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國家發展委員會9月28日公布，根據瑞士世界經濟論壇（WEF）「2016～2017年全球競爭力報告」，在138個受評比國家，我國排名第14名，較去年進步1名；在亞太地區第4名；為亞洲主要國家中少數進步國。國發會並據「2016～2017年全球競爭力報告」（The Global Competitiveness Report 2016～2017）說明，我國在亞太地區排名第4名，僅次於第2名的新加坡、第8名的日本及第9名的香港；領先第25名的馬來西亞、第26名的韓國及第28名的中國大陸。國發會發布資訊中也指出，亞洲主要國家中，除印度大幅進步16名，我國也晉升1名之外，其他國家的競爭力排名都呈停滯或退步的情況。在WEF評比競爭力三大類中，我國排名與去年變化不大，一、「基本需要」排名全球第14，與去年相同；二、「效率強度」及三、「創新及成熟因素」都較去年退步1名，分別為第16名及第17名。

10/1 兩岸優質企業通關優惠啓動

財政部關務署表示，10月起兩岸海關AEO互認首次試點，我方基隆關、高雄關，與對岸的南京、廈門、福州關，針對海運貨物首次試點享有通關優惠，首波由友達、燦坤打先鋒，預計試點過後，且兩岸協

議監督條例也通過，就可全面施行。關務署指出，此次兩岸關與關之間接洽，自10月1日起，兩岸正式啓動安全認證優質企業與高級認證企業（AEO）互認試點作業，我國安全認證優質企業出口至中國大陸廈門、福州及南京之貨物，及中國大陸高級認證企業出口至高雄關、基隆關之貨物，均可享有通關優惠。而友達與燦坤將於此次兩岸AEO互認計畫，成為我國首波試點的出口廠商，首批貨物自基隆關辦理出口後，預計抵達廈門即可享有如同中國大陸高級認證企業降低抽驗比率及優先通關等優惠。

10/1 人民幣正式納入SDR

國際貨幣基金組織（IMF）宣布，10月1日起，人民幣正式納入IMF特別提款權（SDR）貨幣籃子，IMF表示，新的SDR貨幣籃子包含美元、歐元、人民幣、日圓和英鎊五種貨幣，權重分別為41.73%、30.93%、10.92%、8.33%和8.09%，對應的貨幣數量分別為0.58252、0.38671、1.0174、11.900、0.085946。IMF總裁拉加德表示，人民幣納入SDR反映中國大陸在貨幣、外匯及金融系統改革的進度，並認可中國大陸在自由化及改進其金融市場的努力，亦表示環球經濟持續進化，而SDR亦為此改變做好準備。這是IMF首次將新興市場的貨幣納入儲備貨幣，人民

幣納入SDR後，中國大陸的國際地位將有所提升。

10/3 陸企資金周轉效率 創15年新低

大陸國家統計局數據顯示，8月企業應收賬款年增8.5%，應收賬款的周轉率繼續下降，意味著企業應收賬款的回收期依然偏長，資金周轉壓力沉重，陸企資金周轉效率正處在15年來最差水準，專家認為，企業產能過剩是導致「收帳困難」的主因，解決之道是經濟轉型、產業升級。2016年半年報顯示，上半年大陸A股整體應收帳款高達3.53兆元人民幣（下同）、年增率17.7%，其中，房地產、化工、汽車、工業事業等增幅較大；整體存貨高達8兆元，年成長8.4%，企業的應收帳款若不能回收，可能會進一步成為壞帳，而存貨的增加，則意謂著企業可能產能過剩，供過於求，存貨難以賣出。

10/4 第10屆台美貿易暨投資架構協定會議 在美國華府舉行

第10屆「台美貿易暨投資架構協定（TIFA）」會議10月4日在華府美國貿易代表署（USTR）舉行，經濟部次長王美花及USTR副貿易代表何禮曼（Robert Holleyman）大使代表雙方主持會議。台美雙方在本次會議達成多項建設性成果，包括雙方同意加速推動專利優先權證明文件電子交換機制，以大幅簡化專利申請程序，美國人每年來台灣申請專利約有1.2萬件，我國人向美國提出申請的案件一年也超過2萬件，該機制建立後，可省去申請人需要申請優先權紙本程序，大幅提高申請便利性；雙方也將研議簽訂「台美智慧財產權合作備忘錄」，透過分享最佳做法及合作調查，加強台美共同打擊智慧財產權侵權的執法合作，另，雙方認同推動專利生物材料寄存MOU，可減少雙方申請人跨國佈局專利申請時，需重複寄存負擔，將研議推動的可能性；農業議題上，今年3月美方同意我附帶介質文心蘭輸銷美國，為我農產業者創造出口商機，我方也促請美方儘速審查我

