Special Announcement

2017 Taiwan Advocacy Weekend - FAPA Members’ Convention & Advocacy Workshop

Don’t miss FAPA 35th Anniversary Members Convention and Advocacy Workshop in Washington DC on Sep 23-25. Take the opportunity to meet with Nina Solarz and Professor Peng (彭文正)!

Please check FAPA website for details.
【President’s Corner】

I am happy to share with you that we’ve had an active and productive quarter. Over the last few months, the HQ staff, along with your activism, have been instrumental in promoting greater U.S.-Taiwan relations. The House Asian Subcommittee earmarked and passed the Taiwan Travel Act (HR 535) in June 2017. The TTA has, as of the date of this letter, 29 sponsor/co-sponsors. We are working hard to continue the push for the passage of the bill on the floor of the House of Representatives and anticipate having additional positive news in the fall. The Senate version of the bill has also been introduced in May with seven sponsor/co-sponsors.

In addition, Congress has been active and supportive of Taiwan and greater U.S.-Taiwan relations over the last quarter, including resolutions and bills which seek to promote bilateral trade agreements, enhance mutual military cooperation, and reaffirming support for Taiwan’s participation in international community. Thus far, the activism in Washington, DC, is the product of action and support of many – including our valuable FAPA members and chapters, our hard-working HQ staff, and other individuals and/or entities. We are appreciative of the support of our friends on Capitol Hill and look forward to continue working with others toward FAPA’s missions of promoting and safeguarding Taiwan’s democracy and self-determination!

In addition to an active quarter on the policy front, we are also happy to announce a successful FAPA Emerging Leaders Workshop Program. This year’s program is the fourth of its kind and consisted of 26 outstanding young professionals and leaders from Taiwan. This year’s class demonstrated a high level of intellectual ability, passion, and activism. I was impressed by their ability and willingness to comprehend complex issues, ask hard questions, and work as a team to develop ideas on how to promote Taiwan in different disciplines and fields.

As we look forward to the next quarter, much remains in our plans. We will stay very active. After all, our goals are not met until we cross the finish line. As a part of the process – WE WILL NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND ENTHUSIASM. FAPA will hold its first national wide Members Convention on September 23-25, 2017. This convention combines both First and Second Generation Taiwanese Americans as we collaborate together for FAPA and Taiwan! We have a top notch schedule and a program planned that includes a Monday schedule of Congressional office visits. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT to educate and advocate members of Congress to pass the Taiwan Travel Act and on other issues important to the community. PLEASE SEE FURTHER INFORMATION IN THIS NEWSLETTER. SIGN UP NOW! WE NEED ALL OF YOUR ACTIVISM!

Lastly, we thank and wish well Jonathan Lin, our former HQ staff who completed his stay with FAPA on June 30, 2017, on his future endeavors.

Thank you again for your strong participation and support of FAPA. I look forward to a strong second half of 2017.

PETER CHEN
【會長的話】

親愛的 FAPA 大家庭：

我在此很高興能夠和你分享，我們剛過去的非常有生產力、非常活躍的一季。在過去幾個月以來，總部的員工的努力與各位四處奔走的倡議行動，成為了推動台美關係的顯著助力。眾議院的亞太小組委員在今年的六月通過了台灣旅行法 (HR 535)。台灣旅行法截至本期刊發日止，共有 29 位眾議員連署。我們正在繼續努力推動法案在眾議院裡通過，希望在今年秋季能夠捎給各位好消息。參院版本的法案也在今年五月提出，目前共有七位參議員加入連署。

除此之外，國會在過去這一季也非常積極地支持台灣與更緊密的台美關係，包含提出多項與台灣有關的法案，冀望更鞏固雙邊貿易關係、加強雙方軍事合作，以及重申對台灣參與國際組織的支持。台灣在華府能有今日的倡議與進展，匯集了許多人的努力成果，包含珍貴的 FAPA 會員與分會、努力的總部員工、以及其他個人與單位。我們非常感謝來自國會山莊上的支持，也期待與更多人合作，以達成 FAPA 的創會目標——提倡與守護台灣的民主和自決權！

除了政策上豐碩的工作成果外，我們也高興地宣布今年 FAPA 的年輕世代領袖培訓營十分成功。今年已是第四屆的培訓營，共有 26 位優秀的台灣年輕人參與。培訓課程充分展現了高度的智能、熱情與行動力，我對於學員了解複雜議題的能力、向講師提出關鍵問題的觀察力，以及發想如何在各領域為台灣倡議的團隊合作，都感到非常驚艷。

下一季，我們仍有非常多工作要完成，我們會繼續我們的效率與行動。畢竟，要向前一直走到跨過終點線為止，我們才能說：任務完成了。在這前行的過程中，我們仍然需要你的持續支持與熱情。FAPA 總部將在今年九月二十三日至二十五日舉辦第一屆全國會員大會，這次大會將匯集第一代與第二代台美人智慧、一同攜手合作，為 FAPA、也為台灣行動！我們設計了頂級的活動與課程，包含週一前往國會山莊倡議台灣議題的「國會倡議日」。我們需要你的支持，繼續教育國會議員，並推動「台灣旅行法」的立法進程，以及其他對咱社台美人社區有重要性的議題。請詳閱本刊中的相關訊息並且盡快報名，我們需要你的參與，FAPA 大家庭九月相聚在華府！

最後，我們衷心祝福在今年六月離開總部職位的林宣宇，祝福他一路順風。

再次感謝你對 FAPA 的鼎力支持與熱情參與，讓我們一同期待更精彩的下半年。

陳正義 敬上
FAPA STATEMENT IN REGARDS TO LEE MING-CHE DETENTION

On April 4, 2017 FAPA issued a statement in the run-up to the Mar-A-Lago summit between President Trump and Xi Jinping expressing our concern about the detention in China of Lee Ming-che, a former Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) staffer who works at Wenshan Community College in Taipei. Lee disappeared after his arrival in China from Macau on March 19.

Ten days later, the Chinese government announced that Lee had been detained for engaging in “activities endangering national security.” FAPA stated it joined other Taiwanese and Hong Kong democracy activists and groups that called for the immediate release of Lee Ming-che. In the meantime, we demanded that China disclose Lee Ming-che’s whereabouts.

