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【President’s Corner】

Mark Kao (高龍榮)

Over the summer, I attended two Taiwanese American Conferences (East and West coast). To the East coast meeting, FAPA invited AIT Director Joe Donovan. He gave a speech entitled “The US and Taiwan: The Ties That Bind Us.” His acceptance to attend Taiwanese American Conference signified a new improved relationship between Taiwanese American community and US government. It may be a small step for now, but it shows the solid relationship FAPA has built with the US administration.

During his presentation Mr. Donovan presented US policy on Taiwan, and how AIT has been working hard to improve US-Taiwan relation. Many of TAC/EC participants expressed their concerns regarding US policy on Taiwan, and I think it was a great opportunity for Mr. Donovan to hear our voice directly.

Our members also invited Rep. Ted Lieu to the West Coast Conference and Sen. Sherrod Brown to the Mid-West Conference. Building relationships with US members of Congress is the root of FAPA’s success. Let’s continue to work on it!

Over the summer, our members from Texas, NY, Miami, CA and many other states visited congressional offices to advocate for Taiwan. Due to FAPA Miami chapter president Madeline Wu’s effort, Representative Lois Frankel led a Congressional delegation to visit Tsai Ing-Wen and DPP’s HQ. This event exemplified how, as a grassroots organization, we help build stronger US-Taiwan relations.

FAPA’s annual YPG national conference was held in August in DC. Like last year, we had more than 70 young people attend the conference. Some were new, others had attended last year. Following a two day discussion and training the group went to Congress to advocate for Taiwan. I joined the New Jersey team, visited 4 Representatives’ and one Senator’s office. I also joined the Maryland team to visit Senator Ben Cardin, the ranking member of the Foreign Relations committee. The chief aide, Aiko Lane, was very familiar with our concerns and she emphasized that Senator Cardin is trying hard to help Taiwan procure defensive weapons. I was very impressed with our young team from Maryland. They are confident, understand the issues and fearless! Other groups from Texas and Massachusetts were busy running around Capitol Hill. It was really exciting to see the young people so passionate about advocating for Taiwan.

We continue to advocate for Taiwan’s international space. During the DC visit of China’s President, HQ staff and DC chapter members joined a protest rally in front of the White House. After the Pope’s visit, HQ wrote a letter to the Pope urging him to consider dual diplomatic recognition with Taiwan and China. We also had success in correcting the websites of the FDA and Wells Fargo, among others – to change the country name from “Taiwan, Province of China” to “Taiwan.” HQ is also actively working with the State Department to rectify the incorrect name of Taiwan listed in other government agencies, including in the INS under the Homeland Security Agency.

And finally: In September, At-large Board member election was conducted. Eleven new board members were elected, they are: Jong Chen, Nei Cheng, Cherry Chi, Chia-Chun Chung, Thomas Hwang, Connie Jeng, Eric Lee, Rebecca Lee, Henry Lin, Bob Yang, and Kim Yang (last name alphabetical order)

這個夏天，我參與了美東和美西台灣人夏令會。在美東夏令會上，FAPA 邀請了美國在台協會執行理事唐若文 (Joe Donovan)，他以「美國與台灣：連繫彼此的紐帶」為題發表演說。他的出席象徵了台美人與美國政府關係的進展。這進展或許只是一小步，但也彰顯 FAPA 長期與美國政府所建立的緊密關係。
在他的演說中，介紹了美國對台的外交政策，以及美國在台協會在強化美台關係所做的努力。會議上，許多與會者表達了對美國對台政策的關心，我想這是一個絕佳的機會與場合讓 Donovan 可以直接聽到我們的聲音。

經由 FAPA 會員的協助，美西夏令會邀請到劉雲平眾議員(Ted Lieu)與會，而中西部夏令會則邀請到布朗參議員(Sherrod Brown)與會。與國會成員建立深厚的關係一是 FAPA 成功的基礎，讓我們繼續努力！

在這個夏天，我們有來自德州、紐約、邁阿密、加州等地的成員前來拜會國會議員並為台灣發聲。而在 FAPA 邁阿密分會長楊美娥(Madeline Wu)的牽線與努力下，眾議員 Lois Frankel 組織了國會代表團，前往台灣並拜會了蔡英文與民進黨總部。FAPA 作爲一個草根組織，這些活動顯示了 FAPA 這個草根組織，協助強化美台關係的發展。

今年八月，FAPA YPG 年會在華盛頓召開。同於去年，我們有多達 70 位的年輕朋友參與這次的會議。某些成員是第一次參與，其他成員則有去年的參與經驗。在兩天的討論與遊說訓練後，我跟著紐澤西組一同拜會了四個參眾議員辦公室。我也加入到馬里蘭組一同拜會 Ben Cardin 參議員。參議員在外交事務委員會上扮演相當重要的角色，他的首席助理 Aiko Lane 對於我們的議題相當熟悉。他強調，Cardin 在協助台灣取得防衛性武器上做了相當多的努力。看到馬里蘭組成員們的自信、議題掌握，以及無懼的態度，再次讓我印象深刻！德州組與麻州組則是來回奔波於國會山莊。能見到如此多熱情洋溢的年輕人為台灣發聲，實在很令人振奮！

FAPA 也持續為台灣的國際空間發聲。在中國總理習近平訪問華盛頓期間，總部成員與華府分會會員組織白宮前的抗議；在教宗訪美期間，總部也致函教宗，呼籲他能雙重承認台灣與中國的外交關係。我們成功更改了聯邦食品藥品管理局（FDA）與 Wells Fargo 集團等組織網站對台灣名稱的錯誤稱呼，從“中國，台灣省”更改為“台灣”；總部更積極與美國國務院合作，以更改其他機關對台灣的錯誤稱呼，包含國土安全部下的移民規劃局等。

最後，全國性委員選舉已經在九月份進行，當選的 11 名委員如下：陳榮良、鄭乃忠、紀江蒟、鍾佳君、黃增桐、鄭睿之、李英毅、陳素娥、林靖欣、楊英育、楊金文(以英文姓氏排列)。
REP. SCOTT GARRETT (R-NJ) INTRODUCES UN FOR TAIWAN BILL

Coinciding with the opening of the annual General Assembly session in New York, U.S. Representative Scott Garrett (R-NJ) introduced HCR76 concluding "That it is the sense of Congress that Taiwan and its people deserve membership in the United Nations."

