Time to submit 2017 membership dues. Deadline: June 30

NY-Albany Chapter Meeting

Northeast Regional Meeting
Dear member of Congress:

As a constituent of yours, I write to you today about an issue of importance to me.

Currently, the President of Taiwan and other high ranking government officials from Taiwan are not allowed to come to Washington DC. These are U.S. self-imposed restrictions that are practiced due to fear of potential Chinese diplomatic retaliation. We believe that restricting high-level visits by senior Taiwanese officials is both insulting and counterproductive. This policy should be changed.

I believe that all restrictions on high-level visits by officials from Taiwan (including the president) should be lifted, and that the Administration should encourage direct dialogue with the democratically elected President of Taiwan.

The Taiwan Travel Act (H.R.535) that was introduced by Reps. Chabot, Sherman and Royce on January 13, 2017 seeks to eliminate these restrictions on official visits to the U.S. by senior government officials from Taiwan and declares that “the United States Government should encourage visits between the United States and Taiwan at all levels.”

We should not let Beijing dictate U.S. foreign policy.

I ask that you cosponsor this important legislation by contacting Albert Wolf in Congressman Chabot’s office at albert.wolf@mail.house.gov or 6-9869 or Guido Weiss in Congressman Sherman’s office at guido.weiss@mail.house.gov or 5-5911.

Thank you for your support of Taiwan!

Name ______________________________ Signature ______________________________

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Dear FAPA Family and Friends:

We enter 2017 with excitement of new opportunities and understanding of challenges ahead for FAPA goals and missions. In the aftermath of the now famous Trump-Tsai phone call, the Taiwanese American community is keen on the next step in U.S.-Taiwan relations. The Taiwan Travel Act (TTA) was introduced in the House in early 2017 to generate momentum for a breakthrough on high level communication between leaders of the Taiwan and U.S. Thank you to our chapters and members in generating petitions for support of the TTA. The HQ staff anticipates introduction of the bill in the Senate soon.

In addition to the TTA, FAPA HQ is also actively working on two matters of importance and immediate impact to Taiwan: U.S.-Taiwan trade relations and Taiwan’s participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA). As the U.S. Trade Representative nominee noted as a part of his confirmation hearing, there is a renewed sentiment for the strengthening of U.S.-Taiwan bilateral trade relationship. FAPA will push forth toward generating Congressional support for U.S.-Taiwan free trade agreement. In addition, we penned an article supporting Taiwan’s participation at this year’s WHA session and calling for a visit by high level U.S. official, such as Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price should China continue to block Taiwan joining the WHA.

Over the last few months, we have also seen a fluid environment in Washington, with both optimism and concerns about the new administration and its policy toward Taiwan. We remain confident that support for Taiwan in Washington, D.C. is strong and diverse. We continue to reach out to different venues of policy makers to educate them about the importance of U.S.-Taiwan relations and advocate for their support of Taiwan’s democracy and self-determination. Thank you to Dr. Bob Yang for coordinating a “Green Team” meeting as a part of the effort.

We look forward with enhanced anticipation to the bi-annual Emerging Leaders Workshop – a weeklong training for young leaders from Taiwan. In part, we express our appreciation to Formosa Foundation for their donation to FAPA and support for the Emerging Leaders Workshop.

For the first time in our organizational history, we will be hosting a FAPA Members Convention – combining all generations of FAPA members and friends in a convention aimed at advocacy and showing collective strength of the community. The Convention will be held on September 23 – 25 in Washington DC – mark your calendars! Hope you will be able to join us!

This year marks the 35th anniversary of FAPA. We have had a proud and successful history of promoting and safeguarding Taiwan’s democracy and right to self-determination and furthering U.S.-Taiwan relations. Our success is due to your passion and sacrifice. Please allow me to say thank you – to all of our members, chapters, staff, volunteers, supporters, and friends – for your efforts. We will not let you down.

Lastly, we are happy to formally introduce June Lin as our newest full time staff at FAPA HQ. As some of you may know – June was an integral part of the Sunflowers Student leadership and has spent the better part of the last six months as FAPA Fellow. We are delighted to have her join the FAPA team.

Off we go on an active 2017!

PETER CHEN
親愛的 FAPA 會員與朋友：

我們帶著對於新契機的期盼與挑戰迎來了 2017 年，繼續往目標前進。在世界矚目的川蔡通話之後，台美人社群是台美關係發展的關鍵。今年初台灣旅行法 (Taiwan Travel Act) 已經在眾院裡提案，希望能在台美雙方高層官員互訪的層次，有突破性的進展。感謝各地分會與會員努力連署，總部的員工正在推動於參院中提出法案。

除了台灣旅行法外，FAPA 總部正在針對兩項對台灣極為關鍵且有立即影響的議題努力—台美貿易關係與台灣在世界衛生大會的參與。在美國貿易代表被提名人事務完成聽證會後，台美雙邊貿易關係有了更強化的展望。我們繼續在國會中爭取美國對於台美雙邊貿易關係的協定的支持。另外，我們投書了一篇文章以支持台灣參與今年的世界衛生大會，要求若中國持續阻擋台灣的參與，美應派高層官員來台訪視，例如衛生與公衆服務部長湯姆·普萊斯。

