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親愛的會員：

希望各位度過一個愉快、健康的農曆新年！

我想透過這期的 FAPA 季刊再一次感謝大家對喬勻以及我的支持，讓我們有機會在未來兩年為各位服務。FAPA 是個有輝煌歷史的組織，不僅協助台灣民主化，更在近年台美關係正常化中扮演重要角色。能擔任 FAPA 總會長一職因此是我莫大的榮幸。

而現在不僅是台美關係正常化的關鍵，也是 FAPA 轉型、進步的重要時刻。除了每年固定舉辦的國會倡議大會以及 FAPA 委員會，我計畫在未來半年內組織以下活動：

三月時，我們將會召集委員會成員共同參與 FAPA Growth and Sustainability Workshop。這個工作坊旨在傾聽各方意見，尋找讓 FAPA 進步、成長的關鍵，並朝組織專業化的方向前進。

四月時，我們會協助年輕 FAPA 會員組織 YPG 研習營。這個研習營將在東、西岸各舉辦一場，目的是讓我們年輕會員能有機會培養奮鬥情感，並共同商討如何吸引年輕人加入 FAPA 的具體方案。

五月時，包含我在內的部份 FAPA 總部人員將會一起回台舉辦數個小型的餐會。在這期間，我們期許能擴充 FAPA 有限的財源，以及向剛連任的蔡政府傳達 FAPA 會員對台美關係的期許。

六月時，我們會舉辦 FAPA 未來青年政治領袖培訓營。去年在郭正光前會長的帶領下，這個培訓營受到來自世界各地台灣青年領袖們的贊賞，也成為我們今年再次舉辦的契機。對台灣青年領袖的投資將會是 FAPA 未來最大的資產。

最後，我們會召集外交、國防領域內的專業人士，重啟 Green Team 的運作並共同擘畫台美關係的藍圖。

希望各位能不吝給予總部任何指教。我期盼 FAPA 能在未來兩年內快速成長、茁壯成為台美關係的決定性角色。

Minze V. Chien

簡明子博士 敬上
台灣人公共事務會總會長

President's Corner



Dear Members,

Hope you all had a joyful and healthy Lunar New Year!

I would like to thank you again for giving Anny and me the opportunity to serve as FAPA President and vice-President for the next two years. FAPA is an organization with a glorious history, for the important role we played in Taiwan's democratization and the recent normalization of US-Taiwan relations. It is therefore my great honor to have been elected as the new FAPA National President.

At this critical juncture in US-Taiwan relations, FAPA must reform and advance onward. In addition to the annual National Advocacy Conference and Board of Directors Meeting, I plan to do the following for the first half of 2020:

This March, I will convene a "FAPA Growth and Sustainability Workshop" with our Board of Directors. This Workshop aims to professionalize FAPA by jointly identifying the source and direction for the growth of FAPA.

In April, we will help organize a YPG Retreat on both the East Coast and the West Coast. Our objective is to foster the bond among our young members and create the opportunity for them to discuss how to attract new blood to FAPA.

In May, some HQ staffers and I will visit Taiwan to hold several small-scale receptions. During this time in Taiwan, we will seek to increase our limited financial resources and express our issues of concern to the re-elected government.

In June, we will organize another "FAPA Emerging Leaders Workshop." The Workshop was widely praised last year by young Taiwanese leaders around the world under the leadership of Dr. Mike Kuo. FAPA is determined to invest in these emerging leaders from Taiwan as they will be our greatest asset in the future.

Ultimately, we will reactivate the "Green Team" operation to picture the roadmap of future US-Taiwan relations. This joint working group will invite like-minded scholars and professionals who are well-respected in foreign policy circle.

I hope FAPA can become a decisive factor in US-Taiwan relations during the next two years. Please do not hesitate to share with us your precious opinions, so we can make our organization even greater together.

Minze V. Chien, Ph. D.

