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The German Trade Office Taipei (GTO) was established by the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK) as the Delegation of German Industry and Commerce in 1981 to promote economic relations between Taiwan and Germany and to represent the interest of German business in Taiwan. The GTO is the first point of contact in Taiwan for German companies, provides information on Taiwan and Germany, informs about investment opportunities in Germany and arranges seminars, networking events and symposia.

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2018 Grid Integration of Renewables and Smart Grids Delegation

Following the Taiwan – Germany offshore delegation last year, the German Trade Office Taipei (GTO) once again partnered with Baden-Württemberg International (BWI) to organize a delegation trip to Germany, focusing on smart grids and grid integration of renewable energy sources last month. The project was a part of the Energy Export Initiative by the German Federal Ministry for Economics and Energy (BMWi) to support small-scale and medium-sized German companies within the energy sector to enter foreign markets. The 16 person strong delegation included government officials, elite scholars, experts, and business representatives of leading Taiwanese institutions and companies, including the Bureau of Energy, Industrial Technology Research Institute, Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research, Taiwan Nextgen Foundation, Institute of Nuclear Energy Research of Atomic Energy Council of Executive Yuan, Chung-Hsin Electric & Machinery, Taiwan Nextgen Foundation, Soochou University, National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, Tatung, I-Shou University, Taiwan Power Company, Leon Energy, and Fareastone.

Before the commencement of the delegation trip, Axel Limberg, Executive Director of the German Trade Office noted: *“Due to the successful Energiewende (Energy Transition), Germany is the perfect partner for cooperation and knowledge exchange when it comes to smart energy and smart grids. With a variety of firms and research institutions constantly inventing and improving smart grid solutions, German companies offer a vast portfolio of related products and expertise. We are convinced that the selection of companies from Germany participating in this fact-finding trip reflect the innovative potential of the branch convincingly. Thus, a perfect environment for future cooperation and fruitful exchange between Germany and Taiwan is created.”*

The delegation trip took place between the 16th and 20th of April in the south of Germany. During their 5 days schedule, the delegation members were able to meet and visit more than 16 representatives from various reputable German organizations within the energy industry, including the German Federal Network Agency, Fraunhofer ICT, Netze BW GmbH,

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sonnen GmbH, and SIEMENS. The subjects discussed included energy storage, battery systems, micro-grids, actual examples of citizen participation in energy park, and more.