加工肉品及番石榴輸美申請案，以及有機同等性相互認證申請。

10/5 我9月外匯存底 連8個月創新高

中央銀行10月5日公布9月外匯存底4,367.26億美元，月增8.64億美元，連續8個月創新高紀錄。央行外匯局局長顏輝煌表示，9月外匯存底續為增加，主要因外匯存底投資運用收益的挹注，並且當月外資還是買超台股2.3億美元，沒有轉為淨匯出；根據金管會統計，9月外資有進有出，但單月下來還是小幅淨匯入0.22億美元。外匯存底以美元表示，因此9月歐元等貨幣對美元升值，折計美元後也使外匯存底續增並再創新高；根據匯銀統計，主要貨幣9月對美元匯率，除英鎊貶值外，其他歐元、日圓、澳幣、加幣等各升值0.48%、2.35%、1.21%、0.50%，新台幣主要競爭對手韓元也升值1.23%。

10/10 總統出席中華民國中樞暨各界慶祝 105年國慶大會

蔡英文總統10月10日上午出席在總統府府前廣場舉行的「中華民國中樞暨各界慶祝105年國慶大會」，並以「堅定向前，讓國家因改革而偉大」為題發表演說，分成施政藍圖、國際參與、兩岸關係等3個面向，第一個部份強調新政府施政的主軸，就是要為年輕人創造更好的未來，政府正全力推動幾項政策與改革，為年輕人減壓（社會住宅、年金改革、長照與托育）、創造機會（5+2產業政策），並且架構一個健康的民主政治（轉型正義的推動），讓台灣的年輕人能夠在一個更好的基礎上全面的發展自我；第二個部分主軸為國際參與的努力，台灣將重新定位在亞太地區的角色，包括推動「新南向政策」與區域中的國家有更多的合作、對話，互惠互惠，並且在這個過程強化國家整體成長的動能；第三個部分兩岸關係中，重申新政府建立一致、可預測以及可持續的兩岸關係的決心，以維持台灣的民主與兩岸和平。🌟

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9/28 Taiwan ranks fourth in Asia in Global Competitiveness Report

The National Development Council announced that Taiwan ranked 14th among 138 economies surveyed in the World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Competitiveness Report 2016-2017. The ranking improved by one place over last year, making Taiwan one of the few major Asian countries to advance on the list. In Asia, Taiwan trailed only second-place Singapore, eighth-place Japan, and ninth-place Hong Kong, while leading 25th-place Malaysia, 26th-place Korea and 28th place mainland China. Among major Asian countries, Taiwan and India (up 16 spots from last year) were the only advancers on the list, with the others either staying at the same level or retreating. Broken down by the three competitiveness categories looked at by the WEF, Taiwan remained unchanged at 14th place on "basic requirements," retreated one spot to 16th place on "efficiency enhancers," and fell one place to 17th place on "innovation and sophistication factors."

10/1 Taiwan and Mainland launch preferential customs clearance program

The Customs Administration of Ministry of Finance said that a cross-strait preferential customs clearance program for authorized economic operators (AEOs) was launched in October on a trial basis. The Keelung and Kaohsiung customs offices in Taiwan and Nanjing, Xiamen, and Fuzhou customs offices in mainland China will pilot test the program, offering preferential clearance for marine cargo shipped by AEOs. AU Optronics and Tsann Kuen are the first AEOs in Taiwan. The program

will be fully implemented after the trial period and passage of the Cross-Strait Agreement Supervisory Act. The Customs Administration said that customs offices on the two sides officially launched the pilot program for mutually recognized AEOs on October 1. Under the program, Taiwan AEOs can enjoy preferential clearance of goods exported to mainland China through Xiamen, Fuzhou and Nanjing, while mainland AEOs can enjoy the same treatment on exports through Kaohsiung and Keelung. Benefits include reduced sampling and testing ratios, priority clearance, and other concessions.

10/1 RMB formally incorporated into the SDR

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) announced that the renminbi (RMB) was formally included in the IMF Special Drawing Rights (SDR) currency basket from October 1. The IMF said that the new SDR basket consists of the U.S. dollar, euro, the Chinese renminbi, Japanese yen, and pound sterling, with respective weights of 41.73%, 30.93%, 10.92%, 8.33%, and 8.09%, representing 0.58252, 0.38671, 1.0174, 11.900, 0.085946 units of each currency. IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde said that the inclusion of the Chinese renminbi in the SDR reflects progress made by mainland China in currency, foreign exchange, and financial system reforms. It also acknowledges the mainland's efforts to liberalize and improve its financial market, as well as prepares the SDR for ongoing changes in the global economy. This is the first time that the IMF has included an emerging market currency as a reserve currency. The move is will likely raise mainland China's international status.

