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Unveiling Int'l School of Politics & Economics

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Group photo (left to right): YAGEO Group CEO Deng-Rue Wang, Managing Director of Cathay Financial Holdings Chang-Ken Lee, SinoPac Holdings Chairman Shi-Kuan Chen, Fubon Financial Executive Vice President Cindy Lin, Fubon Financial Chairman Daniel M. Tsai, former President Ing-Wen Tsai, NTU President Wen-Chang Chen, former Minister of the National Development Council Ming-Hsin Kung, former Minister of Education Wen-Chung Pan, Chairman of Hua Nan Financial Holdings Co. Ltd Yun-Peng Chang, Missioncare CEO Fred H. Yang, and TSMC Director of Corporate Research Meng-Fan Chang.

In keeping with Taiwan's national talent development strategy and industry demand, NTU demonstrated its commitment to social responsibility as Taiwan's premier academic institution, with the unveiling of the International School of Politics and Economics at its Downtown Campus on May 6, 2024. The ceremony also inaugurated the campus redevelopment plan.

The event drew such national dignitaries as former President Ing-Wen Tsai, former Minister of the National Development Council Ming-Hsin Kung, former Minister of Education Wen-Chung Pan, along with representatives of seven enterprises that staunchly support the new School's establishment and operations-- Fubon Group, Cathay Financial Holdings, Missioncare, YAGEO Corporation, Hua Nan Commercial Bank, SinoPac Holdings, and TSMC.

Aspiring to be "a training hub for top interdisciplinary talents in politics and economics" and "a nexus for collaboration and exchange among political and



Unveiling ceremony of the International School of Politics and Economics.

economic think tanks,” the International School of Politics and Economics is designed to nurture global-minded leaders who anticipate industry trends and geopolitical developments while maintaining a balanced, comprehensive political-economic outlook. It will be the first research institute in Taiwan with a strategic focus on politics and economics, as well as NTU’s first research institute where all courses are conducted in English.

NTU President Wen-Chang Chen stressed Taiwan’s need to cultivate a new generation of talents in politics, economics, and international finance. He further emphasized the importance of integrating new technologies, environmental sustainability, regional history, culture, and global perspectives into the curriculum. Grateful for donations and relaxed salary regulations, the new School is anticipated to attract world-class educators and students. Its curriculum emphasizes close ties with prominent think tanks, practical experience in key industries, as well as collaborations with renowned international universities.

Former President Tsai highlighted the rapidly changing global political and economic landscape, emphasizing Taiwan’s crucial role in geopolitics and the need to cultivate talents accordingly.

The International School of Politics and Economics is located at NTU’s vibrant Downtown Campus on Xuzhou Road, renowned for its cultural and artistic ambiance, with several exquisite buildings designated as historical monuments by Taipei City. NTU also inaugurated the Downtown Campus Redevelopment Plan during the ceremony, utilizing resources from partner companies for renovations to transform the campus into the colorful, vital hub for teaching and research it once was.



NTU Downtown Campus.



Former President Ing-Wen Tsai sharing her memories of studying at NTU and her expectations for the International School of Politics and Economics at the unveiling ceremony.