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Petition letters for H.C.R.124 and S.2962 are included in this issue.
Sign and send them back to FAPA HQ to ask your Representatives and Senators for their support!!!
【President’s Corner】

Dear FAPA members:

When I was traveling home from the TAC East Coast summer conference in Philadelphia and from the TAC Midwest conference in Indiana, I realized how much appreciation and love there is for FAPA all around the US; especially during these trying times where FAPA and FAPR are challenged with a lawsuit. It is indeed very heartwarming to see how our members rally behind FAPA in a time of anguish.

During separate FAPA gatherings at both conferences that were attended by close to 40 FAPA leaders at TAC-EC and 50 at TAC-Midwest, I updated both groups on the status of the lawsuit and informed them that the report from the internal review committee was submitted to the full FAPA Board.

Visitors from Taiwan to the FAPA office are always surprised how small the FAPA office is and how few staffers we have, but that –despite this- we continue to accomplish miracles for Taiwan.

We always respond by stating that the three reasons why FAPA is so successful, despite its limited resources and limited staff, are the following three:

1. We sell American values such as freedom, human rights and democracy for Taiwan
2. We are a grassroots organization: we have thousands of Taiwanese Americans pushing our issues all over the nation.
3. We are an unselfish advocacy group: we do not do this for ourselves but for our families in Taiwan and for the people of Taiwan.

And meeting those FAPA patriots at the TAC-EC and TAC-MW summer conferences and elsewhere made me realize how especially important FAPA’s grassroots capability is. Without you, the FAPA family, we would not be as successful as we are and have been.

The FAPA Standing Committee has prioritized the issues we will work on and seek support for from the Congress for the remainder of the year, and the Taiwan International Participation Act aka TIPA and diplomatic relation with Taiwan resolution HCR 124 will be our priorities. I have sent petitions to FAPA Board and Forum for both pieces of legislation and hope you will be able to gather signatures in your local chapter.

Other good news is that we added four young staffers to our HQ team during the past weeks. Cosette Chen will be in charge of membership and website. Dee Wu will work full time as policy coordinator. Shelly Lu is an intern who started on June 1 and will be with us until August 7. We also rehired our former staffer Chris Lin for July and August to work on several projects that require his expertise. In addition, we are in the process of hiring an executive director to lead our headquarters.

One more thing: please reserve the weekend of September 15 to 17 to go to Washington DC to advocate for Taiwan. You will find more details about this advocacy conference for the young and old on our website: www.fapa.org.

I do not need to remind you that one of the reasons our Taiwan Travel Act was passed in both houses was because of our grassroots petitions and Congressional visits in September last year. Please make an effort to attend this year’s Advocacy Conference as well.

And finally, never forget that: WE ARE FAPA!

Mike Chung Kung Kuo, Ph.D.
【會長的話】

致親愛的 FAPA 會員:

當我從費城的美東夏令會以及印第安那的中西部夏令會返家時，我意識到我有多麼地感謝和喜愛各地的 FAPA 會員，尤其 FAPA 和 FAPR 正在法律訴訟的困境之中。看到我們的會員於此艱困的時間支持 FAPA 真的是讓人欣慰。在另外由約 40 位來自美東夏令會，與 50 位來自中西部夏令會領導人組成的會議中，我分別向他們報告法律訴訟的進度，並告知他們內部檢討小組的報告已經送至 FAPA 董事會。

來自台灣拜訪 FAPA 的朋友總是很驚訝，一個規模小、員工少的組織竟然可以替台灣成就這麼多。儘管人力和物力的不足，但我們總是以下面三點來解釋 FAPA 的成功:

1. 我們向美國人傳遞台灣的自由、人權、民主價值
2. 我們是草根組織: 我們有數千個台美人在全美推動議題
3. 我們是無私的倡議社團: 我們不是為了自己，而是在台灣的家人以及台灣的人民