過去幾個月來，我們也觀察華府的變化，夾雜著對於新政府對台政策的期盼與憂心。但我們仍保有信念，深信華府對台灣的支持是堅定而且有著多元面貌的。我們持續地接觸不同單位中的決策者，繼續與他們溝通台美關係的重要性，並爭取其對於台灣民主與台灣人民自決的支持。特別要在此感謝楊英育前會長促成「Green Team」的努力。

六月即將舉辦的台灣新世代領袖培訓營，這個兩年一次的營隊旨在提供台灣的年輕領袖為期一周的訓練課程。今年特別感謝 Formosa Foundation 對於 FAPA 和此培訓營的支持與贊助。

而在今年，我們將舉行有史以來第一次的 FAPA 會員大會—召集跨世代的所有 FAPA 會員與朋友，在大會中凝聚力量，團結進行倡議。大會將在 2017 年的九月二十三日至二十五舉行，希望各位能提早將時間空下，加入我們的行列！

在 FAPA 邁向三十五周年的這一年，回顧過去捍衛台灣民主、人民自決與台美關係的輝煌歷史，都要歸功於你們的熱情與犧牲。請容我在此向所有會員、分會、員工、志工、支持者與朋友說聲感謝。我們不會愧對你們的努力。

最後，我很高興的在此正式介紹總部最新的全職員工—林倢 (June Lin)。有些人或許已經知道，林倢是當時太陽花運動的學生領袖之一，在過去半年也在總部擔任研究員。我們對於她的加入備感欣慰。

讓我們繼續在 2017 年一同努力吧！

謝謝！
陳正義敬上
U.S.-TAIWAN RELATIONS UNDER A NEW U.S. PRESIDENT

Soon after Donald Trump was elected as the 45th president of the United States on November 8, 2016, he took Taiwan on a rollercoaster ride.

On December 2, he spoke over the phone with Taiwan president Tsai Ing-wen - “The Call Heard Around The World.” The Washington Post wrote that it was “a major departure from decades of U.S. policy in Asia and a breach of diplomatic protocol with ramifications for the incoming president’s relations with China.” The same day, Trump sent out two tweets supporting Taiwan as well.

Four days later, Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH) expressed his support for Trump’s actions in the widely read Capitol Hill daily “The Hill” and added that “As a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I have introduced several bills that would treat Taiwan with the respect any ally deserves. This past September I introduced the Taiwan Travel Act.”

In his blog the next day, Rep. Chabot added: “Buckling to Chinese sensitivities, U.S. presidents haven’t talked to Taiwanese presidents (even though Taiwan is our ally, and China is a pain in the a**.)

On December 8, the joint Taiwanese American organizations sent a letter to president-elect Trump saluting him for “boldly engaging the leader of a like-minded democracy - Dr. Tsai Ing-wen, the President of Taiwan.” They urged him to “continue to develop a U.S. policy that provides more dignity and respect for the leaders and people of Taiwan.”

However, on December 11, President-elect Trump was interviewed by Chris Wallace on FOX TV where he said “I fully understand the One China policy, but I don’t know why we have to be bound by a One China policy unless we make a deal with China having to do with other things, including trade.”

FAPA quickly issued a statement saying: “We at FAPA are heartened to see President-elect Trump challenge the outdated “One China Policy.” However, Taiwan’s right to self-determination and democracy should not be a bargaining chip. Using Taiwan in any sort of “deal” with China is against the very ideals on which our nation is founded.”

On December 16, the Washington Times ran our full page ad stating in bold red fonts that “Taiwan is not part of China. Taiwan is no bargaining chip. Self-determination is not negotiable. The One China Policy is obsolete.”

It concluded: “America’s Taiwan policy is unsustainable. We urge President-elect Trump to continue to develop a U.S. policy that provides more dignity and respect for the leaders and people of Taiwan and further strengthen the ties between the two democratic nations.”

PRESIDENT TSAI STOPS OVER IN HOUSTON AND SAN FRANCISCO DURING TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA

On Saturday January 7, 2017, Taiwan’s President Tsai Ing-wen arrived in Houston for a brief transit stop on her way to El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Tsai stayed in Houston for one night after attending a dinner in her honor which was attended by Rep. Blake Farenthold (R-TX), Al Green (D-TX), American Institute in Taiwan
chairman James Moriarty and about 600 expat Taiwanese. She also sat down with Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Texas Governor Greg Abbott. Additionally, Rep. Joe Barton (R-TX) introduced President Tsai at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and the Houston Museum of Fine Arts. On her way home she stopped over in San Francisco on January 13 and followed a similar program.

REPRESENTATIVES INTRODUCE TAIWAN TRAVEL ACT

On the very same day that Taiwan’s democratically elected president Tsai Ing-wen stopped over in San Francisco on her way home from South America, January 13, members of the U.S. House of Representatives Steve Chabot (R-OH) and Brad Sherman (D-CA), plus chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA) introduced the “Taiwan Travel Act.” The binding Taiwan Travel Act legislation declares that “the United States Government should encourage visits between the United States and Taiwan at all levels.” Similar legislation had been introduced in the House and the Senate in September 2016.