FAPA National President

Capitol Watch



華府瞭望

NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR JOHN BOLTON ADDRESSES FAPA'S ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

FAPA was honored to have former U.S. National Security Advisor John Bolton as the keynote speaker at FAPA's annual Boardmeeting held on Saturday December 7, 2019 in Washington DC. Bolton is a long-time friend of Taiwan, and has been speaking out for Taiwan for decades. Under his leadership and during his tenure as National Security Advisor, there were miscellaneous developments that benefitted Taiwan, including F-16 sales to Taiwan and breakthroughs in high-level exchanges. Mr. Bolton asked that his speech be off the record, enabling him to be more forthcoming in his remarks. And FAPA honors his request.



Traditionally, FAPA hosts an advocacy workshop on the last day of the Boardmeeting, enabling Boardmembers to fan out all over Capitol Hill on Monday after the Boardmeeting. So, indeed, FAPA advocates got up early on that drizzly, foggy Monday DC morning of December 9 to discuss Taiwan with the offices of their elected Representatives and Senators.



OHIO REP. STEVE CHABOT: "WE SHOULD BEGIN PORT CALLS IN TAIWAN"

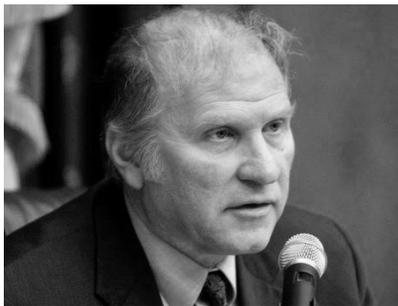
On December 3, 2019, U.S. Congressman Steve Chabot (R-OH), senior Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Chairman Emeritus of the Asia and Pacific Subcommittee, released the following statement regarding the People's Republic of China's announcement that it is suspending U.S. Navy port calls to Hong Kong and sanctioning U.S.-based NGOs:

"It is disappointing to see that instead of taking the signing of the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act as a chance to reflect on its heavy-handed response to legitimate protests, the Chinese Communist Party has chosen to double down on repression. America must not sit idly by while Chairman Xi and his cronies thumb their nose at our organizations and our military."

"If the Chinese Government is unwilling to host U.S. naval vessels, we should send our warships where they will be welcomed. I believe we should begin port calls in nearby Taiwan where our patriotic sailors will be warmly received by a government that is as freedom-loving as the people it governs."

161 REPRESENTATIVES CALL FOR U.S.-TAIWAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Led by co-chairs of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus Reps. Steve Chabot, Gerry Connolly, Mario Diaz Balart and Albio Sires, 161 Representatives sent a letter to US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer on December 19, calling for a U.S. bilateral free trade agreement with Taiwan... They state: "We strongly believe you should work toward beginning negotiations for a bilateral free trade agreement with Taiwan."



Rep. Steve Chabot

LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN HOUSE SEEKING SENATE CONFIRMATION OF AIT DIRECTOR

On December 23, 2019 founding member of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus and long-time Taiwan supporter, Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH) and House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee Chairman for Asia and the Pacific, Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA) introduced legislation calling for Senate confirmation of the Director of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT).

The bill concludes: "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, an individual to serve as the Director of the American Institute in Taiwan."

The Taiwan Relations Act mandates that the "appropriate committees of Congress shall monitor ... the operations and procedures of the Institute."

The bill adds: "The Director of the American Institute in Taiwan shall have the rank and status of Ambassador at Large."

FAPA President Mike Kuo states: "The current AIT Director, the U.S. de facto Ambassador to Taiwan, is appointed by the Secretary of State without checks and balances by Congress. Taiwanese Americans would like to see that the AIT Director is confirmed by the Senate for the following reason: "Congress has the right to oversee US-Taiwan relations through such a confirmation process."

Dr. Kuo adds: "Moreover, the AIT Director acts, talks and walks like an ambassador. That is why it is all the more appropriate that he or she is confirmed by the Senate. And finally, this is not someone the State Department sends to the Caribbean. The Taiwan Strait is still one of the flashpoints in the world. It behooves the Senate to vet this prospective AIT Director to the maximum."