跟美東、中西部夏令會的愛國者們見面，讓我理解到 FAPA 草根力量的重要性。沒有你們這些 FAPA 的家人們，我們無法取得今天的成就。

FAPA 常務委員會已經決定未來議題的優先順序。我們在接下來的一年中，將會主要尋求國會支持 S2962 台灣國際參與法和 HCR124 建交決議案。我已經將兩份連署信交給 FAPA 常務委員會和 FAPA 論壇，希望您們能在地方分會的領導下連署與支持。

另外一個好消息是我們 FAPA 總部最近增加四個年輕成員。兩位全職員工：陳思穎負責會員資料及網站，吳迪負責政策事務。盧昭穎是六月一日報到的實習生，她將在八月七日完成她的實習。我們同時也再次邀請前員工林楷夫，他將在七月和八月負責多份需要他經驗和專業的事項。我們現在也正在尋找新的執行長來領導 FAPA 總部。

最後一件事: 請大家空出九月十五至十七日的時間前往華盛頓特區替台灣發聲。你們可以在 FAPA 的網站上看到更多有關 2018 年度國會倡議工作坊的資料: www.fapa.org。

我無須再次提醒，台灣旅行法在參眾兩院的通過是因为我們的草根連署以及去年九月來自全美各地會員的國會倡議、拜訪。在此敬邀各位會員再次參與今年的倡議工作坊。

最後請別忘記，我們都是 FAPA!

郭正光 慶上

(吳迪漢文翻譯)
US OFFICIALS PROCLAIM THIRD WEEK OF MAY AS TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK

Since 1999, Taiwanese Americans around the nation have annually celebrated the Taiwanese American Heritage Week (TAHW) during the week starting with Mother’s Day. The week from May 13 to May 19 is dedicated to recognizing and appreciating all aspects of Taiwanese American Heritage in the United States.

Great work by FAPA’s Oregon/SW Washington chapter and FAPA’s Boston chapter in securing Taiwanese American Heritage Week proclamations from their local officials!

List of Taiwanese American Heritage Week Proclamations We Received in 2018:

Kate Brown, Governor of Oregon
Denny Doyle, Mayor of Beaverton, OR
Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington
Scott Higgins, Mayor of Camas, WA
Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, WA
Marc C. McGovern, Mayor of Cambridge, MA

Congressional Record:

Ron Wyden, Senator of Oregon
Maria Cantwell, Senator of Washington
Patty Murray, Senator of Washington
Jaime Herrera Beutler, House Representative, WA

REP. STEVE CHABOT ASKS SECRETARY POMPEO RE. THE TAIWAN TRAVEL ACT

On May 23, the House Foreign Affairs Committee held a hearing with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo as a witness. Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH) challenged the Secretary on the implementation of the Taiwan Travel Act, adding that he will urge John Bolton to attend the opening of the new American Institute in Taiwan building on June 12.

CHABOT: Mr. Secretary, as the founding member of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, I'd like to focus first on one of our key allies in what can be, obviously, a very dangerous world -- the nation of Taiwan. And I say “nation” intentionally. It’s not a faux pas. Taiwan has been a de facto independent country for more than half a century now. They of course have to put up with the PRC/China’s bullying on an ongoing basis. The State Department had a self-imposed policy that prevented top Taiwanese officials –
the President, Vice President, Foreign Minister, Defense Minister — from coming into the United States, including to our nation's capital here in Washington, D.C. They can transit through, say, Los Angeles or San Francisco, as they headed to South America, for example. But that was it. And top U.S. officials couldn't travel to Taiwan. That policy was disrespectful and counterproductive, in my view. Recently, the House unanimously passed HR 535, and I'd like to thank my Democratic colleague, Mr. Brad Sherman, as well as Chairman Royce and others for joining me as principal sponsors in what passed the House unanimously, and passed the Senate unanimously, and then President Trump, god bless him, signed it into law. I would note that the resolution not only allows high-level visits, but encourages them. Mr. Secretary, I'd like to encourage you and the rest of the administration to take advantage of this. And I don't want to put you on the spot or anything, but I would hope that at some point in the not-too-distant future, President Tsai of Taiwan herself could come and address a joint session of Congress or visit President Trump in the White House. Secretary Pompeo responded: In my previous role I was part of the discussions around that, understanding, trying to at least understand the implications, the American national security implications for it. The administration has had many discussions, we understand its implications not only its urgings, but the direction to travel that was required by that, and you should have great confidence we will continue to abide by that.