U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE NOMINEE REX TILLERSON AFFIRMS TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT AND SIX ASSURANCES

During his confirmation hearing on January 11, 2017, Secretary of State nominee Rex Tillerson stated that he thinks it is “important that Taiwan knows that we are going to live up to the commitments under the [Taiwan] Relations Act and the Six [Assurances.]”

In 2016, both Houses of the U.S. Congress passed legislation affirming the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances as the cornerstones of US-Taiwan relations.

FAPA REACTS TO TRUMP-XI PHONE CALL AND “ONE CHINA POLICY”

On February 9, 2017, U.S. President Donald Trump had a telephone conversation with Chinese President Xi Jinping during which he agreed to “honor the U.S. One China policy.”

FAPA understands the reasoning behind the change in President Trump’s position on the “U.S. One China Policy.” Doing so could help alleviate tension in the Taiwan Strait and tension in US-China relations.

HOWEVER, Taiwanese Americans are disappointed that the U.S. felt the need to affirm this outdated policy that is harmful to the freedom and to the democracy of U.S. longtime ally Taiwan.

FAPA issued a statement emphasizing that 1. Taiwan is a democratic country. The Taiwanese’ right to self-determination is not negotiable. 2. Taiwan’s right to self-determination and democracy should not be a bargaining chip. 3. Using Taiwan in any sort of “deal” with China is against the ideals on which the U.S. is founded. 4. Taiwan is a vital partner of the U.S. in maintaining peace and stability in East Asia. Maintaining and recognizing the de facto independence of Taiwan is in U.S. strategic interest.

TAIWAN PEACE DAY --- 70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE 228 MASSACRE

February 28, 2017 marked the 70th anniversary of the infamous Massacre. The mayors of Syracuse, NY Malden, MA and Wappinger, NY issued proclamations dedicating February 28, 2017 as “Taiwan Peace Day.” The proclamations described the massacre and concluded:

Now, Therefore, I do hereby proclaim February 28, 2017 as “Taiwan Peace Day” and encourage all citizens to recognize February 28th of 1947 as an important date in Taiwan’s historic evolution to full democracy, and as a day of healing, reconciliation, and unity among Taiwanese people all over the world.”

Additionally, Rep. Marc Veasey (D-TX) and Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) issued statements lauding the
way the people of Taiwan picked themselves up after the massacre and established a full democracy in Taiwan.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Our campaign to establish diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Taiwan received a shot in the arm when, in light of the Trump-Tsai Ing-wen phone call of December 2, then candidate for Secretary of State John Bolton was quoted in the Washington Post of December 5 saying that the Trump administration could start “receiving Taiwanese diplomats officially at the State Department; upgrading the status of U.S. representation in Taipei from a private ‘institute’ to an official diplomatic mission; inviting Taiwan’s president to travel officially to America; allowing the most senior U.S. officials to visit Taiwan to transact government business; and ultimately restoring full diplomatic recognition…”

Three days later, former presidential candidate and longtime Taiwan supporter Former Rep. Tom Tancredo called for U.S.-Taiwan diplomatic relations as well.

Excerpts: “The president-elect should allow [Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen] to transit in Washington, D.C., enabling her to hold direct talks with high-ranking American officials, including members of his cabinet…Trump should also consider longer-term measures to modernize our relationship with Taiwan, many of which I proposed or supported as a Member of Congress during the last decade. These include formally lifting our self-imposed ban on high-level meetings between senior U.S. and Taiwanese officials, supporting Taiwan’s re-admission to the United Nations, and a normalization of relations between our two countries – including the establishment of full diplomatic relations. Such steps – particularly a dual-recognition framework that extends diplomatic respect to both China and Taiwan – wouldn’t just help reflect the global changes of the last 40 years, it would also help facilitate evenhanded talks between Taipei and Beijing that might yield a diplomatic breakthrough between the two rivals. That’s something that Taiwan’s isolation has failed to achieve in more than three decades.”

FAPA DISTURBED BY MA YING-JEOU’S JUMBLING OF ONE CHINA POLICY

In the diplomatic and policy community, the difference between the One China Principle and the One China Policy is the first thing students of U.S.-Taiwan-China relations learn. It is “US-TWN-PRC Relations 101.” So why was it that former president Ma Ying-jeou, in a presentation at the Washington based Think Tank Brookings Institution on March 7, fumbled the two? Not once, not twice, but several times.

FAPA issued a statement, concluding that: “We Taiwanese Americans were already dumbfounded on how Ma sounded from the get-go more like the PRC Ambassador in his remarks. Only a PRC spokesman would refer to the One China Policy as the One China Principle. The Presidential Election of 2016 reflects the clear choice by the Taiwanese populace for Taiwan to be an independent and sovereign nation. We state unequivocally that the people of Taiwan, and not China, have the unalienable right to determine Taiwan’s future and such right cannot be undermined by the jumbling of Mr. Ma.”

REP. TED LIEU CALLS FOR “TAIWANESE” CHECK BOX ON CENSUS 2020 FORM

Last October, 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.

In a letter to Director of the U.S. Census Bureau Mr. John Thompson dated March 28, Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA) called for a “Taiwanese” check box as well: “It is time the U.S. Census Bureau’s forms and data collection accurately reflect the residents of our great nation. I respectfully request that the U.S. Census Bureau expand the list of check-off boxes to include “Bangladeshi, Fijian, Hmong, Indonesion, Malaysian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, Thai, and Tongan.”

