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Right: YPG Annual Conference in Washington, DC

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President’s Corner

Dear FAPA Members and Friends:

Despite the election season, FAPA HQ and the chapters have not stood still. A lot of things have been going on in U.S.-Taiwan relations. The “Taiwan Travel Act” (TTA) – legislation that would enable high level visits by and between any officials of Taiwan or United States without restrictions – has been introduced in the House of Representatives and in the Senate. The House version of the TTA was introduced with bi-partisan support from senior Foreign Affairs Committee members. I want to thank our HQ staff and chapters for educating and recruiting sponsors for the legislation. The TTA will be a key component of FAPA’s policy objective for 2017.

In addition, we have begun the community wide project for the inclusion of a Taiwanese check-box option on the 2020 National Census form. For the past several decades, the Taiwanese American community has worked hard for Taiwanese Americans to be counted and to be counted as a separate category in the national census statistics. This is important not only to reflect the Taiwanese heritage but also to ensure that the Taiwanese American community receives the proper support and resources available from the government. We are happy to announce that, as a part of our current effort, we have garnered the support of Chairman Royce who issued a letter to the Director of the Census Bureau calling for the inclusion of a check-box option for Taiwanese as an ethnic category. This is one step in a multi-prong effort. We encourage and welcome your support.

As this country welcomes in a new President, we look forward to the new administration and opportunities to strengthen further the U.S.-Taiwan relations and to educate decision-makers about the right of self-determination for Taiwan as an integral part of U.S. interest.

We are happy to welcome two new additions to the HQ team. Jonathan Lin joins us as Program Coordinator. Jonathan previously worked as a FAPA intern and is a graduate of the University of Michigan. In addition, we welcome June Lin as our Policy Fellow. June comes to us from Taipei and was a key Sunflower Student leader. We look forward to their contributions to the FAPA team!

As Thanksgiving and holiday season approaches, we are grateful and appreciative of your generous support and activism. We wish you and your family very happy holidays and the very best for next year. There is much to do in the near future. We look forward to a busy and productive 2017. We invite you to join and support us. Please feel free anytime to share your comments and suggestions with us!

With warmest wishes and appreciation,

PETER CHEN
親愛的 FAPA 會員與朋友們:

雖然適逢選舉季節，FAPA 總部與各分會從未停止倡議行動；尤其在台美關係上，近期仍有許多重要議題正在推行當中。台灣旅行法（Taiwan Travel Act）－－旨在讓台灣與美國高層官員能夠互訪的法案－目前在兩院都已分別由參議員、眾議員提出，且眾議院的法案版本目前受到外交事務委員會兩黨議員的鼎力支持。在這裡，我要特別感謝總部的工作人員，以及各分會積極倡議的成果。推動台灣旅行法的推行是 FAPA 在 2017 的重要工作目標之一。

另外，在台美人社區方面，我們正在推行 2020 年美國人口普查增列「台灣人」的選項。過去幾十年來，台美人社群不間斷地努力，希望能夠在人口普查「民族」的統計項目中，增列一個台灣人的選項。這不只是為了凸顯台灣民族身份的正當性，更是為了向美國政府表達，台美人是個不可忽視的族群，我們也期望得到適當的資源分配與支持。關於這項倡議，我在此很高興的宣布，我們目前已經得到了眾院外交事務委員會羅伊斯（Ed Royce）主席的支持，他已寫信向人口普查局局長要求在人口普查的民族類別增列「台灣人」的選項。這是我們多管齊下的倡議行動中很重要的一步，希望各位都能繼續鼎力支持這項倡議。

當美國即將迎來新的總統之時，我們除了期待新政府與美國政治的新氣象，更期許我們能夠繼續深化台美關係，並向美國的決策者揭示台灣人民自決的權利絕對是美國利益中極為重要的一部份。

我們也要在此歡迎 FAPA 總部的新成員。日前剛加入我們的林宣宇（Jonathan Lin）目前擔任專案統籌，他在密西根大學畢業之後，便成為 FAPA 的實習生。另一位新成員林倢（June Lin）甫由台北飛至華盛頓，加入 FAPA 成為政策研究員，她也是太陽花運動中重要的學生領袖。我們期待他們接下來在 FAPA 的貢獻！

隨著感恩假期將至，我們感謝您一直以來的慷慨支持與行動的熱情。希望您與您的家人都能享受快樂的假期，迎來美好的一年。為了台灣的未來，我們仍有许多需要努力的空間，2017 年將會是忙碌且令人振奮的一年，希望您能夠一起加入我們，繼續為台灣打拼。也歡迎您隨時對 FAPA 提出寶貴的指教與建議，在此獻上我們最深的祝福與感謝。

陳正義敬上
Capitol Watch
華府瞭望

ON TAIWAN’S FATHER’s DAY, FAPA URGES HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS TO WORK TOWARDS DUAL RECOGNITION OF CHINA AND TAIWAN

In a letter to Holy Father Pope Francis dated August 8, FAPA president Peter Chen 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 reads: “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.” A similar letter was sent to Taiwan Vice President Chen prior to his upcoming trip to the Vatican in early September where he would meet with the Pope.