The resolution quotes from the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act stating: "Nothing in this Act may be construed as a basis for supporting the exclusion or expulsion of Taiwan from continued membership in any international financial institution or any other international organization."

It also lauds the "close relationship that has existed for the past 50 years between the United States and Taiwan, which has been of major economic, cultural, and strategic advantage to both countries" and emphasizes Taiwan's long time desire to join the United Nations.

FAPA President Mark Kao stated: "Taiwan is an independent country that fulfills all conditions for statehood: a permanent population, a defined territory, government, and capacity to enter into relations with other states. There are no legal obstacles for Taiwan to join the UN, just one political obstacle: the People's Republic of China. The PRC opposes Taiwan's membership in the UN for such membership would constitute international recognition of the reality that Taiwan is an independent country. The time is now for the international community to form a coalition to jointly stand up against China and support Taiwan’s entry into the UN."

TAIWANESE AMERICANS PROTEST XI-JINPING'S WHITE HOUSE VISIT

On September 25th, a broad coalition of Tibetans, Uyghurs, Chinese human rights activists and Taiwanese Americans held a rally in front of the White House at Lafayette Square to protest Chinese repression in China, Tibet, and East Turkestan, and its aggressive stance against Taiwan.

Taiwanese Americans in Houston held a rally in front of the Chinese consulate in Houston, TX and Taiwanese Americans in Seattle, WA, held a rally jointly with Tibetans and Falung Gong practitioners in downtown Seattle. A common theme resounded at all rallies. Americans strongly urged Xi to:

- Respect Taiwan’s freedom and democracy

States. During his stay in the US, Xi was met in several cities by protesters. Protest rallies were held in Washington, DC, Houston, TX and Seattle, WA.
• Recognize the right of self-determination of the people of Taiwan
• Renounce the use of force against Taiwan
• Dismantle the 1,600 missiles pointed at Taiwan, and
• End China’s policy of isolating Taiwan in the international community

FAPA President reacted: “Isn’t it ironic that the United States doesn’t allow the democratically elected president of Taiwan to come to Washington, but rolls out the red carpet for the repressive and unelected president of China to visit the White House and give him a 21 gun salute? Isn’t there something wrong with this picture?”

Dr. Kao concluded: “We also urge President Obama that in his meetings with President Xi Jinping he insists that China accepts Taiwan as a friendly neighbor, renounce the use of military force against Taiwan, and dismantle all 1600+ missiles aimed at Taiwan.”

TAIWANESE AMERICANS CALL UPON PRESIDENT OBAMA TO STAND BY TAIWAN

In a letter dated, September 21st, 2015, FAPA President Mark Kao called upon President Obama to stand by Taiwan during his upcoming meeting with Chinese President Xi.

Dr. Kao wrote: “We understand that the United States needs to engage China. However, such engagement should not come at the expense of America’s core values – freedom, democracy and human rights, as embodied in the country of our birth, Taiwan.”

He urges President Obama “…to remind Mr. Xi that it is a core interest of the United States that the future of Taiwan be resolved peacefully and with the express consent of the people of Taiwan. We also urge you to refrain from proffering U.S. respect for China’s “sovereignty and territorial integrity” as China lays unjustified claims to sovereignty over Taiwan.”

The Taipei Times of September 27 reported that: “US President Barack Obama declared his “strong commitment” to the Three Joint Communiques and the Taiwan Relations Act during his White House summit with Chinese President Xi Jinping….”

FAPA URGES POPE TO WORK TOWARDS DUAL RECOGNITION OF CHINA AND TAIWAN

In a letter to Pope Francis dated October 9, 2015 FAPA President Mark Kao called upon the Pope, while exploring diplomatic relations with China, not to abandon diplomatic relations with Taiwan but instead move towards “Dual Recognition” of Beijing and Taipei.

The letter read: “For the past decades, China’s Communist Government has forced nations around the world to choose between maintaining diplomatic relations with either Taipei or Beijing. […] I ask that you pledge, while you consider establishing diplomatic ties with China, that your initiative will be based on the principle of not hurting diplomatic relations with Taiwan.”

The letter continued: “I would like to propose that you consider moving towards “Dual Recognition” of both governments in Beijing and Taipei. Such dual diplomatic recognition would entail not abandoning the 23 million people of Taiwan, and in addition would also be a way to foster and encourage peaceful coexistence between Taiwan and China. And it would set a precedent for other countries to emulate.”

Mark Kao commented: “Dual Recognition” of China and Taiwan is an idea that is long overdue. Pope Francis played a critical initiating role in putting the establishment of U.S.-Cuba diplomatic relations on the rails. It makes very much sense that he takes the lead in recognizing that Taiwan and China are two countries on either side of the Taiwan Strait which the international community wants to see develop into friendly neighbors.”

REP. STEVE CHABOT (R-OH) INTRODUCES SIX ASSURANCES LEGISLATION

On October 28th 2015, former chairman of the Asian Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH) introduced HCR-88 titled: “Reaffirming the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances as the Cornerstone of United States-Taiwan Relations.”
It concludes that “… the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances together form the cornerstone of United States relations with Taiwan.”

The resolution first lauds the importance of the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act: “April 10, 2015, marked the 36th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96–8), codifying into law the basis for continued commercial, cultural, and other relations between the United States and Taiwan.” The TRA was signed into law during the Carter administration.