As a California State Senator, in 2011, Lieu co-authored a bill that required state agencies to include these ancestries and races in their data collection and tabulations. California Governor Jerry Brown signed the legislation into law.
NAME RECTIFICATION

FAPA regularly writes to companies, government agencies and organizations asking them to stop referring to Taiwan as a "Province of China."

GLOBALFOUNDRIES is a semiconductor foundry headquartered in Santa Clara, California with factories around the world, including in Taiwan. The company has 18,000 employees (including FAPA members) with revenues of US $5.5 billion (2016.)

On its website, the company referred to Taiwan as "Taiwan, Province of China." We wrote them a letter asking them to strike all "Province of China" references on their website and refer to Taiwan simply as “Taiwan.” GLOBALFOUNDRIES wrote back on February 9: “[W]e have made the decision to amend the reference … to reflect “Taiwan.”

Also, in its March 2017 issue, “Discover Magazine” printed a map of China which included Taiwan. We wrote to the magazine stating that Taiwan and China are two separate countries, and asked them to keep Taiwan out of its China maps in the future. They wrote back: “We regret any and all misrepresentation of Taiwan and its people, and will keep this important geographical distinction [i.e. that Taiwan and China are two separate countries] in mind for the future…

FAPA OPED ARTICLES

In the Taipei Times of March 3, FAPA President Peter Chen recommended that the United States send Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price to Taiwan if Beijing refuses to let Taiwan participate in the upcoming World Health Organization summit in May in Geneva.

A similar article appeared in the Liberty Times on March 12, 2017.

In the "Liberty Times Forum" of March 18, FAPA staffer June Lin recommended that the date of Taiwan Youth Day be changed from March 29 (the anniversary of the Huanghuagang Uprising that took place in China in 1911) to March 18 – the first day of Taiwan's 2014 "Sunflower Movement."

MEET YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS

On March 2, Rep. Theodore "Ted" Yoho sent a letter to president Trump co-signed by three dozen of his colleagues concluding that: “A national strategy for economic engagement with the Asia-Pacific that emphasizes a free trade agreement with Taiwan would promote American economic interests and U.S. strategic goals. Dispatching the incoming U.S. Trade Representative to visit Taipei promptly would be an appropriate way to begin these talks and signal U.S. commitment. We urge you to take up this strategy and to prioritize negotiating a U.S.-Taiwan Free Trade Agreement.”

Two weeks later, Rep. Yoho was asking his colleagues to co-sponsor a resolution concluding that the U.S. House of Representatives “encourages the United States Trade Representative, when confirmed, to open bilateral Free Trade Agreement negotiations with our Taiwanese counterparts without delay.”

Yes, in 2016, Congressman Yoho was one of the cosponsors of the Taiwan Travel Act (H.R.6047), but who is Ted Yoho and why this sudden flurry of Taiwan related activities by him? Rep. Yoho represents Florida's 3rd congressional district. He is a veterinarian. He is a long-time member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and in February 2017, he became chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific. FAPA’s Florida North has built close relations with Congressman Yoho over the past years.
Since he was elected Subcommittee chairman, he has made remarks about the regional stability in East Asia and U.S. policy towards the South China Sea, including calling for a new and more assertive plan in the South China Sea. On Mar. 22nd, he published an article “How America Should Confront China's Unchecked Maritime Bullying,” suggesting that the Pentagon should keep Chinese military out of RIMPAC, and invite Taiwan instead...

### Northeast Regional Meeting

三月十一日在紐澤西 Livingston 的 Chatham Church 聚集了約莫六十至七十名 FAPA 會員與親朋好友，共同參與 2017 年的 Northeast Regional Meeting。當日熱鬧非凡，總共有 NY-M、NY-Hudson、DE、NJ、NJ-S、MA、CT、PA 等八個分會的會員從各地趕來參加；除了資深的前輩齊聚一堂之外，也有近二十位的年輕會員、會長，甚至不到兩歲的「最年輕會員」共襄盛舉。

這次的主題訂為「Outlooks for Taiwan/US/China under a Trump Administration」，旨在探討川普政權之下的台、美、中情勢，以及就各分會倡議經驗作交流、分享，一同思考在川普就任的關鍵時刻，如何推動 FAPA 今年的工作目標，繼續匯台灣發生。此次會議請來了三位講者，除了 FAPA 總部政策研究員 June Lin 與 NJ 分會會長 Victor Liu 之外，這次更邀請到了去年底剛成立的華府台灣智庫–Global Taiwan Institute 執行長 Russell Hsiao 來與 FAPA 會員分享其經營智庫的觀點。

June Lin 首先以其參與 318 與台灣社運/政治工作的第一線觀察，提出「後三一八時代」的台灣政治環境與公民社會的發展與分析，並報告 FAPA 總部的工作進程；Russell Hsiao 接著提出川普上任以來的台、美、中情勢走向，進行進一步的分析；最後，Victor Liu 以其作為分會會長的經驗，與東北區域的會員們分享 NJ 分會與議員接觸、進行台灣議題遊說的撇步，呼籲大家一同積極推動台灣旅行法 (Taiwan Travel Act) 的連署，爭取更多國會議員對於台美雙方高層官員互訪的支持。