TAIWANESE AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS JOIN RANKS TO BE COUNTED IN THE 2020 CENSUS

On August 12, 2016, the joint Taiwanese American Organizations sent a letter to the National Advisory Committee of the Census Bureau to request the Census Bureau that a check off box for “Taiwanese” be added under the race question (question six) on the Census 2020 form.

In the letter, the joint Taiwanese American Organizations wrote: “Taiwanese Americans all over the country have expressed their concern and frustration to us about not knowing how many Taiwanese Americans there actually are in the U.S. today.”

In this letter, the organizations conclude: “We are shocked that our Census, which is a purely domestic affair, would fall victim to international politics. No foreign country should dictate how our own Census Bureau counts its citizens. Taiwanese Americans today recognize that they are a separate ethnicity from Chinese Americans and we must honor and respect that. The Census Bureau can no longer ignore this.”

FAPA ANNUAL YPG CONFERENCE + “ADVOCACY ON CAPITOL HILL” DAY

FAPA’s annual Young Professionals Group weekend-long summit took place during the August 20-21 weekend with exciting speakers preparing young Taiwanese (Americans) how to advocate for Taiwan on Capitol Hill on Monday, August 22. That Monday all participants fanned out over Capitol Hill to meet with the offices of their elected officials and put into practice what they had learned. (See detailed YPG Summit report elsewhere in this newsletter.)
FAPA HOSTS NEW POWER PARTY DELEGATION

On September 7, 8 and 9, FAPA hosted a delegation of the New Power Party from Taiwan headed by Huang Kuo-Chang. FAPA HQ organized a jam-packed schedule of meetings with multiple members of Congress, a press conference, a Senate staff briefing, a meeting with the greater DC local community, and a dinner meeting with students from the University of Maryland. The delegation met with long-time friends of Taiwan in Congress who expressed their wholehearted support for Taiwan’s democracy, and for Taiwan’s membership in international organizations. In return, the NPP urged members of Congress to call for an end to the One China Policy. FAPA President Peter Chen attended all meetings.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES CALL FOR LIFTING OF ALL RESTRICTIONS ON HIGH-LEVEL VISITS FROM TAIWAN INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT

On September 15, 2016, Representatives Steve Chabot (R-OH), Brad Sherman (D-CA) and Ted Poe (R-TX) introduced the “Taiwan Travel Act” (H.R.6047). The Taiwan Travel Act legislation declares “that it should be the policy of the United States to encourage visits between the United States and Taiwan at all levels.”

Chabot is a long-time Taiwan supporter, and founding co-chair of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus. Poe and Sherman are long-time members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

SENATOR RUBIO CALLS FOR LIFTING OF ALL RESTRICTIONS ON HIGH-LEVEL VISITS FROM TAIWAN INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT

On September 27, 2016, Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) introduced the “Taiwan Travel Act” – S.3397 - binding legislation “declaring that it should be the policy of the United States to encourage visits between the United States and Taiwan at all levels.”
The bill reads: “Since the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, relations between the United States and Taiwan have suffered from a lack of communication due to the self-imposed restrictions that the United States maintains on high-level visits with Taiwan.” It concludes that: “the United States Government should encourage visits between the United States and Taiwan at all levels.”

This bill is the Senate version of House Bill HR6047 that was introduced by Rep. Chabot (R-OH) and others on September 15, 2016.

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REP. ROYCE URGES CENSUS BUREAU TO ADD “TAIWANESE” TO CENSUS 2020

In a letter dated October 27, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Ed Royce (R-CA) urged the United States Census Bureau to add a separate “Taiwanese” check-off box in the Census 2020 form.

Royce wrote: “In 1997, the State Department expressed concern about listing “Taiwanese” as a race in the Census questionnaire because it “would be contrary to U.S. Government policy and U.S. national interests.” However, as the Census is a purely domestic policy matter, it should not be subject to international politics and diplomatic pressure.”