However, when President Reagan agreed to sign the U.S.-China so-called “Third Communiqué” of August 17, 1982, he was disturbed by its possible effect on Taiwan and therefore decided that Taiwan needed to be reassured that the U.S. would not abandon Taiwan. Enter the 1982 Six Assurances.

Thus, before quoting all Six Assurances verbatim, the resolution reads: “Whereas in 1982 President Reagan wanted to reinforce United States support for Taiwan and therefore issued the Six Assurances.”

FAPA President Mark Kao reacted: “The Chinese always have a very one-sided interpretation of their agreements with the United States. They only mention the Three Communiques and try to assert that under their “One China Principle” Taiwan has always been part of China. This is simply untrue, as the PRC has never held sovereignty over Taiwan.”

Dr. Kao concluded: "To the United States, the Taiwan Relations Act is not just the “Law of the Land” but the main cornerstone of the U.S. relationship with Taiwan. It is now critical that the Six Assurances are seen as the other integral part and cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan relations.”

MISC. ARTICLES AND LETTERS

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The September 24 Taipei Times published a letter from FAPA president Mark Kao to president Obama urging him to prevail on President Xi "to dismantle the large number of missiles targeted at Taiwan and to renounce the use of force against Taiwan" during Xi’s upcoming White House visit. It concludes: “it is essential that China end Taiwan’s international political isolation.

This is a peace-loving nation that is able and willing to carry out UN Charter obligations. Taiwan deserves an equal place in the international family of nations, and Taiwanese should be fully represented in international organizations such as the UN and the WHO.”

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On November 5, Gerrit van der Wees published an article in the Taipei Times about the November 7 meeting of Xi Jinping and Ma Ying-jeou in Singapore, titled: “Ma meeting Xi a selfish gamble to save legacy.” He concludes: “A truly fruitful and productive meeting between the leaders from the two sides can only be held in due time, after Taiwan itself has reached a broad consensus on future cross-strait relations in a transparent and open political process. What Ma is doing now is playing poker with the future of the country.”
INTRODUCTION THREE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Congressman Matt Salmon (R-AZ)

Representative Matt Salmon was born in Salt Lake City, Utah in 1958. He graduated from Arizona State University with a bachelor’s degree in English literature and an MPA from Brigham Young University. After completing his education, he spent thirteen years in the telecommunication industry in Arizona. He was then elected to the Arizona State Senate in 1990 and joined the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific. He has constantly supported Taiwan to join international organizations. His legislation that promotes Taiwan’s participation as an observer in INTERPOL passed the House floor on November 2. This past spring he wondered aloud in an Asian Subcommittee hearing whether the One China Policy would be unsustainable: I am wondering whether it is time for us to look at tweaking that policy a little bit. Things have changed. Taiwan is now a thriving democracy and a lot of the policies that we have toward it right now seem to be outdated…”

Congressman Ed Royce (R-CA)

Current chair of the House Foreign Affairs committee Congressman Ed Royce was born in California and attended the California State University School of Business Administration. He was elected to the California State Senate in 1982 and entered Congress in 1993. He has been a member of the Taiwan Caucus from Day One When elected Committee Chair, he made Taiwan the destination of his first official overseas trip in January 2013. Through Rep. Royce’s efforts, Congress passed legislation to help Taiwan rejoin the ICAO. In 2014 he managed a letter from members of Congress to Secretary of State John Kerry calling for a new Taiwan Policy Review. He also called on the U.S. government to increase trade and investment with Taiwan and proposed a bill to support Taiwan joining the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

Congressman Brad Sherman (D-CA)

Congressman Brad Sherman was born and raised in southern California. He attended the University of California, Los Angeles and Harvard Law School. Sherman is a Tax Law Specialist and a CPA. Sherman entered the U.S. House of Representatives in 1997, serves as a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and ranking member on the Asian Subcommittee. He has long stood up for Taiwan and supported a wide variety of legislation for Taiwan such as the purchase of defensive weapons. When President Clinton visited Beijing at the end of June 1998, he said “When President Clinton goes to Beijing, his message should be clear: Hands off Taiwan!” Over the past years, he has been very outspoken in his support of medical parole for former Taiwan president Chen Shui-bian.
Chapter Activities

分會活動報告

CA-LA  California – Los Angeles Chapter
陳正義會長 (Peter Chen)

CA-LA chapter had a busy summer! The Chapter was a supporting sponsor in TAC-West Coast Summer Conference with special speakers from Taiwan discussing upcoming elections and political landscape overseas. In early August, members joined other Taiwanese Americans protesting (and rally in support of students in Taiwan) as part of the 「北美反課綱微調聲援」. The members joined others in the Taiwanese American community.

Later in August, 3 members of the Los Angeles Chapter took part in the National YPG Advocacy Conference. The L.A. team visited seven offices in one single day – office of Reps. Royce, Sherman, Lieu, Lowenthal, Chu, Rohrabacher and Senator Boxer! The visit also helped to invite Rep. Lieu as keynote speaker for chapter’s event in November: Salute to Taiwanese American military servicemen and women!

CA-OC  California – Orange County Chapter
吳仲輝會長 (Nicholas Wu)

8/22 CA-OC Members and Friends Summer Picnic

Over 120 members and friends got together for our first annual summer picnic at Irvine Regional Park. The weather was beautiful and the location has ample of space for eating and chatting. There were several 3-generation families in the picnic, enjoyed the family outdoor get-together. The activities starting in the morning with a biking tour in the park, followed by the traditional Taiwanese food picnic. A total of 6 new members joined FAPA at the end of the picnic. Thanks to a great team efforts led by Victor Hong.