東北區的會員們都十分活躍且熱情，今年二二八大屠殺七十周年，共有三個城市 (Town of Wappinger, City of Syracuse, City of Malden) 的市長同時公告 2017 年的二月 28 日為「台灣和平日」，都是東北區的分會積極奔走之下的成果。會議當日，參與成員們也一一自我介紹、認識彼此和新面孔，對講者提出十分踴躍，前東北區常務委員黃增桐在現場與大家分享其長年由草根推動台灣議題的經驗。感謝所有會員的貢獻與經驗分享，此次會議圓滿結束，更完美展現了 FAPA 台美人由草根而起的行動力與熱情。
Chapter Activities

CA-OC California – Los Angeles Chapter
吴兆峰会长 (Chao-Feng Wu)

CA-Los Angeles Chapter was honored to co-host two concurrent events for the 228 memorial. First, we welcomed Rebiya Kadeer along with leaders of the Tibetan and Hong Kong Umbrella community to speak as panelist at the Taiwan Center regarding the suppression and violence faced by their respective communities. It was a worthy event promoting the awareness of the 228 massacre and other ethnic mutilation by the Chinese government and fostering mutual cooperation among the different communities against such violence. Second, FAPA provided a presentation on the history of the 228 along with an English explanation on the cause and consequences of 228. The audience included Taiwanese and non-Taiwanese communities. In addition, FAPA joined other organizations in the greater Los Angeles community in also co-hosting a 228 exhibition with special photos and background materials shipped from Taiwan.

CA-OC California – Orange County Chapter
吴仲辉会长 (Nicholas Wu)

10/29/16 CA-OC Chapter Meeting: Two keynote speakers: Peter Chen and Dr. CC Kuo (郭清江博士), Over 100 members attended this annual meeting. We elected three new board directors; Melanie Hsu, Puma Shen, and Eugene Shay. President Chen gave an update of FAPA activities in 2016 and 2017. Dr. Kuo gave a speech of his recent involvement of helping Taiwan airport MRT resolve the start up issues.

11/16/16: Laguna Woods FAPA Members Gathering: Over 50 FAPA members from all over the US got together at Asia Buffet to hear the latest of FAPA update and discuss the most recent development in both the US and Taiwan.

12/09/16: CA-OC chapter received a “Good” chapter in the 2016 FAPA Annual Meeting

02/11/17: CA-OC Chapter Board Annual Retreat: As an annual event to plan for the activities for the year, our board members and spouses enjoyed a side trip to Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside and stayed in the Grand Pacific Palisades resort and hotel in Carlsbad.

CA-SAC California – Sacramento Chapter
黄漠见会长 (Moh Huang)

台灣總統蔡英文結束中南美州四個友邦國家訪問後，於一月十三日晚上抵達舊金山進行過境訪問，
十四日中午並在凱悅飯店舉行僑宴。此次僑宴由駐舊金山經文處主辦，邀請台僑及傳統僑社八百多位來賓參加。代表沙加緬度分會的四十名鄉親接受經文處的邀請，當天一大早開了二小時的車到舊金山參加僑宴，總會會長陳正義也一早從洛杉磯搭機來參加。午宴後蔡總統和每桌來賓合影留念，我們沙加緬度分會也特別把 FAPA 會旗高舉和蔡總統合影。最後大家在飯店門口齊聲高喊「台灣獨立」，熱烈歡送蔡總統和隨行立委離開飯店，搭乘下午四時長榮航空專機離美返台。

今年一月十三日美國聯邦眾議員夏波 (Steve Chabot)、薛曼議員 (Brad Sherman) 及外交委員會主席羅伊斯 (Ed Royce) 共同提出「台灣旅行法」 (Taiwan Travel Act)，呼籲行政部門應對台美高層互訪（包含台灣總統）解禁。沙加緬度分會一共收集到將近一百份簽名的 Petition Letters，要求本地國會議員支持和贊助台灣旅行法案。這些信已全部郵寄到總部。

沙加緬度分會會員、鼎三國際企業有限公司和美國加州萊斯美公司會長林定三 (David Lin) 榮獲日本食品海外普及功勞表彰，去年十一月在日本農林水產物輸出促進全國協議總會接受日本首相安倍晉三的表揚（請見照片，前排最左一位為林定三會長）。這是台美人的驕傲，我們在此恭賀林會長。

CT Chapter New President: FAPA-CT chapter officially elected Paul Liang as the new chapter president for 2017 to 2018.

228 Incident Awareness: Members had a discussion to hold an exhibit at the end of February for the 70 years anniversary of 228 massacre. However, due to the time constraint and lack of exhibit material, the plan got cancelled for this year. We will plan to hold it for next year. Also, members were talking about the possibility of asking the Chinese school to include the 228 incident in their curriculum. The conclusion was that it is impossible to ask them to include the 228 incident in their curriculum. However, nothing is impossible. Maybe, HQ or other chapters can provide CT chapter some ideas or connections to make it happen.

Taiwanese American Heritage Week: Members brainstormed the idea of holding the Heritage week in Hartford area. Idea is good; however, the scope of work, requirements, and insurance are too much for members to make it happen. We will participate in the "Passport to Taiwan" in New York for the Heritage Week instead.

