooperation on Small, Medium and Micro-Enterprises (SMMEs)

There has been a significant progress made with regard to cooperation on SMMEs, particularly between South Africa's Small Enterprise Development Agency (Seda) and Taiwan's Small Medium Enterprise Administration (SMEA). Taiwan has designated a contact to discuss with the South African side such cooperative initiatives and to report on progress



on initiatives after they have been launched. The contact is Mr. Michael Lin, deputy director of the Center of Industry Accelerator and Patent Strategy, National Chiao Tung University. The South African contact window is Mr. Thabo Modingwane of Seda. Both sides agreed to explore cooperation in promoting accelerators, start-ups, SMMEs, and other related areas in South Africa.

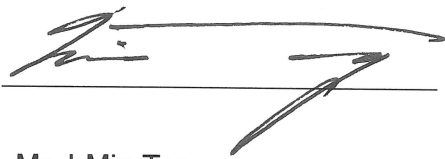
3. The Following RSA – Taiwan Economic Consultation

The two sides agreed that the next session of the Economic Consultation between the Republic of South Africa and Republic of China will be held in 2016 in Taipei, Taiwan. The exact date of the consultation will be communicated through diplomatic channels.



Signed in Pretoria, South Africa on October 22, 2015

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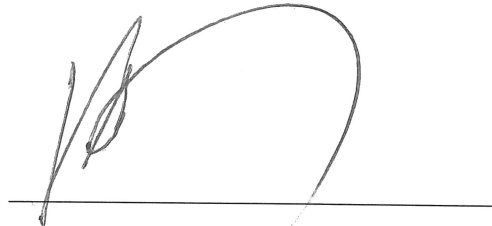
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