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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Mr. John J. Norris, Jr.
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Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Mr. Norris:

I am enclosing a letter from Secretary Betsy DeVos to the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Taiwan Medical Accreditation Council. I would appreciate your forwarding the Secretary's letter to the COO at the following address:

Honorable Wen-Chung Pan
Minister
Ministry of Education
No. 5, Zhongshan S. Road
Zhongzheng District
Taipei, Taiwan 10051

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (202) 401-3067. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tracey St. Pierre, Director
Office of Executive Secretariat

Enclosure

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Honorable Wen-Chung Pan
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Dear Dr. Pan:

On September 21, 2017, the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met to evaluate the documents submitted by Taiwan describing the current standards and processes used to accredit medical schools in Taiwan.

The purpose of the NCFMEA's review was to determine the comparability of accreditation standards and processes applied to medical schools in Taiwan, to the system used to accredit medical schools in the United States (U.S.). Under U.S. law, accredited medical schools in a country that NCFMEA deems comparable may apply to participate in the U.S. William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) program. Then, if a medical school participates in the Direct Loan program, U.S. students attending the school may apply for Direct Loans to help cover educational expenses. For more information about foreign schools' participation in the Direct Loan program, access the Foreign School Information Web page at: <http://ifap.ed.gov/ForeignSchoolInfo/ForeignSchoolInfo.html>.

The NCFMEA wishes to thank Dr. Chyi-Her Lin, Chairman, Taiwan Medical Accreditation Council (TMAC) and Dr. Shan-Chwen Chang, Executive Officer, TMAC, for attending the meeting to provide additional information regarding Taiwan and TMAC's accreditation activities. Their testimony was very helpful, and the Committee valued their participation in the meeting.

The NCFMEA determined that the standards and processes used by Taiwan to accredit medical schools in Taiwan are comparable to those used to accredit medical schools in the United States. The NCFMEA further required an update report from Taiwan in four years at the Committee's fall 2021 meeting regarding the benchmarking of examinations for its medical schools.

The U.S. Department of Education will contact Taiwan before the fall 2021 NCFMEA meeting regarding the preparation and submission of the material. If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Jennifer Hong, NCFMEA Executive Director, at jennifer.hong@ed.gov.

Thank you for providing the information regarding Taiwan's accreditation of medical schools.
We appreciate your ongoing interest in maintaining high-quality standards for medical education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy DeVos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betsy DeVos