

January 5, 2012

Dr. Chuen-Horng Tsai  
Minister and Chairman  
Atomic Energy Council  
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Dear Minister Tsai,

I would like to express my gratitude to you and your staff at the Atomic Energy Council (AEC) for meeting with me. I enjoyed the discussions of our two agencies during the traditional Chinese dinner that you hosted. Although, as you know, I have visited Taiwan many times in the past, this was my first official visit as a Commissioner of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). I valued the occasion to reconnect with colleagues at AEC, and to forge new relationships during my visit.

In particular, I enjoyed the opportunity to speak at AEC, and to exchange insights with you and your staff related to the topic of probabilistic risk assessment. During the site visits to Lungmen and Kuosheng nuclear power plants, the topic of risk was also raised and I welcomed the chance to engage in discussion on this topic, as well as other areas of technical exchange, with your staff.

I would also like to mention my appreciation for the efforts of Dr. Wei-Wu Gao, for his support of and participation in various meetings and site tours during my visit.

Again, thank you for your invitation to visit Taiwan, and for extending your time and warm hospitality during my visit. I am confident that NRC and AEC will continue to engage in close dialogue and that our cooperative activities will continue to flourish.

Sincerely,

/RA/

George Apostolakis

January 5, 2012

Dr. Yin-Pang Ma  
Director General  
Institute of Nuclear Energy Research  
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Longtan Township, Taoyuan County, 32546  
Taiwan (R.O.C.)

Dear Dr. Ma,

I would like to express my appreciation for the warm hospitality that you and your staff at the Institute of Nuclear Energy Research (INER) extended to me for the tour of INER facilities during my recent visit to Taiwan. Although, as you know, I have visited Taiwan many times in the past, this was my first official visit as a Commissioner of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). I valued the occasion to reconnect with colleagues at INER, and to forge new relationships during my visit.

In particular, I appreciated your thorough explanation of the possible changes that may soon occur at INER, due to Taiwan's new nuclear energy policy. The detailed information about these changes was very beneficial to my understanding of Taiwan's nuclear energy programs. I would like to also mention my deep and sincere gratitude for Dr. Tsu-Mu Kao's support of and participation in my meetings throughout the week.

It was a pleasure to meet with you and your distinguished colleagues, and engage in such rich discussion during our meetings, which was continued over the traditional Chinese dinner that you hosted. It is clear that INER has well-positioned its programs to grow and to continue making a wide range of contributions to Taiwan's energy sector. I am confident that INER and NRC will continue to benefit from close cooperation and technical exchanges in the future. I wish you and your staff the utmost success in the coming year.

Sincerely,

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George Apostolakis

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Dr. Ruey-an Doong, Dean  
College of Nuclear Science  
National Tsing Hua University  
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Hsinchu 30013,  
Taiwan (R.O.C.)

Dear Dr. Doong,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and your colleagues at National Tsing-Hua University (NTHU), for meeting with me, hosting my speech, and for continuing our engaging discussions over the traditional Chinese lunch, during my recent visit to Taiwan.

It was truly a pleasure to speak at NTHU. Further, I enjoyed engaging with NTHU students and professors in the lively question and answer session that followed my speech. The question and answer session yielded a variety of discussion topics, from probabilistic risk assessment to the status of nuclear construction in the U.S. and other countries.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and speak at NTHU. I am always impressed by the technical expertise that is developed at NTHU. I wish you the utmost success in the coming year as Dean at the College of Nuclear Science.

Sincerely,

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George Apostolakis

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Tzeng-His Liu, Plant General Manager  
Kuosheng, Second Nuclear Power Plant  
Taiwan Power Company  
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Taiwan (R.O.C.)

Dear Mr. Liu,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and your staff for hosting my visit to Kuosheng Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP). The briefings, site tour and technical discussions were very informative and I enjoyed the continuation of discussions with you and your staff during the traditional Chinese lunch.

In particular, I appreciated receiving the background about the comprehensive safety assessment that KNPP has undergone. It was beneficial that the tour further highlighted the measures taken as a result of the assessment. The scope and level-of-detail provided during the tour was impressive and I appreciated the opportunity to engage in follow-up discussion with you about probabilistic risk assessment during the end of my visit to KNPP.

Once again, thank you for your time and please share my regards with the rest of your staff. It was a pleasure to make your acquaintance and I wish you and your staff success in the coming year.

Sincerely,

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George Apostolakis

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Dr. Kuo-Chun Chang  
Director  
National Center for Research of Earthquake Engineering  
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Taiwan (R.O.C.)

Dear Dr. Chang,

I would like to express my appreciation for the warm hospitality extended by you and your staff at the National Center for Research of Earthquake Engineering (NCREE) during my recent trip to Taiwan. Although I have visited Taiwan many times in the past, this was first my official visit as a Commissioner of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), and my first opportunity to visit and learn about NCREE's activities.

In particular, I enjoyed the tour and briefing that you and your staff provided of the NCREE facilities. I was impressed by the extensive projects currently underway at your facility and valued the opportunity to view some of the testing.

Once again, thank you for hosting my visit. Please share my regards with the rest of your staff. I wish your organization the utmost success in its future research endeavors.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Bo-Whei Wang  
Deputy Plant Manager  
Lungmen Nuclear Power Plant  
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Taiwan (R.O.C.)

Dear Mr. Wang,

I would like to express my gratitude to you and your staff for hosting my visit to Lungmen Nuclear Power Plant (LNPP). I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to spend the day visiting both units, and would like to thank you and your staff for the briefings, site tours, discussions, and continuation of discussions over the traditional Chinese lunch.

In particular, I appreciated the detailed briefing material that you and your staff provided about the tsunami and earthquake design basis at Lungmen. The scope and level-of-detail of the briefing was impressive. I also appreciated the engaging discussion with you and your staff, especially our discussions related to the probabilistic risk assessment that was done for LNPP. Further, the tour provided an additional opportunity to engage with LNPP staff and I benefited from the experience of observing an Advanced Boiling Water Reactor during the construction phase.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to meet with me and providing a tour of your facilities during this busy time of testing and construction at LNPP. It was a pleasure to make your acquaintance. Please share my appreciation with the rest of your staff. I wish you and your staff at LNPP success in the coming year.

Sincerely,

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Eric Madison  
Deputy Director  
American Institute in Taiwan  
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Dear Mr. Madison,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me during my recent visit to Taiwan. The information that you and your staff at the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) provided during my briefing served as excellent background preparation for my meetings with other organizations in Taiwan.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) values the ongoing support that the staff of the AIT provides. Notably, during my trip, Ms. Judy Kuo and Mr. Scott Hansen were especially supportive. I benefited from their participation in my visit to Lungmen Nuclear Power Plant and various meetings throughout my visit.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to meet with you. Please share my regards with your staff. I look forward to NRC's continued cooperation with organizations in Taiwan, and working with AIT in the future.

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