Royce concludes: “The Census Bureau must ensure that the 2020 Census is both accurate and reflective of the U.S. population. As Taiwanese-Americans consider themselves a separate ethnicity from Chinese Americans, I believe that it would be prudent to honor and respect their identity… I thank you for your attention to this matter and urge you to give this designation its full and fair consideration.”

FAPA OP-ED ARTICLES

On August 3, 2016, the Taipei Times published an article by FAPA President Peter Chen entitled “Taiwanese-Americans want to be counted.” It argues that “even though Taiwanese-Americans started immigrating to the US as early as the 1950s and have been arriving steadily ever since, nobody today knows — not even the US Census Bureau — how many Taiwanese-Americans there are in the US.” It concludes: “It is high time that the census bureau lifted this self-imposed restriction and included a Taiwanese check box on the census form in 2020.”

On September 4, 2016, the Taipei Times published an article by FAPA President Peter Chen entitled “Chen should urge Holy See for dual recognition.” It argues that, in light of rumors that the Vatican seems to signal that it might end diplomatic relations with Taiwan in favor of such relations with China, the Pope should urge Beijing to accept the principle of “Dual Recognition.” Such dual diplomatic recognition of both Taipei and Beijing would entail embracing Chinese and not abandoning the 23 million Taiwanese, and would be a way to foster and encourage peaceful coexistence and mutual respect between Taiwan and China. In addition, it would set a precedent for other nations to emulate. The Hanji version of the article appeared in the Liberty Times the previous day.

On October 09, 2016, the Taipei Times published an article by FAPA President Peter Chen entitled “Congressional oversight of the AIT.” It argues that “making the AIT’s senior appointments subject to US senate confirmation is constitutionally desirable.” It concludes: “At the very least, the senate must demand that the department honor Vance’s 1979 pledge to consult with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on all the institutes top appointments, including, at least, the directors in Washington and Taipei, the chairman and the board members. This simple adjustment would surely have an enduring and positive influence on the execution of US laws and policies with regard to Taiwan and reassure concerned citizens in the US that constitutionally appropriate congressional oversight of foreign relations is secure.” The Hanji version of the article appeared in the Liberty Times the previous day.

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Chapter Activities

分會活動報告

CA-LA  California – Los Angeles Chapter

陳正義會長 (Peter Chen)

The third quarter of the year was active for the Los Angeles Chapter. Members and Leadership of the Chapter met with Congressman Brad Sherman at the district office. Chapter educated and advocated for a number of important issues, including the Taiwan Travel Act. Congressman Sherman later joined as one of the original co-sponsors of TAA. In addition, chapter met with Ling Ling Chang, a Taiwanese-American member of the California State Assembly, and discussed with her issues important to the community. We also co-sponsored a lecture by Professor Lin of University of Virginia regarding Cross-Strait relations and the development of Taiwan’s economy. Later in the quarter, members met again with Congress Ed Royce in a friendly community luncheon and discussed the national census issue. Chairman Royce later issued a press-release asking for the inclusion of Taiwanese as check-box option in the 2020 Census. Furthermore, chapter also met with California State Assemblywoman Young Kim and helped welcome Mayor Lai of Tainan!

CA-OC  California – Orange County Chapter

吳仲輝會長 (Nicholas Wu)

柑縣分會舉辦一年一度的夏季室外野餐, 今年是第二年在 Irvine Regional Park 舉行, 會員與朋友超過 200 人参加, 大家在涼風及樹蔭下盡情享受午餐與交談敘舊, 活動包括 Hiking、Line dancing、排球、打彈珠、參觀動物園與坐小火車, 大家盡興而歸。

Chapter held a movie premiere at Laguna Woods. Over 140 people attended the event. The attendees were deeply touched by the Japanese who were born and raised in Taiwan between 1895 and 1945, who expressed lots of love toward Taiwan. A warm thank-you to 田中實加, who spent 14 years to bring this piece of Taiwanese history back and document it through a book and documentary.

Moreover, Team Taiwan again shows up at Fashion Island, Newport Beach, CA to join the efforts of Susan G. Komen Race for Cure Fundraising.

CA-N  California – Northern Chapter

李宗翰會長 (Jonathan H. Lee)

CA-N Chapter has completed its 2016 Election process with Daniel Wang serving as the chapter President, and Chieh-Ting Yeh, Christina Yu, David Yeh, Howard Chen, Jonathan Lee, Joseph Chen, Philip Sun, and Sophia Deng serving as chapter Board Members.

CA-SAC  California – Sacramento Chapter

黃漠見會長 (Moh Huang)

總會會長陳正義夫婦於十月十五日蒞臨沙加緬度參加分會舉辦的會議。陳會長在會中以「台灣之危機
A wonderful crowd of 21 members and supporters got together for the annual meeting on July 30th, 2016.

