

《蔡英文引领台湾女性政治》

导读:本周五，蔡英文将就职成为台湾首位女总统。



It has never been a burning ambition of the cat-loving former law professor to be president, and she is virtually unique among East Asia's female leaders.

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Many of Taiwan's female politicians, including former Vice President Annette Lu, Kaohsiung City Mayor Chen Chu, and chair of the Kuomintang party Hung Hsiu-chu, rose to powerful positions without having come from a political family. They have largely made it on their own.

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Women also shine in Taiwan's parliament. The island's women legislators are even seen leading the charge in Taiwan's infamous parliament scuffles.

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Following January elections, it now has a record percentage of women legislators at 38%, putting Taiwan far ahead of Asian countries, the international average of 22%, and most nations, including the UK, Germany, and the US.

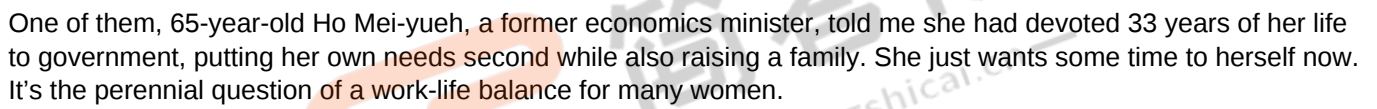
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So why are only four of Ms Tsai's 40 Cabinet members women?

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The Cabinet spokesman blamed it on a dearth of experienced women in her party because it has been out of power for so many years. But he did admit that some women had turned down the offer of a job at the top table.

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Still, it is so natural in Taiwan to see women in politics that little fuss has been made about Ms Tsai's gender.

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