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**THE US-TAIWAN BUSINESS COUNCIL CONGRATULATES  
MA YING-JEOU ON HIS ELECTION AS THE  
NEXT PRESIDENT OF TAIWAN**

The US-Taiwan Business Council today extends its congratulations to President-elect Ma Ying-jeou and Vice President-elect Vincent Siew on their victory in Taiwan's March 22, 2008 presidential election.

The Council wishes President-elect Ma and his government every success as they deal with the challenge of reforming Taiwan's economy, improving cross-Strait relations, and providing for the welfare of Taiwan's people.

Council President Rupert Hammond-Chambers commented that "the US-Taiwan Business Council has been a Taiwan partner for over 30 years, and we welcome the opportunity to work with President-elect Ma Ying-jeou and his incoming leadership team. President-elect Ma has many significant challenges ahead of him, and he will need to look to Taiwan's friends and partners in pursuit of solutions. The Council is looking forward to working with him on bilateral priorities, including a US-Taiwan Free Trade Agreement and strong defense & security commitments."

**About the US-Taiwan Business Council:**

The US-Taiwan Business Council ([www.us-taiwan.org](http://www.us-taiwan.org)) is a membership-based non-profit association, founded in 1976 to foster trade and business relations between the United States and Taiwan. The Council provides its members with business intelligence, offers access to an extensive network of relationships, and serves as a vital and effective representative in dealing with business, trade, and investment matters.

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