

Please support NATPA's book project to promote Taiwan

June 6, 2019

Preface

On Wednesday, October 17, 2018, the chair of NATPA's Publication Committee received the following notice from NATPA President, Prof. Jeff Tsay:

"The NATPA board has approved the publication committee's book project with the following stipulations:

- The committee is authorized to use NATPA's name to attract/recruit potential scholars to author proposed books
- The committee is authorized to raise funds for the project. However, NATPA is unable to commit any financial resources for the project.
- The nomination of the awardee of the book project requires approval of NATPA board."

I. The purpose of the project

NATPA's Publication Committee, with concurrence from NATPA Board, is launching a project to create five books on Taiwan written from Taiwan's perspective. The books will be designed either as textbooks for Taiwan studies programs globally or as books for scholars and policy makers to help them truly understand Taiwan. This letter is to request your participation in the project financially and/or morally.

II. The reasons to launch this project

Recently there have been several Taiwan studies programs created in US and European universities, independent of China studies programs, but they still don't have textbooks for students. Also, the development of the international affairs makes the need for political leaders and policy makers to know more about Taiwan's history and her people's perception about their future. In either case, as an assemblage of Taiwan's intellectuals, NATPA has an inescapable responsibility to provide more information to help the world better understand Taiwan's history, her struggle, her people's aspiration about their future, as well as her role in the international community.

III. The subjects of the books that we are looking for

NAPTA encourages scholars in history, social science, political science, economics, and other related field to create books from Taiwan's point of view. For example,

1. The relationship between Taiwan and China - past, present, and future;
2. The evolution of Taiwan's society and the development of her democracy;
3. Taiwan's history and society;
4. Taiwan's culture: the past, present, and future, as well as a comparison to other countries;
5. Chinese government interference strategies and its impacts on the world;
6. Taiwan's contributions to the world in technology, economics, health care, and upholding of democracy.

A book can cover more than one subject (other topics are acceptable as long as it can meet the purpose of the project listed above); must be available in English; should be around 100,000 words; can be a joint effort from no more than three authors; and should be targeted towards Taiwan studies students or scholars and policy makers.

IV. The process of the project

1. The Publication Committee is responsible for raising a **target amount** of \$50,000 total for five books, along with a \$5,000 contingency budget for books requiring external reviews. If all proposed book projects can locate a publisher who will pay for the costs for external reviews, then NATPA can save all or part of the contingency budget.
2. The fundraising period will be three weeks after it is announced on NATPA Forum, and the **closing date** for the fundraising is set on June 19, 2019. If the target amount is reached before the closing date, the Publication Committee will announce the closure of the fundraising on the Forum; if by the closing date the targeted amount is still not reached, the fundraising will be closed anyway, and the Publication Committee will work with the raised funds for a scaled down project.
3. Once the fundraising is closed, the Publication Committee will:
 - a. Decide the number of the book under the available budget;
 - b. Prioritize the book subjects as shown in Section III, by soliciting input from the NATPA Forum;
 - c. Establish a three-person committee for each of the books proposed by soliciting input from NATPA Forum, and selecting an author for the book project, with consultation and approval from NATPA Board. (Note: NATPA will not pay a fee for the proposal review; however, NATPA will pay a moderate fee for completed draft review from the contingency budget.)
 - d. NATPA hopes a proposed book can be published within two and a half years by a publisher.

V. **The support the project needs and the way NATPA will acknowledge your contributions**

Taiwan is at a critical time needing support from the international community; your support to provide needed and accurate information is important to Taiwan's future.

To appreciate your contribution, NATPA will acknowledge your contribution shortly after the closure of the fundraising and at the NATPA 2019 conference in a format as proposed below:

\$10,000 donation or more: names
\$7,500 - 9,999: names
\$5,000 - 7,499: names
\$2,500 - 4,999: names
\$1,000 - 2,499: names
under \$1,000: names

Please write your check payable to **North America Taiwanese Professors' Association** and send the check before the closing date of **June 19, 2019** to :

Shyu-tu Lee
7720 SE 16th Circle
Vancouver, WA 98664 (Note: this arrangement is agreeable to NATPA President & Treasurer)

Thanks for your support

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