【President’s Corner】

In March, My wife and I went to Taiwan with Gordon Chang and his wife Lydia to attend the World Taiwanese Congress (WTC) in Taipei. Even before arriving in Taiwan, I arranged for Gordon to meet with DPP chairperson Tsai Ing-Wen, the TSU’s Huang Kun-huei and former AIT director Bill Stanton in Taipei. He also visited Abian and students in Kaohsiung, spoke at Jerome Keating’s breakfast club and at TAUP in Taipei. Gordon was interviewed by Formosa TV and Radio Taiwan International with me. You can find the interviews at the following links: (http://english.rti.org.tw/m/whatsOn/?recordId=12472) and (http://english.rti.org.tw/m/whatsOn/?recordId=12434).

Gordon spoke at several FAPA Chapters lately: Mid-Hudson, Boston, and to DC to speak to the Emerging Leaders from Taiwan. He also made a substantial donation to FAPA. He and Lydia (left picture) are true friends of Taiwan (and of FAPA).

While we were In Taiwan, many of the WTC participants, including Susan Chang and Bob Yang, visited Abian at his home in Kaohsiung. Abian is better than he was in jail and I was pleased that our petition for his medical parole had finally come to a satisfactory ending. The WTC group also met with former AIT director, Bill Stanton. Dr. Stanton agreed to speak up to counter the not-neutral statements from “former US officials” if needed in the run-up to Presidential Election Day 2016.

I met with key members of the student and civil groups in Taiwan including Black Island National Youth Front, Democracy Tautin, and Taiwan March etc. Their energy remains incredible and infectious – I felt young again!

In North America, with many of your generous support for Overseas Taiwanese for Democracy (OTD) was able to hold its first “OTD Summit” in Seattle, WA. Chiao-jung, Chris, Peter, Chieh-ting and I were there with 80 students and young activists in the two-day event. The event had many workshops and discussions and I can sense that OTD will be the future of the overseas Taiwanese democracy and independence movement.

Thank you FAPA’s Seattle and Oregon chapters for supporting the OTD Summit! Esp. Chapter President Bob Sheen and his wife Jean. Their warm reception for the OTD students and the unwavering support for Taiwan are the true spirit of Taiwanese Americans.

Many OTD students in their respective locations have started discussion groups; i.e. Duke has “Formosa Forum”, NYU “Island X” and Rutgers “Little OTD.” We also helped establish Cafe Philo’s in New York City, Boston and Chicago. Rutgers’ “Little OTD” takes actions to “Outreach for Taiwan” in Princeton every 2 months. I believe it is important that we help overseas Taiwanese students protect Taiwan’s sovereignty, democracy and human rights. On June 21-27, FAPA held its 3rd “Emerging Taiwanese Leaders Workshop” in DC. 29 young Taiwanese students/activists attended it. This group of young people was even more impressive than the last. They were energetic, inquisitive and proactive. Those young people are all from different walks of life; in addition to the field
of politics and public affairs, some of them are specialized in mechanical engineering, biological sciences, medical filed and law enforcement. One thing they had common was that they all enjoyed the workshop and many of them told me that some of the information they received in the workshop was new to them and that it changed their views regarding the means to protect Taiwan.

Aside from working with young people, Gerrit and I met with officials in the Department of State (DOS). DOS sent two speakers to FAPA Emerging Leaders Workshop; AIT managing director in DC Joe Donavan also spoke at the Taiwanese American Conference at East Coast (TAC/EC), with his father and son in attendance. He was the first DOS official attending a TAC meeting ever. His attendance signifies a new chapter for FAPA and for the Taiwanese Americans’ relationship with DOS.

On June 3, HQ held a reception for welcoming DPP Chair Dr. Ing-wen Tsai in the Capitol Hill. The reception was a big success! HQ showcased FAPA’s ability to help introduce Taiwan’s leaders to US policy makers. On top of the work required for Dr. Tsai reception and the Leaders Workshop, HQ staff continues to work with Congress to introduce legislation.

Wow! After writing all this, I realize that HQ had a real busy and successful quarter. This cannot and will not be accomplished without thoughtful planning, flawless execution and unwavering dedication from our HQ staff. On behalf of FAPA chapters and members I thank HQ staff to make the first half of 2015 a brilliantly successful one.

會長的話

今年三月，我與我太太偕章家敦夫婦回台參加世大會。在台期間，我並安排章先生與民進黨蔡英文主席、台聯黃昆輝主席，以及前美國在台協會處長司徒文會面。另外，章先生也赴高雄拜會陳水扁前總統，與學生座談，在祁潤夫教授的早餐會以及台灣教授協會中發表演說。同時，章先生與我也受邀到民視與中央廣播電台進行訪談。訪談內容連結於此:
http://english.rti.org.tw/m/whatsOn/?recordId=12472
http://english.rti.org.tw/m/whatsOn/?recordId=12434

章先生最近分別拜訪紐約哈德遜分會及麻州分會，並赴華府向「台灣年輕世代領袖培訓營」學員發表演說，同時更捐款給 FAPA。章家敦夫婦著實為台灣（以及 FAPA）的忠實朋友。

在台期間，包括程韻如及楊英育在內的許多世大會參與者，一同赴高雄拜會陳前總統。陳前總統的健康狀況比起在獄中時改善許多，而我也很高興我們所發起的救扁連署運動有了一個令人滿意的結果。世大會的訪問團也拜訪了前美國在台協會處長司徒文，他表示若有需要，他會在 2016 總統大選日前發聲，以制衡那些「前美國官員」偏頗的言論。

這趟旅程中，我也與黑色島國青年陣線、民主鬥陣、島國前進等社運團體的領袖們會面。他們依舊充滿活力與感
回到北美，在許多會員的慷慨贊助之下，海外臺灣青年陣線(海台青)於西雅圖成功地舉辦了第一屆年會。我與陳正義副會長、王巧蓉主任、林楷夫、葉介廷與另外八十幾位學生一同參加了為期兩天的活動。活動中有許多工作坊與議題討論，而我也感受到「海台青」將會是海外台灣民主與獨立運動的未來。

感謝華盛頓分會與奧勒岡分會對於「海台青」的支持，特別感謝華盛頓分會沈信彥會長與夫人林錦雲女士。他們對「海台青」學生的熱情接待與堅定的支持代表的正是台美人真正的精神！

許多「海台青」的學生成員已經組織了在地的讀書會，包括杜克大學的「草根論壇」、紐約大學的「 Island X 」、羅格斯大學的「小海台」。我們也協助成立紐約、波士頓、以及芝加哥的「哲學星期五」論壇。羅格斯大學的「小海台」則每兩個月參與普林斯敦的 Outreach for Taiwan 活動。我認為我們對於海外台灣學生保護台灣主權、民主，以及人權活動的支持是非常重要的。

6 月 21 日到 27 日，總部於華府舉辦了第三屆的「台灣年輕世代領袖培訓營」。二十九名年輕的台灣學生及社運人士參加了這次的培訓營。這次的參與者比起以往更有過之，他們充滿活力、好奇心，且主動好學。這些年輕人來自各行各業，除了參與政治與公共事務領域的年輕人外，也有專門於機械工程、生物科學、醫學以及警界的執法人員。他們最大的共通點就是他們都很享受這次的活動，許多人甚至向我表示他們在培訓營中學到了很多新知與未曾聽過的訊息，而這些新的資訊也讓他們對於保護台灣的方式有了更多新的想法。

除了與年輕人合作外，我與韋傑理也拜訪國務院的官員。國務院這次除了派兩位講者向培訓營的年輕人簡報外，美國在台協會華府總部執行理事唐若文與他的父親與兒子，也赴美東夏令會向鄉親演說。他也是第一位參與夏令會的國務院官員，而他的參與也象徵著 FAPA 及台美鄉親，與國務院的關係的新扉頁。

