To all our members, supporters and Taiwanese American all over the states, thank you for your hard work and support. This wouldn’t have happened without you. Let’s work harder together for more success stories and a better future for Taiwan!
【President’s Corner】

Dear FAPA members and supporters:

First of all, I would like to say “Thank You!” to those board members who voted for me in the presidential election last month. Now that the election is over, it is the time to forget about the conflicts and arguments encountered during the election. It is also time to heal all wounds and unite to move forward the common goals of FAPA and of Taiwan.

There was a story that Coen has told hundreds times and still loves to tell when he gets a chance. The story happened in the late nineties when Lee Teng-hui was President. Both Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) and FAPA initiated resolutions in Congress for UN membership for Taiwan. TECRO’s resolution asked for "ROC return to the UN", but FAPA’s resolution asked for "Let Taiwan be a new member of UN". In the end, TECRO’s resolution had 147 co-sponsors and FAPA’s resolution had 144 co-sponsors. President Lee was very mad and asked his US Representative, “Why FAPA could achieve similar number of sponsorship with only two staffs while TECRO and TECO together had more than 20 full time staff to work on the resolution.” President Lee’s US Rep. answered “Although FAPA has only two full time staff members, they have more than 4,000 volunteers working for FAPA in almost every state for free."

If you haven’t figured it out already, FAPA HQ’s staff can’t do their job without the support of local grassroots advocacy. The Taiwan Travel Act (TTA) is a good example. There were 42 co-sponsors after ten months’ hard work from our HQ staffs. However, right after our 100+ members' congressional visits during FAPA’s 35th anniversary convention in late September 2017, the number of co-sponsors jumped to 81. Soon after our efforts, the TTA passed unanimously on the House floor. Two months later, the same bill passed the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and on the auspicious day of February 28, a day that is edged in our collective memory, it passed the Senate floor. It was later signed into law on March 16 by President Trump. Even though the bill passed, if you still have TTA Senate petitions, send them to FAPA HQ, for this will enable HQ staff to bring them along to their Senate meetings demonstrating to the Senate office that there is ample support for Taiwan in the Senator’s state. Collecting petitions is an old fashioned way to do advocacy, but is still the most effective way. Texas’s chapters did it this way and got Texas Senator Ted Cruz to co-sponsor the Act. You can do it too.

Last November, I participated in a conference about the future of Taiwan-China-US relations. I asked one of the keynote speakers, Professor Shelley Rigger, what she thought about FAPA’s work in DC. She was delighted and told me "FAPA's work is vitally important to Taiwan. Without your voice, nobody on Capitol Hill would care about Taiwan. Keep on doing that job."

That is exactly what I have been doing and plan to do so in the future. I would also like to ask all of you to join me for a better future of Taiwan.

Mike Chung Kung Kuo, Ph.D
【會長的話】

親愛的 FAPA 會員與支持者們：

首先，我要向在選舉投票給我的委員說聲「謝謝」！選舉結束了，現在正是大家應該放下衝突與爭執，療傷傷口、團結一致，專注於我們的共同目標，繼續為了 FAPA 與台灣的未來向前走的時刻。

我想分享一個昆布勞(Coen Blaauw)講了不下幾百次，但仍樂此不疲、一有機會就要講的故事。這個故事發生在九零年代後期的李登輝總統執政時期，當時政府官方的「台北經濟文化代表處」(TECRO，簡稱代表處)與 FAPA 分別起草了「支持台灣加入聯合國」的國會草案。代表處的版本呼籲「讓中華民國回到聯合國」，但 FAPA 的草案則是要「讓台灣成為聯合國的新會員」。到了最後階段，代表處的版本共有 147 位議員連署，而 FAPA 的版本則有 144 位議員連署支持。李總統見狀非常生氣，質問他的駐美代表：「為什麼代表處明明就有二十多位員工、FAPA 只有兩位員工，他們卻能夠在法案上爭取到與我們相似程度的連署人數？」李總統的駐美代表這麼回答：「雖然 FAPA 只有兩位全職員工，他們卻有超過四千位在美國各州的會員無償地為他們奔走。」

這個故事中的寓意便是：沒有您—FAPA 在全美各地會員—的草根遊說，總部員工便無法完成他們的工作。台灣旅行法便是一個最好的例子。該法在最初提案完、總部員工努力了十個月之後，只有 42 位議員連署支持；但經過去年的九月會員大會後，超過一百位會員前來華府參加 FAPA 三十五周年的慶祝大會和次日的國會倡議日，台灣旅行法連署法案的人數雙倍成長，高達 81 位。不久之後，台灣旅行法便無異議地通過眾院全院投票階段。兩個月後，同樣的法案通過參議院外交關係委員會，並在今年二月二十八日—這個對台灣意義深遠、但在我們集體記憶中逐漸淡去的日子，台灣旅行法通過了參議院全院投票。在三月十六日，川普總統正式簽署台灣旅行法為美國正式法律。我要向各位呼籲，雖然這項法案目前正在國會通過，但是若您手上仍有連署書，請您將它寄給總部，因為總部員工將能帶著你們的連署書至與參院辦公室的會議，展現來自各州對於台灣的強力支持。收集連署書或許是一種很「復古」的倡議手法，卻仍然非常有效。德州分會充分運用這點並爭取到克魯茲議員對於法案的支持，你們也可以做到。

去年的十一月，我參與了一場談論台、美、中關係的會議。我向其中一位演講者—任雪麗教授(Shelley Rigger)提問，請教她對 FAPA 在華府工作的看法。她非常高興地回答我：「FAPA 的工作對於台灣來說至關重要。若少了你們的聲音，國會山莊上不會有任何人關心台灣。請好好繼續你們的工作。」

這正是我過去持續不斷、與未來將會繼續做的事。我邀請你們與我攜手，繼續為了台灣更好的未來前行。

郭正光 博士 敬上

(林倢漢文翻譯)
US REPRESENTATIVES URGE AMBASSADOR HALEY TO PRESS CHINA TO STOP BLOCKING TAIWAN TOURISTS FROM ENTERING THE UN BUILDING IN NEW YORK

In a letter dated December 22, 2017, Reps. Steve Chabot (R-OH) and Chris Smith (R-NJ) urged Ambassador Nikki R. Haley, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, to use her good offices and influence towards finding a solution to the problem that Taiwanese tourists face when they try to enter the United Nations building in New York.

