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The Kinmen Declaration

The delegates of the *Islands of the World VIII* Conference taking place on Kinmen Island, Taiwan R.O.C. from 1 to 7 November 2004 have presented research to demonstrate that small islands have unique challenges owing to relatively small size, resource limitations, environmental sensitivity and risks of major natural disasters. Concerned to promote small islands as models for sustainable development practices, we the delegates make the following recommendations to members of the international community, policy makers, legislators, non-government organisations and others who can impact relevant decision-making processes:

1. that new and innovative education systems are supported on small islands to promote the notions of sustainability and equitable development;
2. that new information and communication technology (ICT) should be used to the maximum to promote island development and understanding, and share island experiences with the world and benefit from global experiences with island communities;
3. that the conservation and management of the rich historical, cultural and biological sites on small islands is prioritised and supported, and their diversity preserved. This includes concerted measures to address the causes and consequences of global warming and sea level rise;
4. that where tourism is seen as a major opportunity for economic prosperity it requires careful planning, management and implementation in consultation with island people so that the natural and cultural environments are protected;
5. that small islands be encouraged to develop appropriate strategies so they can participate confidently and effectively in the global economy, while the international community recognises that the interests of small islands must be accommodated via suitable transitions to more open terms of international trade;
6. that islanders within larger states have the right to equity in social services, including access to adequate and affordable basic health care in their own communities;
7. that island governments promote renewable energy initiatives, and prioritise waste management awareness and sustainable waste management, and be mindful of possible cross-boundary impacts of waste management practices.
8. that national governments encourage specialist island research centres in suitable locations to foster the exchange of ideas and to accomplish the above goals.

The delegates wish to express their sincere thanks to the organisers, sponsors and staff of this Islands VIII conference and the people of Kinmen Island for enabling this very instructive meeting to take place so successfully and for providing warm hospitality and many memorable experiences of their beautiful island..

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第八屆世界島嶼會議暨學術研討會
「金門宣言」

出席參加於 2004 年 11 月 1 至 7 日在中華民國台灣金門島所舉辦的「第八屆世界島嶼會議」的各島嶼學者代表們所發表的研究論文顯示：基於相對較小的面積、有限的自然與人力資源、環境敏感性、及自然與人為災害之作用等因素，小島有其獨特的挑戰。

為能推動小島作為永續發展的模式，與會者對國際島嶼社區成員、政策制訂者、立法者、非政府組織、及其他對決策過程可能產生影響者提出下列建議：

1. 鼓勵支持在小島上設立創新及具有創意的教育系統，以推動永續觀念及平等發展。
2. 運用新的通訊科技，加強對島嶼發展的瞭解、與世界分享島嶼經驗、促進全球經驗與島嶼社區之交流。
3. 對小島上豐富的歷史、文化、及生態資產的保育與經營管理，應列為優先支持的對象，以保存小島的多樣性；經營管理考量因素包括預防氣候暖化、海平面上升所造成的災害等因素。
4. 觀光活動為小島重要的經濟繁榮之機會，但必須審慎規劃，並納入島嶼住民參與，以保護島嶼自然及文化環境。
5. 鼓勵小島提出合適的發展策略，以提供在全球經濟體系中的信心與效率，也讓國際社會體認小島產業需配合較開放的國際貿易環境。
6. 在大國家中的所有島嶼住民都應享有應有的權利及與其他國民平等的社會服務，包括在社區中有足夠及負擔得起的健康醫療設施等基本福祉。
7. 島嶼政府應推動再生能源策略、提升廢棄物處理的重要層級及永續管理策略、並對可能的跨境廢棄物衝擊作有效的管理。
8. 中央政府應在合適的地點鼓勵設立專業的島嶼研究中心，促進研究想法及成果交流，以達成上述目標。

全體與會代表謹此對主辦單位、贊助單位、會議服務人員、及金門島的居民們的熱忱接待及在美麗島嶼上難忘的會議體驗，表達最誠摯的謝意！

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