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Smart[∞] 2023 Taiwan Sustainability Summit

Siemens Joins with Taiwan and German Partners to Accelerate Digital and Net-zero Transformations to Propel Taiwan's Sustainability

- **Decision-making leaders from Taiwan and Germany gather to discuss the impact of digitalization and climate change on national and corporate development. They advocated the acceleration of the digital and net-zero transformations, serving as dual engines to drive Taiwan's sustainable growth.**
- **Siemens is one of the world's 10 largest software companies, and it intends to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. Siemens is committed to utilizing state-of-the-art technology to assist Taiwan's public and private sectors. It will also use its open digital business platform Siemens Xcelerator to accelerate digital and net-zero transformations.**

The 2023 Taiwan Sustainability Summit was held in Taipei today. "Digitalization" and "climate change" are having an enormous impact on the competitive advantages and sustainable development of countries and enterprises. How to seize opportunities in the course of transformation and to address these steep challenges are urgent topics. Siemens, the German Institute Taipei (GIT), the German Trade Office Taipei (GTO), the TAISE, and other organizers hope that this year's summit will further integrate policy tools and industrial technology. The exchange of economic experiences and collective wisdom of industrial and government leaders from Taiwan and Germany is expected to accelerate digitalization and net zero transformation as the twin engines driving Taiwan's sustainable growth, and to ensure the sustainable development of the economy, industry, and the nation.

The speakers at this year's summit from Taiwan included key decision-makers such as Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Tseng Wen-Sheng and Minister of Digital Affairs Audrey Tang. From the German side, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Digital and Transport



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Oliver Luksic spoke virtually to deliver his address. Participants from both places agreed that digital technology-driven changes are virtually ubiquitous, as they cover consumer behavior, business models, and production processes. At the same time, climate change is presenting unprecedented challenges to economic development and the survival of humanity. Taiwan already has set forth relevant plans to create a digital nation in part through strengthening the digital development of industry, while also unveiling an overall strategy to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. The organizers advocate accelerating the pace of digital and net zero transformations to forge a sustainable Taiwan.

Siemens, one of the Summit's co-organizers, is among the world's 10 largest software companies. As a pioneer in decarbonization, the Company pledged to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. Using last year as an example, Siemens assisted Taiwan's semiconductor industry; ORISOL, a world leader in footwear manufacturing equipment and automation solutions; Evergreen Marine; Air Liquide Far Eastern's Tainan and Hsinchu hydrogen electrolysis plants; and Coretronic Corp's Hsinchu and Miaoli plants make enormous advances in their digitalization and net-zero transformations. In the future, Siemens will use its Siemens Xcelerator – the open digital business platform, to cooperate with partners in Taiwan's public and private sectors, enabling digitalization and net-zero transformation to become the dual engines driving Taiwan's sustainable development.

Siemens Taiwan President and CEO Erdal Elver stated, "Facing the urgent challenges of digitalization and climate change, we should utilize technology to accelerate digital and net-zero transformations to create a sustainable Taiwan." GIT Director General Dr. Jörg Polster stated: "Technologies for Sustainability – let us join hands to develop them together." GTO Executive Director Axel Limberg said: "To ensure Taiwan's sustainable future, digital and net-zero transformation must be accelerated through the use of technology. We are proud that German state-of-the-art technology and business platform will help Taiwan's public and private sectors achieve productive results." TAISE Chairman Amb. Eugene Chien emphasized: "We hope that Taiwan's mature semiconductor and ICT industries can work together with Siemens' software advantages to jointly create digital transition and also help the public and private sectors complete the task of achieving net-zero emissions."

To accelerate digital and net zero transformations, the four co-organizers have jointly summarized the following Core Statements:

- 1 Accelerating digital and net-zero transformations will ensure national, economic, and industrial sustainable development
- 2 Combining the real and digital worlds will accelerate digital and net zero transformations
- 3 Technology is the strongest lever in finding opportunities and facing challenges in the transformation process

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- 4 Partnerships and ecosystems can cleverly address the complexities of digital and net zero transformations
- 5 Cybersecurity is essential for countries and enterprises to ensure sustainable development through digital transformation
- 6 Focusing on large carbon emission areas and responding to net-zero transformation challenges in a timely manner

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