FAPA staff attended the Congressional hearing about Lee Ming-che’s detention.

FAPA LAUDS INTRODUCTION OF US-TAIWAN FTA LEGISLATION

On April 7, 2017, FAPA applauded the introduction of U.S.-Taiwan Bilateral Trade Agreement Legislation. Rep. Ted Yoho (R-FL), House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman Ed Royce (R-CA), and Reps. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL) and Gregg Harper (R-MS) introduced H.Res.271 encouraging the Trump Administration to work towards a U.S.-Taiwan Bilateral Trade Agreement.

The resolution (HRes271) concludes that the House of Representatives—“encourages the United States Trade Representative to commence negotiations to enter into a bilateral trade agreement with Taiwan.”

SENATORS INTRODUCE TAIWAN TRAVEL ACT

On May 4, 2017 U.S. Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Jim Inhofe (R-OK), Bob Menendez (D-NJ), Cory Gardner (R-CO), and Gary Peters (D-MI) introduced the Taiwan Travel Act, calling for the lifting of all restrictions on high level visits from and to Taiwan including the President.

The “Taiwan Travel Act” is binding legislation that concludes that “the United States Government should encourage visits between the United States and Taiwan at all levels.” Earlier, on January 13, 2017, i.e. 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, Representatives Steve Chabot (R-OH), Brad Sherman (D-CA), plus House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA) introduced the “Taiwan Travel Act” in the House of Representatives.
In a letter to Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price dated May 5, former chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee U.S. Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), requested Secretary Price’s assistance in “ensuring that Taiwan receives an invitation from the WHO to join this month’s World Health Assembly and encourage you to visit Taiwan in the near future to discuss opportunities to collaborate, to our mutual benefit, on public health protection measures.” The Congresswoman writes: “Taiwan’s exclusion from the World Health Organization threatens the international community’s full access to Taiwan’s high quality health care information. Due to its superb talent, data collection, and quarantine and treatment facilities, Taiwan has excellent infectious disease control capabilities.”

**U.S. OFFICIALS PROCLAIM TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK**

Every year, the month of May is designated as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month — a month of national celebration and commemoration of the innumerable contributions that Asians and Pacific Islanders have made to 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. This year was no exception. FAPA Chapters reached out to their elected officials requested TAHW proclamations dedicating the third week of May 2017 as TAHW. List of proclamations we received: Charles D. Baker, Governor of Massachusetts, E. Denise Simmons, Mayor of Cambridge, MA, Gary Christenson, Mayor of Malden, MA, Setti Warren, Mayor of Newton, MA, Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington, Scott Higgins, Mayor of Camas, WA, Timothy D. Leavitt, Mayor of Vancouver, WA, Andrew Cuomo, Governor of New York, Kathy M. Sheehan, Mayor of Albany, NY, Stephanie Miner, Mayor of Syracuse, NY, Lori Jiava, Supervisor of Wappinger Falls, NY, Lauren Poe, Mayor of Gainesville, FL, Maria Cantwell, Senator of Washington, Patty Murray, Senator of Washington, Jaime Herrera Beutler, House of Representatives, WA.

**U.S. SECRETARY OF HHS TOM PRICE SUPPORTS “WHO FOR TAIWAN”**

On May 22 in Geneva, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price spoke out in support of Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization at the World Health Assembly that took place in Geneva, Switzerland: "We must express the United States' disappointment that contrary to the custom of the past eight years, an invitation was not extended to Taiwan to observe this year's Assembly. The United States remains committed that Taiwan should NOT be excluded from the WHO."
**HOUSE ASIAN SUBCOMMITTEE PASSES TAIWAN TRAVEL ACT**

On June 15, 2017 the House Asian subcommittee unanimously passed the Taiwan Travel Act (HR535). Members of the U.S. House of Representatives Steve Chabot (R-OH), Brad Sherman (D-CA), and chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA) had introduced the Taiwan Travel Act on January 13, 2017. 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.

What is next for the bill? A vote in the House Foreign Affairs Committee!

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**FAPA's FACEBOOK PAGE**

On July 14, we commemorated the 35th anniversary of James Lilley, then the head of the American Institute in Taiwan, calling on Taiwan president Chiang Ching-kuo and orally presenting President Ronald Reagan's Six Assurances regarding America's policy toward Taiwan to president Chiang. Lilley explained on behalf of the executive branch that

1. "we did not agree to set a date certain for ending arms sales to Taiwan”;
2. "we see no mediation role for the United States” between Taiwan and the PRC;
3. "nor will we attempt to exert pressure on Taiwan to enter into negotiations with the PRC”;
4. "there has been no change in our longstanding position on the issue of sovereignty over Taiwan”;
5. "we have no plans to seek” revisions to the Taiwan Relations Act;
6. "the August 17 Communiqué “should not be read to imply that we have agreed to engage in prior consultations with Beijing on arms sales to Taiwan.”

On July 15, we joined the people of Taiwan in commemorating the 30th anniversary of the lifting of martial law in Taiwan. Martial Law was established in Taiwan right after the February 28, 1947 Massacre. The “2-28 Massacre” was an anti-government uprising that was violently suppressed by the Kuomintang-nationalist government, which killed thousands of civilians.

On July 13, AIT Chairman Moriarty discussed the TTA and the Six Assurances – both issues Moriarty would not have talked about if we at FAPA had not initiated them!

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**FAPA ARTICLES**

Chiao-jung Wang wrote an article for the Liberty Times of April 5 about former Congressman Steve Solarz (D-NY) (who passed away in 2010) and his wife Nina Solarz. In an article in the Taipei Times of April 7, 2017 titled “Time To Reaffirm Taiwan-US Ties”. June Lin FAPA President Peter Chen provided five recommendations to the American side to consider when dealing with the Chinese during the Mar-a-Lago summit held on April 6 and 7.