REP. TED YOHO: "I STAND WITH THE INDEPENDENT NATION OF TAIWAN"

In his January 5 OpEd in the Taipei Times, "Facing up to Beijing's arrogance, ignorance," U.S. Representative Ted Yoho wrote:

"[The Chinese Communist Party is] falsely operating on a misguided belief that Taiwan is part of the PRC. Not so, if one looks at history."

"Taiwan's status is not so complicated. "Reunification" is a deception based on a false premise. Taiwan has never been a part of the PRC, so "reunification" is impossible."

The Congressman concludes: "I, for one, stand with the independent nation of Taiwan..."



TAIWAN CAUCUS CO-CHAIRS CONGRATULATE PRESIDENT TSAI, CALL FOR FULFILLMENT OF U.S. COMMITMENT TO TAIWAN TRAVEL ACT AND SIX ASSURANCES

U.S. Representatives Steve Chabot (R-Ohio), Albio Sires (D-N.J.), Mario Diaz-Balart (R-Fla.), and Gerald E. Connolly (D-Va.) released the following statement on Taiwan's presidential election:

"As Co-Chairs of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus we wish to extend our heartfelt congratulations to President Tsai Ing-wen on her reelection as the President of Taiwan.

"We stand ready to work with her Administration to strengthen our close relationship, deepen our economic partnership, foster peace and prosperity for the people of Taiwan, and promote a free and open Indo-Pacific. We will also seek to ensure that the United States fulfills our commitments to Taiwan under the Taiwan Relations Act, the Six Assurances, and the Taiwan Travel Act.

FAPA CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT TSAI WITH REELECTION

On January 13, FAPA President Minze Chien sent a letter to Taiwan president Tsai Ing-wen congratulating her with her landslide reelection.

Dr. Chien wrote:

Dear President Tsai:

On behalf of the 3,000 members of the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA), I congratulate you with your re-election victory.

January 11, 2020 marked a historic and proud day - not only for the people of Taiwan, but for Taiwanese Americans as well.

The tremendous support you received illustrates that your pragmatic line in diplomacy indeed represents the consensus of the people of Taiwan. The affirmation you earned from like-minded countries also proves that Taiwan has become an anchor of peace in the Indo-Pacific region under your leadership.

We are especially grateful for your efforts in the promotion and enhancement of US-Taiwan relations.

Over the past years, U.S. support for Taiwan has been stronger than ever. The next four years will be an important key to the normalization of the relationship between Taiwan and the United States.

We look forward to continue working with your team to strengthen US-Taiwan relations, and to further advance issues such as high-level mutual visits, security cooperation, and the renaming of your diplomatic posts.

Indeed, US-Taiwan relations are the best today they have ever been. FAPA will continue to do what lies in its capability to make that unique relationship even stronger.

Taiwanese Americans all hope that you can do whatever it takes to make history in US-Taiwan relations.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Minze Chien

President, Formosan Association for Public Affairs

Earlier, on Saturday morning January 11, right after the election results were in, FAPA President Minze Chien states: "This is a historic and proud day - not only for the people of Taiwan, but for Taiwanese Americans as well. Over the past years, U.S. support for Taiwan has been stronger than ever. Indeed, U.S.-Taiwan relations are the best today they have ever been. FAPA will continue to do what it can during the coming years to make that unique relationship even stronger!"

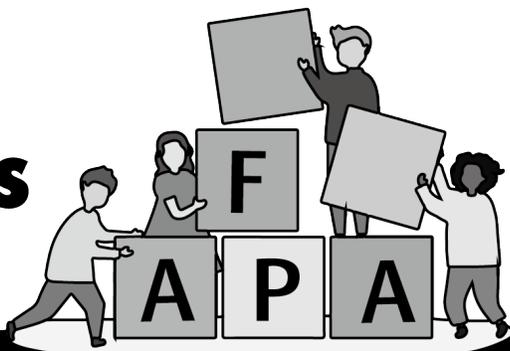
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Chapter Activities

分會報告



CA-SD

San Diego, California
Chapter

洪克璿會長 (Alex Ko-Hsuan Hung)