Taiwan Travel Act (TTA) Petition: 14 copies of petition were collected and will get more petitions signed if possible. Members found the link (sent by HQ) to email representatives for their support on TTA was really helpful and were able to email them our concern by using the HQ’s template. Also, members mentioned about the high cost of meeting with representatives. It was suggested that if HQ could provide the name of Taiwan friendly CT representatives to CT chapter. So that CT chapter members could meet with them and work with them.

Chapter Treasurer: Ms. Mei Tsai has been the chapter treasurer since 2011. One Member suggested that a new treasurer is necessary for every two year. However, due to the complexity of bank requirements, Ms. Tsai will continue to be the chapter treasurer.

New members: Members were encouraging each other to recruit young members since every member realizes that young blood would make the chapter more active.

Attendance: 13 members, 2 guests, and their two children attended.

FL-S Florida-South Chapter
楊美娥會長 (Madeline Wu)
Ming-Lon, Su-Fen, and Madeline went to Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen’s event on March 11, 2017. Many current and former Congressmen were there to support Ileana for re-election. She is always very warm and supportive of our issues. I presented a Resolution of Taiwan-US Free Trade Agreement. She said it is about time to do it and she will initiate maybe this Friday. We also talked to the young Congressman Carlos Curbelo who visited Taiwan and talked to President Tsai on TPP. He loves Taiwan and he will support Free Trade Agreement. He is a member of Taiwan Caucus.


Report by Ssu-Min Wu (吴思敏)

今年是 228 事件七十周年，Tampa 分會特別舉辦 Remember 228 peace & love at Tampa Bay 以茲紀念。本次活动很高興邀請到 Tampa 台灣鄉親趙博和先生分享他兒時 228 事件當時在台北的親身經驗，活歷史的經驗分享，讓過去的影像非常鮮明的呈現在眼前，再次確認台灣轉型正義之必須。

感謝台灣文化部及台北經文辦事處提供「超級大國民」的數位修復版電影供大家欣賞，讓大家對 228 事件能有更深刻的了解。

此外感謝熱心人士李勳墉所提供的義美綠豆糕，Orlando 華團餐廳所提供的美味台式便當以及所有參與本次活動的 Tampa & Orlando 鄉親，這次活動圓滿結束。

感謝前會長賴琦亮二年來的努力及擔當，伊州分會在去年 10 月底召開年會上，會中推舉出新的團隊來繼

12 月中旬與前分會楊欣晉委員前往佛羅里達州參加全國年度委員大會，見到好多在全美各地為 FAPA 為台灣打拼的朋友，收穫良多。感謝欣晉兄勇於承擔，代表中西部加入常委一職，來作更多的努力！

12 月 18 日在嚴寒下雪天中迎接台獨聯盟前主席及前台南市長張燦鍙前輩前來芝加哥為鄉親演講「從對話到共識：你我共同的台灣」，圓滿順利！

分會幹部包括我和陳明正兄與秘書陶巧好於 1 月 29 日星期日從芝加哥前往印州參與印州台灣同鄉會的春節聯歡會，2 月 25 日舉辦芝加哥 228 事件 70 週年紀念演講音樂追思會，感謝鄉親熱誠參與，活動圓滿順利。
年二地之間的許多活動的合作事宜並討論今年二地之間的許多活動的合作事宜，收穫良多。感謝及讚嘆鄭麗伶會長的領導力、親和力及創意力。

感謝中常委欣晉兄的安排與努力，總部的生力軍林nnen小姐於3月3日至5日，一連三天三場演講，主題是「後太陽花時代－由島內至海外的青年觀點」，場場精彩，討論熱烈欲罷不能，年輕人受到鼓舞，前輩們激動歡喜見到優秀的年輕人來接替。3日晚上在芝加哥市區藝術學院的哲學星期五，有三十多位年輕人來參加；4日中午在威斯康辛大學台灣留學生交流；5日下午在芝加哥台灣文教中心的演講，數十位前輩鄉親前來參加，非常感動。這是一次相當成功的系列演講，主要是鼓勵年輕人走出來，並同時感動老人家來繼續支持FAPA。

這幾個月來每次有活動，總是鼓勵鄉親來簽署「Taiwan Travel Act」的連署信，並提醒大家來交會費及捐款，是有些成績，多了二個永久會員的家庭。期待以我們的力表現，來感動大家，讓老會員歡喜回來，讓年輕人感受到FAPA是台美人要來為台灣出聲出力上好的一個管道。當然我們在草根外交、國會議員的聯絡尋求支持，與芝加哥的主流社會交流這些方面，還是要執委團隊、會員們及芝城鄉親大家的配合打拼，我們知道還有很大的努力空間。感謝芝城台灣鄉親的支持、信任與鼓勵，也感謝FAPA總部的全力協助。

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Kansas Chapter

許金壽會長 (Jin-shou Hseu)

Report by Bob Yang

On February 24, FAPA members Piming Kuo, Meei Jin Lan, Kwang-Ping Yang and Bob I. Yang visited the local office of Congressman Kevin Yoder (R-KS 3rd.). There we spoke to Ethan Patterson, District Representative, who turned out to be rather well-versed in foreign affairs. We presented Ethan with twenty-five signed copies of the Taiwan Travel Act petition. Ethan seemed quite receptive and asked that FAPA HQ check with the Yoder D.C. office after two weeks. We are hoping to receive an affirmative answer for Yoder co-sponsorship of HR 535.