FAPA President Peter Chen called for a name change of "Taipei Economic Cultural Representative Office" (TECRO) to "Taiwan Representative Office" (TRO) in an “An Open Letter To The US President” in the Taipei Times of June 27, 2017. Conclusion: “For Taiwan’s mission in the US, we request that the US Department of State accept “Taiwan Representative Office in the US” in place of the “Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office.” The article appeared in the Liberty Times on June 29, 2017.
2017 FAPA EMERGING LEADERS WORKSHOP

今年的年輕世代領袖培訓營，總部採取了更多元的宣傳管道，也吸引了非常優秀的學員。26位台灣年輕領袖學經歷都十分亮眼，包含時代力量、民進黨、基進黨年輕幕僚與助理，NGO與青年團體工作者，政治與國際關係學系學生，工程師等。雖然學員背景迥異，卻在這次營隊中展現了台灣年輕世代共同的熱情，與為台灣付出的堅定決心。

本屆為期七天的課程十分精實，在出發華府前，所有學員已在台灣與葉望輝（Steve Yates）在台北會面，進行了行前討論會；在華府的課程更囊括歷史、經濟、政治、貿易、國防軍事、國際戰略、國際組織參與、台美關係等重要議題，課程由淺入深，在第一天由總部王巧蓉、會長陳正義等帶領學員認識FAPA與美國政治體制後，總部邀請了費學禮（Rick Fisher）提出對於台灣軍事國防上的建議，台美關係專家卜睿哲（Richard Bush）來與學員分享自身在台美政策機構中豐富的實務經驗，前國務院亞太副助卿薛瑞福（Randy Schriver）更與學員對於台美關係的前景有十分豐富的對談，知名中國人權鬥士陳光誠律師更向學員述說了自己對抗中共、爭取人權的動人故事。在課程最後一天，總部更規劃了葉望輝、譚慎格（John Tkacik）、彭光理（Michael Fonte）三位具有不同機構豐富經驗的專家，來與學員討論台灣與台美關係的前景，替本屆精實的領袖營畫下了完美的句點。本屆學員英語能力出類拔萃，每場課程都向講者提出十分精準的問題，不卑不亢地表述自己身為台灣年輕世代的意見，包含台灣入聯、代表處正名、台美戰略合作、台灣經貿前景等重要議題。許多講者事後也向總部表示他們對本屆學員的能力感到十分驚豔，更對於台灣年輕世代的堅韌台灣認同以及愛台灣的心印象深刻。

除了與華府學者專家對談外，今年營隊更特意規劃了DC Young Policy Professionals Happy Hour，邀請華府地區關心台灣議題的專業人士與台灣年輕領袖們交流，促進彼此的認識，也為未來的台美關係打下基礎；今年更是首次學員前往中華民國前使館參觀，高碩泰大使和TECRO員工都非常熱情的接待年輕領袖們；在國會參訪日，學員們與FAPA一直以來的堅定盟友羅傑雷婷娜議員、夏波議員與陳唐山前部長等人會面，留下精彩而溫暖的回憶。

今年的領袖營非常成功，更體現了舉辦營隊的重要意義。學員們除了將華府經驗帶回台灣，在自身領域發揚光大之外，更在華府的政策圈為台灣留下了深刻的印象，展現出了台灣年輕世代的熱情與決心，成功地為台灣發聲。以下是幾位學員所撰寫的營隊心得。
【抱歉，讓各位辛苦這麼久。現在，請讓年輕世代更進一步投身各位的隊伍，共同努力。】

陳為廷，時代力量黨團助理

今年初，川普接了蔡英文的祝賀電話時，我正在睡午覺。起床才發現天下大亂。台灣媒體一時驚喜：台灣議題終於浮上檯面，沉痾多年的「一中政策」瑕疵，終於有轉變的契機。但美國媒體隨之而來對台灣議題的誤解，許多出於對川普的憤恨而連帶對台灣做的攻擊，卻讓人擔憂。我和夥伴林飛帆、林倢（June Lin）因此動念投書到Washington Post，希望向美國社會解釋台灣議題。

那是我們第一次這麼深刻體會到：318運動後，台灣面對的國際情勢，又走上一個新的十字路口。而面對這樣的國際困境，我們已經不能再完全仰賴民進黨政府。民間必須自動補位，去做更多國際論述、宣傳、組織、遊說，做更多政府或許「不方便」做的事。

但投書之後，下一步的行動該如何前進？幸好，FAPA長年的工作，已經打下堅固的基石。在這個情勢下，FAPA堅持在體制外持續推動Taiwan Travel Act、AIT正名等運動，更別具意義。

感謝FAPA，今年六月中到七月初，讓我有機會到Seattle、Detroit、New York、Albany、Atlanta、Dallas等地與各分會的會員見面，也到DC參加為期一週的Emerging Leader Workshop。

三年來，這已經是我第三次到美國。

比起三年前，我可能英文稍微變好一點，也對美國政治變得比較熟悉，因此有機會聽長輩們分享更多平時介入美國政治，向選區議員遊說的具體工作，認知到這些法案、議題的推進，都仰賴各分會和總會在各自艱難的環境中，一點一滴的累積；在workshop當中，我首次有機會與來自各智庫、國會、國務院的代表們對話，其中有衝突也有借鑑，理解到美國政治圈對台灣政治現實理解的誤差，也更感佩FAPA在其中長期斡旋的努力。

對話之外，Emerging Leader Workshop帶給我最大的收穫，仍是我在其中結識了一群有志的夥伴。參加這個Workshop的年輕人背景各異，有來自各黨派的政治幕僚、留學生、記者、對政治抱持熱情的工

程師、和仍在求學的台灣大學生們。他們對台美關係的關注，和對政治的實踐力，都令人欽佩。營隊結束後，大家仍保持聯絡，關注台美關係的動態。

在這趟巡迴演講中，回到長輩家中的客廳會，大家常常提起兩件事：第一，是感謝太陽花學運的年輕人，讓在美國的大家又重燃希望；第二，是問我對FAPA各分會未來的發展，又有什麼建議？

我的回應都是：不應該是各位感謝年輕人，事實上，是我們應該感謝各位。如果不是各位長期的努力，不會有今日的台灣，我們也不會有這些機會來理解，或進一步參與促進台美關係的相關工作。