Here is the list to summarize activities our chapter hosted/co-hosted in 2019:

- 19-0406 Seminar: 青春, 逐夢, 台灣國 (吳明基)
- 19-0511 Taiwanese food fair X FAPA outreach
- 19-0518 Film showcase: 《後勁: 王建民》
- 19-0728 Seminar: US-Taiwan Relations: An afternoon with Steve Yates (Steve Yates)
- 19-1006 我們的青春在台灣聖地牙哥放映會 X 傅瑜導演座談會
- 19-1015 FAPA CA-SD annual meeting & seminar: World at a Crossroads: Why Taiwan Advocacy Matters (Alex Hung & Jonathan Lee)
- 19-1204 Seminar: Census 2020 Write-In Taiwanese Campaign (Christina Hu)

Same as last year, we tried to keep our events as diversified as possible: we have political seminars (吳明基 from WUFI, Steve Yates and Jonathan Lee from FAPA), talk by grassroots movement leader (Christina Hu from TAACL), art events (王建民 and 我們的青春在台灣 documentary), and community outreach (Taiwanese food fair). We hope through those diversified activities we can engage more with the local Taiwanese community and introduce FAPA to who are not yet familiar with us, especially to younger generations. And we did just that! We got to reach out more local young Taiwanese/Taiwanese Americans and made them know what FAPA is. We even recruited some to join our chapter afterward!

Our chapter also sent representatives to attend other FAPA national activities in 2019:

- DC national advocacy conference and congressional office visit (09/14-09/16)

Our Chapter President Alex Hung and two young members attended this conference. Besides excellent seminars and workshops in the first 2 days, in the last day we teamed up with other California chapters to visit five Congressional offices in Capitol Hill including four from San Diego (Scott Peters CA-52, Susan Davis CA-53, Mike Levin CA-49, and Juan Vargas CA-51) and one from Central California (TJ Cox CA-21) to advocate for Taiwan and were well-received by their staff in general. We shared the experience we gained to our chapter members in our annual meeting in October.

- DC National Board of Directors (BOD) meeting (12/6-12/7):

Our Chapter President Alex Hung and At-Large BOD Vivian Fu represented our chapter to attend the meeting. We discussed many important topics during the meeting and elected new National President and Vice President. Alex also took the chance to meet with Hong Kong activists from HKDC (a non-profit organization established by Hong Kongers in DC) along with other FAPA young leaders to discuss how we can work together to fight the Chinese authoritarian regime. It's a fruitful meeting for sure!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my team for their hard work and our chapter members for their contribution and support through 2019. All of above would not be possible without your help! Thank you and please continue to support us in 2020!



19-0511 Taiwanese food fair X FAPA outreach



19-0518 Film showcase: 《後勁：王建民》



19-1206-07 DC Board Meeting

DE

Delaware Chapter

黃仲軒會長 (Benjamin Huang)

Sincere Appreciation to Former FAPA President, Dr. Mike Kuo

Mike's achievements helped FAPA grow significantly from challenges and overcome the difficulty of possible decaying. Moreover, Mike's efforts on frequent visits to local chapters DE chapter delivered sincere appreciation for former FAPA President Mike Kuo's great service over the past few years.



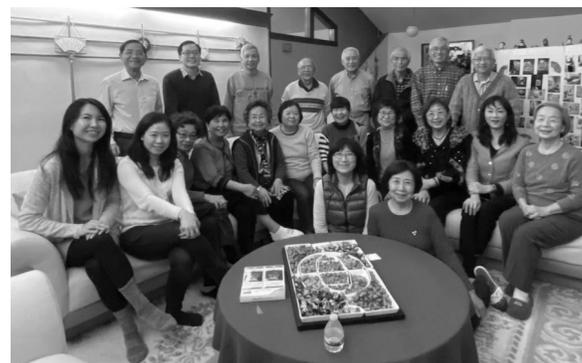
College Outreach - Young Generation FAPA Missions Involvement

We welcome new members, Yu-Chia Wu and Guo Shiou Foo. Yu-Chia and Guo Shiou are local young couple and professions in Education and Tech industry. We are excited in seeing new blood joining our chapters.