As a co-host for the annual Knott’s Berry Farm event for Rep. Ed Royce, Chapter President, Nicholas Wu has prepared from our friends in Orange County. The attendees for this event including Dr. and Mrs. Peter Su, Dr. and Mrs. Stan Yang, Dr. Lee-Ming Chen, Dr. Su Syin Wu, and our younger generation: Victor and Ellie Hong, Sophie Lin, and Maggie Chiang.
10/3 CA-OC Annual Meeting

柑縣分會十分榮幸能邀請到林媽利醫師和王澤毅博士做我們年會的貴賓，年會在柑縣Atrium Hotel舉行，十一點慕名而來的人紛紛涌入，塞滿了會場，入場卷銷售一空，座無虛席。年會由前任會長黃河芬主持，午餐過後宣布選舉結果，今年新當選的理事為Sophie Lin（林端清）及Grace Chen（陳艷麗），留任理事為Victor Hong（洪偉凱）、Winnie Chuang（王文瑩）、Simon Chen（陳薌元）、Shirley Yu（張欣珠）。區域理事有三位：蘇國雄、黃河芬及陳婉婉，並頒贈匾額給卸任的蔡清枝與楊枝美，感謝他們多年來的服務。吳會長接著做會務報告並歡迎新會員。

進餐時同步播放林醫師生平的影片，難得的是鬧哄哄的會場頓時安靜下來，大家都被影片的內容吸引了。接著上場的是台美水牛合唱團，由溫永霖吉他伴奏，帶領一群帥哥組成的男聲合唱團演唱了三首歌，台下觀眾跟著唱起來，氣氛溫馨感人，還安可一首。

今天的三位來賓主角是林媽利醫師，林醫師長期從事輸血學研究，是台灣輸血學能躍上國際舞台的重要推手。他帶領團隊在台灣血液系統及健全醫院的輸血作業，因而獲得「台灣血液之母」的尊稱。近年來致力基因的研究，對台灣族群做全面性的研究及分析，因為她的遠見和執著，將使更多台灣人明確認清自己的祖先和血源。

第二位貴賓是王澤毅博士，現任馬偕醫院助理研究員，建構數理模型，開發統計與計算方法，應用於整合分析台灣族群的遺傳基因資訊，進而追溯台灣人的父母系血源，對於增進台灣地區疾病的基因的研究有莫大的貢獻，相信這也是林醫師選中王博士做接班人的主要原因。他帶著資訊、電腦、統計分析方面的長才，將這個研究室帶往另一個紀元。

第三位貴賓是林媽利醫師二十年的得力助手陸中衡小姐。憑著愛台灣的心和鍥而不捨的研究精神，他們三個人默默的耕耘，合作無間。

年輕的王博士以流利的台灣話做演講，從基因排列組合如何追溯血源，深入淺出的介紹，讓觀眾聽得津津有味，尤其談到台灣人的祖先可能和海盜脫不了干係，大家更是興趣盎然。簡單說，平埔公、平埔婦，唐山公、唐山婦，高山公、高山婦，構築了台灣人的基因結構，這與中國大陸北方漢人的基因結構是完全不同的。DNA不會說謊，他清楚明確的告訴我們：

1. 百分之八十五的「台灣人」帶有原住民的血源。
2. 唐山公其實是中國東南沿海的越族。
3. 平埔族沒有消失，只是溶入台灣人之中。
4. 高山原住民非同源，台灣原住民與夏威夷人有共同的母系祖先。

當年林媽利醫師的父親因肺結核住院，二二八逃過一劫，出院後發現他的同學好友都失蹤或慘遭屠殺，臨終前，囑咐林醫師要讓二二八受難者的遺骸回家。這句話林醫師始終放在心上，不眠不休，很努力的從DNA的研究分析中尋找答案，相信有朝一日能夠達成父親的遺願，也讓二二八受難者人士為安，家屬放下多年的懸念。

最後，林醫師很難得的談了一下她的繪畫生涯，她並提供十八本畫冊義賣，另外數十本「我們流著不同的血液」都一掃而空。
當在得知林醫師跟她的團隊在為台灣從事這麼崇高的研究工作，當前政府不願配合時，柑縣理事會決定為她的工作計劃募捐。感謝兩百多位鄉親的支持，最後募得兩萬美金交給林創利醫師作為他至少兩年研究經費，希望藉由鄉親們的慷慨解囊，共襄盛舉，繼續支持這個有意義的研究工作，也讓在 228 事件中犧牲的菁英們得以瞑目。

CA-SAC  California – Sacramento Chapter
黃員成會長 (Jerry Huang)

09/12 分會年度會議

一年一度的年會在嚴謹的作業下，沙加緬度分會 2015年會在九月十二日舉行。在黃員成會長的宣布開會後，首先提出修訂本會的章程一案，後由擔任選舉主席的黃文彬醫師主持選舉事宜。很順利地，本會選出了下屆理事長黃漢見先生、副理事長蔡洋清醫師、財務審計長謝贻鳴先生、區域委員蔡洋清醫師及七位理事：鄭國彬、鄭乃忠、周清吉、黃員成、林漢忠、林美娟及王朝崎。同時也通過了本會章程的修改案。會中蔡洋清醫師介紹了參加明年大選的助選團辦法，期待沙加緬度鄉親能踴躍參加自組為一團！(文：王文杰)

年會講者張國鑫博士多年來與沙加緬度台灣鄉親多有聯繫，他講述台灣目前的選舉現況及自己如何經營南投選區的策略及方法。張博士在臨會場得到台灣鄉親的熱烈歡迎，演講後的問與答更是精彩，讓鄉親回鄉投票的意願大大提高，也預祝張國鑫博士高票當選！