總部於 6 月 3 日替民進黨蔡英文主席舉辦了一場成功的國會歡迎酒會！再次證明了 FAPA 連結台灣領袖與美國政府決策者的能力。除了酒會以及前述的培訓營外，總部的同仁也持續與國會合作，推動新法案。

哇！寫了這麼多後，我才發現總部過去一季的工作是多麼繁忙而成功。若非總部同仁的規劃、確實執行以及堅定的委身，這些事情是無法完成的。我謹代表 FAPA 各分會與會員，向總部同仁致謝。謝謝你們讓 2015 年上半年得以如此豐富而成功。
EXCERPTS OF REMARKS BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ATTENDING
TSAI ING-WEN CONGRESSIONAL WELCOME RECEPTION – JUNE 3, 2015

FAPA is honored to host a congressional reception to welcome Taiwan Democratic Progressive Party Chair Dr. Ing-Wen Tsai in Capitol Hill on June 3. You could go to youtube to type in keyword “U.S. Congressional Reception in Honor of DPP Chairwoman Dr. Tsai Ing-wen” to reivew entire reception video, and since the video is with “hanji” subtitle, please forward it to all your friends in Taiwan for wide reviews.

Here are the remarks by members of congress attending the reception:

Rep. AMI BERA  D-CA
The relationship between the US and Taiwan is an incredibly important relationship. It is a free republic, as it is classified in the Taiwan Relations Act. This is a relationship that is very important to us, particularly in my homestate of California with such a large population of Taiwanese Americans. The Taiwan issue is not partisan. Both Democrats and Republicans value the relationship with Taiwan.

Rep. JUDY CHU  D-CA
I am so pleased to be here to welcome Ms. Tsai Ing-wen. In fact I had a very in depth discussion with here in Los Angeles this past weekend. About her ideas with regards to Taiwan. We of course support Taiwan as the main democracy of Asia. And the relationship between the US and Taiwan is so very, very important. So when I talked with her I confirmed that – Yes, we support the sales of arms to Taiwan. We advocate for the inclusion of Taiwan in international organizations. And we also think that Taiwan should be included in any free trade agreements such as TPP. So we believe in Taiwan and we believe that we have a very important relationship with Taiwan.

Rep. ED ROYCE  R-CA
Dear chairwoman Tsai: as a longtime member of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, I can tell you that we have many members of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus here. Let me say that we are delighted to welcome you again to Washington DC. Myself, and Congressman Elliot Engel and the other members of our committee greatly enjoyed the talk we just had about trade issues, security issues, about the future of the wonderful relationship between the US and Taiwan.

Rep. ELLIOT ENGEL  D-NY
Let me say that the longstanding alliance between the US and Taiwan is something that I feel very strongly about and my colleagues here as well. The US and Taiwan share a tradition of democracy and a tradition of a free market economy and a tradition of being allies and friends. And I have been to Taiwan on many occasions and always cherish the warmth and affection between the people of
Taiwan and between the people of the US. So Doctor Tsai: we welcome you to the Foreign Affairs Committee and if I had a glass of wine right now, I would raise a toast and say: “Long Live the relationship between Taiwan and the United States. “

Rep. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN R-FL
I have a special presentation to make and I want to say how important Taiwan is to each and everyone of us. We know that the Taiwan Relations Act is “the Law of the Land.” And together with President Reagan’s 1982 Six Assurances they together form the cornerstone of US-Taiwan relations, and we do what we can to push back against this aggression of communist China. And we in the US need to do more to support our ally Taiwan. And if my colleagues in Congress can join me here. Dr. Tsai: this is a copy of the statue of Freedom that for the past 150 years has crowned the dome of the US Capitol, right here in Washington DC. May it remind you and all of us that the wisdom of our founding fathers remains with us today and may it give you inspiration and strength in your quest to keep Taiwan free.

Rep. SCOTT GARRETT R-NJ
Welcome to Capitol Hill, Dr. Tsai. We have a great participation from the Taiwanese community - admirably from so many walks of life in our area. And I would just like to say this: That we in the United States have to do this: To treat our friends as friends, and to treat those countries that are not so much our friends appropriately. Taiwan has been our friend for a long time. And for that reason we must continue to care, as we have in the past, and strengthen this relationship and treat Taiwan as a friend with our support – economically, militarily and trade wise as well. And for those countries that are not so much our friends, we must treat them appropriately as well. Both on the economic front, on the military front, and the political front as well. We have to convince this Administration that in certain areas they need to reverse course and follow this pattern instead. I think the members of Congress that are here today will join me on those fronts.

Rep. BRAD SHERMAN D-CA
Welcome Dr. Tsai. We met in Taipei last year and this year in Washington. Let me say two things: When Taiwan is not a member of international organizations, the whole world suffers. When Taiwan is not in the World Health Organization the organization is not as effective as it can be. We have got to recognize what the whole world understands and that is that Taiwan is a country that needs to be admitted to these international organizations.
Second: I hope the State Department is listening. The State Department talks to the entire world about the importance of democracy. And the United States is the foremost apostle of democracy. Well, one key element of any nation’s democracy is that no nation, especially not the apostle of democracy, interferes in any way. And I look forward to be proud about my nation’s role in promoting democracy untampered with in the upcoming elections in Taiwan in 2016. Thank you.

Rep. GRACE MENG D-NY
Thank you so much. It is an honor to be here with all of you. And I am surprised by the turn out here today of our leaders with chairman Royce and ranking member Elliot Engel. We are excited to welcome a woman – Dr. Tsai-to Washington DC. I just wanted to be here to wish Dr.
Tsai all the best. I visited Taiwan many times. And many people complimented me on my language skills when I was there. So, again, welcome to Washington DC.

COEN BLAAUW: I just saw Congressman Joe Wilson from South Carolina but he needed to leave.

Rep. ALAN LOWENTHAL R-CA
I serve on the Asian Subcommittee with chairman Salmon. And am proud to be here today to show support for what is important. That is that one of the things I learned since I have been on the Committee and that is that there are very few nations that truly practice democracy, and Taiwan is one of those nations. I am honored to be in your presence Dr. Tsai and to show that the United States supports Taiwan.

Rep. BRENDAN BOYLE D-PA
I just want to say what an honor it is to have you here, Dr. Tsai. Whenever there is an event where there are so many members of Congress speaking like here today, I try to be extremely brief. So I will simply say this: Whenever we are visited by those who are friends of ours from abroad, particularly those who have had a real and committed struggle for the fight for freedom and democracy, it is a reminder that they are not in this alone. But that we are all in this together. That the fight for human rights and for freedom is indeed universal. It is a part of the human condition. So please know that as far away as Philadelphia and Washington DC there are those who are in this fight with you.

Rep. GREGG HARPER R-MS
We are so happy to see you and be with you here today, Dr. Tsai. I had the great honor of making two trips to Taiwan. In 2010 and again in 2013. And I look forward to going back many more times. It is an incredible place and we hope we get to do that again. We are very supportive of Taiwan. We appreciate the fact that it is a democratic people. God bless you. Thank you.

COEN BLAAUW
I also hear that congressman Matt Salmon, the chairman of the House Asian Subcommittee was here, but he had to leave. And I saw Congressman Mark Takano from California.

Rep. ROBERT PITTENGER R-NC
Welcome. Greetings. We are pleased to have you here, Dr. Tsai. I worked for four years with Senator Jesse Helms who was so committed to freedom and democracy in Taiwan. It is a great country. And I am so grateful to our chairman Ed Royce who is carrying on with the same spirit. We have a special relationship with Taiwan because it is so important to each and everyone of us. And let me say how honored I am to associate with you and am grateful for the time we can spend together. Thank you and God bless you.