China has managed to convince the United Nations to block Taiwanese tourists from entering the building. Allegedly, this new policy was implemented after current Taiwan democratically elected president Tsai Ing-wen was inaugurated in May 2016.

The Representatives wrote: “Today, Taiwan stands as an example of true freedom and democracy against Beijing’s authoritarianism and territorial ambitions…. In light of this strong [U.S.-Taiwan] relationship, we request that you work toward finding a solution for the indignity that Taiwanese tourists face on a daily basis when they seek to visit the United Nations building in New York.”

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE UNANIMOUSLY PASS TAIWAN TRAVEL ACT. PRESIDENT SIGNS TTA INTO LAW

On January 9, 2018, the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed the Taiwan Travel Act (HR535.) On February 28, the Senate unanimously passed the TTA. On March 16, 2018, the president signed the TTA into law.

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 states that Congress finds that: “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.”
Besides bill introducer Steve Chabot, the bill enjoyed the co-sponsorship of 81 members of Congress at floor passage, such as House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA), Asian Subcommittee chairman Ted Yoho (R-FL), Asian Subcommittee ranking member Brad Sherman (D-CA), former House Foreign Affairs Committee chair Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), and Rules Committee chairman Pete Sessions (R-TX). Chabot himself is a long-time Taiwan supporter, former chairman of the Asian Subcommittee and founding co-chair of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus.

On the Senate side, 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 on May 4, 2017. On February 7, 2018, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee unanimously passed the Taiwan Travel Act (TTA – HR535) clearing the way for the bill to go to the floor of the Senate for a vote. (The Senate Foreign Relations Committee decided to pass the House version of the TTA, making it not necessary for the bill to go back to the House for a vote after future Senate floor passage, but directly to the president for a signature.)

It was passed unanimously by the Senate on the auspicious date of February 28, and subsequently signed into law by the President on March 16, 2018.

FAPA URGES MARRIOTT TO HOLD THE LINE AND NOT SUCCUMB TO CHINA’s BULLYING

On January 11, hotel giant Marriott International Inc. was ordered by Chinese authorities to shut down its website to Chinese residents after circulating an online guest survey that listed Taiwan as a country separate from China. FAPA immediately wrote to Marriott International Inc. urging them not to succumb to China’s bullying but maintain the incontestable reality that Taiwan is a country separate from China. However, regrettably, Marriott caved in to Chinese pressure within 24 hours…
WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD DISCUSSES TAIWAN’s WHO INCLUSION

The last week of January, 2018, the 142nd Executive Board meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO) was held in Geneva. The United States and other nations pushed for Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly (WHA).

The U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed a bill on January 9 supporting inclusion of Taiwan in the upcoming World Health Assembly meeting in May in Geneva, instructing the U.S. Secretary of State to bring Taiwan back into the World Health Assembly.

The U.S. delegate spoke in the Executive Board meeting, saying that Taiwan should be included in the global health forum enabling Taiwan to share its experiences, and expressing the hope that Taiwan will be invited to attend the WHA this year in May in Geneva.

FAPA believes that it behooves the U.S. to tell China that if it does not let Taiwan participate in the May World Health Assembly in Geneva, that the U.S. will send U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar to Taiwan to study Taiwan’s healthcare system.

ANOTHER US REPRESENTATIVE URGES AMBASSADOR HALEY TO PRESS CHINA TO STOP BLOCKING TAIWAN TOURISTS FROM ENTERING THE UN BUILDING IN NEW YORK

In a letter dated February 6, 2018, Rep. Steve King (R-IA) urged Ambassador Nikki R. Haley, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, to use her influence and position towards finding a solution for the predicament Taiwanese tourists that seek to visit the UN building in New York face.

Rep. King writes: “China has now managed to convince the UN to block Taiwanese tourists from entering UN headquarters in New York. Allegedly, this new policy was implemented after Taiwan’s democratically elected president Tsai Ing-wen was inaugurated in May 2016.”
FAPA ARTICLES/TV

12/03/17: VOICE OF AMERICA - FAPA Policy Associate June Lin (林倢) talked about the security issues among the Taiwan Strait and Taiwan’s defense capacity on Voice of America’s “Taiwan Strait Forum”

12/06/17: TAIPEI TIMES – FAPA President Peter Chen proposes a plan of action to get Taiwan back into the annual World Health Organization (WHO) meeting in Geneva -the World Health Assembly (WHA)- as an observer... (“How to get Taiwan into WHA as observer”)

12/15/17: LIBERTY TIMES - The translation of the above Taipei Times article by FAPA President Peter Chen proposing a plan of action to get Taiwan back into the WHA as an observer appeared in the Liberty Times.

01/14/18: VOICE OF AMERICA - FAPA Policy Associate June Lin (林倢) talked about the unanimous passage of the Taiwan Travel Act in the U.S. House of Representatives and other Taiwan Travel Act related matters on Voice of America’s “Taiwan Strait Forum”

01/31/18: TAIPEI TIMES - FAPA President Peter Chen wrote International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) should bear responsibility as well for China’s recent unilateral announcement of new flight routes close to the median line of the Taiwan Strait.

