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**Sent:** October 2, 2001 8:13 AM  
**To:** Lipman, Ted -TAPEI -HOM/CDM  
**Cc:** Mitchell, James -TAPEI -GR  
**Subject:** FW: Continuing the Mackay Legacy in Taiwan

Ted:

You were unintentionally left off the distribution, but the below two messages gives you a quick update on McKay Exhibit, and the conference call CTOT organised last Fri am. The result is a bit more time, and we proposed cooperation on museology might be the mechanism and the longer term bonus of our resolving our current situation with McKay.

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**From:** McDowell, Mark -AGA  
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**Subject:** RE: Continuing the Mackay Legacy in Taiwan

Six months gives you some breathing room.

A question and a comment: whatever happened to Taidong Museum of Prehistory as a possible site?

The idea of a museology link is excellent. Director Huang of the National History Museum is very keen on cooperation with Canada and the internship of Huang Hui-chi in Toronto led to ongoing projects (with Lord Associates for example). If something could be done on a larger scale and more formalized, it would be great.

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**From:** Mitchell, James -TAPEI -GR  
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1. Since the opening of the Mackay Exhibit at Taipei's Shung Ye Museum of Formosan Aborigines on June 2, 2001, it has generated continuing media reports; in early September, Shung Ye personnel estimated the exhibit attracted more than 12,000 visitors. Most recently, the venue was the first site for media reporting on the arrival of HOM Ted Lipman.
2. Notional plans to have the Mackay Collection to continue on a cross-island tour that would have taken it next to Kaohsiung's Science and Technology Museum (KSTM) and possible the venue in Taichung have always depended on the latter two institutions convincing the ROM that their facilities met the standards required for this visiting exhibition. Despite continual lobbying and personal visits (by CTOT and Shung Ye), KSTM got their facility report into the ROM five months late, and The report was not acceptable to ROM directors. ROM responded by indicating that it wanted the artefacts returned when the Shung Ye exhibit closes at the end of September.
3. CTOT intervened on a number of fronts. HOM Lipman wrote a letter to ROM President William Thorsell, explaining the importance of the collection and its continued exhibition in Taiwan given the resources already expended on the project. Secondly, we met with Shung Ye directors several times, urging them to have KSTM immediately provide ROM with updates on additional measures taken since the report was drafted to have KSTM meet humidity standards acceptable to ROM. Thirdly, we discussed other possible venues with Shung Ye should KSTM not be approved by ROM.
4. Earlier this week, after lengthy phone calls by both Weldon and myself to ROM personnel and in response to