至於，FAPA還有什麼進一步能做的？

我想答案就像是這個Workshop；像是三年前在FAPA協助下成立，如今成長茁壯的「海外台灣青年陣線」；像是長期互相組織的FAPA YPG。三年前，我第一次到美國時，大家還在嘆各地的Generation Gap；三年後，年輕世代已經逐漸組織起來，與各地的長輩們展開更多的合作。

抱歉，讓各位辛苦這麼久。現在，請讓年輕世代更進一步投身各位的隊伍，共同努力。

再一次感謝這一次FAPA各分會長輩們的接待。感謝Peter、Coen、巧蓉、和June，準備這麼好的營隊。

寫完這封信，我要繼續去背GRE單字。期待盡快與各位在美國相見。
挑戰很困難，台灣的挑戰很困難。

我是一個台北長大，現在在 Google 香港工作的台灣人，我的工作除了幫助台灣爭取公司分配在全球的資源，更重要的是幫助台灣的企業，發展事業、找到新的客戶、新的營收成長點。所以我可以看到了宏觀的以及微觀的資料，瞭解台灣經濟的挑戰。

事實上，經濟發展並非每一個國家都要優先追尋的，但因為政治狀態，台灣的經濟成為增加國際互動與國際關係的重要領域，經濟發展這個挑戰很困難，台灣的政治挑戰也很困難，帶著我可以看到宏觀的以及微觀的資料，我參加了 FAPA 第四屆的台灣年輕世代領袖培訓營。

讓我們一起趕時間。

與會期間，我與 Peter 以及林副會長討論與分享了一個建議：相信年輕世代可以永續發展。

由於 FAPA 會員的努力，與各州的國會議員建立起很多數十年的關係與感情，這是台灣無比重要的資產，我們應該要思考如何永續發展。如今前往美國求學的台灣學生數量減少，又遇上申請工作簽證難度增加，這兩個條件創造出了一個空間，如果各位 FAPA 會員願意發揮影響力，營造 2-3 個工作機會，讓台灣到美國的學生可以得到留在美國的工作機會，並且除了工作之外，投入心力成為下一個世代國會議員的重要朋友，這樣可以造就台灣學生、各位 FAPA 會員以及台灣的三贏。

國際局勢的變化加快，中國的積極佈局都讓台灣的壓力上升，惟國際事務的進展從來沒有銀色子彈，「努力投入當下創造可累積的進步，同時投資未來的世代」就是最好的心態——請繼續秉持這個精神，相信年輕人，一棒接一棒往目標前進！

【台美關係與台灣未來，
台灣少年軍的反思與期待。】

陳乃嘉，時代力量議長部

非常榮幸能夠參加 FAPA 舉辦的 Emerging Leaders Workshop，這是我第一次到 DC，我相信未來還有機會再次造訪這個吸引了全世界的目光、肅穆又精彩的城市。

此行之前我就聽聞過 FAPA 在美國的工作，很是佩服，但親身經歷其境，被國際關係、美國政治緒的幾個要角包圍時，更感覺到 FAPA 工作與角色的特殊性與重要性。透過活動的安排，我們得以從各種不同的角度認識台美關係和台灣未來，這是在台灣時不可能有的經驗，當諸如薛瑞福、卜睿哲、國務院代表或軍武安全專家，敘述他們認識台美關係和兩岸關係的理解和角度時，雖然過去的經驗中，我即明白各方的立場本來就互異，但是珍貴的對話機會，讓我更能夠認識到細膩、精緻的思考和邏輯，這對於我們「天然獨」世代而言，非常難得，也刺激了我去思索以及企圖更加完滿我對於台灣的認知，對於台灣未來的想像也有了新的層次。
台灣的未來，當然掌握在兩千三百萬台灣人的手中，但我們也不能天真地說，台灣的未來與美國、中國無關，面對變數甚多、充滿不確定性的未來，台灣的少年人，能夠有機會實際到訪國際政治的重鎮，同時與台美關係中幾個關鍵的角色進行面對面的接觸與交流，這不僅是培力，也是在我們共同為台灣未來拚搏的認識基礎上，打開反思與期待的新視野。

【有前途的年輕人】

張慈，台灣大學經濟系學生

參加營隊我總體下來的心得是，講者來頭都很大，說的話真假難辨。不同的人看到的事情不同，樂觀悲觀就不一樣。所以我不想拿他們說的話做二次報導，我拿我第一手的觀察來說我自己的想法。

我觀察的主角是學員。也就是攸關台灣政治下一步走向的青年們。

現身在這個場合的人包羅萬象。有社會運動份子、立法院幕僚、非營利組織，以及根基在美國的留美台人、學術研究者，以及本行不是政治但是關心政治的人。還有一位記者。

這也就是說，這二十幾個人組成社會的縮影：(1)人民 (2)政府 (3)非政府組織 (4)媒體（第四權）。FAPA 不知道是刻意挑選還是巧合，這個組合很妙，我興味盎然的看在這七天裡面，大家的人際關係變化。因為也許，這些人的互動多少代表在台灣這些族群的互動。

第一件我觀察到的事情，在日常生活中或許再平常不過，那就是「物以類聚」。一開始不是每個人都互相認識，所以大家都是靠一點一點的聊天、課堂發言來累積對一個人的認識。認識到一定程度開始產生評價，甚至會和別人討論對某些人的評價。然後漸漸的會逐漸增加跟某些族群的互動，相對減少對其他族群的互動。於是分群就產生了。族群幾乎是照著背景排列的：按照學生/政治背景人士/非政治背景人士的切割。

物以類聚是很自然的，就算它不特別討人喜歡。我不會理解他們認識的人或說的話題，假如我本來不在那個圈子里。而我天真的理想也會被評斷為幼稚的想像。

所以我特別欽佩那些願意跟任何背景的人交流的人。他們總是會妥善發言，適時提問，不讓你感到被貶低，也不讓你感到被強迫。而他一旦發表自己的意見，都是恰到好處、不卑不亢的。