CT Chapter is very grateful for Professor Chen (陳隆志) for guiding us into uncharted territory concerning Taiwan's national identity in the wake of a UN tribunal ruling on the South China Sea disputes. We were so lucky to have a world-class speaker narrating the conflict through historical, geopolitical, and legal factors that gave the audience a much clearer view of the issue.

We were blessed to let Professor Chen take the podium right after the Q&A, who lightened up a very dark chapter of Taiwan history (Oppression and Green Island) with humor. Of course, all the great comedy can not hit the right note without the help of his partner, Mrs. Chen (王美). The unassuming duo almost brought down the house and demonstrated the talent that brightened up the day for everyone.

DC Chapter sponsored a fundraising speech event for FAPA HQ on September 8 at Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Washington. We invited the visiting New Power Party (NPP) delegation for the event. NPP’s Executive Chairman Huang Kuo-chang (黃國昌) and Party Secretary General Tsai Ing-wen gave a speech on “The Future of Taiwan’s Identity as a Country”. The room was full of FAPA members and friends. Chapter members also welcomed the delegation at Airpirt when they arrived as well as participated in a dinner in Capitol Hill with the delegation and students from University of Maryland.

時代力量政黨外交之旅來到了美國華府，華府分會特別邀請到黃國昌與徐永明兩位立委參加9月8日 FAPA 立委演講會主講，講演主題為「台灣國家身份的未來」。時代力量此行有黃國昌老師、徐永明委員、陳惠敏秘書長、助理賴以強、國際部楊雅婷。這次時代力量訪華府期間兩天，活動全程由 FAPA 主辦，總會長並專程自加州前來參與。黃國昌說此行除了是讓國際友人能夠認識為新興政黨的時代力量外，也同時讓對方了解，包括台灣國家身份正常化、台灣人民憲法等民意聲浪。同時也向台美同鄉傳遞時代力量的理念及未來走向。時代力量呼籲美國政府思考「終結一個中國政策」的可能性，以及支持台灣創造正常國家，務實面對兩岸關係。在場的鄉親反應熱烈，現場聚集
許多年輕粉絲，不少學生遠自維州和馬州巴爾的摩市趕來。

On August 20, Chapter members participated a presentation by the author and producer of the book/documentary "灣生回家(Wansei Back Home)". The author 田中實加 (陳宣儒) and her husband (杜正宇) were in town for their 228 historical research. It was a touching presentation about this piece of important Taiwanese history. The event was co-sponsored by TAAGWC and Taiwan Culture Center.

On September 14, DC Chapter members participated in the open ceremony of new Taiwan Think Tank - Global Taiwan Institute (全球台灣研究中心智庫). Our HQ staffs and Freddy from NPP also joined the event.

In late October, DC Chapter held a chapter meeting and invited HQ Policy Fellow June Lin (林健) to give HQ updates and a speech with the title of “Post Sun Flower Era (後三一八時代-由島內至海外的暴民視野)”.

In the meeting, we elected Mr. Dustin Lin (林子堯) as the new regional board director. He will represent our chapter and participate in the annual FAPA board meeting early December in West Palm Beach, Florida.

June presented the updates titled as “FAPA 2016 ‘PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE’”. She touched upon many areas that FAPA is working on including “Taiwan Travel Act”, as well what has been accomplished in 2016. Her speech on “Post Sun Flower Era (後三一八時代)” generated lots of interest from the audience.

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\[ \text{Delaware Chapter} \]

林禮惠會長(Cecilia Chi)

07/24 Members of DE, PA and NJ-S meet with President Peter Chen

It was an honor that President Peter Chen was able to fit us in his busy schedule, after his FAPA meeting in DC. As Peter is from LA, we do not have many opportunities to see him. We are also pleased that Mark Kao, the previous FAPA president, and his wife Sumei, came all the way from Central New Jersey to join us. In total, we had 20 members present at the meeting. President Chen gave us an update on FAPA-related activities, and discussed current events in Taiwan. Jay Loo gave us an informative talk about Taiwan-FAPA issues and stated that Taiwan's democratic development still has a lot of room for improvement. The meeting took place in Philadelphia.

09/16 Email/ letter campaign House Representative to Co-Sponsor the Taiwan Travel Act - HR 6047

10/22 Chapter Meeting and New Members Welcome Party

We are very pleased to report that we have two new members - Dr. Der-Ing Liao (廖德瑛) and Dr. Jung-Huei Chen (陳榮輝). For a small chapter, two new members are a substantial addition - a 12.5% increase from last year. In
addition, we are very appreciative of the young and enthusiastic members in our group.

