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Distinguished Visitor from Taiwan's Climate Think Tank

We are excited to announce a significant visit to Utah State University (USU) as part of our ongoing commitment to international collaboration in climate science and policy. Mr. Kueg-Yueh Chao, Executive Director of the International Climate Development Institute, a prominent think tank in Taiwan, has arrived at USU for an enriching academic exchange.

Interdisciplinary Approach to Climate Change

Mr. Chao's visit, sponsored by iPACE (International Partnerships in Agriculture, Climate & Environment), aims to foster connections that synthesize climate change knowledge across various disciplines in higher education. With his background in political science, Mr. Chao brings a unique perspective to the integration of climate change science and policy-making.

Exploring Utah's Climate Initiatives

During his stay, Mr. Chao will immerse himself in Utah's approach to climate change. His studies will focus on understanding Salt Lake City and the state's climate

policies, providing valuable insights into local and regional climate adaptation strategies.

Collaborations and Connections



Pictured: Mr. Chao with CAS Director Peter.



Pictured: Mr. Chao visiting USU's Climate Adaptation Science program with (from right) Thad, himself, and Abby.

Mr. Chao has already begun engaging with key figures at USU, including a visit to the Climate Adaptation Science (CAS) program. These interactions promise to spark new ideas and collaborative opportunities.

Strengthening International Ties

iPACE Director and climate professor Simon Wang will work closely with Mr. Chao to establish connections between the International Climate Development Institute's initiatives and USU's climate change education programs. This collaboration aligns perfectly with iPACE's mission to foster international partnerships and interdisciplinary approaches to global challenges.

Cross-Field Cooperation Possibilities

Mr. Chao also met with Professor Tzung-Shiang Ou and iPACE Program Coordinator Peiru Chen at USU's Salt Lake Center to explore opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration on climate change research. Their discussions emphasized the importance of studying how climate change impacts human life, health, and

behavior, including individuals with disabilities, who are often disproportionately affected by environmental shifts.



**Pictured: Mr. Chao and Dr. Ou meet at the Salt Lake Center.*

Looking Ahead

We anticipate that Mr. Chao's visit will lead to fruitful exchanges of ideas, methodologies, and best practices in climate science and policy. Stay tuned for updates on potential joint projects and research initiatives that may arise from this exciting collaboration.

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