09/17 嘉義市長涂醒哲來訪

我很榮幸可以和林文約先生、劉文彬先生、黃員成先生一起代表 UC Davis 和 Sacramento 的台美人接待嘉義市市長涂醒哲先生。我們一群人先到 UC Davis 與 Vice Provost and Associate Chancellor Joanna Regulskia 見面，瞭解台灣人在 UC Davis 的就學、學術交流的狀況，同時希望可以藉由 UC Davis 在農業上的專業，幫助嘉義的農產品生產。涂市長非常關心節能的問題，我們也去了 California Lighting Technology Center。現場有專人解說不同省電的方式，從燈泡的選擇、感應器的設置都是大學問。接著，我們一群人去 UC Davis 的 West Village 去參觀綠建築，看該社區如何利用太陽能來供應整個社區的電。下午我們到 UC Davis Medical Center 拜訪癌症中心和醫療模擬教學中心，涂市長對於肺癌的治療很有興趣，看他和醫師討論最新的醫療方式談得很投入。雖然涂市長這次的訪問時間很短，但是看到了 Davis 在環境保護與醫療上的進步，希望可以帶給涂市長一些想法，讓嘉義變的更好！(文：賴禹安)

Chiayi Major Twu Delegation visits Davis and Sacramento
Sacramento Chapter member and UC Davis trustee, Joseph Lin sponsored the Chiayi Mayor Dr. Twu Shiing- jer and his delegation on a tour of state of the art facilities at the main campus and medical center of the University of California at Davis. CA-SAC Chapter president Jerry Huang and Dr. Wen Pen Liu and others accompanied the visitors on the tour. The main purpose of the tour is for the benefit of Taiwan by introducing technologies consistent with energy conservation, environmental preservation, alternative energy sources and advance technologies related to agriculture and to medical advances.
Before the tour, the delegation visited with the Vice Provost and Associate Chancellor Joanna Regulska, Director of Global Affairs.

The tour at U.C. Davis included:
1) West Village - the largest planned ZERO NET ENERGY community in the U.S.
2) Energy efficient Honda Smart Home
3) Sustainable Energy & Transportation Research Cluster
4) California Lighting Technology Center, Smart exterior and interior lighting solutions, Mock Hospital Room, featuring the U.C. Davis Circadian protocol
5) U.C. Davis Genome Center
6) U.C. Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center with specialists on cancer treatment which touched on the epidemic lung cancer of never smoker women in Taiwan.
7) U.C. Davis Health System - Center for Health and Technology.

CA-SAC chapter hopes that this important introduction to Mayor Twu's delegation will set the stage for initiating a long term relationship with U.C. Davis for mutual support that will benefit Taiwan as an environmentally progressive country. (By Joseph Lin)

DC Washington, DC Chapter
簡明子會長 (Minze Chien)

White House Chinese Repression Protest Rally

On Sep 25, Members of DC Chapter together with members of TAAGWC (華府台灣同鄉會) participated in a protest rally in front of the White House at Lafayette Square during Chinese leader Xi Jinping’s (習近平) White House visit to protest Chinese repression in China, Tibet, and East Turkistan, and its aggressive stance against Taiwan.

The event was held on Friday September 25, 2015 from 11AM to 1PM and cosponsored by FAPA with several other organizations such as “International Campaign for Tibet”. It was reported in the Taipei Times as “A group of Taiwanese protest outside the White House during closed-door discussions between US President Barack Obama and Chinese President Xi in Washington on Friday. “About 600 anti-China protesters — 60 of them Taiwanese waving placards and banners — could be heard clearly as they chanted slogans from a nearby park.” We were given the opportunity to be on the stage to speak for our messages and also had interviews with Voice of America and Radio Free Asia during the event.

DC Chapter held its 2015 annual meeting at Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Washington on Saturday October 24. It started with a 3-speaker panel - 「FAPA 論壇」 followed by chapter election and light dinner. There were around 50 ~ 60 people attended the event.

華府分會 2015 年年會及募款會 - 「FAPA 論壇」

DC Chapter 2015 Election Results:
-- Chapter President: Minze Chien (re-elected)
-- Regional Board Directors: Cheistine Chiou (Newly elected)
July 5-7, 佛州同鄉會(Miami & Orlando)和 FAPA 分會(Tampa & FL-N)邀請了王定宇及林昶佐 (Freddy)来到佛羅里達進行演講，我有幸能全程參與接待兩位講。7/5 晚上，兩人在奧蘭多進行了演講，佛州各地的台灣人皆熱烈參與，邁阿密同鄉會甚至包了一台遊覽車共襄盛舉。席間，王定宇和林昶佐兩人分別就「台灣的變與不變」以及「時代力量」兩個主題發表演講，現場反應十分踴躍，甚至提問到餐廳都已經打烊。

7/6 中午，兩位講者和佛羅里達大學的學生們進行午餐會談，談天內容五花八門，從去年的太陽花運動，一直到今年的課綱微調。大家非常關心明年的總統和立委選局，以及臺灣學生如何為台灣盡一份心力。晚上，和北佛州分會 Gainesville 的長輩們吃飯，話題和中午類似，討論了台灣政黨的第三勢力以及國會席次如何過半等議題。7/7 晚上，和北佛州分會 Jacksonville 的台灣人吃飯，大家一樣關心台灣，想的說的都是如何支持台灣公共事務，讓台灣更加進步。

這三天下來，除了參與很多場演講外，私底下和兩位的互動也令我印象深刻。因為自己的專長是農業，所以和王議員聊了很多農業政策以及青年創業等話題。王議員幽默風趣且言之有物，非常有條理的和我分析台灣農業的走向等，令我受惠良多。他永遠正面且熱情對待每一天的人生觀，更是讓我這個晚輩開了眼界。和 Freddy 除了聊音樂外，更多時間是在聊太陽花之後的社會脈絡，以及台灣政黨第三勢力崛起的看法。從擔任閃靈樂團的主唱，演唱屬於台灣自己的故事，把台灣音樂推向世界各地，到現在出來成立組織時代力量政黨，從體制內更加堅定的為台灣奮鬥，他一路走來始終如一。感謝兩位給我的啟發，台灣加油，大家加油！(文：曾鈺茜 Yu-Chien Tseng)