有趣的事情是擁有這種特質的人分散在各個不同族群的人之間。這是我覺得最有希望的部分。我相信真的有前途的人，是不被自己的身份所侷限，永遠樂於學習、也樂於分享的人。一旦一個人過度倚賴自己的身份，他早就失去了真心與人交友的機會，而那長遠來說是很大的損失。真正成功的人往往不是只依靠自己的力量，而是一路上得到許多人的幫忙——那往往不是他刻意建立的「人脈」。
參加這個營隊，看到台灣的有這種特質的人關心政治，我覺得老一輩的人可以寬一點心了。他們可能常常因為行政院荒謬發言的新聞、立法院打架的新聞，而擔心台灣的未來。不過在新聞沒有報導的人裡面，有人不僅有國際格局的見識，還有憂國憂民的胸襟，而且也不會過度放大自己的身份。政治圈只要有一個這樣的人存在，就已經有很大的助益，更何況我看到的還不只一個。

最後我想感謝 FAPA 提供這樣一個平台，讓不同背景的人可以互相交流，增進對彼此的了解。我也期許 FAPA 可以進行長遠規劃，讓每一屆的經驗都可以傳承下去。

【We need to “think through our hearts to get to other people’s heads”】

Yu-Li Wang, Dept. of History, UW-Madison

During the course of the 6-day program, conversations between the youth participants and the invited speakers were generally about these questions: how and why should the US strengthen its support for Taiwan’s independence? What are the cards Taiwan can play in military, cultural, and economic aspects? How can Taiwan enter the UN-affiliated agencies, the name rectification of TECRO, and other political pursuits. Answering such questions was not an easy task for the experts, but it was interesting to see how speakers gave different and even contrasting responses to the same questions.

For example, many of us were excited about the timely news regarding US port calls as well as arms sale to Taiwan—moves we interpreted as increasing and promising support from the Trump administration. While Rick Fischer reemphasized that Taiwan needs to strengthen its defense system by proposing a well thought pit plan to the US and purchasing various kinds of weapons, Randy Schriver argued that Taiwan can defend itself without the help of the US simply because of its geopolitical position. Christopher Nelson, however, piercingly contended that Taiwan cannot be a US military ally in the sense we talk about, for it only creates false hope. Instead, in Nelson’s opinion, Taiwan should show itself as Americans’ firm democratic fellow worthy of US committed protection. Commenting from the perspective of a business expert, Rupert Hammond-Chambers asked us to shift the focus back to Taiwanese people’s determination to protect ourselves or sacrifice everything for that cause before we seek US support. Though it is indeed fundamental to think about Taiwan’s collective will, some may question that Hammond-Chambers’ suggestion reveals a way of thinking that shirks US responsibility in the matter.

Seeing and participating in such diverse conversations expanded my intellectual horizion and urged me to rethink the role the US plays when it comes to Taiwan’s cultural, economic, and political situation. It makes perfect sense that FAPA, as a non-profit educational organization (not a lobby group—the very first thing I learned at the boot camp!) based in the US anchors itself to all possible channels working with the US state apparatus. But I cannot help but wonder if this sometimes confines how we think through Taiwan-relevant issues from different vantage points. What I mean here is that sometimes the discussion can be limited to “either/or” questions that place too much weight to US decision making over Taiwanese people’s agency. A friend I made at the Workshop is affiliated with Taiwan Radical Wings (基進黨). In a conversation, he told me he felt frustrated because the discussion seemed to still situate Taiwan and Taiwanese people in a more passive position, thus conflicting his political belief and practice. I shared his sense of frustration but in a different way. As the only
participant whose academic background is in the humanities (literature and history), sometimes I felt disconnected when the discussion was dominated by more “realistic” and “pragmatic” approaches.

During one of the Q&A sessions, I expressed my concern regarding Taiwan’s possible labor and resource exploitation in the New Southbound Policy. Sincere though he was, Hammond-Chambers’ response was much to my surprise. “Exploitation,” he said, “is subjective. Let people in Southeast Asia define themselves if they are exploited.” For sure, there is room for debate whether that is acceptable in the humanities. But what I wish to point out here is the need for me, as a future scholar working in the humanities, to ponder how to find a common ground between people from our field and those from others. People in the academia need to think how intellectuals can advocate for Taiwan’s situation intellectually, but in a language that most people can understand and then later decide for themselves if they want to agree to disagree. But as individuals, we need to, as Stephen Yates suggested, “think through our hearts to get to other people’s heads,” because personal experience and relations are more effective and affective for people to know about Taiwan. It will be a challenge to balance the two distinct approaches mentioned above (it should be noted that the two do not need to be mutually exclusive), and that is a significant task I hope to devote myself to in the future.

In addition to intellectual growth, the experience at FAPA Emerging Leaders Workshop also provided an invaluable opportunity for community building. I got to know and befriend young leaders from different political, academic, and even cultural backgrounds. Some of them are closely involved in political parties and mobilization in Taiwan or in the US, and they shared their insiders’ view during the breaks and happy hours, where I gained feedback and new ideas to refine my research topic and questions. In the OTD Summit held after the Workshop, some of us continued to work on several important issues brought up by the speakers. For example, at the workshop Stephen Yates suggested us to work on relations (especially business ones) locally from each state, for such relations provide strong leverage for lobbying. At the OTD Summit, we had a hackathon group working on collecting business data between Taiwan and each state to help evaluate collaborations with which states should be prioritized. We also had a group who established a platform where information of Taiwan-relevant acts and pro-Taiwan political representatives were collected and displayed in a clear manner. These are just some examples of how the FAPA Emerging Leaders Workshop was, is, and will continue to be meaningful. I am honored to be a member of the cohort, and I appreciate the collective efforts by all.
CA-LA  California–Los Angeles Chapter  
吳兆峰會長 (Chao-Feng Wu)

CA-Los Angeles Chapter young members and leadership were largely involved with Taiwanese American Heritage Week in the Greater Los Angeles in the month of May. Taiwanese American Heritage Week had its first annual Creative Children Drawing Contest this year with the aim to reach out to more young Taiwanese American families and FAPA CA-LA co-sponsored the meaningful event as it was an effective way to get in touch with the new generation.

