

## Joint Statement on the 2022 Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF) Joint Committee Meeting

On December 7, 2022, Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), in partnership with the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association (JTEA), and the Australian Office in Taipei (AO), co-hosted the eighth Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF) Joint Committee meeting.

In the meeting, the GCTF full partners reviewed this year's GCTF activities and exchanged views on priority areas of cooperation as we transition back into inperson GCTF workshops.

The GCTF has served as a platform to enable Taiwan to engage with likeminded partners to jointly address global challenges and share expertise around the world. Since the GCTF was founded on June 1, 2015, we have organized 55 international workshops with a total of over 6,000 participating government officials and experts from over 120 countries.

We are proud to celebrate the accomplishments made by Taiwan, the United States, Japan, and Australia this year. In 2022, we successfully held seven GCTF events in hybrid format, which featured an array of co-host partners including the United Kingdom, European Union, Canada, Slovakia, Israel, and the Netherlands. The wide range of topics addresses a variety of global issues, including digital crimes, genderbased violence, public health, sustainable oceans, smart agriculture, sustainable development, and sustainable aviation.

In addition, the GCTF franchise model this year included three separate events in India, Saint Lucia, and Israel on the topics of digital healthcare, women's empowerment, and the digital economy.

Next year, we plan to continue deepening and expanding the scope of GCTF cooperation. We plan to hold workshops on topics spanning pandemic preparedness, sustainable development, sustainable aviation, law enforcement cooperation,

humanitarian response and disaster relief, internet freedom, and maritime disasters. We welcome partners to join us in the GCTF program for 2023.

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