FL—S

Florida—South Chapter

楊美娥會長(Madeline Wu)

這次小英總統頂著台灣第一位女總統的榮耀於五月二十日上任，六月二十四日第一次外訪，由台北經十五小時直飛第一站邁阿密，波音777專機是邁阿密機場第一次降落此型飛機，降落時接受水柱禮砲(water cannon salute)熱烈歡迎，而且還交通管制警車送小英總統到旅館受僑胞的熱烈歡迎。在晚上僑宴中還特別送小英一架水晶飛機。不但如此離開邁阿密後，第一次飛過古巴領空到達巴拿馬。小英這次外訪成績斐然，美參議員Marco Rubio拜會現任臺灣總統，而且還與二十多位的參眾議員在巴拿馬會面，是突破任何台灣總統的禮遇。在巴又與多位正副外國元首交流。照片取自邁阿密僑宴。

18 Taiwanese joined Ambassador John Bolton in meeting of Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen on August 28, 2016. Because of our large group in the party, we had special honor to have a group picture with Ambassador Bolton and Cong. Ros-Lehtinen. During Q & A, Ambassador Bolton strongly supported Taiwan’s membership in the UN and other international organizations.

IL

Illinois Chapter

賴琦亮會長(Catherine Lai)

10月29日分會順利進行年會及選舉。先由賴會長作會務、理事及財務報告，順利進行選舉，最後有二位年輕朋友的精彩演講，到下午四點圓滿結束！選舉結果由黃慶鐘擔任2017-2018年分會會長，楊欣晉擔任區域委員兼副會長，另選出分會理事會理事5名(賴琦亮、陳泳岑、蘇俊文、陳明正、陳嘉勇)。會員大會及選舉在和諧氣氛中圓滿結束，期待分會團隊及會員們能夠手牽手心連心作伙來繼續打拼！

NY-Hudson

New York—Hudson Chapter

歐陽吉林會長(Chi-Lin O’Young)

On September 17, several Chapter members participated in the United Nations Membership for Taiwan March and Rally. Several hundred people attended the activity, including guests from Taiwan, local New York and New Jersey Taiwanese Communities. The event commenced at the UN Plaza with speakers from Taiwan. Participants then marched from the UN Plaza to Times Square and continued the rally. It was quite encouraging to see that the young generation has already taken over most of the organization and responsibility of this cause.
One month later, the Chapter held a meeting at East Fishkill Public Library on October 15 in New York. Ms. Chia-Chun Chung, NE Standing Committee, came to greet members and gave an update on FAPA activities. The Chapter planned and reviewed its activities, as well as distributed the Census 2020 Form and Taiwan Travel Act HR6047 letter, both of which were signed by participants. Chi-Lin O' Young was re-elected as second term president.

**NY-Syr**

**New York – Syracuse Chapter**

林冰潔會長(Elizabeth McDermott)

In August, the OH-S chapter held a social event with Congressman Steve Chabot. As you know, our Congressman Chabot has been a long-term supporter of Taiwan. He spoke of the past and future of Taiwan-US relations and the introduction of high-level visits by Taiwanese officials in the congress. Our member Professor Lynn Lin was the wonderful emcee for the event. We had a good turnout with some young students who attended FAPA chapter events for the first time. Thank you for those who supported this event locally and from out of state! Congressman Chabot was impressed by the cohesiveness of our Taiwanese American community.

Picture from picnic in Pratts Fall Park on June 16

**OH-S**

**Ohio – Southern Chapter**

王俐力會長 (Lily Wang)

In mid-August, two of our members (Yi-ling Tseng and Lily Wang) participated in the FAPA-YPG Workshop. We joined forces with Ching-wen Kuo from Columbus in our congressional visits after the workshop. Yi-ling comments: Although I feel the most fresh is to go to Congress and meet the congressman and assistant, but I think I got the biggest收获 is the understanding of the enthusiasm of this group of people for Taiwan. So for me, that several days of activities, every moment were very special and impressive!

This was a great opportunity for young people to learn more about the art of advocacy on the Hill.

**OR-SWWA**

**Oregon & SW Washington Chapter**

蕭義勻會長 (Anny Hsiao)
10/02, chapter elected Anny as a chapter president and did a brief presentation/sharing of August YPG conference visit and TAHW proclamation readings at Camas Washington City Hall & Portland Oregon City Hall.

10/21-23, five members from Chapter participated in the second annual YPG West Coast Leaders retreat hosted by San Diego Chapter. Oregon SW Washington Chapter will be hosting the Retreat in 2017.

