

Lee Teng-hui – who have both put down June 2 on their schedule for this event – will likely be enough of an encouragement to all parties to make this come off on that date.

General Comments and Canadian Mackay Committee Work

Of our four presentations, the best attended and most responsive audience was at the Institute of Taiwan History, Academia Sinica. The room was packed – maybe 50 people – and there was lively discussion and a lot of card exchanging in the reception after. Several people are doing some research relating to or touching on Mackay, and there was complete enthusiasm for the project of remembering Mackay as Mackay of all Taiwan. So we can say that Mackay is on a roll in Taiwan as part of its discovery of its own history. This theme became one of the mantras of our trip. Mackay is remembered as a great missionary, the father of the (northern) church, but in another way as the Mackay of all of Taiwan. We need to work here with greater efforts this year to make him known here as Canada's Mackay, another Mackay yet , different in emphasis from the other remembered Mackays.

Vancouver Mackay Committee

In our 7-hour layover in Vancouver February 16, Alvyn and I met with some 15 local Taiwanese community leaders, hosted by Rev. Wong Chin-chai and his church members for a wonderful Taiwanese banquet. People from the TCA, TCCS, all three Taiwanese ministers, senior TECO staff, and the local member of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission were all present. After our presentations and discussion they agreed they would set up a local Vancouver Mackay Committee to hold some activity there and mobilize people to write letters to various Canadian state bodies and MP's to urge recognition of Mackay. Rev. Wong will be the contact person for now. **We need to supply them with information and keep them informed (as "corresponding members") of what the CMC is doing here.**

We also had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Ross Mackay who takes an active interest in this project, so should be kept informed of developments.

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