REP. CHABOT URGES JOHN BOLTON TO TRAVEL TO TAIWAN FOR AIT OPENING

In a move to showcase the newly enacted Taiwan Travel Act, Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH) urged National Security Adviser John Bolton to attend the opening of the new American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) building in Taipei on June 12, 2018.

Congressman Chabot is a long-time supporter of Taiwan. He is a founding chairman of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, former chairman of the House Asian Subcommittee and initiator of the Taiwan Travel Act that was signed into law by the President on March 16.

The Congressman wrote: “On June 12, 2018, the American Institute in Taiwan is scheduled to open a new building in Taipei. This new complex will assist in the consolidation of operations that are currently scattered among several sites. The new and modern building complex, that underwent construction beginning in 2009,

FAPA PRESIDENT URGES COSTCO TO HOLD THE LINE

In a letter dated June 8, 2018, FAPA President Mike Kuo urged COSTCO to “hold the line” in light of recent Chinese bullying of foreign companies.

Dr. Kuo wrote: “We are grateful that COSTCO moved Taiwan from the province options to the country options in its online job application section of the COSTCO website upon our request in April 2016. In a letter dated April 4, 2016, you wrote us: “The oversight will be corrected… As you probably know, we have retail locations in Taiwan and very much consider it a country…”

Dr. Kuo added: “We are thankful for this clear affirmation by COSTCO of the reality that Taiwan IS a country.”
After explaining why Taiwan IS a country, Dr. Kuo concluded: “China’s bullying of international companies is “Orwellian Nonsense” indeed, where a politically closed system deploys its economic weight in the global free market to compel democratic countries to renounce their ideals of free expression and support for other democratic countries. I therefore urge COSTCO to continue present reality and logic in response to China’s irrational and unfounded claims over Taiwan.”

REP. ROHRABACHER INTRODUCES LEGISLATION CALLING FOR US-TAIWAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND END TO ONE CHINA POLICY

On Wednesday, June 20, United States Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) introduced legislation HCR124 in the U.S. House of Representatives, calling upon the United States government to resume diplomatic relations with Taiwan and to abolish the U.S. One China Policy.

Rep. Rohrabacher is a longtime supporter of Taiwan and a founding co-chairman of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus.

The resolution concludes that: “(1) the President should abandon the fundamentally flawed “One China Policy” in favor of a more realistic “One China, One Taiwan Policy” that recognizes Taiwan as a sovereign and independent country, separate from the Communist regime in China;

(2) the President should begin the process of resuming normal diplomatic relations with Taiwan;

(3) the President, the Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations, and other relevant United States officials should aggressively support Taiwan’s full participation in the United Nations and any other international organization of which the United States is a member, and for which statehood is a requirement for membership.”

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FAPA ARTICLES

03/13/18 – TAIPEI TIMES – In his Taipei Times article “Act Signals Improved Taiwan-US Relations,” FAPA President Mike Kuo discusses the Taiwan Travel Act and writes: “One day, maybe the Taiwanese president will walk into the White House or US Capitol Building on behalf of Taiwanese. FAPA will not cease its efforts to promote Taiwan in the US Congress, and to improve and maintain Taiwan-US relations. Let us march for Taiwan this spring.”

03/16/18 – LIBERTY TIMES – In his article in the Liberty Times, FAPA President Mike Kuo calls upon Taipei to start negotiating with the Vatican urging them to diplomatically recognize Taiwan AND China.

04/20/18 – LIBERTY TIMES – In his article in the Liberty Times, FAPA President Mike Kuo elaborates on four important takeaways from the Taiwan hearing that took place in the House Asian Subcommittee on April 17.