Peter Chen concluded: “We therefore recommend that the US administration dispatch US Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao (趙小蘭) to Taiwan to oversee US-Taiwan civil aviation cooperation, especially in areas where Taiwan and the US need to coordinate on ICAO standards and routinize information exchanges… Perhaps the US Department of Transportation could attach an officer to the AIT in Taipei as a civil aviation attache… However, if the shipping and aviation “status quo” in the Strait is to be shorn up, both Taipei and Washington must act now.”

01/28/18: TAIPEI TIMES – A translation of the above article appeared.

02/07/18: LIBERTY TIMES – FAPA President Peter Chen expressed gratitude to both Houses of Congress for their swift action on the Taiwan Travel Act. The binding legislation, for which Taiwanese Americans have worked and campaigned hard, was to be voted upon the next day in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. (It passed unanimously.)

02/21/18: LIBERTY TIMES - FAPA President Mike Kuo looked at the Olympics and called for better and fairer treatment of Taiwan in the international arena -- all under the name "Taiwan." (“Learn from the Olympics and go with "Taiwan")

02/27/18: TAIPEI TIMES - Feb 21 article was liked by the Taipei Time and they decide to translate and publish it.

03/03/18: LIBERTY TIMES – After Taiwan Travel Act had been unanimously passed by the U.S. Senate, FAPA President Mike Kuo article was talked how the law would influence US-Taiwan relations and what the work FAPA has been doing in the Captiol Hill. Mike addressed the same point of view on 3/13 Taipei Times article:” Act signals improved Taiwan-US relations”.

03/04/18: VOICE OF AMERICA – FAPA Staff June Lin talked the influence of passing Taiwan Travel Act in U.S. Senate.

03/15/18: LIBERTY TIMES - FAPA President Mike Kuo urge for dual recognition from Vatican, also presented a few recommendations on Taiwan’s relationship with Vatican upon the latest developments between PRC and Vatican.
台灣旅行法挺進美國參議院

Peter Chen 陳正義

本週(2018年2月第二週)是美國聯邦政府臨時預算到期日，國會氣氛又開始凝重些。但參院外交關係委員會將在週三將包括台灣旅行法在內六個法案，和副國務卿的人事任命排入議程，準備進行討論和表決，顯示國會對該法的重視。

台灣旅行法挺入參院外委會代表：

一、立法將加速：尤其參院將直接表決一月九日在眾院通過的版本，而非參院自己在去年提出的版本。減去兩院版本因文字差異来回折衷協調的時間，有助立法速度。

二、法律效力：這是一個具有法律效力(binding)的法案，參院通過後，是需要送到白宮給總統簽名，成為正式的法律。有朝一日台灣高層有機會訪美，行政部門是要確實執行。

三、兩黨高度共識：以現在國會兩黨對立氛圍高漲到足以讓政府停擺三天來看，台灣旅行法在連署議員上民主、共和兩黨各佔一半，包括民主黨的資深參議員連署表態，是難得破天荒，顯示兩黨有高度共識和支持，對法案大大加分。

許多議員向我們表示，美國和台灣享有共同利益和民主價值，由台灣人民直接選出來的總統和重要的閣揆，應該要能自由地在美國訪問，尤其在華府，應該在白宮接受禮炮和紅毯規格的接待。

台灣人公共事務會(FAPA)在過去的會期，也提過相同法案，但終究無法在兩年內完成參眾兩院的立法程序。這次的台灣旅行法，不僅法律位階提高、兩黨高度共識，並已經在眾院無異議通過，在挺進參院委員會後，要完成立法就剩最後一步了。

FAPA在一九八二年成立後，致力於美國國會推動有關台灣的法案，如台灣加入世界衛生組織、或用雷根總統的六大保證來取代三大公報，都是在政治層面上對台灣正面，並且國際社會能接受的法案。曾有位外交部長級人士說過，FAPA在國會山莊成功的倡議工作，得助於在全美各地每一個愛台灣的會員和台美人的草根外交及努力。唯有大家團結一心，相信要在今年底會期結束前將台灣旅行法送入白宮，是指日可待。

台美人，大家加油！

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台灣旅行法 March for TAIWAN

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台灣旅行法

台灣旅行法的法律位階、立法速度和兩黨支持度，如同我們所期待，該法在參院委員會通過後不到三個禮拜，馬上送入參院全院，火速討論表決，以無異議高度共識通過，完成國會立法。接續在近期內一定要送交白宮給總統簽字，就會成為美國的國內法。

美國國會會期是兩年，所有法案如果沒有在兩年內走完參眾兩院立法程序，新國會開始就得從原點開始。一般在兩年會期內，國會平均有一萬五千個法案被提出來，但只有不到五％的法案會在委員會內討論和表決，況且又能排入全院議程、通過成為法律，可見台灣旅行法過程之困難。

有人不禁問道，為什麼該法能在十三個月的時間內走過所有的立法程序？其實 FAPA 在二○○四年就首度提出「台美高層互訪」的決議案，二○一五年更將該法精神延續、提升法律位階，提出「台灣旅行法」。十四年來不斷的努力，草根外交奏捷，該法在二月二十八日通過，對台灣人民有雙重意義。

而 FAPA 為什麼如此執著於法案？大家可能無法了解在美國國務院內對台美關係的實際操作面有太多的 "Unwritten Restriction"，它就是沒有明文寫出來但限制台灣的種種不公平對待。舉例來說：陳水扁前市長一九九九年可以在華府自由拜訪國會議員，二○○○年當選總統後卻只能過境美國（並由國務院選定過境城市），被三令五申不能會面任何美國友人，當時就有一重量級的國會議員如同電影般情節，經由飯店內送貨的電梯走到陳前總統的套房見面。相同地，蔡英文總統過境時，她被要求在美國行程完全保密、不得隨意走出飯店、不得接受台灣媒體的訪問，而同行的台灣媒體還得下榻於不同飯店，沒有人相信這是台灣民選總統在美國「過境」的待遇，It's just simply UNFAIR。

十多年的努力，我們欣然看到台灣旅行法的正式立法，它當然不代表台灣總統可以在白宮簽署後次日馬上到華府訪問，但是包含的意義有：一、台美關係的提升與正常化；二、台美的互信程度堅強；三、台灣得到更公平的待遇。我們樂觀預見今年六月美國將派出高階代表團，參加在台灣內湖的美國在台協會辦公大樓正式剪綵；或有朝一日台灣總統能夠正式代表台灣人民走進美國白宮和國會山莊。

對 FAPA 來說，我們在國會倡議台灣的腳步永不停歇，對台美關係提升與維護的工作永不間斷，春天的三月

Let's March for TAIWAN!!!

