

Sun Yat-sen confab

V.P. Lee addresses guests at closing of conference

The government and people of the Republic of China have overcome many difficulties since the republic was founded 74 years ago because they, led by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, have seen a bright future ahead. Vice President Lee Teng-hui said yesterday.

Dr. Sun has not only built a democratic nation in China, but also created the Three Principles of the People to lead China to a strong and wealthy future. Lee said.

This is the Republic of China's contribution to promoting friendship and cooperation with countries in the world, the Vice President said while speaking at the closing ceremony yesterday of the Conference on Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Modern China.

For a nation, the best domestic policy to choose is the one that enables its people enjoy a free democratic life, and the best foreign policy is to share an equal and reciprocal stand with foreign governments in international community and adopt peaceful and just means in dealing with them, the Vice President said.

Throughout the implementation of the Three Principles of the People, Lee said, the Republic of China has accomplished the above goals. Communist-ruled nations, however, will never, nor will ever be willing to attain such an ideal, he said.

Chin Hsiao-yi, chairman of the Kuomintang Party History Commission and convener of the conference, presided over the closing ceremony. He said the meeting was successful in objectively studying modern Chinese history.

The papers presented at the conference, he said, served the purpose of ascertaining facts in modern Chinese history. The papers will be compiled into a book which is to be published by the end of the year, he said.

Kenneth N. Grigg, president of the Georgist Council of Australia, said he was pleased to see scholars exchange views frankly during discussions. He said he hopes all the views will be made public and those which are feasible will be put into action.

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