10/3 Mainland enterprise cash flow efficiency hits a 15-year low

The National Bureau of Statistics released data showing that accounts receivable (A/R) at mainland enterprises increased by 8.5% year-on-year (YoY) in August. The A/R turnover rate continued to decline, meaning that enterprise A/R payback period remained long, creating heavy cash flow pressure. Mainland enterprise cash flow efficiency fell to the worst level in 15 years. Experts attribute this mainly to collection difficulties caused by overcapacity, saying the solution is economic transformation and industrial upgrading. A report for the first half of 2016 showed that mainland A share A/R rose to RMB3.53 trillion, up 17.7% YoY, with the largest increases seen in the real estate, chemical, automobile, and heavy industry sectors. Overall inventory rose to 8.4% YoY to RMB8 trillion. Uncollectable receivables may become bad debts, while inventory increases suggest that companies face overcapacity, oversupply, and difficulty selling inventory.

10/4 10th Taiwan-US TIFA meeting held in Washington

The 10th Taiwan-US Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) meeting was held at the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in Washington, D.C. Taiwan's Vice Minister of Economic Affairs Wang Mei-hua and USTR Deputy Trade Representative Robert Holleyman co-chaired the meeting for the two sides. The meeting produced a number of constructive results, including an agreement to accelerate promotion of an electronic exchange mechanism for evidentiary documentation for patent priority rights. The move would greatly simplify the patent application process by eliminating the need for paper applications for priority rights. Americans annually submit about 12,000 patent applications in Taiwan, while Taiwanese people submit over 20,000 patent applications in the United States submit. The two sides will also deliberate and sign a Taiwan-US Intellectual Property Rights Cooperation Memorandum to share best practices, cooperate on investigations, and strengthen joint enforcement to fight intellectual property rights infringement. Both sides agreed that a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on storage of patented biological materials can reduce the time needed for transnational patent applications and eliminate the need for redundant storage. On agricultural issues, the US agreed this March to allow the export of golden shower orchids (*Oncidium*) with Taiwan growing medium to the United States, creating export opportunities for agricultural businesses. Taiwan also urged the US to promptly review Taiwan's application to export

processed meat and guava to the U.S. and application for mutual recognition of organic equivalency.

10/5 Taiwan's foreign exchange reserves reach a new high in September, marking eighth consecutive record month

The Central Bank announced that Taiwan's foreign exchange reserves reached US\$436.726 billion in September, up US\$864 million month-on-month (MoM) to reach a new high for the eighth consecutive month. Commissioner of the Department of Foreign Exchange at the CBC Yen Hui-huang attributed the September increase to income from foreign exchange reserve investments, as well as US\$230 million in net foreign capital purchases of Taiwan stocks. Financial Supervisory Commission statistics indicate that Taiwan received a net inflow of US\$22 million in foreign capital in September. The foreign U.S. dollar denominated exchange reserves rose for the month despite conversion losses from appreciation of the Euro and other currencies against the greenback. According to bank statistics, the Euro, Japanese yen, Australian dollar, and Canadian dollar appreciated against the U.S. dollar by 0.48%, 2.35%, 1.21%, 0.50%, respectively, while the Korean won, a New Taiwan dollar competitor, appreciated by 1.23%.

10/10 President attends 2016 ROC National Day celebration

President Tsai Ing-wen attended a 2016 National Day celebration at the front plaza of the Presidential Office Building on the morning of October 10. In an address entitled "Forging Ahead: Achieving Reforms to Make the Country Great," she emphasized that the main policy principle of the new government is to create a better future for young people. The government is making every effort to promote several policies and reforms to reduce the pressure on young people (social housing, pension reform, long-term care, and child care), create opportunities (the 5+2 industrial policy), and build a healthy democracy (promoting transitional justice) to give young people in Taiwan a better foundation to fully develop. On international participation, the president said that Taiwan would redefine its role in the Asia-Pacific region by expanding cooperation, dialogue, and mutual benefit with countries in the region under the "New Southward Policy," while strengthening overall national growth momentum in the process. On cross-strait relations, the president reiterated the new government's determination to establish consistent, predictable, and sustainable cross-strait relations to maintain democracy in Taiwan and cross-strait peace. 🌐