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在南佛州分會的努力下，今年 8 月美國女眾議員代表團在南佛州眾議員 Lois Frankle 的帶領下，訪問台灣。當南佛州成員知道訪問團行程沒有包括拜會民進黨時，在會長楊美娥的率領下，8 月 8 日拜會民進黨。Lois Frankle 除向她簡報台灣政情外，特別請她將拜會民進黨和蔡英文見面列入行程。Frankle 眾議員當下向助理表示，將拜會台灣三位總統候選人排入行程。

FL-S Florida-South Chapter

楊美娥會長(Madeline Wu)

作者與兩位講者合影

相片左起：吳俊德、許清政、林晉裕、Rep. Frankel、楊明倫、楊美娥、林素芬、李嵩義、邱永順
8月19日，四位民主黨女性聯邦眾議員Lois Frankle(D-Fl)、Frederica Wilson(D-FL)、Michelle Lujah Grisham(D-NM)及Stacy Plaskett(D-VI)訪問民進黨和蔡英文及與民進黨女性立委見面會談。

美國眾議員們十分肯定民進黨對於鼓勵女性從政，推動長期照護及教育多元化的努力，他們表示，會將台灣國際參與的議題於國會討論。Frankle眾議員更進一步表示，希望可以持續維持台、美雙方交流，也歡迎持續就雙方有關議題持續進行實質對話。

蔡英文向議員解釋競選經費三隻小豬的故事，美國議員很欣賞Piggy Bank小額募款方式，她表示，將會把這個創意帶回去給Hillary Clinton作為參考。

分會會長楊美娥表示，這是國會議員Frankle的第二任，當選國會議員之前，她是市長。台美人於她問鼎國會時就去拜訪過她，向她介紹台灣，並帶去“Taiwan Betrayed”的影片送她。雖然台美人替她辦過募款會，可是經常聯絡。今年，在她當選連任宣誓就職典禮時，楊美娥等人出席，Frankle議員就告知會有台灣行。

Frankle議員是外交委員會的議員，也是這次四位民主黨女議員台灣行的領隊。行程原來沒有包括拜會台灣總統候選人，民進黨國際部及FAPA總部的力邀下，楊美娥率當地FAPA分會會長楊美娥、許清樺、林晉裕、楊明倫、許清樺、李嵩資、邱永-addons前往拜會Frankle議員，相談近一小時。

他們向議員介紹台灣歷史，讓議員了解台美人一路走來的心路路程，尤其強調台灣的多元文化，自1949年有二百萬中國人來台，到一、二代的中國情結及與本地人的衝突。第二代以後，現在的台灣年輕人已經認同台灣這塊土地，與美國的歷史類似，早期移民懷念英國，但現在的美國已經有自己的認同。太陽花學運與課綱問題的背景由此而來。議員聽了很有同感，而且她對台灣也有所涉獵，談到太陽花學運與課綱議題，雙方有深度的交換看法，也使這次的拜會相當成功，議員馬上將會見台灣總統候選人排入行程。

蔡英文向議員解釋競選經費市場包的小豬的故事，美國議員很欣賞Piggy Bank小額募款方式，她表示，將會把這個創意帶回去給Hillary Clinton作為參考。
As a tradition, we enjoyed traditional, delicious Taiwanese cuisine, thanks to Linda and Mr. Jeng D. Wang, for our dinner. I think everybody in the meeting had a great time to learn about FAPA, what it can do for Taiwan and enjoyed camaraderie spirits!

We also elected a new chapter president, Mr. C.P. Huang (黃澄濵), for the next 2 years. My many thanks to C.P. for his willingness to shoulder the responsibilities to lead our chapter! I am deeply convinced that C.P. will be up to the task and lead our chapter to a brighter future! Please join me to congratulate him and support him for the days to come!

Last, but not the least, let's also welcome a new member, Frank Liou (劉煥忼), joining us. Frank is relatively new to Atlanta, but, since his arrival, he has joined ATAA and FAPA, as a brave Taiwanese will do! Kudos to him!

Finally, as I am concluding my 3-term GA presidency, I have left the chapter in good hands. Many thanks to our members and our community for the support! I am not going very far, because I will start my 2-year term as an at-large board member! Let's work hard toward our goal – Taiwan Independence!

IL Illinois Chapter

7月上旬參加在 Columbus OH 的中部夏令會，有機會和總召集人游祥修醫師所邀請講者 Sherrod Brown 參議員合照留念。這是一位參加台灣連線、支持及瞭解台灣的參議員，大家都排隊等待和他合照。夏令會邀請多位台灣來的講者，精彩和誠信的演講，讓與會者大為感動。

7月中旬我們參加 Congress Peter Roskam 在西北郊 Lake Zurich –Alpine Parade，風和日麗在湖邊遊行發揮鉛筆和群眾互動，又賞心又健康。他是我們在眾議院參加 CTC、TRA、F16 多年的好朋友，一年數次的 Parade 有空大家邀一起去行走。伊利諾州參、眾議員共計八位加入 Taiwan Caucus，都是前輩們和 DC 總部努力的成果，大家繼續加油吧！

10/24 是 IL 分會年會，時間是中午，由分會準備午餐，然後作分會報告。各會員準備自我介紹，或是發表對於台灣新藍圖的盼望和如何參與。2016 年的選舉再次點燃大家發表政見的火花和熱烈的自由談論。已經知道芝加哥將有三個團體組隊到台灣參加活動。

10/17 暗時和台灣同鄉會及其他台灣社團合辦「芝加哥蕭泰然老師紀念音樂會」，大家享受熟悉美妙、富有台灣風情的音樂。八位音樂家詮釋已故蕭泰然音樂大師的作曲，加上聽眾的共鳴齊聲合唱，餘音繞樑三日不止。八位演出者： 賴鴻毅、蔡苑霖、洪育穗、蔡淑慧、陳珊妘、尤韋琁、向余崑、陳טיב

NY-Hudson New York – Hudson Chapter

7/25 Chapter Meeting

The Chapter held a meeting at East Fishkill Public Library, Hopewell Junction, NY. Besides Chapter members, guests from HQ and NJ Chapter attended it. President Mark Kao
and wife Sui Mei came to greet members and gave a presentation on the state of FAPA. Chapter activities and planning were reviewed and discussed. Chi-Lin O’Young was re-elected as second term president.