CA-SAC  California–Sacramento Chapter  
黃漠見會長 (Moh Huang)

In June, Panama announced termination of diplomatic ties with Republic of China government on Taiwan, Los Angeles chapter president Ken Wu was invited to attend press conferences organized by number of overseas Taiwanese organizations in Los Angeles area to voice opinion on behalf of FAPA CA-LA. We took the opportunity to encourage Taiwanese compatriots in Panama to continue their effort in citizen diplomacy and urge Panamanian government to ensure rights and interests of Taiwanese in Panama will not be adversely affected by this diplomatic change.
前立法委員、成功大學法律系許忠信教授於七月一
日蒞臨沙加緬度，為分會舉行以「2018 年台灣選舉
之觀察」主題的演講。許教授這次應台美人社團邀
請來美做十二天巡回演講，第一站為沙加緬度，然
後到 San Jose, Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, 最後到
San Diego 參加美西台美人夏令會。許教授這次為我
們分析台灣過去一年來的發展和挑戰，並對明年直
轄市長及縣市長選舉有何影響進一步觀察。與會會
員並踴躍在祈請駐美代表處正名為「台灣駐美國協
會」的請願書上簽名。

台灣青年女子壘球代表隊於七月十六日抵達沙加緬
度，進行一星期的訓練，並和沙加緬度地區最強的
壘球隊舉行友誼賽。這次台灣代表隊由十九位
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以下的球員和七位教練及職員組成，她們將參加於
七月二十四日至三十日在佛羅里達州的 Clearwater
舉行的世界青年女子壘球錦標賽。FAPA 沙加緬分
會、大沙加緬度台灣同鄉會和沙加緬度台灣文化基
金會三個台美人社團除了支援球隊在地所須外，並
聯合在十七日晚上舉辦了一場歡迎餐會，預祝她們
這次比賽可以打出好成績，球技更進步，將來可以
代表台灣參加 2020 年東京奧運。

（此次世界錦標賽有廿六個國家參加，台灣隊以六
勝二敗奪得第五名，美國、日本、波多黎各、加拿
大分別奪得第一至第四名）

CO  Colorado Chapter
蕭聖鐵會長 (Frank Hsiao)

CO chapter is currently planning to have the members’
annual meeting in September or October. We have rather
small group but we are very enthusiastic about Taiwan
issues and very cooperative. During the Taiwanese
American Heritage Week Celebration from May 07 to 13,
many FAPA members, especially Lisa Chen, Li Shin Chiu
(TAA-CO President), Wen Chao Chiu, William and Linda
Yao, San-tai Yeh and Lih-Ling LU, helped TAA-Colorado
arrange the celebration activities. The main event, a
performance of Taiwan’s traditional folk songs and dances
by the National Taiwan Arts University – Da-Guan Dance
from Taiwan, was held at the Lakewood Cultural Center
on May 10. The Mayer of the Lakewood City gave us an
opening ceremony remarks. During July 7 to July 9, the
chapter president, Frank Hsiao, was invited by the TAA-
West Coast annual convention at San Diego to give a
presentation on “The US-Taiwan Economic Relations
after President Trump.”

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

On April 8, DC Chapter hosted a talk by Nina Solarz – the
wife of former legendary Congressman Steve Solarz.
Nina is a graduate of Wellesley College and received her
Master’s Degree in Political Science from the City
University of New York. Right after school, she was
former New York Mayor Ed Koch’s representative in the
New York City Office in Washington, D.C. for health and
human services issues.
And she was the Director of Public Affairs for the Select
Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy during
the Reagan administration. She also taught political science
at Brooklyn College.

Today, Nina volunteers her time to additional nonprofits
and charitable organizations, including the International
Crisis Group and as President of the American Friends of
Turkey.

After long treatment for cancer at the National Institutes
of Health (NIH) Steve Solarz passed away in 2010. After
that, Nina set up a scholarship at NIH for talented
Taiwanese doctors to do research on cancer. During her
presentation he discussed this process, and also recounted
a long list of Congressman Solarz’s contributions to
democracy in Taiwan.

Thanks to Nina’s first public speech in FAPA DC
Community. She offered to join FAPA as a member. One
week later, she did go on-line to complete registration and
make a donation to FAPA. Thank you, Nina.

Check out the article Chiao-jung wrote and Libertytimes
published it on April 5 "台灣結緣一世情". Mrs. Solarz
is invited to speak in FAPA September Convention again.
Don’t miss the opportunity to meet Nina.

IL Chapter 於 2017 年 3 月中旬至 7 月底參與的活動
(主辦/合辦/協辦)
3/18 IL Chapter 理事會 2017 年第二次會議，會後
邀請台灣文教中心王偉讚主任共進晚餐對話建言
4/2017 請求芝加哥鄉親連署刊登於自由時報支持民
視經管團隊的聲明廣告
4/29 芝加哥 2017 年台灣傳統週活動系列之一 / 嚴
詠能說唱繪 at 芝加哥台灣文教中心
5/6 歡迎台藝大觀舞雲舞團表演於芝加哥為台灣傳
統週表達
5/7 芝加哥 2017 年台灣傳統週活動系列之二 / 台
北國立台灣藝術大學大觀舞集 at Westmont High
School
5/11 連署要求台灣駐外單位及文教中心正名的廣告
於太平洋時報及芝加哥華文報紙
5/15-18 在高雄參加全球僑務會議，並於會後共同
組成全球各地本土台僑社團代表的 LINE group
5/19 連署刊登於芝加哥華文媒體抗議中國阻撓台灣
參與 WHA/WHO 的廣告
6/17 參加芝加哥台灣本土社團歡迎文教中心葉子貞
副理事長的晚宴
6/18 參加芝加哥台語教會父親節野外聯合禮拜
6/23 蔡丁貴教授與芝加哥年輕朋友對話/芝加哥哲
五 at 芝加哥藝術學院 / 題目：「台灣自決建國的
戰略與進程：阿貴教授誠實告訴你他知道的」
6/24 蔡丁貴教授與芝加哥鄉親演講 at 芝加哥台灣
長老教會 / 題目：台灣自決建國的戰略與進程
7/4 與芝加哥本土社團代表赴芝加哥機場歡迎許忠
信教授與僑委會吳新興委員長訪問芝加哥
7/5 許忠信教授與芝加哥鄉親結緣開講「從兆豐金
案看台灣金融制度的改革與 2018 選舉之観
察」 at 芝加哥社區教會
7/6 參加芝加哥台灣本土社團與僑委會吳新興委員
長的對話建言 at 芝加哥台灣文教中心
6-7/2017 請求芝加哥鄉親簽名連署要求台灣政府正
名駐美單位，由 TECO/TECR 改為台灣駐美代表處 TRO
7/7-9 參加中西部台灣人夏令會 at Manchester
University, North Manchester, Indiana
7/9 安排 FAPA 陳正義總會長在芝加哥與年輕朋友見
面晚餐對話
7/10 「政經看民視，民視看正晶」節目主持人彭文
正教授與芝加哥鄉親見面結緣開講 at 芝加哥台灣
社區教會
7/15 「Siro Heroes – 泰源事件」舞台劇 DVD 光碟
芝加哥公開演出 at 芝加哥台灣文教中心
7/25 接受「政經看民視 民視看正晶」彭文正電話訪問，分享台僑對僑委會/文教中心最近作為的看法及建議
20170725 正晶看民視 黃醫師受訪：
https://youtu.be/4WclHYL5B6s
7/27 黃慶鍾在太平洋時報發表「給僑委會的公開提醒與抗議」

