

Outgoing Chairman: Isqaqavut Yohani

New Chairman: Chen Chien-nien

Party: KMT

Background to Appointment: From the Bai-nan tribe, Chen was Taiwan's first aboriginal County Magistrate (in Taitung County). Perhaps a "politically correct" choice.

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Weldon/Jimmy

Any idea why Yuhanni Isqaqavut was replaced with Chen as head of the Council for Aboriginal Affairs? Getting a cooperative KMT body into cabinet? In any case, we have had a very good relationship with Chen too. He was a big supporter of our Transitions exhibit and the associated festivities in Taidong (Dec 1999-Feb 2000), which was the first international event at the Taidong Aboriginal Culture Convention Centre. Over the last year I kept bumping into him at various events in Taipei, most recently at the Taipei City Cultural Affairs Bureau.

On the personal side, he is a Mormon (rare among the aboriginal population) who nevertheless enjoys hosting typically raucous Taiwanese/aboriginal banquets. He is a member of the small Taidong Puyuma elite that also gave us pop superstar A-mei and Sun Ta-chuan, the philosopher and former deputy CAA chair.

My guess is that Taidong will be the destination of choice for incoming aboriginal delegations for the next couple of years.

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Following the end of the previous Legislative Yuan (LY) session on January 18th, Taiwan's Cabinet resigned today-as is traditional-to enable the President to appoint a new Cabinet to rule the Executive Yuan for the duration of the next session. This morning, President Chen announced his appointment of the new Premier, Yu Shyi-Kun. Late this afternoon, the new Premier announced picks for certain important Cabinet positions. The following provides an initial list, and some very preliminary comment, of known new Cabinet members. Note that Premier Yu also confirmed today that Mainland Affairs Council Chair Tsai Ying-wen and Chang Fu-Mei, the Chair of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Council, would retain their posts.

The other appointees, to be chosen by Premier Yu, will be announced on Wednesday. We will provide further background on the entire Cabinet to a wider distribution once all announcements have been made later this week.

Position: Premier

Outgoing Premier: Chang Chun-hsiung

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