Rep. STEVE CHABOT R-OH
I am one of the four founders of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus and I can not tell how relieved I was to see former president of Taiwan Chen Shui-bian go home to be with his family. It was a very moving thing to happen. So I wish all of Taiwan and president Chen and his family the best. About the issue of restrictions on high-level visits from Taiwan: several years ago I met with Legislative Yuan member Mark Chen here in my office when he came to Washington. But when he became foreign minister we could not even meet with him here in DC. I had to drive to Baltimore to meet with there because the Taiwan president, vice President, the foreign minister and the defense minister cannot come to Washington DC. That is an absolute outrage and this should have been changed long ago. And this is a bi-partisan issue for my democratic colleagues as well as our Republican colleagues all believe we need to change this. God bless Taiwan. What a wonderful country Taiwan is.

Rep. AUMUA AMATA RADEWAGEN D-SA
It is indeed a great pleasure and I am so excited to be here this evening. I have a great love for Taiwan. There are a lot of similarities in the culture of between Taiwan’s indigenous people and the people of Samoa. When I was in Taiwan I saw the indigenous people walk down the street barefoot. And I said: “Those people dress like me!” I also very much admire Taiwan for its unabashed love of democracy. So I want to tell you that I was elected in November 2014 and that my office is your office. And anytime you come to Capitol Hill we are delighted to see you and serve you. Thank you.
TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK 2015 DEDICATIONS

Every year, the month of May is designated as Asian Pacific Heritage Month -- a month of national celebration and commemoration of the innumerable contributions that Asians and Pacific Islanders have made in American life.

Since 1999, when President Clinton dedicated the week after Mother’s Day as Taiwanese American Heritage Week (TAHW), Taiwanese Americans have annually joined hands to reach out to the general American public to share their heritage.

The idea behind TAHW originates from FAPA HQ. They felt that Taiwanese Americans having and celebrating their own Heritage Week would reinforce the understanding amongst the American public that Taiwan is not part of China, and that we need to recognize the reality that Taiwan is a free and democratic nation-state that needs to be accepted by the international community as a full and equal member.

This year, TAHW took place from Mother’s Day May 10 until Sunday May 17, 2015. Thanks to the hard work of Taiwanese Americans, elected officials from Oregon to Florida and in between dedicated the week after Mother’s Day as TAHW.

Among these, Oregon Governor Kate Brown proclaimed the week after Mother’s Day as TAHW stating: “WHEREAS Taiwanese Americans have made enormous contributions to the diversity and prosperity of American society, consistently contributing to the promotion of democracy and security of their homeland.”

Gainesville, FL. mayor Edward B. Braddy took similar action stating: “WHEREAS Taiwan is a sovereign, independent country but continues to be illegitimately claimed by the People’s Republic of China as a renegade province.”

In his TAHW proclamation, San Diego Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer added: “WHEREAS 2015 marks the 36th anniversary of the enactment into law of the ”Taiwan Relations Act,” the cornerstone of U.S. Taiwan relations.”

Certificates of recognition were received from the San Marino (CA) school district, Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA), the California State Senate, the California State Assembly, Los Angeles County. Additionally, the California State Senate introduced a TAHW resolution.

FAPA HQ thanks the individuals who approached their elected officials and hopes that next year the TAHW will be celebrated even wider and that we will see even more proclamations and certificates of recognition.

INTRODUCTION THREE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL)

Senator Marco Rubio was born in Miami, Florida and attended the University of Florida and the University of Miami Law School. He was an intern in the office of Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen. Then served as speaker of the Florida State House of Representatives, and joined the U.S. Senate in 2010. He served on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee from Day One. During an April 2014 Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing, challenged US Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Daniel Russel, asking: “Does the Obama administration remain committed to President Reagan’s so-called ‘Six Assurances’ to Taiwan? Is that still our position?” Unhappy with Russel’s evasive answer and posturing, the Senator sent a letter to Secretary of State Kerry the day after the hearing posing the same question. FAPA understands that Kerry answered both questions in the affirmative.

Congressman Ted Lieu (D-CA)

Congressman Ted Lieu was born in Taipei, Taiwan in 1969. His parents came to America, and they lived in Cleveland Ohio. He attended Stanford, and Georgetown Law School. Upon graduation he served several years in the military. He holds the status of Lieutenant Colonel today. He then served in the CA State House, State Senate, and now in the U.S. House of Representatives. This past January he attended a dinner in Virginia with other Asian American members of Congress and was introduced as “Chinese American.” When it was his time to speak, he said: “Let me first say that I am TAIWANESE American – not Chinese American.”

Delegate Aumua Amata Radewagen (R-AS)

Delegate Aumua Amata was born in Pago Pago, America Samoa and attended the University of Guam. She was elected last November as the first woman to represent America Samoa in Congress after being. She attended the June 3rd reception welcoming DPP Chairwoman Dr. Tsai Ing-wen to Capitol Hill and spoke with the Emerging Leaders workshop participants at the steps of the U.S. Capitol. (Coen Blaauw has been friends with her and her husband for the past years…)

Picture below: Both Congressman Ted Lieu (center in first row) and Delegate Aumua Amata Radewagen (left one in first row) spoke to FAPA Emerging Leaders in Captiol Hill.
During a Foreign Press Center Briefing with Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Daniel R. Russel on February 4, Russel vowed that the US would maintain neutrality during Taiwan’s upcoming presidential elections: "... It is certainly my experience that there is bipartisan support in Taiwan as well for a continuation of this good cooperative [U.S.-Taiwan] relationship. We don't take a position on electoral issues outside of our own borders, and we maintain lines of communication both to ruling parties and to opposition parties. So we will stay in touch, we will maintain our strong unofficial ties, and we will wait for the people of Taiwan to make a decision about their own leaders...."

In a May 23 hearing in the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH) spoke out strongly in support of Taiwan. He said that “although it might be not a Taiwan is a country and ultimately I believe will be independent from China. It is probably not going to happen next week, or next month, or next year but this fiction that it is a separate [entity] is something that at some point needs to be put to rest. And I say that as a former founding member of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus and a present member of that Taiwan Caucus. I see my colleague from Virginia Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA) kind of cringe there because we are stepping on some toes in Beijing there, but eh... “To Hell With Beijing!”

Three weeks later, in a June 17 hearing in the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Asian Subcommittee chairman Matt Salmon wondered aloud whether the U.S. “one China” policy would be “unsustainable.” He said: “I am wondering if 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.”

Salmon concluded that Taiwan was watching developments in Hong Kong closely and certainly did not want that kind of “unification.” “They have a thriving democracy that works and when they see how Hong Kong is treated they say: ‘Not on your life — that is not for us.”
Chapter Activities

分會活動報告

CA-OC  California – Los Angeles Chapter

陳正義會長 (Peter Chen)

The year 2015 has thus far been a busy year for Los Angeles Chapter. In March 2015, Chapter President Peter Chen and Vice President Tony Lee attended the local inauguration ceremony for Taiwanese American Congressman Ted Lieu at UCLA. Based on the attendance and subsequent contact with his staff, the Chapter secured a meeting for FAPA HQ and Lieu’s office. Shortly thereafter, Rep. Lieu joined the Congressional Taiwan Caucus!

Peter from left: Tony Lee, Rep. Ted Lieu, Peter Chen

The Chapter also co-organized speech by Taiwanese entertainer, Dog G, a.k.a. Dwagie (大支) at Taiwan Center to discuss social development and public conscious for change in Taiwan. The event was attended by first and second generation alike!