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CA-LA California-Los Angeles Chapter
吴兆峰会長 (Ken Chao-Feng Wu)

CA- Los Angeles Chapter was involved in a few events in this quarter. We hosted an event for Richard Kuo (郭建國) who came and presented a speech on alternative transitional justice and the story behind the famous Taiwan Independence big banners.

Chapter president Ken Wu appeared on behalf of CA-LA in press conference regarding WHA demonstration in Geneva to express our support and wish to have Taiwan be included in WHO.

As for 228, chapter recognizes the importance of recent developments in Hong Kong. We have co-hosted an event with FAHR to invite Professor Chiu-Sen Wang to speak about Taiwan 228 and democratic progress in history and Mr. Charles Lam from Hong Kong Forum - LA to present and speak as panelists at the Taiwan Center regarding the suppression and violence faced by Hong Kongers.

CA-LA also showed support by participating and co-hosting an Institute of Taiwan Studies event featuring Dr. Ian Easton with remarkable insights on Sino-Taiwanese security tensions.
In addition, FAPA joined other organizations in the greater Los Angeles community in also co-hosting a 228 commemoration event with activities that are aimed to appeal to younger generations. Special thanks to Illinois Chapter for helping us with promoting the 228 Writing Contest event.

CA-OC  California-Orange County Chapter  
黃河芬會長 (Josephine Yang)

12/27/17 Christmas Party with Congressman Ed Royce

02/10/18 Ian Easton's speech : 中國侵犯台灣的威脅

02/12/18 Freddy Lim visited CA-OC members

02/25/18 CA-OC 分會舉辦二二八紀念會

CA-SD  California-San Diego Chapter  
洪克璿會長 (Alex Ko-Hsuan Hung)

10/29/2017 CA-SD Chapter Annual meeting: 
New Chapter President (Alex Hung 洪克璿), Chapter Board Members (Stone Jing-Ping Shih 石正平, Alex Hung 洪克璿, Amy Hsiao 蕭誼庭) and Chapter Regional Board Member (Vivian Fu 林郁子) were elected/re-elected from the meeting. We thank the outgoing Chapter President Wani Chen (陳琬貽) for the great leadership in the past two years.

In the meeting, Vivian Fu and Howard Chen (陳建豪) shared their experience on the 35th anniversary of FAPA and national convention advocacy weekend held in September. We also spent time in memory of Prof. Ken Huang (黃根深教授), who is a long time FAPA member and the designer of FAPA logo. Our guest speaker June Lin (林倢) from HQ gave a speech on "Navigating our path towards normalization of country 邁向國家正常化"
02/11/2018 Freddy Lim (林昶佐) speech:
New Power Party (NPP) legislator Freddy Lim (林昶佐) and two of his colleagues 吳崢 and 林穎孟 visited San Diego and gave a great speech on “台灣青年的關鍵任務”. Our chapter co-hosted Lim’s speech.

Freddy reported what NPP has accomplished since joining Taiwan’s parliament and what’s their plan for the future, and how the young generation can get involved to make Taiwan better. The audience responded enthusiastically to Lim’s speech and was excited to see young generations like 吳崢 and 林穎孟 are willing to devote themselves to politics to change Taiwan.

Taiwan Travel Act (TTA) petition collection:
Through on-line campaign and our collaboration with the San Diego Taiwan Center, we collected about hundred petition letters to urge California Senators Kamala Harris and Dianne Feinstein supporting the Taiwan Travel Act (TTA). Our Chapter Regional Board Member Vivian Fu also collected about hundred petition letters to Hawaii Senators Mazie Hirono and Brian Schatz during her business trip to Hawaii. Awesome job Vivian!

FAPA Guardian Award:
Our members Ming-Shian Wu (吳銘賢) and Justina Wu (謝節惠) received FAPA Guardian Award for their great contributions to FAPA. FAPA former National President Mark Kao (高龍榮) and current SCM member Nick Wu (吳仲輝) presented the award to them in our Regional Board Member Vivian Fu’s place. Congrats to Ming-Shian and Justina!

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DC  
Washington, DC Chapter  
2017簡明子會長 (Minze Chien)  
2018彭康豪會長(Howard Peng)

Report by: Minze Chien

DC Chapter 2017 Election Results: New Chapter President - Kang-Hao Peng; Regional Board Director - Minze Chien

02/03/18: DC Taiwanese American Friends meet with Steve Yates

Our long-time friend and ally Steve Yates visited Washington DC on February 3, 2018 to attend the TAAGWC annual meeting. Many members of FAPA DC Chapter participated. We also collected around 300 petition letters to our senators for Taiwan Travel Act during the events.

02/09/18: NPP Speech Event in DC (時代力量 2018 北美巡迴演講會)

DC Chapter co-sponsored the speech event on February 9, 2018 for New Power Party (NPP) Taiwan Legislator Freddy Lim and two NPP candidates for Taipei’s council. The event was held at Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Washington DC (TPC, 華府台華基督教會) with around 80+ people attended. Among them there over half are the young students and young professional which made the event very exciting. (NPP Freddy Lim at TPC)

02/25-03/01/18: 228 Memorial Event Series in DC area

DC Chapter co-sponsored the 228 memorial event series with TPC, TAAGWC (華府台灣同鄉會), Washington DC Taiwan School (台灣學校), and other three organizations. There were concert event and exhibition on February 25, 2018 at the TPC followed by 2 week (2/27 to 3/11) exhibition and a live performance by local musical groups on March 3, 2018 at 2:28PM held at the Culture Center of TECRO. There were around 250 people attended the concert event on 2/25.