In addition, we are very glad to welcome another young couple, Chun-Yen Hsu (Nicolas) and his wife. Nicolas' Family was former Delaware resident and now resided in South Carolina.



To thank every member who has been supporting FAPA DE chapter, we celebrated New Year's Eve all together to share the joyful time of the year. We look forward to seeing further accomplishments with our new force and new members joining our team.



December U.S. Congress Advocacy

DE chapter attended December Congress advocacy along with all the other chapters.



MD

Maryland Chapter

許辰沼會長 (Chen Hsu)

FAPA MD Chapter Fall Meeting was held on 2 November 2019 at Mai Dragon Restaurant, Hanover, MD. FAPA Senior Advisor Stephen Yates was invited as the speaker to present a speech entitled, “US-Taiwan Relations, and How to Build Support for Taiwan Through Community Engagement.”

In the beginning of Mr. Yates’ speech, he mentioned that he was in Taiwan in 1987 as a missionary, he is familiar with Taiwan and Taiwanese accepted him. On the other hand, a majority of Americans still do not know very much about Taiwan. Furthermore, he said that although the relationship between the US and Taiwan is close as reflected from the fact that Taiwan is the 10th largest US trade partnership, yet the US still has not recognized Taiwan as an independent nation. He pointed out that this is the area where FAPA needs to strive for which the regional FAPA Chapters could help, including getting active in the local social groups like volunteer fire fighters, veteran organization, social Internet groups, etc. Such involvements will bring attention to the mainstream social circles about Taiwan, especially including the Congressional men and women who initiate and sponsor congressional bills.

At the end of his speech, he emphasized the importance of 2020 Taiwan’s presidential and legislative elections and especially to pay attention to the furious cyber attack from China. He said that China’s ambition is obvious from “Re-Education Camp” in Hsin-Kiang and “Anti-

Extradition to China Movement” in Hong Kong. There were fairly good questions in the Q&A session after his speech pertaining to the outlook of Taiwan’s presidential election and the possibility of the military attack from China. For the former, he said that there will be positive result and for the later, the US will be on the side of Taiwan.



MO

Missouri Chapter

郭勝義會長 (Albert Kuo)

Our chapter together with TAA and TSA (Taiwanese Scholar Association) in St. Louis held a meeting titled “Rise to New US Immigration Challenges with FAPA” on November 10 to address House bill H1044 and Senate bill S386 on immigration issue. Ohio-North and OH-Central chapter presidents, Nancy Ho and Janice Liu came to St. Louis to attend the meeting. There were 58 meeting attendees, primarily the young generation. Shortly after the meeting, in response to the discussion of the meeting, a proposal co-sponsored by MO and OH-Central chapters and titled “Defending Against Immigration Legislations Which Favor Certain Interest Groups” was presented at the 2019 December FAPA annual board meeting to enlist the immigration issue as an action item in year 2020.

We continue to hold monthly informal gathering which is intended to provide us an opportunity to greet each other monthly, share about our well-beings, and chat on various topics about our root country Taiwan. On the November 30 gathering, Tony Su gave us a talk on “Migration, Touring, Roaming, and Sightseeing (移、旅、遊、觀光)”. On the December 30 gathering, we bid farewell to 2019 and Albert Chu gave us a talk on “台灣文學之父：賴和”.



Meeting on Immigration, TAA-STL, TSA-STL, FAPA-MO, 10 Nov 2019

NJ**New Jersey Chapter**

李鐸宇會長 (Leo Lee)

During the 2019 Board meeting the NJ Chapter was honorably awarded as the Outstanding Chapter of 2019, and our members of Ai-shing Liao and Yvonne Williams were awarded as FAPA Patrons. Congratulations to all! And thank you for your strong support!



