
WILLIAM LAI CHING-TE URGES PEACE AS HE BECOMES TAIWAN'S NEW PRESIDENT

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William Lai Ching-te has been sworn in as president of Taiwan in a ceremony that included a 21-gun salute, as he later praised the self-governing islands democracy and urged China to stop its intimidation.

Lai and Vice President Hsia Bi-khim took their oaths on Monday beneath a portrait of Sun Yat-sen, the founder of the Republic of China (ROC), the formal name for Taiwans government, in a ceremony at the presidential building in Taipei.

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