華府分會參與主辦時代力量 2月 9日在 TPC 的一場演講會。時代力量代表團由立委林昶佐(Freddy Lim)領隊，加上吳崢、林穎孟位兩位今年 11月要在台北市參選市議員的候選人一行三人來美十天要訪問十個地區。演講主題「台灣青年的時代任務」。

(NPP delegation and some DC members including Minze Chien who is one of the coordinators of Friends of NPP)
華府分會參與主辦華府地區為紀念 228 事件 71 週年，於 2 月 25 日起舉辦連續兩週的「大華府地區 228 紀念系列活動」。這次紀念活動以「愛」、「和平」與「希望」三個不同的單元進行，由華府台灣同鄉會、巴爾的摩台灣同鄉會、台灣人公共事務會華府分會、華府台灣文化中心、華府台灣基督長老教會、台灣人青少年才藝基金會、台美專業協會華府分會及北美台灣人教授協會聯合主辦，駐美國台北經文化代表處、僑委會華府僑教中心及國立台灣歷史博物館協辦。今年以「愛、和平與希望」為主題，希望打破紀念二二八是「政治活動」而讓人不敢或不願參與的刻板印象。以前瞻的態度共同面對這段哀痛的歷史。

華府分會董事長林禮惠會長 (Cecilia Chi)

12/8 - 12/11/17：分會長參加年度委員大會。

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喬州分會長黃澄波博士致贈獎牌向兩組表演者致敬，感謝他們多年來為提升亞特蘭大台灣人音樂藝術水準的付出。活動最後以全體起立齊唱『台灣翠青』作結，這首鄭玉善牧師的詩詞、蕭泰然譜曲的台灣建國名曲，代表亞特蘭大台美人，對台灣前途將是建立新而獨立的國家獻上一份愛和向望。

此外，現場還分發了前美國史館館長張炎憲博士的三篇文章，讓與會者從台灣角度了解228的歷史意義。最後，我們還要求與會者簽署「台灣旅行法」的請願書，準備經由FAPA總部送交給本州兩位參議員Jonny Isakson和David Purdue，要求他們聯署和支持該法。

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黃慶鐘會長 (Ching-Chong Huang)

11/15/17 與全美台灣同鄉會一起前往華府到台灣駐美代表處，為台灣駐美代表處正名一事，與高碩泰大使會面談話，面交全美二千四百多位鄉親連署Taiwan Representative Office (TRO)正名文件。

12/03/17 邀請七位在芝華哥地區的年輕會員、會友在中國城的多樂餐廳用午餐，大家見面談談，對FAPA工作及對台灣將來能作可作該作的事情交換意見，大家相見歡。

12/08/17 芝加哥一行四人，包括分會長黃慶鍾、區域委員暨中常委楊欣晉、區域委員陳明正委託年輕會員鄭宇倫，加上全國委員沈耀初教授，同赴華府參加年度全國委員大會。

12/09/17 FAPA全國委員大會晚宴上獲頒2017年Excellent Chapter的榮譽，感謝分會理事會團隊、分會會員會友及芝加哥台美人鄉親的支持與同心合力來為台灣發聲，齊作代誌，這個榮譽屬於大家共有。

12/11/17 星期一伊利諾州分會四勇士前往國會山莊為台灣發聲，拜會了伊利諾州聯邦眾議員Brad Schneider和Peter Roskam的辦公室，與他們的外交助理相談甚歡。特別感謝鄭宇倫在隔天12日早上又獨自一人回到參議員辦公大樓，拜訪Senator Tammy Duckworth的辦公室，爭取對台灣的支持。

01/19/18 經一位熱愛台灣的鄉親介紹，當天早上八點在芝加哥市區，分會的二位代表：楊欣晉中常委與沈耀初全國委員作伙去參加Christopher Kennedy (Son of Senator Robert Kennedy)為爭取代表民主黨參選伊利諾州州長所舉辦的早餐會，約有一百人參與盛會。Kennedy家族多人與Christopher的副手搭檔Ra Joy在場和與會者致意。在短暫的對話中，Christopher Kennedy及Ra Joy對台灣都有相當程度的瞭解。我們也特別向Ted Kennedy Jr. 表達台美人對他的父親前國會參議員Ted Kennedy長期支持台灣人權及民主自由的感謝。
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Kansas Chapter
楊理典會長 (Ken Yang)

1. FAPA annual board meeting at Washington DC:

The chapter president attended the annual FAPA board meeting for the first time from December 8-10, 2017. The agenda included discussion/vote on budget and proposals of resolution, reports from HQ and chapters, and election of the President and four regions’ standing committees. I enjoyed getting to know so many people who dedicate their time and money to work for Taiwan democracy and independence, and I was very pleased to see more young generation members getting involved.

2. Response to FAPA HQ Taiwan Travel Act petition letter to the Senate:

Kansas chapter members are actively participating in the drive to permit visits between U.S. and Taiwanese government officials. We have collected 180+ signed petition letters. We plan to visit Kansas Senators Pat Robert and Jerry Moran’s offices in March. With our collective efforts, we hope the act will be passed in the Senate this year.

3. Local chapter activities:

Kansas chapter will host our first chapter meeting on May 12, 2018. We have invited Coen Blaauw, the Formosan Association for Public Relations (FAPR) executive director, to be the keynote speaker.