04/27/18 – LIBERTY TIMES – In his article in the Liberty Times, FAPA President Mike Kuo calls for Taiwan’s inclusion in the World Health Assembly in Geneva gradually leading to full WHO membership for Taiwan, accuses China of playing politics with the lives of the people of Taiwan, and proposes a strategy to bring Taiwan into international organizations such as the WHO, the ICAO and Interpol…

04/29/18 – TAIPEI TIMES –In his Taipei Times article, FAPA President Mike Kuo calls for Taiwan’s inclusion in the WHA and proposes a strategy to bring Taiwan into international organizations such as the WHO, the ICAO and Interpol… Within a few days it became the Taipei Times most read article.

05/30/18 – TAIPEI TIMES – In his Taipei Times article, FAPA President Mike Kuo calls for dual/separate recognition of Taiwan and China by the Vatican, concluding: “We at FAPA therefore urge Taiwan Vice President Chen again to use his good offices and call upon the pope to move toward “dual recognition.” It is an idea that is long overdue — it is now or never.”

06/03/18 – LIBERTY TIMES – The Liberty Times published a similar article by FAPA President Mike Kuo urging VP Chen to start reaching out to the Vatican.

06/30/18 – LIBERTY TIMES – The Liberty Times published an article by FAPA President Mike Kuo calling upon the US government to read China the riot act at the highest level because of China’s continuously changing of the status quo in the Taiwan Strait.

07/03/18 – TAIPEI TIMES – The Taipei Times published a similar article by FAPA President Mike Kuo calling upon the US government to read China the riot act at the highest level because of China’s continuously changing of the status quo in the Taiwan Strait.

07/14/18 – The Apple Daily published an article by FAPA President Mike Kuo calling for an end to the US One China Policy.

!!HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCEMENT!!

Please provide your email address to stay informed about FAPA’s calendar, upcoming events, press releases and/or Taiwan related legislation in progress by HQ and other latest information of FAPA. This will also help us to build up and update the database of FAPA members.

How:
1. Go to FAPA website (www.fapa.org)
2. Click on “join FAPA’s Constant Contact group here”
3. Submit your current contact information and valid email on the Google form.

It’s a simple step to help HQ update our members’ database, and if you are no longer interested in receiving email from us, you can simply unsubscribe it anytime yourself.
CA-LA  California–Los Angeles Chapter
吴兆峰会长 (Ken Chao-Feng Wu)

FAPA Los Angeles Chapter has always supported Taiwanese American Heritage Week and this year’s no exception. We not only sponsored the second annual TAHW Children’s Creative Drawing Contest but also a 60-member student choir from Liugui High School (六龜高中) in a Bunun community in Kaohsiung to come and perform in 2018 TAHW in Los Angeles (picture 1).

Chapter president Ken Wu also appeared on behalf of FAPA CA-LA in a “Health for All with Taiwan” press conference that involved more groups in the Taiwanese American community to support Taiwan’s bid to join WHO (picture 2).

FAPA CA-LA also participated as co-organizer for the upcoming speech luncheon featuring chairman Dr. B.H. Kuo of Formosa TV and Formosa Alliance (picture 3).

CA-OC  California–Orange County Chapter
黄河芬会长 (Josephine Yang)

CA-Orange County Chapter held six events from March to June.
1. 3/25/2018  28 FAPA-OC members met with Congressman Ted Lieu (Picture 4)
2. 4/4/2018  Peter Chen, 陳正義律師, former President of FAPA gave a talk: “為什麼台美人對台灣很重要？” “Why Taiwanese Americans are important to Taiwan” at Laguna Woods.
3. 5/11/2018  10 FAPA-OC members attended Young Kim’s (a Republican Congressional candidate) event at congressman Ed Royce’s house (Picture 5)
4. 5/16/2018 FAPA-OC hosted a lunch for Laguna Woods’ FAPA members
5. 6/12/2018 FAPA-OC’s 5th board meeting at 黃河芬's house (Picture 6)
6. 6/17/2018 FAPA-OC hosted a Taiwanese movie night of "悲情城市 (A City of Sadness)" at Laguna Woods Club House 5. In total, 88 FAPA members attended.