NY-Hudson

New York – Hudson Chapter

歐陽吉林會長 (Chi-Lin O'Young)

Taiwan Travel Act H.R. 535

The Act was re-introduced to the new Congress Section in January. A petition letter for co-sponsorship was distributed in various occasions including Lunar New Year Party, Taiwanese Church, and Taiwanese Senior Club. About eighty petition letters were collected from different districts including Hudson, Albany, and New Jersey. Most of letters were mailed back to HQ for visiting Congressional DC offices.

The petition progress will be followed up and monitored closely.

228 Taiwan Peace Day Proclamation from the Town of Wappinger, NY.

Follow HQ’s instruction, Dr. Thomas Hwang went to his residential Town of Wappinger to request for a proclamation that February 28, 2017 as Taiwan Peace Day from the Town Hall. The request was unanimously approved by the Town Board. It is one of 3 cities got the proclamation in the U.S., which was reported in the Liberty Times of Taiwan on 02-28-2017. The newspaper appreciated and praised FAPA for doing all the good to Taiwan!

OH-C Ohio – Central Chapter
施忠男會長 (Shih Chung-nan)
Chapter meeting on Dec 4, 2016.

PA Pennsylvania Chapter
林純容會長 (Linda Lin)
今年二月十一日，費城分會和台灣同鄉會聯合為紀念二二八七零週年舉辦活動，由會長林純容及盧主義前輩講述並紀念二二八週年。席中也請台灣同鄉們支持及簽署Taiwan Travel Act的Petition Letter。

TX-N Texas-North Chapter
謝慶鈺會長 (John Hsieh)

11/08/16 選舉後，應總會指示寫信給當選議員，恭賀他們連任及感謝他們支持台灣，以及保持草根的連繫。

12-9/11/16 謝慶鈺分會長及楊金文及李再添兩位委員一齊參加2016年委員大會，會中決定取消YPG及每年八月底的年會，2017年將在華府舉辦會員大會。

01/07/17 很多會員特別到 Houston 歡迎台灣蔡英文總統，她在往中美洲訪問途中在 Houston 過境。當天早上，第六選區的 Joe Barton 眾議員陪蔡參觀 Museum（正好有台北的故宮博物院借出的文物）以及 M. D. Anderson 醫療中心，回到 Dallas 已是清晨二、三點。

一月中開始請大家簽名HR 535 Taiwan Travel Act的Petition Letter。

02/03/17 拜訪三十選區的 Eddie Bernice Johnson議員辦公室，請她參加達福地區紀念二二八70週年音樂會，並請她Make an Extension of Remarks關於二二八以及連署HR 535。議員雖未能參加音樂會，但送了信件，我們也和議員在華府辦公室的外交助理連絡。

02/15/17 拜訪三十三選區 Marc Veasey國會議員辦公室，一樣邀請議員參加二二八音樂會，及二二八Make an extension of remarks和連署HR 535-Taiwan Travel Act，允許台灣正副總統及部長可到華府訪問及進入白宮、國務院、五角大廈等，也和華府辦公室的助理連絡。
議員未能來，也送了一封信。

FAPA 會員協同鄉會辯達福地區紀念二二八七十週年音樂會。

二月請 Frisco 市長 Make Proclamation 訂二月二十八日為 Taiwan Peace Day，他說他不作二二八這種的 Proclamation，不過送了一封信。

二十年前，我們得到八張 Proclamations，今年太晚開始，又忙音樂會、HR 535 等，不能像二十年前的結果。

02/22/17 到第三選區 Sam Johnson 的辦公室拜訪，算是老朋友，從他一開始當選議員我們就認識。首先感謝他對國家的貢獻及犧牲，他在 1966 到 1973 年二月在 Hanoi Hilton 當了七年的 POW。主要拜訪是要求議員連署 HR 535，並送上一疊簽名的 Petition Letters。

03/10/17 拜訪第二十六選區的 Michael Burgess 議員在 Lake Dallas 的辦公室，一樣請他連署 HR 535，並也送上一疊已簽名的 Petition letters；同時也向選區主任 Erik With（當這職位已經很久了）說明台灣近況以及台美安全和利益關係。

3/12/17 召開分會會議，說明總會一年來的成就及 2017 年的工作要點，分會長也報告分會活動，並感謝大家的支持，才能在去年又得到 Chapter of the Year（連續三年）。

3/15/17 拜訪第三十二選區 Powerful Rule Committee 主席 Pete Sessions 議員。

Report by Wendy Pyles (陳筱筠)

"如果你有一個故事要與世界分享，你會說什麼？"

2 月 23 日，南德州分會 YPG 成員 Gracy 與 Wendy 於休士頓大學招募當地的台灣學生參加 Dear World 的校園攝影活動，藉以向全世界表達當今台灣的國際困境及台灣人心中的苦。