In reflection of the Sunflower student occupation, the Chapter sponsored the showing of the movie “Sunflower Occupation” (太陽，不遠). The attendance was substantial with feedback by first and second generation Taiwanese Americans.

As a part of the greater Taiwanese American Heritage Week promotion, the Chapter joined forces with greater Los Angeles Taiwanese American community. FAPA members and Board of Directors were influential in securing the appearance of Members of Congress Ed Royce, Ted Lieu, and Judy Chu in speaking and presenting proclamations in celebration of Taiwanese American heritage!

We expect a busy summer and fall season with scheduled meetings with Members of Congress and invited speakers to Los Angeles!

CA-OC  California – Orange County Chapter

吳仲輝會長 (Nicholas Wu)

2/21-22 Annual board members and Friends Retreat
A total of 14 board members, family, and friends attended this annual retreat in San Diego. The retreat is for members to relax and plan for the activities in 2015. We had fun hiking in Torre Pines State park and La Jolla Beach besides the activities planning.
3/7 and 5/5 Sunflower Student Movement Documentary

The sunflower student movement documentary was shown in Irvine and Laguna Woods respectively. These events attracted a strong audience of 140+ from both events. Our YPG members Ya-Ting Yang, Sophie Lin, Maggie Chiang, and Cynthia Tsai have sponsored these 2 events with the chapter’s assistance.

5/6 Laguna Woods FAPA Members and Friends Get Together

Over 20 Laguna Woods FAPA members, family, and friends attended this event at Asia Buffet. More and more senior members from other states moved to live in the Laguna Woods retirement community. CA-OC holds 2 luncheon annually to welcome new members and get these members together to share personal experiences and discuss the current events in Taiwan. We all had a wonderful time.

5/23 CA-OC Medical Forum

This year we invited Professor Matthias Lu, also a CA-OC member, to give a speech on “How much you know about common medicine you are taking?” Over 60 members and friends attended the medical forum. Our members especially seniors enjoy and benefit from this event.

7/2 Met with newly elected Rep. Mimi Walters

Rep. Mimi Walters was elected last November to replace Rep. John Campbell who decided not to rerun. On April 9th, board members met with her staff in her local congressional office. We encouraged her to join the congressional Taiwan Caucus. On June 10th, Rep. Walters joined the Taiwan Caucus. On July 2nd, we met with Rep. Walters in person. Bertha Huang, Shirley Yu, Josephine Huang, and Nicholas Wu attended the meeting. We first thank her for taking her time to meet us and joining the Congressional Taiwan Caucus. We then gave her an update on Taiwan and current events and had a very productive meeting. At the end, Bertha gave her a NATWA calendar

and Nick gave her a book “Taiwan’s struggle, voices of Taiwanese”.

CA-SAC California – Sacramento Chapter

Liaisons with US Representatives in May


In a continuous effort, on May 7 chapter member Joseph Lin called upon Deputy District Director Brandon Minto of Rep. John Garamendi in Sacramento Region, for conveying several pressing issues of concern to Taiwanese and urging Rep. Garamendi to attend the congressional reception for DPP Chair Dr. Ing-Wen Tsai, sponsored by FAPA on June 3. Mr. Minto gladly forwarded the reception invitation to their DC office for scheduling.

Subsequently, on May 9 chapter members Jong Chen, Carl Hsu, Tsung-Yu Chen, Judy Tseng and Jerry Huang attended a BBQ banquet honoring Rep.
Garamendi at his Touch the Earth Ranch in Paloma, approximately 85 miles to the southeast of Sacramento. We met with the Congressman, his family members and staff during the picnic event.

2. Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA, 7th District)

On May 11 Joseph Lin and Jerry Huang called upon District Director Faith Whitmore of Rep. Ami Bera in Sacramento Region, for conveying several pressing issues of concern to Taiwanese and urging the Rep. Bera to attend the congressional reception for Dr. Tsai. Ms. Whitmore immediately e-mailed the reception invitation to his DC office for scheduling. Subsequently, on June 3, Rep. Bera and his chief of staff attended the reception.

3. Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA, 4th District)

On May 11 Joseph Lin and Jerry Huang called upon District Chief of Staff Rocky Deal of Rep. Tom McClintock in Sacramento Region, for conveying several pressing issues of concern to Taiwanese and urging Rep. McClintock to attend the congressional reception as well. Mr. Deal immediately e-mailed the reception invitation to the DC office for scheduling.

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By Evan Lay (賴禹安)

4月25日很高興李華林博士特地從灣區到Sacramento和我們分享保健知識。演講過程，李博士講解我們如何藉由飲食、生活習慣、運動改善健康，內容深入淺出，而且引用許多科學期刊的文章，增加可信度。演講後，在場會員跟李博士熱絡的討論剛剛的演講內容，也提出各種保健問題和李博士討論。還有會員說他剛剛聽得比大學上課時還認真。我想要為台灣做事，自己的身體要顧好，才可以做更多事。所以大家一定要好好照顧身體喔！

**DC**

**Washington, DC Chapter**

簡明子會長 (Minze Chien)

Washington DC 228 Memorial Service on March 1

DC Chapter co-sponsored the 228 memorial service event with Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Washington DC (華府台灣基督長老教會), TAAGWC (華府台灣同鄉會), Washington DC Taiwan School (台灣學校), and Taiwanese Chorus (華府台灣合唱團). The event was hosted by Rev. Hung (洪健濤牧師) in TPC church. We invited a guest speaker Prof. Rong Chen (「被出賣的台灣」譯者陳榮成教授). There were over 200 people attended the event, even though we had an icy raining weather that day.

Meeting with Dr. Ing-wen Tsai on June 4

Many members of DC Chapter participated in the banquet event to welcome DPP chair Dr. Tsai on June 4. There were over 500 people attended the event at College Park Marriott Hotel.

Meeting with Rep. Steve Chabot on June 23

05/11 Met Rep. Ted Deutch and he would love to join the reception in welcoming DPP Chair Dr. Ing-Wen Tsai. Rep. Deutch is a very passionate and loving person. It was a very touch event when his wife, Jill and friend presented their stories with him. He choked up a few times & was speechless. Here is the photo with his new look. He shaved for cancer fundraising & awareness.

06/28 We went to Rep. Alcee Hastings' annual party. There were more than 200 supporters. Rep. Hastings is almost 79 years old & he is not going to retire & will continue to support Taiwan's issues.

10/21/14 Movie Screening: KANO (天下嘉農)

MA chapter cosponsored movie KANO screening in Boston. The movie tells a long forgotten story during the Japanese colonial era of Taiwan, baseball united different ethnic groups (aborigines, Taiwanese and Japanese) for a simple and pure dream. We also hosted director 魏德聖 and producer 王志明.
12/07/14 Outreach 101: educational workshop to introduce FAPA and outreach

There are a lot of young students and professional in Boston, we hold workshop to educate and encourage their active involvement to our outreach events, and what FAPA is. We also made a lot more new rain/snow-proof signs to show our love for TAIWAN!

02/26/15 給我報報波士頓茶派對--馮光遠談公民運動的改革願景與台灣的未來

MA chapter cosponsored the visiting and presentation by Mr. 馮光遠, a writer, reporter, satire comedian and a life-long fighter for Taiwan’s democracy and justice.