**TX-N**

谢慶鏘會長 (John Hsieh)

07/1-3 很多會員全力幫忙美南夏令營在達拉斯舉行，會長特別在台灣訂作兩百多頂漁夫帽，請到 Pete Sessions 國會議員演講，他是 Rules Committee 的主席，其他委員會需經過他過目，他是黃泰國會員的老朋友，當年來和一些老會員也都很熟，一直都很支持台灣。

07/04 邀兩位新 YPG 會員林宥妘和呂易姍及幾位會員共進午餐，交換 FAPA 有關事項，這兩位女士已報名參加八月底的 YPG 年會。

請大家參加 FAPA survey 及 2020 戶口普查表列入 Taiwanese 選項的 Petition。

09/10 有會員參加德州 GOP 活動
09/21 拜訪三十三選區 Marc Veasey 國會議員辦公室，拜託議員聯署 HR 6047 台灣旅行法，要求台灣正副總統及外交部長可到華府訪問及進入白宮、國務院、五角大廈等，這次是今年是第二次拜訪。

09/26 拜訪第三十選區 Eddie Bernice Johnson 國會議員辦公室，向選區主任 Esperanza Worley 談台灣近況，又再感謝議員寫恭賀信給蔡英文，並親身在百忙中到台灣參加蔡英文總統的就職典禮。同時也請議員聯署 HR 6047，這次拜訪是今年第二次拜訪。

10/28 開分會會議並邀請在八月底參加華 YPG 年會的林宥妘(Alice)向大家談談她的心得，她很高興能有這機會見識 FAPA 的運作及拜訪國會。會中大家認為應該送人去參加，但找人也不容易，須要大家都注意對國會 advocacy 有興趣的人。
WI Chapter is pleased to announce that our chapter and members have been a significant co-sponsors and integral contributors to the “Taiwanese Culture in Madison 2016” (台灣文化在麥城), a cultural feast of Taiwan for all ages. Activities included films, arts, music, glove puppetry, and academic lectures.

This project is the result of joined efforts among Taiwanese Association of Madison, UW-Madison Dance Dept., FAPA-WI Chapter, UW-Madison East Asia Studies, Overture Center for the Arts, Madison Arts Commission, North American Taiwanese Association of Professors, Mad About Taiwan Documentary Club, Taiwan Puppet Troup of UW-Madison, North America Taiwan Studies Association-Wisconsin Chapter (NATSA-WIC), UW-Madison Student Association of Taiwan, UW-Madison Taiwanese Undergraduate Student Organization, and Taiwan Academy.

From October 19 to November 5, 2016, Madison city and University of Wisconsin-Madison campus are celebrating a series of events that include Taiwan cinema film screenings (灣生回家 & 太陽的孩子), the art exhibition of a prominent Taiwanese artist Cheng-Po Chen (1895-1947) and a local Taiwanese artist Dr. C.K. Chang at Overture Center Playhouse Gallery, a reception with chamber music, "Island Memories" to honor the brilliant artworks of Chen, Cheng-Po, and academic lectures which focus on Design History and Studies of Taiwan and Design for Social Good. The final component of the diverse program is the world-renowned Taiyuan Puppet Theater Company (台原偶戲團) from Taiwan.

WI chapter is proud to be involved with such a diverse and in-depth cultural event, a great way to reach to local communities in promoting Taiwan as well as Taiwanese identity and unique culture.

The Official Website of Taiwanese Culture in Madison 2016: http://madabouttaiwan2016.wixsite.com/home
Young Professional Group Report

2016 FAPA YPG NATIONAL ADVOCACY CONFERENCE

This year’s YPG National Advocacy Conference was held in Washington, D.C. from August 20th to 23rd. Due to space constraints, the National Advocacy Conference gathered 60 participants from chapters including California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, and Washington. We even had a few participants who came directly from Taiwan!

This year's conference opened with remarks from our new President, Peter Chen, who also gave an extensive history of FAPA. Our program also included education and training workshops from the DPP U.S. Mission's Director, Mike Fonte on U.S.-Taiwan-China Relations, and a briefing from State Department’s Taiwan Desk officer, Logan Krusac.

The second day of the conference was filled with exciting topics including “The Legislative Process in the U.S., Local Advocacy Work, and How FAPA Can Help In Legislative Process.” This year, the veterans not only had the opportunity to share their experience and progress in local advocacy work, but also took up the role of mentoring our first time participants during the Congressional Team Preparation and Practice Session.