After the National Board Meeting on 12/9, our New Jersey Advocacy team, Su-Mei Kao, Mark Kao and Wen Chang, with other Chapter Presidents, Ken Wu (LA) & Josephine Huang (OC), and members visited Senator Cory Booker's and Senator Bob Menendez's DC offices to address the topics concerning Taiwanese Americans and to seek a better relationship between Taiwan and the United States. (Photo credited of FAPA LA)



On January 2020, Chapter President Leo Lee and Dr. Michael Huang of National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS, JP) visited Member of Parliament (MP) Fumiaki Kobayashi (小林史明) The Director of Youth Division of Liberal Democratic Party (LDP 自由民主党青年局長),

joining in a video conference with Mr. Steve Yates, FAPA Senior Advisor. Mr. Yates has introduced the main function of FAPA, FAPA chapters, and the implication of a grass roots operation, illustrating that the advocacy of policy for Taiwan with positive feedback/encouragement would substantially motivate local politicians. Mr. Lee has also introduced the Taiwan Caucus that U. S. lawmakers established, and expressed the importance of such a function in US politics, indicating that it would also be important if Japan has such a cross-party faction among active and young MPs to discuss and exchange ideas with Taiwan Caucus key members.

**NY-Hudson** Hudson, New York Chapter

歐陽吉林會長 (Chi-lin O'Young)

Visited Rep. Maloney's Office in Newburgh, NY, November 8th, 2019

After attending Rep. Maloney's Town Hall Meeting on October 20th, Thomas Hwang and Chi-Lin O'Young scheduled a meeting to meet his District Director, Ernest Klepeis. Rep. Maloney has strongly supported Taiwan in the past. He had a trip to Taiwan to meet President Tsai in October. Consequently, he got PRC's visa blackmail and published a WSJ article "Beijing Tries to Bully Congress" to condemn PRC and supported Taiwan.

We used near 45-min to exchange recent information from US-Taiwan-China and specifically asked Congressman's co-sponsorship of H.R. 1811 "Countering PRC's Political Influence in the U.S." and HRes 248 "Challenge the PRC's One China Principle." Mr. Klepeis was very friendly and agreed to most of our presentation. We will continue to follow up the progress of co-sponsorship.



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OH-C Ohio Central Chapter

何玉時會長 (Nancy Ho)

Attending Annual Board Meeting

Nancy attended the 2019 Annual Board Meeting (12/6/19 – 12/9/19). Prior the meeting, she co-sponsored a proposal for resolution with Albert Kueq (Missouri Chapter President) regarding concerns for the Unfair Immigration Legislations (S386/HR1044), gathered 17 endorsements from board members. HR1044 had been passed in the House several months with 3 quarters vote. She presented a brief summary of the issues to the board on 12/8/19. Even though the voting results did not favor the motion, Jonathan Lee proposed a resolution that HQ, if requested, should train individuals in advocating against the bill at a personal level. On 12/9/19, Nancy teamed up with Coen Blaauw (not shown below; he took the photo) and Chih-Yun Huang to visit Senator Sherrod Brown’s office to advocate for Taiwan in the morning. In the afternoon Chih-Yun went with Nancy to visit Senator Bob Portman’s office.



12/1/2019 Holiday Gathering

The team gathered at Tucci's with a surprise guest Prof. Liang Shih Fan along with our long time members Dr. and Mrs. Ing-Ming Chu who came back from Taiwan. They brightened and enlightened this event.



TX-C

Texas-Central Chapter

楊碧珠會長 (Pearl Wu)

榮獲 "Excellent Chapter of 2019"

12/6-12/8 參加在 Washington DC 的全國理事會。12/7 星期六晚宴的 keynote speaker 是前美國國安顧問 John Bolton。在他演講之後，我們 TX-C 很榮幸以 'membership Growth Achievement' 獲頒為本年度 "Excellent Chapter"。我們的會員一年前是 4 名，現在增至約近 40 名。謝謝每個會員!! 因為你們的參與才有這個獎。這個獎是屬於每位會員的。



Congressional Advocacy

開完理事會後 12/9 星期一到國會向 Congressmans and Senator advocate.