7/26 Meeting Rep. Maloney

Chapter members Thomas Hwang and Chi-Lin O’Young attended the “Speak with Sean” Neighborhood Office Hour held by Rep. Maloney in Poughkeepsie. We brought up the 2016 January Taiwan general election for his attention. A petition letter was submitted to ask for supporting a free and fair Taiwan election and keeping a neutral position during the election. Furthermore, PRC interferences of the election should be closely monitored to prevent.

NY-M New York – Metropolitan Chapter

Lin Ruiye 会長(Sue Wei)

08/28 -31, Young members from New York metro area (Kiki Lee, Hsin-hui Hsu, Allen Yu, Albert Chen, Ye-Fu Lin) who went to FAPA YPG national advocacy conference to learn the knowledge provided by FAPA headquarter staff and techniques from veterans in this field to advocate Taiwan with members in US congress.

09/12, “UN membership for Taiwan” is a big project that is still going after all these years without success. Now we incorporate a theme—“KEEP TAIWAN FREE”--- into “UN membership for Taiwan”. This year, we, the Taiwanese community (many are FAPA members), got together with the group from Taiwan—“Taiuna” (the group advocates for Taiwan UN Membership) in Hammarskjold plaza to bring international attention to the UN membership issue of Taiwan. Then marching to Times Square soon after speeches to stage another program---this time was trying to have ordinary American aware of the inequality/injustice that this island nation (Taiwan) faces in the international community. Taiwan is becoming invisible in the international community because the trouble maker—China—is trying to block avenues for Taiwan to join and that should be made clear to the American people as well as the world.

09/25, Media flocked to UN while Pope Francis was giving speech in UN general assembly. We gathered around UN Plaza also to appeal to Pope for Taiwanese right to be included in the international community.

09/28, Some members were in Hammarskjold plaza again, this time was to protest China’s president Xi, Jin-Ping(習近平 he was due to give speech in UN). We are not alone though, various groups were in the plaza to protest their country’s brutality/cruelty to their citizens. Of course and Tibet (the common companions of our rally) were there to protest the communist China. Democracy, liberty and freedom are the universal value we cherish, when any country violates those principle, we shall all stand up against. And UN Hammarskjold plaza is becoming the top choice when oppressed/mistreated groups want to bring media attention to their appeal.
At the Chapter annual meeting held at Taiwan Center of Cincinnati this autumn, members exchanged ideas and ways of promoting better relationships between Capitol Hill representatives and local chapter. Election of chapter president was held. The importance of the chapter’s relationship with strong supporters of Taiwan such as Rep. Steve Chabot and Senator Sherrod Brown was highlighted. Many of our members supported and attended the 2015 Midwest Taiwanese Summer Camp in Columbus, where Senator Brown was a guest. Strengthening relationship with congressmen’s local office will be a focus in the upcoming year. The chapter also celebrated the 80th birthday of one of our members, Hugh Thompson. Hugh plans to travel to Taiwan and witness the 2016 Taiwanese presidential election in January.

On August 13, PA Chapter members had a successful talk with Rep. Boyle. He offered to join Congressional Taiwan Caucus. We thanked to Jay Loo for leading for the talk.

08/07 WUFI 達拉斯支部主辦，本分會協辦 「年輕世代的藍圖座談會」，由台灣來三位大一學生王詩婷、吳姍珊、蔡喻安，參加北美洲教授協會年會後，來到達拉斯座談，主要目的讓海外鄉親瞭解目前台灣年輕世代對未來台灣的藍圖想像，大家對這三位年輕學生的思維及對台灣的熱愛，感到新鮮及感動，最後大家踊躍捐錢支持台灣教授學會的「青年深根計畫」。

08/19 拜訪三十三選區國會議員 Marc Veasey 的選區主任 Anne Hagan，向她報告台灣近況，包括中學生示
威、反對誤改歷史教科書，並請 Veasey 議員能作一個 Extensional of Remarks，請美國政府對明年一月台灣大選保持中立，不要像四年前靠邊。

09/21 會員代表參加第四選區新議員 John Ractliffe 的活動，再度提出加入 Taiwan Caucus 以及 Co-Sponsor HCR 76 支持台灣加入 UN 法案，今年三月第一次和他會面就提到加入 Taiwan Caucus 的要求。

09/22 數位會員代表參加第五選區的 Jeb Hensarling 的活動，在一個 masion 舉行，再度提出要求參加 Taiwan Caucus。他很老實的表示他一般不喜歡參加 Caucus，我們也了解爬上了 GOP Leadership 圈一般就格外小心起來，不過我們每年見面都提這要求，這裡有連絡的十位議員中，有八位參加 Taiwan Caucus；並提到 HCR 76，他表示有興趣。很意外看到第三選區的 Sam Johnson 議員也來，和他認識也很久。

09/27 很多會員全力支持同鄉會主辦的董事長樂團 (Chairman Rock Band) 及朱頭皮來達拉斯的演唱會，並募款支援他們的旅費，會後還帶他們四處參觀。

09/29 拜訪第三十選區的 Eddie Bernice Johnson 的選區辦公室，本來要求在國會 Summer 休會期間能和議員見面，想聽她在六月底到七月初訪台的情形，時間最後未能排出來，只能和選區主任見面，花一些時間說明台灣、美國及中國的議題。特別是台灣的近況，同時也提出要求連署 HCR 76 支持台灣加入聯合國。

10/13 會員代表參加第三十二區國會議員 Pete Sessions 的活動。他算是老朋友，從他還沒當議員就開始有連絡，以前很支持台灣，但這二、三年就冷下來，我們要求他能發表一個 Extension of Remarks，要求美國政府在明年一月十六日台灣大選表示中立，也提 HCR 76，希望他很快會連署。