06/13/15 Chapter annual meeting; Mr. Gordon Chang “TAIWAN, our time is now”

Mr. Gordon Chang (lawyer, author, television pundit, appeared in CNN, FOX news, MSNBC, The Daily Show, Al Jazeera English...etc) as keynote speaker. "This is the time for the people of Taiwan to dream big. As China falls, Taiwan is rising. China is entering an especially troubled period. The once-surgeing Chinese economy is tumbling toward a debt crisis, the political system is in distress as an ambitious new leader throws aside decades-old norms and understandings, the military is breaking free of civilian control, and the country is losing friends around the world as a result of provocative external policies. In Taiwan, people are demanding a better society and will not be denied. The people of Taiwan are heading to an historic election where they can claim what is theirs. They no longer accept living in China’s shadow—or in the shadow of the Chinese who took their island from them. Taiwan’s time is now."

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06/13/15 Chapter annual meeting; Mr. Gordon Chang “TAIWAN, our time is now”

Monthly Harvard Square Outreach for Taiwan (Every 2nd Saturday of the month)

For the past 5 years, every 2nd Saturday of the month, sunshine or rain (or snow!), we gather in front of Harvard Square Station to share with people passing by our love for Taiwan, our concern for Taiwan’s international stand, and our dedication to keep Taiwan free.

By Dr. Yi-ying Chou 周怡吟博士 (Boston Children’s Hospital)

我在想，五年前的這個時節，哈佛廣場的星期六早晨是什麼樣子呢？

行人們是否也因久違的陽光而笑容滿臉？是否也開始有孩子拿著甜筒好奇地張望？

當五年前的那一群人，第一次在哈佛廣場高舉「Taiwan」時，路過的人是無視？霧煞煞？好奇？

還是像五年後的今日一樣，給予舉牌者一個鼓勵的微笑呢？

今天，Outreach for Taiwan 五週年了！وسط°◦◦°◦◦

對於起始者佳君與 Howard 的勇氣和毅力，感到無比佩服！
因為下午有場活動，所以今天的 Outreach 特別提早了兩個小時。

雖然開始有點小混亂，但是卻意外的遇到很多新朋友，還有很多朋友第一次親臨現場！我只能說大家跟台灣的緣分呀～就跟今天和煦的陽光一樣美妙～或許是時間有些不同，今天來來往往的路人組成也好像跟平常的時候不太一樣呢！

多了好多推著嬰兒車的年輕爸媽，微笑的收走了我手中的台灣書籤。
一個戴著墨鏡的可愛噢巴桑，接過書籤，拍拍我的肩膀，輕輕地說 good luck!，然後帶著一抹微笑離開。
一群一群的年輕人，用充滿青春氣息的眼神看著我身上的吊牌，抽走我手中一張一張的書籤。

印象最深的，還是那對吃著冰淇淋的母女。母親親切地詢問著我們在這裡的目的，並與我們一起跟身旁的女兒解釋著：台灣在哪裡，台灣跟中國有哪些不同。女孩聽得入神，舔著手中的冰淇淋，眼睛咕嚕咕嚕地轉著，卻沒發現冰淇淋早沾上了鼻頭，我不知道，這樣一段短短的對話，會在女孩心中怎樣發酵，但是，我們都聽過許多故事，告訴我們一個小小的動作都可能改變一個人的一生，至少，我是這樣相信的。

所以我也相信，每一次 Outreach 所散播的訊息和緣分，早已構成我們意想不到的力量。

更何況，都已經「60」次了！
那麼，各位朋友，我們下次見囉～

Local Congressional office visiting (Ongoing)

06/15, visited in MA 5th district-Congresswoman Katherine Clark’s office

Picture: Harvard Square Outreach 5-year anniversary assay by our member

07/01, visited in MA 4th district-Congressmen Joe Kennedy III’s office

Group: (from left) Shuling Su, Ho-Chou Tu, Nick Clemons, Tun-Hou Lee, Tony Wu, Zoe Tseng

NY-Hudson New York - Hudson Chapter

歐陽吉林會長(Chi-Lin O’Young)

Passport to Taiwan Festival
– Taiwanese American Heritage Week Celebration

The festival was held on Sunday (Memorial Day weekend), May 24, 2015 at Union Square Park in New York City. Three FAPA Chapters including NJ, NY-Metro, and NY-Hudson co-sponsored an exhibition booth to promote our organization. FAPA President Mark Kao, Su-Mei, Wen Chang (NJ), and Chi-Lin O’Young (Hudson) hosted the booth to greet visitors. The festival drew over tens of thousands. Senator Chuck Schumer (NY) presented a short speech to acknowledge Taiwanese Americans’
contributions. We distributed pamphlets of FAPA and Taiwanese American Heritage Week, and a talking point flyer “US support for Taiwan’s democracy.” FAPA books and shirts were also sold at the booth. Our booth was well received. Many came to thank FAPA’s contributions and were interested in our grassroots advocacy activities.

5/24 Passport to Taiwan in Union Square was a great success this year. As always, New Jersey Chapter, New York-Hudson Chapter and NY Chapter shared a booth in this event to promote Taiwanese culture. One important point to note: Senator Charles Schumer showed up at the event, it was the first time in 14 years. Three office officers from Richard Gottfried (state assemblyman), Peter Koo (city councilman), John Liu(former NYC controller) also join the event. Thanks to the grassroots effort all Taiwanese contributed to make this happen.

6/5 Many FAPA members were among 1000 Taiwanese in NYC Marriott Hotel to welcome DPP Chair Dr. Ing-wen Tsai. She got a hectic schedule in Washington D C, after Capitol Hill reception and CSIS speech she was in New York City and still energetic. She emphasized the importance of culture, educational and economic policy, policy that can transform Taiwan to a new model of an economic vibrant growing country.

6/13 Some FAPA members were getting together in Jane Hsu’s living room to watch Hillary Clinton thru direct link of a House Party in Sioux City, Iowa. There were 300 some house parties nationwide simultaneously watch her speaking. Hi-tech nowadays is really amazing.

NY-Syr  

New York – Syracuse Chapter
林冰潔會長(Elizabeth Ping-chieh McDermott)

NY-Syracuse Chapter hold annual meeting at Sullivan Library in Chittenango on May 30, 2015. Our guest speaker was Dr. Gerrit van der Wees. There were total of 10 people participate the event. The subject of the presentation was “Towards Taiwan’s 2016 Presidential Elections: a new political landscape”.

NY-M  

New York – Metropolitan Chapter
林瑞葉會長(Sue Wei)
OR-swWA  Oregon – SW Washington Chapter
紀江蒨會長 (Cherry Chi)

03/27 Visiting WA 2 senators' office with TCCO (俄勒岡工商會): Senator Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray ’s office Director Dena Horton and Amie Cullop

OH-C  Ohio – Central Chapter
周佩瑾會長 (Pei-Chin Andrew)

05/31 Sharing with our genuine love and compassion for Taiwan, 8 FAPA members drove up to Chicago to attend the dinner banquet for Dr. Tsai. Dr. Chung Shih wrote a touching letter pleading the locals for support as:

「各位敬愛的兄弟姐妹，如各位所知，台灣面臨存亡的關鍵時刻。我們必須拒絕目標終極統一的政黨領導台灣，我們的祖國。同時我們必須支持保衛台灣民主、自由的 2016 台灣總統候選人。民進黨主席蔡英文將於五月三十一日訪問芝加哥尋求同鄉的支持。她希望的政府是為台灣全國人民服務的政府。對於台、中關係，她主張維持現狀，台灣的現狀是『不是中國的一部分』。很多人要求她說明什麼是『維持台灣現狀』，期待不同的答案。『台灣不是中國的一部分』的『現狀』，是大部分的選民的公約數。台灣人民的候選人沒有勝利，台灣人民沒有勝利，夢只是夢。希望大家參加五月三十一日六點半在芝加哥舉行的晚會。沒時間參加的人，請慷慨解囊，共襄盛舉。」

We have a good talk to exchange TPP/ Taiwan/ China relationship. In addition, we also gave them TPP petition letter, "Taiwan your ideal partner in Asia" and "Taiwan Struggle" book.