Dear World 是一個在全球流行，利用照片述說個人的故事，目的在於拉近人與人之間距離的攝影計畫。各大美國主流媒體包含 TodayShow、CNN、PBS、New York Times 甚至 Washington Post 都接連報導這個兼具互動及多元文化包容性的活動。美國各主要大學都喜歡利用這個活動在校園創造一個舞台，讓大家有個安全的地方說出一個屬於自己的故事給全世界聽。

身為休士頓大學的一員，Wendy 與 Gracy 有機會在事前得知這個活動，在與郭正光會長討論後認為，這是一個好機會讓我們的訴求在主流媒體前曝光，同時最重要的也是一個機會去鼓勵在美國的台灣學生勇敢的對主流社會說出自我的訴求。我們在活動推廣中得知有許多在休士頓的朋友想要參與，但礙於時間關係，無法親自前來。然而我們在當天晚上的照片展示會上，驚喜的看見了我們不認識的台灣同學一同參與的照片。
Gracy & Wendy 也利用這次的活動連結 Taiwan Travel Act 的簽名連署，在休士頓大學學生活動中心收集連署信，也成功的藉此向美國民衆述說台灣的故事。

I. 2017 Spring Chapter Meeting
The first WI-Chapter meeting of 2017 took place on Feb. 19th in Madison, WI. We welcomed four new members of the young generation. Special thanks to I-Chen Chen (陳怡臻), current Secretary of WI-chapter for presenting a report with me about the event that FAPA-WI was co-hosting for the Taiwanese Culture in Madison (台灣文化在麥城) in the fall of 2016. We were pleased that Dr. Ching-Chong Huang, President of FAPA-IL Chapter, Drs. Virginia and Eric Shen, President of TAA-Chicago had joined our meeting.

II. Co-host of the 228 Memorial Event in Chicago on Feb 25th, 2017
The WI-Chapter was honored to be invited by the FAPA-IL Chapter and TAA-Chicago to co-host a 228 memorial event in Chicago on Feb. 25th.

III. JUNE LIN 的演講：後太陽花時代－由島內至海外的青年觀點
We were delighted to have Ms. June Lin (林倢), FAPA policy fellow, traveling to Midwest to share her experience and analyses of the Sunflower Movement as well as the post Sunflower era at University of Wisconsin-Madison. June’s well-received presentation covered three subjects: the post 318 era and development of grass roots organizations in Taiwan, the U.S.-Taiwan relationship in the Trump era, and 2016 highlights and 2017 agenda of FAPA. It was a wonderful speech that should be recommended to other chapters and TA organizations. Due to her talk, many of our young members are encouraged and planning to attend the Emerging Leaders workshop and future FAPA events.

IV. Sponsoring 臺中市和平區自由國小「美國棒球訓練營計畫」
FAPA-WI Chapter is pleased to be involved with a project this summer suggested by 林宣宇 (Jonathan Lin) at FAPA-HQ. Our local chapter will become the host family for two young students of baseball little league coming from Taichung, Taiwan to attend the 大聯盟釀酒人隊棒球訓練營 (Brewers Baseball Academy) at the end of June. The financial support will come from the local government of Taichung; FAPA-WI Chapter will provide transportation between host family and summer camp as well as lodging and other support. We are hoping that this experience and program may become a highlight for the young athletes in Taiwan.
【Remembrances】

Dr. Masao Yu

Masao Yu was a friend of us all. He was a passionate and indefatigable advocate of Taiwan independence. He lived and breathed Taiwan Independence to the extent that even the password of his home computer read “Formosa.”

Many of us have been at the receiving end of looong phone calls Masao made to discuss-all-things-Taiwan; frequently late at night. After 45 minutes of talking, the purpose of the call had long been forgotten, but the interesting discussions always served to promote Taiwan’s Independence and to help Taiwan become a more normal country. Masao would serve concrete steps on how to make that happen. No matter what: Masao Got Things Done!

For instance, as a long-time FAPA member and (almost) “chapter-president for life” Masao reached out to and befriended Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown - even before Brown was a member of Congress. Masao had an eye for talent, and a political eye to pick winners. So when Sherrod Brown was still secretary of state of Ohio, he caught Masao’s eye and the rest is history.

In his book “Congress From The Inside,” Senator Brown thanks “Dr. and Mrs. Yu for getting me to Washington.” (It comes as no surprise that Senator Brown attended Masao’s February 4 funeral in person…)

We at FAPA HQ were deeply touched by the request from the Yu family that Masao be buried with a FAPA pin in his lapel. The Yu family also requested guests at the funeral to make a check out to FAPA in Masao’s memory and honor. We strongly feel that Masao would not have wanted it any other way.

Finally, we say to Masao’s wife Florence and to his kids David, Timothy and Anny: "Death is not the opposite of life. Death is the opposite of birth. Life is eternal..."

Indeed, Masao lives on - very much so in his children, and in his grandchildren and a little bit in all of us…

Mrs. Fu-Mei Wu

We can speak for the entire FAPA family when we say we were deeply saddened by the passing of Fu-mei Wu, wife of former FAPA President Ming-chi Wu on Monday, January 16, 2017. FAPA HQ sent flowers on behalf of the FAPA family to the funeral. Our sympathies and condolences go to Ming-Chi, Sharon and Stanley and the extended Wu family.
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