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Thanks Andy,
I haven't heard much but I will check with our international group to see if this aligns with what they know.
You know I'm always up for a good meal!

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Hi Nancy,

Hope your week is going well!

Here is what I have heard. Sorry if there's redundant information you already know.

I assume SAHTECH has been the people contacting you? As you know, they are a semi-governmental organization (<http://www.sahtech.org/content/en/sahtech/About.aspx>). Taiwan Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) contract services from SAHTECH for technical support. Dr. Li is a key leader and the main outward-facing representative for the organization. SAHTECH participates heavily in international meetings to represent Chinese Taipei.

I understand that SAHTECH has submitted a revised agenda to Taiwan EPA for approval before sending to you.

The main government sponsor is the Taiwan EPA Toxic Chemical Substance Bureau who has responsibility to implement the Toxic Chemical and Substances Control Act (TCSCA), but the opening will likely be by someone on the ministerial level. This is an important timing for Taiwan EPA because their New Chemicals program has started recently and their existing chemicals program is drafted, but not finalized. They are no longer simply implementing their version of REACH, like Korea. They are focusing their resources on the draft list of the initial 122 substances. And they are building flexibility in the data generation/requirements.

I am told that they are very interested in US EPA experience under TSCA and LCSA, such as changes, progress, status, lessons, stakeholder input/expectations, challenges. I think they are also interested in past experiences, such as the Work Plan.

My understanding is that you'll be the keynote speaker, followed by representatives from EU, Korea and Vietnam. It seems the second day will include additional words from you, followed by a panel discussion with Q/A, and an industry section in the afternoon. There may be a change of location to the Taiwan EPA offices for discussion among the regulators after the public forum.

Industry participation will be mostly by multinational companies, AMCHAM, and Taiwan Responsible Care Association.

I hope you don't mind unsolicited info to provide a backdrop... I thought this was an interesting 2015 op-ed piece from Brookings <https://www.brookings.edu/opinions/environmental-issues-facing-taiwan/>. Public outcry and politics definitely come into play. Recently Taiwan EPA was trying to revamp their hazards classifications list reflect better scientific understanding. My understanding media and grandstanding politician created public fervor that derailed the effort, even though it made more sense. Just my interpretation of what I heard from multiple sources...

To be balanced, the concerns are not unfounded. Again, for backdrop: <https://business-humanrights.org/en/workplace-exposure-to-toxic-chemicals-lawsuit-re-taiwan>

Hope this helps, Nancy.

Looking forward to seeing you in Taiwan. Maybe we can try one of the Restaurant Week places in DC, when we both return to the US?

Take care!

Andy

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