我在 Austin 時請會員孟芬寫新年賀卡給 Congressman Michael McCaul, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee (孟芬他在他的選區)。我帶卡片到 DC 請人幫忙簽名。星期一我送到 Congressman Michael McCaul 的國會 office。照片上的是 Congressman McCaul 的助理 Ms.Emma Cunningham。

我也跟著北德州分會會長 John Hsieh 到 Congressman Marc Veasey, Congressman Ron Wright and Congressman Van Taylor 的 office 去 advocate。



- 和去年一樣，我請人簽農曆年賀卡來寄給我們的 Senators 及 Congressman。藉著賀年卡，我們謝謝他們對台灣的支持!
- 開始為 2020 Census 宣傳 ---10/26/2019 台商會舉辦台灣日。我和 Schiller 宣傳 Census 上要填 "Taiwanese"。





TX-N

Texas-North Chapter

謝慶鏘會長 (John Hsieh)

十一月二十四日，謝慶鏘分會長寫信到本地 Dallas Morning News 讚揚已退休第六選區 Joe Barton 在一九八零年代，他如何把不可能變可能，把美國在七十年代通過的禁止能源外銷法案取消、讓美國從去年開始可以成為全世界產油最多的國家。同時也感謝他在國會長年來強力支持台灣。信登在去年十一月二十七日的報紙。



十二月七日到九日期間，分會長參加在 D. C. 召開的 FAPA 中央委員會。九日星期一拜訪六個國會議員辦公室。二零一九年，本分會表現大不如以前。這十年來本分會拿了五次的 Chapter of the year，最後的四次是連續的。



一月十一日，本分會會員有約二十人回台投票。

二月一日，將開分會會議。

開始連絡議員，請他（她）們參加五月二十日蔡英文連任就職典禮，重點在第三十選區的 Eddie Bernice Johnson。她非常支持台灣，每年都會去台灣，她在 2016 年是唯一去參加蔡英文總統就職典禮的美國國會議員。她在今年底就退休，希望她更有時間去參加蔡總統的就職典禮。再來就是德州參議員 Ted Cruz，他也非常支持台灣。

New Faces

新人專欄



Yen-Zhi Peng gained her M.A. in Asian Studies Program and Graduate Certificate in Korean Studies at University of Hawaii at Manoa, focusing on East Asia. She was also a student affiliate at the East-West Center in Honolulu, and a Mandarin (TCFL) teacher. She obtained her B.A. in Chinese Literature at National Chengchi University (Taipei, Taiwan) where she developed her knowledge of Taiwan studies, Chinese linguistics and Theatre Arts. Her current research revolves primarily around Taiwan, politics—Taiwanese identity, Taiwanese consciousness, Taiwanese nationalism, digital activism, soft power, and East Asian popular culture—Japanese Anime, Comics, and Games (ACGs), and Korean Wave. She focuses on how Taiwanese appropriate or consume Japanese & Korean pop culture and make them intersect with Taiwan's politics. She also follows the cultural products emphasizing Taiwaneseness and observing the Taiwanization phenomenon in this era.

Born and raised in Taiwan, Yen-Zhi Peng is from a family of mainlander Chinese and Taiwanese intermarriage where she learned the history of early modern Taiwan and China through her grandparents. She has spent most of her leisure time reading Manga since childhood, Korean Wave since undergraduate, and now social media. As an avid consumer of East Asian popular culture, she has cultivated a deep interest in both Taiwan studies and Japanese & Korean popular culture prevalent in Taiwan. Recently, she is researching Moe Anthropomorphism in Taiwan, which is a phenomenon in Taiwan whereby Japanese-manga-looking characters are created to promote locality or publicize political issues.



Issues of Concern to Taiwanese Americans

Taiwan Envoy Act (H.R.5535)

The AIT Director, the U.S. de facto Ambassador to Taiwan, is appointed by the Secretary of State without checks and balances by Congress. Taiwanese Americans would like to see the AIT Director confirmed by the Senate, which has the right to oversee US-Taiwan relations through such a confirmation process. We look forward to see Members of Congress supporting the “Taiwan Envoy Act” (H.R.5535), a bi-partisan piece of legislation sponsored by Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA) and Steve Chabot (R-OH) in the House.