NY-Albany New York-Albany Chapter
呂柞昱會長 (Kevin Wu)

It was an honor to host one of Chen Wei-Ting’s speech tours at Albany, NY on June 21. We had a high turn-out for a small chapter like ours. I was pleased to see some youngsters gave challenging questions to our speaker Chen, plus listening to our senior members to express their firm believes in Taiwan. It was great success overall.

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

Three local Chapters, NY-Metro, NJ, and NY-Hudson co-sponsored an exhibition booth to promote Taiwan democracy and FAPA publicity. The event was held on Sunday, May 28, at Union Square Park in New York City. Several young volunteers helped to host the booth to greet visitors. H.R. 535 petition letters, 2020 Census sign-up sheets, Taiwanese t-shirts, and Taiwanese black bear stickers were distributed and quite well received. A visitor also signed for a new membership. It was a very successful and fruitful event.

Rep. Maloney Promised to Co-sponsor Taiwan Travel Act H.R. 535

The Chapter President, Chi-Lin O’Young, attended Rep. Maloney town hall meeting on June 11 in Poughkeepsie. Taiwan Travel Act H.R. 535 petition letter for co-sponsorship was presented. Rep. Maloney promised to co-sponsor it without a hesitation. Chapter member, Dr. Thomas Hwang, also has visited him at several occasions for the same petition. The co-sponsorship is being processed and will be monitored closely.

NY-M New York-Metropolitan Chapter
陳彩雲會長 (Jacy Chen)

On March 11, NY-M chapter hosted North East Regional meeting in Chatham Church in NJ and 7 chapters (NY-Hudson, NY-Albany, DE, NJ, NJ-S, MA and PA) joined it. We invited June Lin from FAPA HQ, Russell Hsiao from GTI with Victor Liu, NJ chapter president and Thomas Hwang, NY-Hudson chapter as speakers.
On January 7 參與張燦鍙市長歡迎餐會活動

May 22, 贊助「Passport 2 Taiwan」活動，偕同 NY–Hudson, NJ 與 NY–Metro chapters 一起設置攤位，宣揚台灣民主精神、發放 FAPA 文宣、增加 FAPA 能見度、與 FAPA 現有會員及有興趣加入的新會員互動。
06/17 參與 FAPA 2017 Speech Tour 邀請陳為廷來台灣會館演講, 可惜當天下午紐約下大雷雨, 陳為廷飛機被取消，無法飛往紐約，活動無奈取消。
07/05 邀請沃草林祖儀來台灣會館演講, 演講主題：「沃草對台灣民主化的貢獻及台美人如何參與」。

NY-SYR New York-Syracuse Chapter
林冰潔會長 (Elizabeth McDermott)

NY-Syracuse Chapter Annual Picnic was held on June 24th at Pratt’s Falls Park, Manlius, NY. Our members, friends and Syracuse University students joined us at this event. FAPA National President Peter Chen presented us "U.S.-Taiwan relations: current status and opportunities in the era of new administration."
NY-Syracuse Chapter has received proclamation from Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner with “Taiwan Peace Day” in February and “Taiwanese-American Heritage Week” in May. NYS Governor Cuomo also support us with proclamation of “Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month” in May.

TX-N Texas-North Chapter
謝慶鏘會長 (John Hsieh)

03/15 到 Pete Sessions 選區辦公室拜訪 District Director Matt Garcia，主要請 Sessions co-sponsor HR 535 台灣旅行法，也帶了一堆簽了名 HR 535 請願信, 因和 Mr. Garcia 很熟悉，談得很好，Sessions 後來有連署該法。

04/04 拜訪第六選區 Joe Barton 的 Arlington 辦公室 Deputy Director Jodi Saegesser, 首先感謝議員在一月初蔡英文總統在到中美洲訪問途中路過 Houston 時, 特別陪她參觀博物館(正有台灣故宮外借東西在展覽)及 MD Anderson 醫學中心, 討論台灣的事情，主要請議員連署台灣旅行法。

05/06 謝慶鏘分會長到 Kansas City 參加今年第一次常務委員面對面會議。
05/21 分會長及牽手孫佳惠和吳明基前總會會長參加五月二十一日在台北市由 World Taiwanese Congress(WTC)舉辦的國事會議，也參加 FAPA 在台北舉辦的領袖培訓營說明會。
06/15 國會議員及家族一年一次的棒球賽發生槍殺，本地第六選區的議員 Joe Barton 及小孩都在場，得知消息馬上探問他的助理表示關切，很幸運他們都安全。
06/24 舉辦今年度的募款會，請到從台灣來太陽花運動主要領袖之一陳為廷作演講。今年參加的人數及募款金額是歷年來最高，共募得近兩萬元。

07/02 基進黨主席陳奕齊拜訪 Dallas，很多 FAPA 會員帮忙接待及安排演講。

07/09 民主維新召集人吳濬彥及秘書拜訪 Dallas，FAPA 會員幫助接待，安排演講。他們去年以拜訪過 Dallas，今年演講主題為「國家正常化與青年組織」，演講後也做募款，幫忙他們的旅費。