4. Active recruitment of new members and updating profiles of returning members:

We are pleased to introduce the following individuals who recently joined FAPA as Kansas chapter members: Jackson Chang, Melanie DeMoss, Feng Hrizuk, and Edward Wang.

MA
Massachusetts Chapter
詹富然會長 (Stephanie Chan)

Year 2017 Report

Monthly Harvard Square Outreach for Taiwan (Every 2nd Saturday of the month): For over 7 years, every 2nd Saturday of the month, rain or shine (or snow!), we gather in front of Harvard Square Station to share with people passing by our love for Taiwan, our concern for Taiwan’s international standing, and our dedication to keep Taiwan free.
This year we also designed new signboards to use at outreach with trivia quiz questions to teach people more about Taiwan and the wonderful things it has to offer.

Taiwan Peace Day Proclamations: We received a proclamation from the Mayor of Malden to declare February 28, 2017 as "Taiwan Peace Day," encouraging all citizens to recognize this 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.

Taiwanese American Heritage Week (TAHW) Proclamations: We received 5 TAHW proclamations this year, including one from the governor's office and four from cities and towns across Massachusetts.

05/20/17 Chapter annual meeting: June Lin “Navigating the path toward Taiwan's normalization as a country”:

As a small but tenacious country, Taiwan performs a complicated balancing act between two great powers - the United States and China. In the past few years, with the rise of civic power and vibrant democracy movements, the political landscape and the fate of Taiwan has forever been changed. With the KMT party-state’s power deteriorating, we are finally making the steps toward the normalization of our country. However, with the recent election of President Trump, we are now at a critical juncture of US-Taiwan relations, facing both new challenges and new opportunities. As Taiwanese American grassroots advocates, how can we find a path for Taiwan to establish itself as a country, despite the looming uncertainty worldwide?

Local Congressional outreach (Ongoing)

03/03/17 - MA 5th District Town Hall - Congresswoman Katherine Clark
Who: Joseph McHugh, Howard Fass, Chia-Chun Chung, David Sun, Stephanie Chan, Ho-Chou Tu, Meng-Yun Lin
04/13/17 - MA 7th District Town Hall - Congressman Michael Capuano
Who: Sean Chung, Jennifer Huang, Jenny Chu, Ho-Chou Tu, Meng-Yun Lin

We used the 3 minute time we have to talk to the Congressman about Taiwan Travel Act, and ask him to consider co-sponsoring. The Congressman has not heard about the bill, and said he will do some research about it. The Congressman also made a remark that China is a big issue when it comes to giving Taiwan more space.

09/17/17 - MA Senator Edward Markey Town Hall
Who: Chia-Chun Chung, Meng-Yun Lin, Meng-Chun Chiang, Betsy Su, Wantzu Liu, CM Liu
We thanked the Senator for his longstanding support for Taiwan and mentioned that Taiwanese American is one of the fastest-growing population in Mass. We mentioned that Taiwan is an important ally. In addition to its geopolitical importance, Taiwan is democratic, progressive, and one of the first countries in Asia to support marriage equality, and has universal healthcare. We asked that Senator Markey help ensure that Taiwan is not used as a bargaining chip in the negotiation with North Korea. Senator Markey answered, “Taiwan is an ally to the U.S. There are about 22M, 25M people, capitalistic, democratic, and recently progressive, and we need them as allies as we?? Thank you” (applause).

NY-Albany New York-Albany Chapter

01/27/18: NY-Albany chapter 2018 first chapter meeting was held at the local Takara Restaurant (Taiwanese). We celebrated that the House unanimously passed the Taiwan Travel Act (HR535) and WHO bill (HR3320). Thanks to all members and friends' petition letters to our Congressman Paul Tonko for co-signing both resolutions.

02/17/18: Lunar New Year celebration dinner, Congressman Tonko paid us a visit and gave an honorable citation to our local Taiwanese group (TAA). Thanks to FAPA Member/TAA president Lifen Kang and the former president Shyh-Chin Huang to make this happen.

NJ-S New Jersey-South Chapter

On Dec 2, 2017 chapter meeting:

- Elected 2018 South Jersey chapter president: Carol Kuo (10 voted yes, 1 voted no)
- Members present: Ronald & Yvette Jan, Taiyih Chang, Chloe Bension, Tinna Shih, Tsin & Janice Chuang, Mei Chow, Linda Chen, Tony & Carol Kuo (total of 12)
- 李秉深、陳慧珠 couple also send in their greetings. We wish them healthy and happy!

We are sorry to learn that former chapter president Harry Tarng has passed away on Mrch 2. The Tarng family made a donation to FAPA in his name. We will forever miss Harry and his contribution in this community.
NY-Hudson  New York-Hudson Chapter
歐陽吉林會長 (Chi-Lin O'Young)

11/11/17; Chapter Meeting
The meeting was held at East Fishkill Public Library. HQ Vice President Mr. Hsi-Ming Lin flew from Atlanta to greet everybody and gave a presentation on FAPA activities. Chapter president Chi-Lin O'Young also summarized Chapter activities and accomplishments.

12/8-11/17: DC Board Meeting & Capitol Hill Advocacy
Board Member Thomas Hwang and Chapter President Chi-Lin O'Young attended the three-day Meeting ended on Sunday, December 10. On Monday, both joined the advocacy team to visit the Congress (attached photo). In a busy schedule, five NY Congress Offices were contacted including Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D, 13th District), Rep. John Faso (R, 19th District), Rep. Sean Maloney (D, 18th District), Senator Kristen Gillibrand (D) and Senator Charles Schumer (D). Taiwan Travel Act HR535/S1051 and a variety of issues were discussed with specific requests to each Congressperson. A report was written to follow up and monitor the progress.