CA-SAC California–Sacramento Chapter

黃漠見會長 (Moh Huang)

《喜樂島聯盟》總召集人民視董事長郭倍宏博士和夫人張舜華女士特別接受沙加紐州分會邀請於 7 月 8 日來沙加紐州演講, 講題為「獨立公投、正名入聯」。一百多位會員與來賓出席演講會, 把會場擠得水洩不通, 演講之前特別從內華達州雷諾城趕來的李雪玟教授獻唱了動人的歌曲「母親的名叫台 灣」。郭董事長首先感謝沙加紐州鄉親們熱烈捐助 去年四月支持民視的廣告和今年四月支持喜樂島聯 盟成立的廣告, 接著向大家詳細說明聯盟發起源 由，具體訴求，面對的挑戰及願景。喜樂島聯盟的 目標是要讓台灣成為一個正常的國家，台灣人民有 權決定台灣前途，希望通過全民公投，建立一個名 叫「台灣」的國家。台灣人應該讓全世界人知道台 灣是一個主權獨立的國家，應以「台灣」為國名加 入聯合國，走向世界。公投是世界潮流，是少數服 從多數，用和平方式來決定台灣的未來。郭董事長 認為現在是獨立公投最好的時機，因為綠色現在完 全執政，美國和日本總統都對台灣友好，如果獨立 公投通過，美日兩國為了他們的利益一定會承認。 台灣公投法去年修正，把通過門檻降低，但統獨不 能公投。郭董事長認為五十七位立法委員贊成才 能通過，現在已有三十五位立法委員表示支持。 喜樂島聯盟目標是在明年四月六日，鄭南榕事件三十週 年前一天，舉行獨立公投，不要和總統大選綁在一 起，公投前須要有半年的時間來宣傳。喜樂島聯盟除了 八月十八日在新北市辦群眾大會外，也打算在九月 二十八日召集十萬人走上街頭。郭董事長認為他只 是一個負責媒體的平民，拜託大家一起來支持喜樂 島聯盟的行動。會後郭董事長及夫人和大家合照留 念，並參觀加州州政府州議會大廈，晚上和六十多 位分會理事和會員們共進晚餐。
CA-SD  California–San Diego Chapter
洪克璿會長 (Alex Hung)

- 03/04/2018 台灣參與式預算與新興的民主實踐座談會

The speakers of this event are founders (all under 30) of a non-profit organization in Taiwan called 熱吵民主協會 (Taiwan Reach-Out Association for Democracy, t-ROAD). t-ROAD works on 參與式預算 and 社區營造 (銀髮族的審議民主) in Taiwan in collaboration with government bodies e.g. 台中市政府.

They shared their experience on 參與式預算 and 社區營造 in Taiwan and got great feedback from the audience. The audience was thrilled to see young generations who are willing to devote themselves to promote the democracy in Taiwan in many creative ways.

- 05/02/2018 黃晴美紀念演講

48 years ago a failed assassination of dictator 蔣經國 shocked the world and had great impact on the democracy progress of Taiwan. But people rarely know that 黃晴美, the then wife of assassin 鄭自才 and sister of assassin 黃文雄, also played an important role in the assassination attempt. 黃晴美 just passed away earlier this year in Sweden. Former legislator 陳婉真 and delegate to the National Assembly 吳清桂 talked about this historical event and shared their memories for 黃晴美. The audience was very touched by the stories they shared and showed their respect to this brave Taiwanese woman for her contribution to the democracy of Taiwan.

- 5/20/2018 National President Mike Kuo’s visit

We were honored to have FAPA President Mike Kuo to give a great speech on “FAPA 2018, Past and Future”. In his speech President Kuo talked about the history, mission, and importance of FAPA. He also talked about what FAPA has done recently and what FAPA plans to do in the near future. The audience was thrilled by FAPA’s recent accomplishments and excited to learn about FAPA’s future plan.