Rename Taiwan’s de facto Embassy from TECRO to Taiwan Representative Office (TRO)

Taiwanese Americans believe that the current title of Taiwan’s de facto embassy in Washington DC, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO), does not reflect the sovereignty of Taiwan. The U.S. could learn from the experience of Japan, which successfully resisted PRC pressure and renamed its “embassy” in Taiwan from “Interchange Association” into “Japan-Taiwan Interchange Association in 2017.” Lastly, referring to Taiwan as “Taiwan” is consistent with U.S. policy. We therefore seek Congress’ support to rename TECRO to TRO.

Challenge the PRC’s One China Principle

An increasing number of countries and international organizations are abiding by the PRC’s One China Principle instead of the U.S. One China Policy. This partly results from the U.S. One China Policy’s passive language vis-à-vis Taiwan’s sovereignty status and the legitimacy of the island’s democracy. The U.S. could adopt the following policy statements to further distinguish its position from the PRC’s to push back against the One China Principle campaign:

1. The United States acknowledges that Taiwan exists as a self-governing democracy of 23.6 million people;
2. The United States will ensure any resolution of cross-Strait differences must be undertaken peacefully and with the active assent of the people of Taiwan;
3. The United States encourages both sides of the Taiwan Strait to carry out constructive dialogue without preconditions

US-Taiwan Free Trade Agreement / Bilateral Trade Agreement

Taiwan was the 11th largest U.S. trading partner with over \$10 billion U.S. services exports in 2018, yielding a surplus for the U.S. of over \$1.6 million. Taiwan is also the 8th largest agricultural export destination for the United States in 2018. U.S. trade deficit to Taiwan also decreased 7.3% from 2017. As a result, Taiwan is an important source of job creation for the United States. Pork and pig organs, constituting only 0.1% of U.S. exports to Taiwan, therefore should not be imposed as a precondition for USTR to enter into FTA negotiations with Taiwan. Insisting on sector specific liberalization loses sight of the big picture for the U.S.

Taiwan's Participation in 2020 RIMPAC

Taiwan has been excluded from joining major military exercises in the Indo-Pacific region. In order to counter PRC's military threats against the island nation, the United States needs to help train the Taiwanese forces in addition to simply providing arms and weapons. We therefore ask Members of Congress to support Taiwan's participation in 2020 RIMPAC, an initiative with strong Congressional approval in the past decade.

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若您有認識 40 歲以下，並對台灣的外交情勢有所熱誠的寶島青年，請在二月底密切注意 FAPA 官網以得知第一手的報名資訊。

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Director-General
World Health Organization
Avenue Appia 20
1211 Geneva, Switzerland

Dear **Dr. Tedros**:

With the annual World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva mere months away, we write to urge your support for Taiwan's admission as an observer to the WHA in May 2020, leading to Taiwan's eventual full membership in the World Health Organization (WHO).

The preamble to the WHO Constitution reads: "The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition."

Due to China's political pressure, the 23 million people of Taiwan do not enjoy that right today. What it boils down to is that China is playing politics with the lives of the people of Taiwan, and with the lives of the entire global community, including those of the people of China.

In an era of globalization, there is growing apprehension about the emergence of new and dangerous viruses such as SARS, avian influenza and now the coronavirus, and leaving the Taiwanese people outside the WHO is simply unconscionable.

As you are aware, Taiwan has a modern, world-class health care system and has lent its talents and resources to people in need throughout Asia and around the world, and therefore warrants full inclusion under the WHO umbrella.

Taiwan not only needs the WHO to protect the health of its people through its inclusion in the WHA and the WHO, it will share its experience with other countries, and play a constructive role in global health protection. This would create a win-win scenario for Taiwan, the WHO, and the global community.

We therefore urge you to proactively support Taiwan in its bid for WHA observer status, eventually leading to full WHO membership.

Sincerely yours,

Name _____ Signature _____

Street Address _____

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