01/31/18; Senator Gillibrand's Meeting
Following up on our December DC advocacy, seven Chapter Members visited Senator's Regional Director, Susan Spear, at East Fishkill Library (attached photo). We had one hour meeting to exchange a variety of issues of concern to Taiwanese Americans with emphasis on cosponsoring the Taiwan Travel Act S1051 and membership of Senate Taiwan Caucus. More than 40 TTA petition letters were handed to her. We had a very successful meeting and received a warm response. We will continue to follow up and monitor the progress.

OH-C  Ohio-Central Chapter
施忠男會長 (Chung Shih)

二月二十四日 OH-C 會員聚餐，也為二二八四大屠殺罹難的同胞默禱。吃土耳其菜，菜的調味較濃。飯後轉移到會員家裡開會。開會房間寬敞舒適，會員也帶來年糕，會員高興，主人放心。
Hsieh quickly organized a fund raising effort for the area victims. On September 12, he personally delivered checks with a total of $4,500 to Hanah Brumplay, business operation coordinator at HQ of Dallas area Red Cross.

August to September: Letter petition campaign in support of Japanese organization’s initiative of asking International Olympic committee (IOC) to allow Taiwan to use “TAIWAN” for Taiwanese team to participate in 2020 Olympic in Tokyo instead of Chinese Taipei.

10/10/17: Kim Yang was re-elected as an at-large board member.

09/23-25/17: five old FAPA members – Dr. Ming-Chi Wu, Dr. Kim Yang, chapter president, John Hsieh and Chia whei Hsieh, Shige Wu and two young members Dr. Yu-Ju Chen and Rachel Jiang went to DC to attend this year’s (only 2nd time in the last 35 years) member convention. Also took part in the advocacy work of visiting the Capitol Hill on September 25 (Monday), visiting offices of Congressmen Joe Barton, Sam Johnson, Pete Sessions, Michael Burgess, Ken Marchant, and Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, and also office of Senator Ted Cruz. Among discussing broad issues related to Taiwan, the key request was to co-sponsor the Taiwan Travel Act (HR 535 and S 1051).

09/28-29/17: chapter president, John Hsieh went to San Jose to attend this year’s second face to face standing committee meeting.

11/05/17: chapter held chapter meeting to brief the member convention and the Capitol Hill visit. And also solicit comment/input for the upcoming board meeting.

12/07-09/17: 会长、楊金文及李再添夫婦參加2017年的委員會，本分會連續第四年得到Chapter of The Year，會長真感謝大家的支持。
委員大會次日，我們到國會拜訪兩位參議員及五位眾院議員辦公室，拜託他們支持台灣旅行法及幫助台灣參與WHO/WHA。

01/13/18: 幾位會員參加此地Collin County共和黨第五十屆林肯日，並表揚第三選區的Sam Johnson眾議員的活動。Johnson議員從二十幾年前競選第一任時我們就認識了，他在國會一直是很支持台灣。他計畫到今年底退休了，幾位會員特別去參加這盛會，表達對他長期在國會支持台灣的感謝，並去瞭解可能取代他席次的人。

01/20/18: 接到Van Taylor辦公室的通知，在該日到附近 McKinney市去參加他的活動。並在開始前乘機會與他本人拉一下DFW台美人二十多年來和Sam Johnson的交情，並教育他有關台灣的議題。會長順便提到他女兒很喜歡煙火，還特別email幾年台北101大樓除夕煙火的YouTube給他。這次活動走三、四個鐘頭，當作健身運動。

02/17/18: 會員大力幫忙農曆年活動，並請同鄉簽名台灣旅行法請願書給John Cornyn參議員。本州另一位參議員Ted Cruz已在去年十二月聯署該法。

03/03/18: 會員全力支援二二八七十一周年紀念會。
03/06/18: 鼓勵同鄉/會員/同鄉參與德州的初選活動和Precinct Convention，我們已準備一決議案要求國會請蔡英文總統到國會演講。

03/17/18: DFW台美人將有一 Pete Sessions的活動，他是Rules委員會主席，眾院內其他十三個委員會的東西都要經過他過目，我們與他是二十幾年舊識。

南德州分會 2017 年年度報告(郭正光)

南德州分會在六年前就已跳居全國最多會員以及捐款最高的分會。不論會員數或捐款額都佔全國的十分之一上下。得到這個榮譽卻也給分會帶來很大的壓力，因為擔任會長者都不願看到分會在自己任會長時走下坡退到第二名。我在2016年第二次擔任會長，雖然對會務很熟，但是要維持本分會的美名，在日漸老化，日漸凋零的休士頓台美人社區中是一件需要比過去更努力付出的任務。很慶幸的是我們分會有幾位死忠熱心又慷慨的老理事，以及一群活力十足熱情負責的老理事，每個月開理事會最少則七、八人，多則十幾人參加，幾乎比一個小分會的會員會還熱鬧。所以，兩年下來我可以圓滿完成任務，不必覺得慚愧地交出棒子給下任會長鄭金蘭。
分會在 2016 年的會員數達到歷年最高點，共有 326 人。這個增加的原因是因為總部的新規定 - 夫婦捐 $100 者就有 Complimentary membership，以及年青會員的增加。捐款數目比 2015 年略少。故在 2017 年我們很早就開會決定年度活動如下：

(1) 參加四月台灣夜市活動，擺攤位以賺取補助 YPG 去華府參加 Congressional Workshop 的費用。(2) 6 月舉辦募款餐會，主講人第一人選是賴清德市長，第二人選是葉望輝 (Steven Yates)。(3) 八月選派及補助 YPG 會員去華府參加國會倡議。(4) 10 月年度會員大會。(5) 11 月分會理事 Retreat。