- 5/20/2018 Film screen - 井：控制 (Self-Censorship)

We had a film screening for Director Kevin H.J. Lee (李惠仁)’s new documentary “Self-Censorship” (井：控制). This film explores how China limits freedom of expression in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, and shows how it forces “self censorship” of everyone in the society. The audience loved the movie and was alerted by China’s control tactics shown in the movie.
Members of Radical Wings 林春妙, 陳柏惟, 李雨蓁 visited San Diego and gave a great speech on the mission of Radical Wings and how young generations can get involved to make Taiwan better. The audience responded enthusiastically to their speech and was excited to see young generations are willing to devote themselves to politics to change Taiwan.

Chapter president Frank Hsiao reported that (1). Congress passed The Taiwan Travel Act (TTA) in March 2018 and was signed by President Trump as a law. Therefore, high level American officials and military officers can visit Taiwan, and aircraft carriers can visit Kaohsiung port. (2). There are four Seattle FAPA members who accuse FAPA HQ of no transparency in activities and accounting. Discussions followed. The consensus was that, from the FAPA Colorado chapter’s view, we can’t make any comments as our information is incomplete. Discussion followed.

He then discussed possible impact of the US vs China trade war on Taiwan. In short Term: It will affect Taiwanese manufacturers in China due to all the products that are marked as “Made in China.” In Long Term: Encourage more Taiwanese manufacturers to make products in Taiwan.

The Finance Chair Professor Su Kei Wu distributed the financial report of the past and present activities of FAPA-CO. We have sufficient surplus this year. He encouraged our chapter members to send their donation through the local chapter instead of sending directly to the HQ, so the local chapter can get some credit. The next meeting is planned in October. Ms. Edwina Lin served as the secretary/recorder of this meeting.

Before the passing of the TAA, with the help from Mr. Coen Blaauw of HQ, Chapter president Frank Hsiao wrote to Congressman Jared Polis (R-CO) to urge him to vote for TTA. The TTA was passed unanimously in the House. He also wrote a thank you letter, again with the help from Mr. Blaauw, Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO), the Chair of Senate Asia Subcommittee, for his visit to President Ing-Wen Tsai of Taiwan in June.
became so important to the United States all of a sudden, and agree that this is best time to advocate for Taiwan over the past 40 years in the Congress.

2. Ian Easton, and the Estimation of Taiwanese Military Power, June 30, 2018

The second talk was on June 30. The talk was about Taiwanese military power estimation that was given by Mr. Ian Easton, who is a researcher at Project 2049 Institute. The talk was very informative. FAPA DC members asked a lot of questions and interacted with him passionately. We have learnt the advantages and disadvantages of Taiwan. Though it may seem hopeless if China really invades Taiwan in the first place, it is actually the other way around.
Our South Florida Chapter had the honor to meet Congressional Asian and Pacific Subcommittee Chairman, Ted Yoho on 6/29/18 in a very informative breakfast. We also invited our new Miami TECO (Taipei Economic and Cultural Office) Director General, Mr. David Chien (錢冠州), who is a native Tainanan (台南人) and wants to work for Taiwan’s name rectification and protection of Taiwan interests.

Chairman Yoho was very happy to know our officials and people in Taiwan, and agreed on the issue of Taiwan’s name rectification. Our friendly discussion had various subjects including AIT building in Taipei, appointed AIT Director, China’s infiltration in the world that has damaged the democratic system, military treats, freedom of navigation in South China Sea, One Belt One Road, how America is a leader to coordinate all affected countries and to stop giving financial trade benefits to China, not buying China’s goods, investment in American companies, and so on.

Finally, HCR124 diplomatic relationship between Taiwan and America was discussed and he encouraged FAPA to obtain enough co-sponsors to pass the subcommittee to let it pass the House. Our friendly meeting will be continued when Chairman Yoho shall be in Miami next time.