05/29 Dr. Liu-Ling's visit: The HQ's fundraising event went very well. We have total of $1061 donation collected for HQ and $200 for our local chapter.

During the event, we collected membership dues and donation and announced 2015 FAPA YPG National Advocacy Conference which will be in Washington DC on 8/29-31. This is a great chance for young generation to meet, hangout, and learn. I am planning to send some young people to go to this conference.
1. Encourage members and compatriots to attend the Democratic National Chairman’s meeting in New York.

2. Attending Commissioner Josh Shapiro’s event in Sheraton Valley Forge, Philadelphia on Feb 18.

3. The Taiwanese Cultural Week in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania on April 18.

4. Print a leaflet and distribute among friends and the public to spread the voice of Taiwan.

5. By the end of June, the membership fees have been collected.

6. Members Lin Wei-Shin and Cheng Chin-ying passed away. They were long-term members.

7. Sending a thank-you note to Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-PA) who attended the congressional reception in Capitol Hill to honor DPP Chair Dr. Ing-Wen Tsai on June 3.

8. Scheduled for August 8th to hold the Pennsylvania Chapter’s annual conference.

03/22 On the first day of the 4th congressional district, the new representative John Ratcliffe met with his District director for the first time, and held lunch with Austin College’s Don Rodgers professor and the former chairman Wu Mingji. The four of us had a brief discussion on the topics of Taiwan, U.S. and China. Especially last year’s Sunflower Movement and the November 29 election, the first-term representative John Ratcliffe was very impressed, as he had been appointed as the Cyber Security Subcommittee chairman.

04/27 A group of members participated in the 3rd congressional district Kay Granger’s activities. We registered for the DFW Taiwanese Americans for Kay Granger. This year, we went to Granger’s activities and she mentioned that we had participate in the Sunflower Movement last year.
魏揚去見她，Granger 議員和我們很熟了，也認識新的 District director。

05/07 拜訪第三十選區的 Eddie Bernice Johnson 的 local office，認識剛上任的 District Director，花一些時間向她說明台灣、美國、中國的議題。她表示很有興趣吸收到會，也認識剛上任的花一產時間向她說明台灣、美國、中國的議題。她表示很有興趣吸收到會，也認識剛上任的

五月中得知 FAPA 總部將在六月三日在國會替蔡英文辦歡迎會，馬上向本地區七位國會議員辦公室傳播消息，邀請議員屆時參加。

05/24 舉辦 2015 募款會，請到總會安排的柳林瑋醫生來演講，分會長先說明分會最近的活動及表揚幾位特別會員，及頒發六位新 FAPA-200 Plaques，包括吳明基夫婦、李再添夫婦、詹正治夫婦、林國亮夫婦、劉文聲夫婦及謝慶鋒夫婦。蔡靜燦夫婦去年已達到 FAPA-200。分會長也感謝大家的支持，使得本分會得到「Chapter of the Year 2014」。

接著柳林瑋醫師將一起向會員及同鄉們以「網路如何翻轉社運媒體和民主的各種想像」為題，向大家說明他們一群年青人以「沃草」(watchout.tw)為名的網站，來從事社會改革的工作。謝謝大家的支持，活動總共替總部募集約一萬三千元。

6/06 大群會員參加到 Houston 的歡迎蔡英文巴士團及聽她演講，回到家已經半夜，不過大家很高興看到蔡
英文有很高的聲望和人民的支持，也看到台灣光輝的將來。

六月底財務楊金文及牽手特別開車三、四百里外去探訪一位台灣的留學生，他曾因一念之誤被叛刑十五年，先在 Florida 關起，換了很多監獄，再過兩年將能出獄。

這兩個月一直催繳會費。

TX-S  
何世杰會長 (Shih-Jye Ho)

04/18 下了一整個禮拜的雨後的 Houston 終於放晴，跟著台灣鄉親一起迎接期待已久的活動「Taiwan Yes 台灣夜市」。一大早在休士頓台灣人活動中心滿滿的攤位裡，FAPA 募款餐會的活動資訊擺在入口處，FAPA 會員們一邊和來往的台灣鄉親熱情地打招呼，一邊熱心的為他們介紹 FAPA 即將在休士頓舉辦的柳林瑋醫師演講活動和募款餐會。

05/25 南德州分會會長和兩位 FAPA 成員一同前往機場迎接柳林瑋醫師。

隔天中午接受休士頓台僑與 FAPA 會員們熱心的招待，並分享交換許多在美台灣人對台灣這片土地的關心和期望，與柳林醫師相談甚歡。用完餐回住處休息片刻後，即驅車前往募款餐會的地點—台灣人活動中心。活動現場聚集了上百位在美台僑和 FAPA 會員。用餐時刻，主持人替來賓播放「台灣演義—FAPA 台灣人公共事務會」的影片，與所有台僑和 FAPA 會員共同回憶 FAPA 成立的經過和歷年來前輩們為台灣這片土地打拼的種種。影片放映結束後，南德州分會會長何世杰向來賓們報告和分享一年來分會致力於台灣的公共事務，在休士頓和南德州地區竭力的為台灣人推動台美友好關係，和對台灣及 FAPA 未來的期許。緊接著是活動的主軸—柳林瑋醫師，以「網路如何翻轉社運、媒體和民主的各種想像」為題發表了精彩的演說，顛覆了所有來賓對台灣人公共事務的想像，也更加激起了在美台僑對推動台美公共事務的熱忱。活動結束後，年輕留學生帶柳林瑋醫師到週六晚上熱鬧的休士頓城內，一邊享受城市微醺的氣氛，一邊分享交換留美年輕人對台灣這片土地未來的想像和期待，在一片歡笑和奮戰人心的討論中悄悄地結束了一整天的行程。 (文章 provided by 會員楊欣蓉)

WI  何世傑會長 (Whelan Detrick)

1. Established a chapter new finance account with Associated Bank.

2. A chapter meeting will take place on Saturday, July 25.

3. Chapter President Whelan attended MidWest Welcome Dr. Ing-Wen Tsai Dinner Party, and wrote a report for Pacific Times, published on June 11.  

4. Chapter Viced President LiLin continues her services to Taiwan Puppet Troup of Madison, and of to NATPA Secretary.
By YPG Coordinator Chieh-Ting Yeh (葉介廷)

As you know, 2015 is a very important year for the young generation of Taiwan advocates. Whether they are second or third generation Taiwanese Americans, or overseas students and immigrants from Taiwan, everyone has been inspired by a revival of political energy in Taiwan, starting with student protests, the massive Sunflower Movement, and the blossoming of many civic groups throughout the past year.

Of course, we have a national election coming up in just a few months!

With this momentum, there have been many events throughout the FAPA chapters throughout the nation geared towards the next generation. Meanwhile, we are working hard behind the scenes to make FAPA a better platform for young Taiwan advocates. Some of the highlights:

- In February, several FAPA chapters including LA and Northern California hosted Ben Hedges, the star behind 「老外看台灣」和「老外看中國」, popular YouTube shows talking about pop culture and politics in Taiwan and China. Ben himself has been an advocate for democracy in China, and has offered very sharp observations on Taiwan’s politics. However, he wishes fans would stop asking for selfies while riding the Taipei Metro.

- Working with Overseas Taiwanese for Democracy (OTD) in March, FAPA Chapters including Massachusetts and Orange County showed the film “Sunflower Occupation” (太陽，不遠), a documentary by nine directors looking at the Sunflower Movement.