我們在 2016 曾以分會之名參加台灣夜市，擺攤位賣刈包和蚵仔麵線，生意很好，淨收入 $1800。2017 年改賣魯肉飯和台南擔麵，但天氣稍熱，台南擔麵滯銷，結果只比去年多賺 $200。我們把這筆收入補助兩位年青人參加海台青的年會和美東夏令會; 也補助了五位青年及學生會員參加總部在 9 月 23-25 日舉辦的 FAPA 三十五週年大會以及次日的國會訪問。他們總共拜訪了 27 位國會議員的辦公室，很興奮地得到兩位眾議員參與台灣旅行法 (Taiwan Travel Act) 的聯署。更值得一提的是我們補助參加海台青年會的兩位年青人參加海台青的年會和美東夏令會。他們把過去五、六十年有關台灣的法案都整理出來，每個議員的投票記錄等等都可在網頁中搜尋。該 Project 甚至獲得台灣民間成立的 g0v 基金會 50 萬台幣的獎金。本分會深以有如此優秀的會員為榮。

我們的年度募款餐會在 6 月 3 日舉行。透過李席舟與葉望輝聯絡，很幸運地，他在六月初的週末有空，由於他的知名度及號召力，加上全體理事的努力，使我們的募款比 2016 整整多出一萬元 (共收到近 $45000)，參加人數接近 200 人，算是一次相當成功的募款餐會。詳情已在 FAPA 的季刊登出，餐會後我們再寄信給沒來參加的會員，再度提醒他們贊助及交會費。經過這個努力，我們今年在六月底時的會員數達 315 人，比 2016 只稍減 10 人。

原本我們分會答應承辦今年九月不分區委員選舉的選務工作。不巧的是休士頓在 8 月 26 日起連續下了四天豪大雨，造成許多地方淹水，理事也有人家中淹水，因此難以聚集人力去辦選務工作。幸好總會會長陳正義的協調，立刻轉交由洛杉磯分會主辦，才能順利選出新的全國不分區理事。在此，要謝謝洛杉磯分會的理事們，也謝謝各地 FAPA 的朋友對這次水災的關心和慰問。

分會的會員大會在 10 月 28 日下午召開，有超過半數的會員參加。有邀請新到任的 TECC 處長陳家彥參加並簡短致辭。我們的主講者是 Global Taiwan Institute (GTI) 的副董事長胡兌昀女士。她詳細介紹了 GTI 的組織工作，過去一年多做過的活動成果，以及未來的展望。她說她很高興受 FAPA 分會邀請，希望以後在華府能結合 GTI、FAPA 以及 TECRO 的共同力量，為台美外交努力。會中，我們選出了新會長鄭金蘭，也選出了四位全國委員，他們是郭正光、宋明麗、楊欣蓉、李健源，後兩位是年青世代。鄭會長為了感謝過去兩年大家的支持和捐款，特地親自下廚，為一百六七十人做了兩道台灣點心 - 魯肉飯和肉羹，很受喜愛。這個會員大會雖提醒是免費的，仍然有許多鄉親捐款，共收到 $4300，也有 8 位新會員加入或歸隊。

原擬在 11 月舉辦的理事 Retreat 因為活動太多而取消，取而代之的是參加 11 月 18 日台灣政府與 Houston St. Thomas University 共同舉辦全天的台美外交展望研討會。我們分會有十多位會員參加。除了一些學者專家的學術發表外，晚宴的主講者有兩位，一是台灣陸委會的副主委張天欽先生，另一位是前任 AIT 主席薄瑞光 (Raymond Burghhardt)。
會中與談人評述此事件，一、大多數人咸認影響不大，川普總統應可看穿習近平隆重歡迎背後的中美基本價值巨大差異。二、座談會標題不應稱「大陸」而應是「中國」。三、座談會應加重邀請更多媒體參與。沈會長並提到由美、日、澳、印行成的鑽石四角連線，台灣正處在正中間，是圍堵中國戰略的重要地位，美國當然不會讓中國併吞台灣。

11/10/17：由薛淑津女士奔走發起，西雅圖有力台僑界支持的夏波議員(Steve Chabot)活動於2017年11月10日在薛淑津女士家中舉行一個小型的私人餐會，這位常在國會為台灣發聲的資深議員夏波特別從俄亥俄州飛來參加。總會陳正義會長、華州分會沈信彥會長夫婦、周昭亮夫婦、林正民夫婦、邱鴻楨夫婦、賴德軒、邱俊雄、蔡英姿、林榮祿、姚金祥等等出席。當晚熱烈討論國會連線、台灣旅行法、平反阿扁多項議題。對夏波議員而言，他感受到台美人的熱情和支持。

12/02/17：大西雅圖地區台美人，為感謝一向支持台灣的美國友人葉望輝(Stephen Yates)先生，於當天中午舉行餐會，有約50人與會。餐會由前華州分會長黃邦雄博士主持，首先請陳柏壽牧師做禱告後進行豐盛午宴，當午宴進行一半時，由台灣同鄉會林正民會長致歡迎詞，接著另外兩位籌畫人周昭亮、沈信彥也上台說明活動籌劃原由，並鼓勵大家支持這位台灣好友─葉望輝先生。

葉隨後在眾人熱烈拍手聲中上台。他詳細解說他與台灣的因緣，他說年輕時被教會派到台灣中南部傳福音，結交了很多台灣朋友。在廢除戒嚴法前後時期，見證到台灣轉型為民主國家的許多偉大而令人興奮的事件。它並解說他的中文名字的由來，其實和李登輝總統並沒有直接關聯。

葉認為台灣政府花很大經費請公關公司遊說國會，其實效果有限。若政府能更注重各州地方政府的運作，讓州政府及議員們有感於台灣在民主及經貿對他們的感動，由地方影響中央，則更能發揮草根力量。而在這一塊，台美人就更能發揮在地方上的影響力，讓美國人民有感，與我們同聲出氣，則台灣的安全就有得保障。

他演講完後，不少同鄉提出問題交換意見，大家用行動表示對葉望輝的支持，尤其文芳賢、薛淑津夫婦對葉非常感動，大家的熱情和行動誠為佳事。