The YPG members spent Monday on Capitol Hill speaking to the aides of members of the House of Representatives and Senators. This year we were able to make 75 appointments with offices of members of Congress. Our main focus this year was to brief them on the issue of the restrictions on Taiwan Cabinet visits to the U.S., and to urge them to support the Taiwan Travel Act which was introduced several weeks after the conference, and that we plan to reintroduce next year.

Overall, the 2016 FAPA YPG National Advocacy Conference ended on a positive note, and we strive to make our next year’s conference even more exciting and beneficial for all those who will attend!

Feed back from YPGers

By Chou Jian You (Houston, TX)

【FAPA 34 年，我的第一年】

今年的 Conference 於 8 月 20 日至 22 日在 DC 舉行。出發前，德州隊的成員已先做了功課，向自己負責的選區議員提出面談預約，36 個選區的參、眾議
員，我們和其中的24個議員辦公室安排好會面的時間。頭兩天的課程都是在為星

期一去國會議員辦公室拜訪做準備。因為是第一年的新人，

整個過程對我來說都是全新的

經驗：從FAPA的歷史，美國、

台灣、中國之間的關係，美國

國務院對台灣的觀點，立法的

過程，各地方的在地組織運

作，一直到Talking Point以及遊

說的技巧跟小組分工……期待

自己像個超級海綿，能把大家

的知識全部裝進我的腦袋裡。

星期一，來自全國各地的勇士

們穿上正式服裝後，讓我想到

了穿上黃金聖衣的聖鬥士，彼

此間充滿那種「有你們在身

邊，就不畏懼」的氛圍。每一

組都把行程排得滿滿，能在面

談中多說一點是一點，夥伴們

有的負責講FAPA組織，有的負責講我們今年重點

的High Level Visit，從互動中希望從助理們的眼神裡

看到善意或正面的回饋。整

t天的訪問下來，基本上

是順暢的，大部分的助理也很願意聽我們說，我

知道台灣問題的複雜性，很難在短時間講清楚，但

至少在那個面對面的15到20分鐘裡，他們一定會聽

完我們要遊說的重點。I believe it matters.

三天過得很快，在離開國會準備飛回休士頓的路

上，心裡有覺得開心的部份，也有感到揪心的部

份。開心的是，全美有這麼多跟我們一樣的年輕台

美人，第一代或第二代，一起為了這樣共同的理想

和價值而這麼努力，當下就會想著，希望未來能夠

讓身邊的人更了解

希望有更多的人一起這樣

無私的奉獻，而不是為了自己的利益，這是美麗

的，一種讓我想著想著就不孤單的美麗。揪心的是

有限的經費，這些錢來自於會員與贊助者對這個理

念的認同，台美人長久以來這麼辛苦地倉摳著，

真的就是為了能有一天，台灣能成為一個真正美

好、正常的國家，就是希望我們訴說的價值能被美

國主流社會聽見。有人問我，做這個真的有用嗎？

說真的，在親身走過這趟國會行之前，我是無法回

答的。但我現在真的可以說，每一個親身的遊說，

每一分奉獻給FAPA的錢都是有意義的。事情不

是說一定要贏才去做，就像前任會長跟我說的，「難
YPG WEST COAST LEADERSHIP RETREAT

By Alex Hung (San Diego, CA)

CA-SD chapter hosted the 2016 FAPA YPG West Coast Leadership Retreat on the weekend of Oct. 22nd. Over 20 FAPA YPG leaders joined us from Oregon-swWA, California North, LA, OC, and SD chapters. The purpose of the retreat was to provide interactive leadership experience to forge great leaders, strengthen the relations of FAPA West Coast chapters, and provide the opportunity to learn from each other. We were honored to have FAPA President Peter Chen as our guest who joined us to discuss various FAPA-related subjects. We were grateful to have the opportunity to directly communicate with HQ and felt excited to learn issues HQ will be promoting in the coming year. Leaders from each chapter shared their thoughts on how we can do to promote each specific issue and also reviewed what have been done on Taiwan advocacy lately in individual chapters.

We also invited four speakers to present various Taiwan-related topics covering policy and media, art and culture, and geography and history: Chieh-Ting Yeh, a FAPA YPG leader from CA North, is the founder of Ketagalan Media and the Vice Chairman of Global Taiwan Institute (GTI). Professor Ping-Hui Liao, who is the Chuan mLyu Endowed Chair Professor in Taiwan Studies and Head of Cultural Studies at the University of California, San Diego. Scott Ezell, an American poet, musician, and multi-genre artist who was based in Taiwan from 1992 to 2004. And Feng-En Tu, a Ph.D. candidate in the History and East Asian Languages program at Harvard University.