- OTD hosted a national conference in April, at the University of Washington in Seattle. Students gathered for two days of workshops on Taiwanese identity, media, crony capitalism, and gender sexual rights issues in Taiwan. FAPA President Mark Kao attended, as well as Chiao-jung and Christopher representing FAPA Headquarters.
In early June, DPP Chair Dr. Tsai Ing-wen embarked on a tour of the United States, and FAPA Young Professionals all over the country showed up en masse to see possibly the first woman president of Taiwan! Many YPGers felt the inspiration of the overwhelming support for change in Taiwan, and fell in love with the soft-spoken, slightly nerdy, but fiercely determined Dr. Tsai.

- Behind the scenes, we are working to make a few renovations to the Young Professionals Group governing structure, and building a new YPG website. Stay tuned!

Last but not least, we will have our annual national YPG Conference from 8/29 to 8/31, in Washington DC. We want to really train and equip our newly energized Taiwan advocates with basic knowledge and experience to engage their elected officials to support Taiwan! Please spread the word!

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This year, we had very diversified backgrounds of participants in the group: not only students, majoring in foreign affairs, but professionals like an elementary school teacher, artist, a Legislative Yuan aide, a medical surgeon and a policeman. It’s good to receive those participants with different major/professional that are concerned about the US-Taiwan relationship and, for those leaders themselves; it’s an extra bonus to learn to work with different professional groups.

On day 3 of workshop, participants had a chance to spend over an hour time with former chairman of the House Asian Subcommittee Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH).
Rep. Chabot needs no introduction here. It is safe to say that Chabot has supported and co-sponsored ALL Taiwan related legislation and initiatives brought forward by Taiwanese Americans over the years. Not only that, Congressman Chabot was also one of the four “Founding Fathers” of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus and its first co-chair.

The students had all prepared one question to ask the Congressman. In his responses, Chabot stated: "I am not a big fan of the "One China Policy." Personally, I lean much more towards the "One China, One Taiwan Policy.” He called for the completely lifting of all restrictions on hi-level visits from Taiwan, expressed his support for the Six Assurances, and for more arms sales to Taiwan. When asked whether he had some good advice for participants who were interested in going into politics, he joked: “Don’t do it!”

On Day 4, participants interacted with members of Congress on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in the 90 degree DC summer heat. They had a chance to question Reps. Brad Sherman (D-CA), Rep. Amata Radewagen (R-AS), Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA) and Rep. Robert Pittenger (R-NC) about their views on Taiwan.

Afterwards, the participants walked 12 blocks east to a local baseball park to watch a softball charity game of "Congresswomen vs. Female Press Corps" and in particular to cheer on formidable Taiwan supporter Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL). With their sign of “IRL FIGHT FOR TAIWAN!” poised, Ros-Lehtinen soon noticed the Emerging Leaders cheering her on and came over to show her appreciation. The next day, Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) tweet-ed about her encounter with FAPA’s Emerging Leaders....

We like to share with you two feedbacks from participants in the workshop.****

林彥甫(Yen-Fu Liu)

我從本次領導營得到最大的收穫主要有兩個,第一是深刻了解到台灣的處境非常危險,必須盡快投資在國防與外交上,並為加入 TPP 做足準備。第二是認知到台灣的未來並不是可以完全由台灣人決定,不管喜歡與否,美國的支持是獨立的必要因素。

【小國無外交,必須要靠自己的展現自我價值】

個人喜歡第一天安排 Randall G. Schriver 講關於兩岸的和平與安全的議題,先是分析中國最近二、三十年來的崛起,到近期對南海以及東海的侵略行為,習近平更是提出亞洲應該是屬於亞洲人的 (Asia for Asians)。雖然美國依舊不正面回應各島嶼的主權歸屬問題,但是可以很明顯感受到美國已經無法再對中國的威脅處處容忍,也開始有所行動;表面上是說希望海域可以保持讓各國自由航海、航空和經商,實際上是對中國宣示美國在國際事務保有主導權。

Randall 表示台灣在捍衛東沙和南沙群島的同時,要多了解國際海洋公約法,並與周邊各國協商共享海域資源。除此之外, Randall 也建議台灣應繼續在國際事務上提出貢獻,總有一天會有所回報。他提到台灣近年來在國際災難救援上協助不少,像是伊波拉時捐贈防護衣和醫療團,以及日本 311 海嘯的巨額捐款等等,其實各國都有都默默地在背後鼓掌。我原本很氣憤日本官方並沒有公開對台灣表示感謝,幸好營隊中剛好有從日本早稻田大學來的學員,告
訴我其實日本天皇有在311的年度感恩宴會中表達對台灣的謝意。

除了外交的建言，Randall警告台灣不應該過度依賴美國，尤其是在軍事上。美國人經過伊拉克的慘痛經驗後，其實大抵上是傾向避免任何的戰爭，台灣必須要積極發展自我防衛的能力，並且跟鄰近的國家在軍事演習上合作，像是日本、菲律賓與南韓。

【天助人自助者，自己的國家自己守】

關於台灣如何在軍事上抵抗中國的武力威脅，Richard Fisher Jr.講得非常詳細，台灣在東海戰略的位置上佔有相當重要的地位，由於台灣的東海岸緊鄰深海，所以相當然適合停放大型戰艦和潛水艇。假如台灣被中國併吞的話，極可能會變成軍事基地，因為中國沿海的深度都很淺，而台灣東海岸就會讓中國有能力可以從深海潛水艇發射核子武器，對其他國家造成極大的威脅。然而，近年來台灣的軍事能力持續下降，國防預算也被砍，假如中國有意用武力侵台，台灣根本無力招架。

我問 Richard 台灣是否有可能成為中立國，放棄軍事發展。他覺得這是蠻天真的想法，根本不可行。第一，中國不會因此就撤除一千多枚對台飛彈，更別說放棄武力侵台。第二，沒有國家會承認台灣是中立國，反而會他們認為台灣要放下自己的武器，讓中國更輕鬆完成統一大業。第三，即使中國真的攻打台灣，各國也不一定會伸出援手，就連美國都有可能因為忙於處理其他危機而袖手旁觀。

那究竟要如何加強台灣的防衛能力呢？Richard 提出許多方案，從建造昂貴的潛艇、戰鬥機、大型遠程飛彈，到便宜又有效的防空防海飛彈、雷達系統以及小型的追蹤飛彈都是可能的選項。除了添購軍備，Richard 也建議台灣可以舉辦關於魚雷和南海島嶼的研習會，邀請各國學者專家來台分享交流，並討論軍事合作的可能性。

其實我在聽完 Richard 的演講之前，一直都覺得台灣國軍感覺沒有什麼實戰能力，乾脆省下國防預算來用在社會福利上還比較實際。然而，經過 Richard 的講解，我才體認到台灣其實沒有辦法單靠國民軍或是自願役來抵抗中國的武力威脅。真希望歐巴馬政府可以盡快知道國會新的對台軍售項目，協助台灣發展潛艇。當然，同一時間也要台灣的民衆和立法委員認同到台灣在軍事上的威脅，不要再大刀闊斧砍國防預算。

【要不要加入 TPP 是假議題，真正該討論的是如何擬訂配套來因應】

雖然我對 Rupert Hammond-Chambers 說服台灣加入 TPP 的方式非常不能接受，但是就如同其他講者像是 Michael Fonte 以及 Gerrit van der Wees 表明的，台灣沒有不加入 TPP 的本錢。台灣近年來經濟太依靠中國，大家都只知道這樣下去會出問題，所以服貿、貨貿都被阻擋下來。然而，台灣的內需市場過小，如果不靠中國市場的話，那一定要和其他國家簽貿易協定，不然的話根本無法擺脫對中國的依賴。

