

# WHO accused of 'carrying China's water' after official refuses to acknowledge Taiwan during bizarre interview

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The World Health Organization (WHO) is being accused of "carrying China's water" after a senior adviser refused to acknowledge Taiwan during a bizarre interview with a Hong Kong news outlet.

Canadian physician Dr. Bruce Aylward, an aide to WHO director-general Dr. Tedros Adhanom, sat down for a video interview with RTHK about the coronavirus outbreak where he was asked whether the organization would "consider Taiwan's membership."

For several seconds, Aylward sat in silence.

"Hello?" the reporter asked.

"I'm sorry, I couldn't hear your question Yvonne," Aylward responded.

"Okay, let me repeat the question," she said.

"No, that's okay. Let's move to another one then," the WHO official told her.

The reporter doubled down, saying she was "curious" to talk about Taiwan as well as the ongoing pandemic, but Aylward quickly hangs up.

After calling him again, the reporter asked about what his thoughts were to Taiwan's response to the outbreak.

"Well, we've already talked about China," Aylward answered. "And you know, when you look across all the different areas of China, they've actually all done quite a good job."

!!WOW!! Bruce Aylward/[@WHO](https://twitter.com/WHO) did an interview with HK's [@rthk\\_news](https://twitter.com/rthk_news) & when asked about [#Taiwan](https://twitter.com/Taiwan) he pretended not to hear the question. The journalist asks again & he hangs up!

She calls back & he said "Well, we've already talked about China."

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Critics slammed Aylward and WHO for what they suggested was the global organization kowtowing to China.

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defund them and start over," author Gordon Chang reacted.

It is an embarrassing scene, journalist Ezra Cheung said. "Ironically, despite being so close to China, Taiwan manages to keep the #coronavirus infection and fatality rate low."

"This is really stunning. Beijing's power over the speech of a Canadian WHO official," Axios reporter Bethany Allen-Ebrahimian tweeted.

"When exactly did the WHO become a front for Chinese propaganda?" Grabien media company founder/editor Tom Elliott asked.

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It is an embarrassing scene. @WHO Director General, Bruce Aylward, hangs up in an interview with RTHK when he is asked about reconsidering Taiwan's membership. Ironically, despite being so close to China, Taiwan manages to keep the #coronavirus infection and fatality rate low. <pic.twitter.com/bFWRXpCyHN>

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WHO did not immediately respond to Fox News' request for comment.