10/18 舉行分會會議，分會長首先報告這幾個月來的活動，主要都是參加一些議員活動，還暫時未找到願意接會長的人士，會長徵求會議任何意見要在十二月委員大會上提議，有一個：總部應舉辦紀念創始會長蔡同榮先生的活動，還有對分會建議募款會應在旅館舉辦，並有正式晚餐，不要只想省錢場面過寒酸。

WA Washington Chapter 沈信彥會長 (Bob Shen)

9 月 22 日下午，西雅圖台美人 Westlake Park 集結向中國領導人習進平示威抗議，大家向習住的旅館大步前進，勇氣十足，高喊口號：China hands off Taiwan、One Taiwan、One China、Taiwan Independence、Taiwan is our name、Respect Taiwanese Freedom and Democracy、"Xi" go home、Dismantle the 1600 missiles pointed at Taiwan、“China” worst neighbor ever.
Hi everyone, this is Ting your interim YPG Coordinator. FAPA’s Young Professionals have been busy this summer and fall throughout each of your chapters all over the nation.

Of course, everyone is excited to be watching yet another watershed national election in Taiwan. Regardless of the palace intrigue and personal drama, what FAPA Young Professionals are most concerned about is how will the next president and legislature of Taiwan solve the issues brought forth by young people: stagnant wages, land abuse, exorbitant real estate prices, and lack of new job prospects.

For something closer to home, FAPA Young Professionals are also discussing heatedly the upcoming US elections next year, as well as the progress of the Trans Pacific Partnership—something that has still remained controversial here in the US.

Meanwhile, we are still working hard behind the scenes to make FAPA a better platform for young Taiwan advocates, both for Taiwanese Americans and overseas Taiwanese.

The biggest event YPG held this past season was the National Advocacy Conference, held in Washington DC, from August 29-30, with a full day of Congressional meetings on Capitol Hill on August 31. The National Advocacy Conference gathered over 70 members of FAPA Young Professionals, from chapters including Boston, New York, DC-Maryland, North Carolina, Florida, Texas, Seattle, Portland, California and the Midwest (my apologies if I missed anyone!).

This year, veterans had a chance to meet and discuss their progress from their own chapters, and we heard exciting programs spearheaded by our attendees, including “g0v” Hackathons, Boston’s weekly Outreach, Outreach for Taiwan’s Keep Taiwan Free Rally in New York, Overseas Taiwanese for Democracy, and Taiwan’s Democracy Tautin (presented by FAPA intern and Democracy Tautin officer June Lin).

As usual, we had a series of education and training workshops, from our own Gerrit van der Wees on US-Taiwan relations, DPP US Mission’s Mike Fonte on policymaking, New Jersey’s Victor Liu on how laws are made, and hands-on training on effective ways to engage members of Congress and aides.

The YPG members spent one entire day on Capitol Hill speaking to their elected officials and their aides, covering both the House and the Senate. We briefed members of Congress on the upcoming Taiwan elections, and urged them to support neutral and fair elections in Taiwan.

This year was the biggest conference for YPG yet, and we hope to continue this momentum and gather even more young professionals to FAPA in the coming years.

Finally, just a preview, YPG is in the works to plan regional Leadership Retreats, starting with the West Coast, by the end of the year. Please be on the lookout for that!
Po-wen Chen (陳博文) was born and raised in Lukang, an urban township in Changhua, Taiwan in 1984. His family used to suffer from the White Terror and hence made him understand the value of democracy, freedom and human rights. He graduated from National Taiwan University Law School with a Bachelor's Degree and the London School of Economics and Political Science with a Master's Degree. He was a member of DPP's "Youth Group" (青年軍) in the 2008 and 2012 Presidential Election. He is also a member of "Taiwan Youth Intellectuals" (台灣青年智庫), which believes in democracy, human rights and self-determination, promoting and encouraging the youth to participate public affairs. Po-wen majors in human rights law, concerning a wide variety of human rights issues such as prison reform, death penalty and LGBT rights, and is also an active member in various human rights organizations in Taiwan. With his studying experience in Europe, he appreciates the achievements of the small European countries in terms of the development of democracy, human rights, culture and economics. He believes Taiwan has such potential to become a country like them, which is also the main reason he wants to join FAPA trying to make some contribution to this goal. FAPA welcomes Po-wen's coming, he will do his internship with FAPA HQ for six weeks since early November to mid-December.

A Case in Point of Grass Root Work to Promote Taiwan

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This fall, my wife and I took a cruise trip from NYC to Quebec, Canada. During the cruise I attended a presentation by Sir Alan Collins, a senior British Diplomat who had been Ambassador to Taiwan from 1995 to 1998. In his lecture, he specifically mentioned that he once was an envoy to Taiwan. I decided to talk to him as grassroots work because it would be beneficial for him to hear our Taiwanese voice. I managed to set up an appointment with Sir Alan. So my wife and I went to meet him.

We had a 45 minute talk. In the beginning, he diplomatically spoke about his experience in Taiwan with high praise. He emphasized that Britain treats Taiwan as a sovereign state. If it were not for the PRC, Britain would have had normal diplomatic relations with Taiwan already. But he then emphasized that China is “Too Big.” So Britain cannot afford to offend it. I told him that we Taiwanese hope Taiwan will continue to live its own way because it does not want to be united with China. He then asked me whether I am an original Taiwanese or that I came after World War II. I answered "YES" and appealed to him to voice for Taiwan when possible. Clearly, from me he heard the other side of the story, other than those provided by the KMT and PRC. The next day, Sir Alan left me a note of encouragement.

The purpose of this report is to stress that everyone should grab the opportunity to do grassroots work to promote Taiwan and when the opportunity is available you need to actively do it. How much of your persuasion will pay off may not show immediately, but don't underestimate this soft power. It may bloom and bear fruit faster than you anticipate. The more of us actively take part in the grassroots work the better the chance to success.