



中華民國(台灣)總統府

Office of the President of the Republic of China (Taiwan)

Congratulatory Message

As we inaugurate this profound memorial to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Hungarian Uprising of 1956 and to honor those who fought for justice, peace and liberty in the face of communism, the Republic of China (Taiwan) is proud to support a monument that remembers these fallen heroes and that stands as a symbol of peace and democracy worldwide.

Every man, woman and child has the innate right to freedom and equality. Tragically, the pursuit of these virtues and the struggle for its survival have left the world with over 100 million victims. Like Hungary, Taiwan's own democratization was not achieved without human loss or suffering; however, it is this dark past that strengthens the resolve of the 23 million people of Taiwan today to believe in civil liberties, to uphold human rights and to advocate for political openness.

On behalf of the government and the people of Taiwan, I would like to express my highest regard for the Gloria Victis Foundation and the civil organizations in Cosmor for their efforts to give these 100 million victims of communism a voice. This memorial will truly stand as witness to our past and as vigilance for our future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes, is positioned above the name Chen Shui-bian.

Chen Shui-bian