有幾位講者提到台灣的太陽花社運領導者好像都很反對自由貿易，他們有些擔心。我表示說，這是因為政府無法有效地分配自由貿易所帶來的利益，結果大多是圖利大財團；再加上 WTO 的慘痛經驗，沒有配套措施降低對農業和傳產的傷害，導致許多人民的生活反而變得更艱難，因此對自由貿易徹底絕望，覺得它將帶來不公不義。對此，講者覺得這是台灣政府要去面對的內政問題，但是不能夠就因此完全放棄自由貿易對國家整體帶來的利益，尤其是在台灣要急著擺脫對中國依賴的情況下。

對台灣來說，TPP 除了經濟上可能帶來的利益外，更重要的其實是政治上的意涵。如果台灣能夠加入 TPP，不論是用中華民國或是台澎金馬關稅統一代表的是國際對台灣經濟實力的認同，而且能夠一下子就和所有會員國開放自由貿易協定的談判，說不定可以藉此在外交上有所斬獲。當然，美國是否支持台灣加入 TPP，是個非常大的關鍵，美國表態的話，其他會員才有可能跟進。因此台灣要加入 TPP，就必須想解決美牛和美豬的爭議。

Michael J. Fonte 表示，關於美豬和美牛，蔡英文主席提出了幾個可能的方案，像是比照國際標準、對口蹄疫和狂牛病的防疫，以及提供台灣的豬農和牛農保險等等。我對這些方案是否可行並沒有深入研究，然而，我認為更重要的是從現在就要開始為加入 TPP 做準備，不論是討論配套措施，或是訓練外交和貿易談判人才。台灣能不能加入 TPP 還要看國際情勢以及美方的態度，但至少台灣可以先準備好，隨時都能夠上談判桌。

【後記】

很感謝 FAPA 辦公室這次答題，能認識到二十多位來自台灣和其他國家的台灣熱血青年真的很開心，我覺得大家問的問題都很有水準，也都很積極
得表達自己的意見。未來如果還有類似的營隊，我建議可以規劃學員針對某議題的討論時間，一方面可以幫助學員消化吸收課堂中所接收到的訊息，一方面也了解彼此對該議題的觀點和立場。星期五的Panel Discussion我認為蠻成功的，只是老實說感覺內容和標題不太相符，並沒有針對2016大選為主軸（其實我認為這樣比較好）。很喜歡大家在panel上共同討論。

林佳燕(Chia-Yen Lin), FAPA 2015 Summer Intern

炎夏的來臨，一方面帶來心中對假期的期待，隨著台灣2016總統大選的腳步逼近，也升高在美台灣人對選舉情勢以及台灣未來的關注。

一如以往，台美關委會（FAPA）與大家一起為台灣前途打拚的努力不曾鬆懈，緊接著「2015青年領袖培訓營」落幕，我們很高興在此裡跟大家摘要報告今年上半年度的重點成果，並藉由第一線親身接觸的觀察與經驗，與各位分享被台灣年輕世代震撼的感動，還有我們從他們身上看到的希望和台灣驕傲。

今年5月底、6月初最鼓舞人心的新聞，絕對是2016台灣總統參選人蔡英文的「點亮台灣，民主夥伴」訪美之旅；蔡英文充滿自信和準備的亮眼表現與圓滿順利的訪問成果，更讓無時無刻不掛念台灣的台美人們信心大增。

12天的鋼鐵人行程中，FAPA參與著力甚深，不間斷地持續推展如國會議員拜訪、新聞媒體連繫、台灣議題討論等工作，獲得了來自美國國會正面的肯定和支持。在「追求、捍衛、守護台灣的民主自由」的終極目標下，不僅FAPA傾力協助，最最重要的是來自全美各地台灣鄉親的齊心力挺，因為，台灣，數十年不變的，一直是我們心上最深的思念；而台灣走出苦難，台灣人自己做主人，是我們共同的盼望。

緊接著，FAPA於6月21日至26日，在華府舉辦了「2015 Emerging Taiwanese Leaders Workshop」，平均27歲的台灣囝仔飛抵美國，參加密集的年輕世代領袖培訓營。由FAPA會長高龍禎博士介紹FAPA的歷史與其經歷過的時空背景之後，我們從1971年的台灣歷史講起，因為，有清楚正確的台灣史觀，才有能力以此為據去判斷决策台灣的將來。

培訓營課程規劃尚包括：認識美國國會制度、監督制衡機制、外交事務運作模式、TPP與台灣經濟發展、美台政策與關係、國防與安全、現代媒體如何影響民主自由發展、台灣大選情勢以及如何維持自由公平的選舉等，講授與談者，都是專業與經歷兼具的一時之選。

我們企盼開創年輕世代另一層眼界，站在更大格局去觀台灣未來與國際關係，站在真實條件上，以智慧、冷靜有策略的去實現台灣最大的夢想：以台灣之名，成為國際社會中享有全面平等權利的一員。我們也自許當一葉橋樑，縮短西太平洋的地理距離，消弭認知差距，讓台灣年輕世代了解美國政府運作模式與觀點，鍛鍊自己以成熟的國際社會成員身份，不僅帶領台灣前進，並影響國際社會的發展，日臻美好。

沒讓人失望的，這群絕大多數來自台灣本土，少數來自美、加兩地留學生的成員，展現了這一世代無懼無畏的精神。他們不僅有良好的英語表達能力，也能有條有理的提出觀點，令與談的專家學者們耳目一新，讚嘆不已。
仔細觀察，很容易在這群年輕人的各種談話內容中，歸納出一個清楚的脈絡：在這個世代，他們生來就是台灣人，已經無須再辯論掙扎國家認同，更進一步的，他們心之所向，就是一個全然正常化的國家，而國家的名字就叫台灣。

我們在現場看到，年輕世代們表現出一種「誰要傷害台灣，我們就跟你拚命」的勇敢，不只是關心台灣的國際地位，也在乎台灣內政上，如何建立更完善制度、照顧弱勢，也希望更了解如何平衡外交與內政上時常發生的衝突犧牲。年輕人們在鍛鍊自己，我們能做的，是守護他們，從旁協助他們。

親愛的鄉親，FAPA 在這裡，不只要跟各位轉達我們的感動，更要告訴大家，這麼多年來，大家在離故千萬里遠的美國為台灣所做的努力和付出，一點一滴，聚沙成塔，終於來到今天這個具有爆發力的時代。改變台灣未來的力量，愈來愈強大，而夢想的實現，愈來愈近。

在往前邁進的路上，不能沒有您的支持。FAPA 衷心懇請您繼續以行動支持我們的募款活動，我們也將秉持堅毅不懈的態度，有效妥善運用來自鄉親們的款項，全力投注在強化台美關係、培養新世代等各項事務上，幫助我們心愛的台灣，成為一個在世界上有尊嚴、受尊敬的國家。

Messages from FAPA Headquarters

2. FAPA 2015 At-large election will be hosted by Massachusetts Chapter this year. Official announcement will be on July 31.
3. (From NY-M Chapter) New NY-M chapter president Sue Wei (林瑞葉) starts her term on May 1, 2015. All the chapter activities reported in FAPA News Spring 2015 Issue were under former chapter president Jane Huang Hsu (黃清燕).
4. FAPA HQ thanks to twimi.net (獨立媒體) in Taiwan to provide pictures from DPP Tsai visit to Washington.
5. Thanks to Dr. Liu Lin Wei (柳林瑋) for speaking in 8 cities in 10 days to fundraise for FAPA. (Pictures below clockwise from top left: New Orleans, Portland, San Jose with Standing Committee members, and Seattle speeches)