七、八月期間，再繼續向還未連署台灣旅行法的議員，在華府國會辦公室的外交助理 Foreign Affairs Aid (FAA)連絡，要求盡快連署。

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水。於是郭會長問台下鄉親今晚巧蓉講得好不好，大家都回答“好”，問對 FAPA 的工作成果滿不滿意？大家回答“滿意”，再問明年會不會再來參加及捐款？大家回答“會”，但是再問到明年會不會捐更多時，台下一片安靜。郭會長拜託大家明年捐款時，只要加個零或者把 $1$ 改戍 $2$，我們的捐款就會大增！

接著由李席舟花了近 10 分鐘詳盡介紹今晚的主講人葉望輝先生(Stephen Yates)。葉先生在年青時就跟台灣結了緣，在 80 年代初期，年青時就開始跟台灣市場接觸。從台南善化開始，走遍了南台灣，開始台灣人都以信佛教來拒接他的發問，吃了很多閉門羹。在那五年中，他也看到了台灣的專制統治。回美後唸完大學，進入在 D.C. 有名智庫傳統基金會當研究員。有一年 FAPA 總部給他為一個青年人所辦的講習會演講，在那裏他認識了休士頓同鄉曹昌贊的女兒。不幸的是不久曹先生的女兒因急症過世，葉望輝知道後寫一封慰問信給曹昌贊，曹先生感激地回信給他並邀他來休士頓演講，就因此，葉望輝與休士頓台灣人結了緣。葉先生在布希總統執政時，曾在錢尼副總統的團隊中任職，現在除了自由時報國際顧問公司外，還擔任共和黨在 Idaho 州的主席，準備在下屆的選舉中競選 Idaho 州的副州長。當蔡總統在去年 11 月與剛當選的川普總統通了那個驚世的電話後，很多媒體都猜是葉先生的穿針引線促成，也因此，他變成非常受台灣人歡迎的人士。FAPA 南德州分會有幸在他緊湊繁忙的行程中請到他來休士頓，請他以圈內人的立場來分析川蔡執政下的台美關係。

他說他剛從台灣回來，在台灣有與蔡總統見面交談。他認為蔡總統在台美關係的努力是值得肯定的。台美關係的障礙是中國，中國利用北韓，操控北韓威脅東北亞的安全來影響美國對台政策。為了避免北韓狂人以核武攻擊韓國和日本，美國歷任總統統編兩次都無效後，只好改策略，依靠中國來控制北韓。為了滿足中國的對台要求，美國只好變著台美關係的推展。因此，台灣和北韓一直都是中美外交角力的期子。他認為川普有看到中國的詭計，不會像過去的美國總統對中國百依百順來犧牲台灣。他對北韓的強硬態度，後來在佛州家中招待習進平所說的話，以及國務卿在幾個場合對台政策的強調，他認為川普未來的對中，對台政策會跟以前不同，會逐漸對台有利，例如軍售項目，兩國軍事交流。不過台灣必須設法加強軍事防衛力量，但不是自製或向美採購。不要妄想美國會無條件保護台灣。目前國務院人事尚不健全，對台政策尚未明朗，但是他相信最壞的已過去，未來是可以樂觀期待的。他呼籲大家支持 FAPA，因為 FAPA 所做得是最能直接有效幫助台灣和兩國軍事防衛力量。
“美國是我們的盟友，但你真的知道他們都做了些甚麼嗎？”

Reported by 沈怡君

7月1日-7月4日南德州分會 YPG成員許亞傑（Jerry）和沈怡君（Gracy）參加了海外台灣青年陣線所舉辦的年會，除了和與會的各州朋友交流，亦藉由年會中的「黑客松」活動，這兩位成員在年會期間提出了一個以開放政府和公開資料為主的提案計畫，試圖為住在台灣的台灣人、住在美國的台灣人、以及世界上所有關心台灣的朋友們揭開美國國會的神秘面紗。

Jerry 和 Gracy 認為雖然台美沒有正式的外交關係，但官方與民間彼此卻長期保有相當程度的互動。國會是美國的立法單位，關係著美國內政外交的政策走向。秉持著開放資料、開放政府的精神，希望能集結及整理美國國會台灣相關法案，讓更多人了解、甚至參與美國的政策決策圈。

透過第一屆 g0v 專案計畫「國家寶藏」主持人蕭新晟的介紹和建議，並結合一群關心台美關係的留學生及台美人，以「美國國會台灣觀測站」為名，參與了第二屆 g0v 公民科技創新獎助金的提案競賽。不論是否得獎，這個網站將持續使用正確且即時的資訊向所有關心台灣的人說明並分析美國國會對於台灣的關注程度，讓更多台灣人瞭解及關注美國法案提出和決策的過程，並作為聲援台灣的傳聲筒！更多詳情請關注「美國國會台灣觀測站」的提案：https://goo.gl/nZaiq9

（右上角按登入後，可用臉書或 Google 帳號登入，即可 Follow up 關注此提案！）

This sponsoring experience has been invaluable as well as inspiring. First, the coaches at the baseball camp were outright welcoming and supportive to these two kids. Due to the language barrier though, which was rather sad and once again the proof that our English education in Taiwan is still insufficient, both players could not carry out basic conversation or had the ability to understand coaches’ instructions; even though they had 6 years of English classes in school.

FAPA-WI Chapter was proud to sponsor two young baseball players from Taiwan this past June who attended the 大聯盟釀酒人隊棒球訓練營 (Brewers Baseball Academy) for one week. My husband Hiro Kobayashi and I were the host family for these native Taiwanese little league players from Taichung, 藍佑賢 of 泰雅族（自由國小少棒隊隊長） and 李以諾 of 布農族（力行國小隊長). Both were 12 years old and had just graduated from elementary school.

Hence, coaches of the Baseball Academy gave us special passes to translate for them in the field. Second, it went without saying that all coaches were impressed by our Taiwanese kids. In fact, one of the coaches left us his personal contact info and encouraged both to return in the future for baseball camp for ages 17 and above. Another coach also wondered if they would be interested in attending college in the States via a baseball scholarship. Interestingly, several coaches asked us the same question: “Why do you use such a strange name, Chinese Taipei, when the rest of the world knows that you are Taiwan?”