Overall the participants agreed that the retreat was an exciting and inspiring experience and they were eager to share with other chapter members what they had learned from the retreat. The host of next year’s FAPA YPG West Coast Leadership Retreat has also been determined: it’s Oregon-swWA! Can’t wait!

INTRODUCTIONS FROM FAPA FELLOW AND INTERNS

FAPA Fellow - June Lin (林健)

I was born in America and grew up in Taiwan. I graduated from National Chengchi University, and am currently studying in the graduate institute of National Development at National Taiwan University. After participating in the Sunflower Movement in 2014, my peers and I established an advocacy organization - Democracy Tautin. For the past few years, I’ve participated as the media department coordinator, deputy coordinator, general coordinator and spokeswoman. During the Taipei city mayor election campaign in 2014, I had the opportunity to work as a project assistant for TASS (Taiwan Association for Strategic Simulation). Together we work as a strategic planning think tank for Ko Wen-je. In 2015, I worked as a researcher at the Lee Teng-Hui Foundation. After the election in 2016, I became the congressional aide for legislator Su Chi Feng.

I attended the Emerging Leader Work Shop and interned in FAPA HQ in the summer of 2015. Motivated by the experience in FAPA, I then realized that young generations need to put more effort in
Taiwan's international affairs. So I figured with my identity as a Taiwanese-American, and with my experience in the social movement and Taiwanese politics, I can contribute to the work that FAPA's doing, expand Taiwan's role in the international community with dignity, and develop a more robust US-Taiwan relationship. I expect myself to learn as many as I can from FAPA as a Policy Fellow, then finish my master degree in the field of international relations here in the US. Hopefully, I can contribute what I have learned and experienced, and become a professional to help expand Taiwan's role in the international community with dignity.

I was born in the United States, but I grew up in Taiwan. I graduated from the National Taiwan University in 2014. After that, I served as the secretary of the Taiwan Student Association at the School of International Liberal Studies at Waseda University. I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and a minor in Japanese. I then served as a research assistant at the Institute of National Policy Research. I have been learning and understanding Taiwan's international relations through this experience.

I am proud to be working for such an organization.

Intern - Cindy Chou (周克靜)

I am a student at the George Washington University, studying International Affairs. I became interested in Taiwan's international status through listening to my relatives back home.

In high school, I joined Model United Nations and started to delve deeper into the field of international relations. After interning at FAPA in the spring, I worked in Taiwan at the Institute for National Policy Research. There, I gained a deeper sense of Taiwanese global affairs beyond the lens of the United States. This semester, I have returned to FAPA to continue with its mission in the US.

I graduated from the School of International Liberal Studies at Waseda University and double minored in Taiwan Studies and China Studies. At Waseda, I started a student organization with a group of friends that focused on Taiwanese issues. In 2012, I was one of the organizers for the anti-media monopoly rally in Tokyo. In 2014, I served as the liaison for the global network of overseas Taiwanese for the Sunflower movement rally.

After being introduced by my senior at school, I attended the 2014 FAPA workshop in D.C. From this experience, I understood the tears that the oppressed overseas Taiwanese have shed for their homeland. Their efforts have propelled Taiwan toward the path of democracy that exists today.

With only three short months of interning here at FAPA, I understand my contributions may not be significant for the organization in the short run. However, I hope that by being in the center of world politics, I can experience the
political processes -- through the presidential election, congressional lobbying, preparation for the annual FAPA conference, and think tank events -- and better understand democracy's role and Taiwan's difficult situation. I hope that these experiences from FAPA will build the skills for me to contribute back to society in the future.

2014 年畢業於早稻田大學國際教養學部, 雙副專攻台灣研究及中國研究。2012 年反媒體壟斷負責東京的學生串聯聲援，2014 年 318 學運時負責協助聯絡 330 全球時差接力進行的各地串連工作, 並在 318 退場後協助成立拿山瑪谷東京讀書會，持續在日本關注台灣議題。

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與 FAPA 的緣縁始於 2014 年在學姐的邀請下參加了 FAPA 為期一週的營隊，了解到自 1982 年創立以來，是有如此多台灣前輩們默默耕耘，才能在種種壓迫及犧牲下成就今日台灣的民主果實。

預計在 FAPA 從 10 月實習到年底，短短三個月我不敢說能有什麼樣的貢獻，但我相信在這世界政治的中心裡看到總統大選、各項國會遊說、年底大會的籌備、智庫會議的參加及文章的撰寫過程中能體驗民主的重量、感受台灣處境的艱難，並期許自己在未來能把在 FAPA 所學，回饋給社會。

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FAPA wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!