3/3/2018
今天是芝加哥 228 紀念追思活動，亦是由台灣人公共事務會伊利諾州分會與芝加哥台灣同鄉會合辦，在芝加哥台灣文教中心舉辦。今天活動的重頭戲是邀請在德州奧斯汀的北美台灣研究學會湯舒雯會長前來演講，題目是“後白色恐怖世代的未來：文學見証與轉型正義”。隨後湯會長再到市中心與來自台灣的年輕朋友們見面，為芝加哥圓桌論壇主辦 FAPA 伊利諾州分會協辦的演講座談會作演講，題目是“留學與同學：台灣研究在北美的時代精神”。整個教室坐滿來自台灣的年輕人，隨後的問答連續一個小時欲罷不能。

4/18/3018
在芝加哥台灣文教中心參加由芝加哥台灣各社團為支持台灣參加世界衛生組織年會而舉行的記者會，強烈譴責中國對台灣的打壓，表達台灣對於世界各
地各健康領域的貢獻，強調台灣參與此年會對世界衛生防護體系的重要性與須要性。

5/12/2018
今年的芝加哥台灣傳統週活動，於今天星期六下午在衛思蒙高中大禮堂舉行，亦是由 FAPA 伊州分會與芝加哥台灣同鄉會合辦，另有多個其他台灣本土社團來協辦。今年榮幸再度由二年前來此表演廣獲好評的福爾摩沙馬戲團 FOCA 演出，座無虛席，高水準演出，台僑及外賓讚不絕口，真是為台灣作了一場很精彩的國民外交演出。

Kansas
楊理典會長 (Ken Yang)

The Kansas chapter hosted a successful chapter meeting on May 12, 2018. We invited Coen Blaauw, the Formosan Association for Public Relations (FAPR) executive director, as our keynote speaker. Coen’s address was entitled “Taiwan: The View from Capitol Hill.” Coen brought the FAPA sponsor award plaque that was given to our permanent members, Dr. & Mrs. Song-ping & Li-Ying Lee, at the last FAPA board meeting. It was our honor to have Coen present the plaque to Dr. & Mrs. Lee.

We continue to actively recruit new members. We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Vivian Swafford joined the FAPA family in May 2018. So far this year, we have added five new members and two return members, and our total numbers have reached 63. We continue to work on updating member profiles to be in sync with HQ records.

LA
林麗蓮會長 (Lih-lain Leu)

路易斯安那州 FAPA 年會於六月二十四日，星期日，下午三點至四點在紐奧良台福基督教會聚會。這次我們很高興能邀請到 FAPA 總會會長郭正光博士來分享 FAPA 過去一年已完成的事項和未來想實現的計劃。同時趁此機會讓會長與會員們交流，聊聊天，也給我們大家打打氣。

四點至六點，走遍台灣各鄉鎮廟口街頭演唱，為台灣農民歌唱的打狗亂歌團來紐奧良為本地鄉親演出，更為我們的活動添一份樂趣。

NY-Hudson
歐陽吉林會長 (Chi-Lin O’Young)

NY Hudson Chapter Board-at-Large member, Thomas, and his wife participated among the NATMA (North American Taiwanese Medical Association) to Geneva, Switzerland from May 19th to 21st to advocate for Taiwan joining the WHO (World Health Organization.) For Taiwan joining the WHO is simply a justified and humble request. Since healthcare is a human right and the medicine plays no politics. Thus, the mission statement for WHO is “Health for All.” However, 23 million people in Taiwan are excluded from the organization; Taiwan is not as a member of WHO. This is despite the medical technology and healthcare of Taiwan is ranking #1 in Asia and #3 in the world according to the Economist. Taiwan is definitively able to contribute to the WHO and to the whole world.
The picture below is showing the icon of WHO, a broken chair with three legs, in the UN Plaza.

The broken chair symbolizes that the health issue is not perfect but waiting to be fixed. And WHO would like to try its best to mend that broken leg. However, WHO is excluding Taiwan, how ironic it is!

At the demonstration site, we did the grass-roots work practice in FAPA to the passers-by. In the international environment like this speaking in English is essential. We did it effectively.

In conclusion, what we learn from FAPA can be put to good use, and every Taiwanese American is in a better position to speak up for Taiwan.

(文：黃增桐常委 (Thomas Hwang))

NY-Albany New York-Albany Chapter
吳祚昱會長 (Kevin Wu)

June 2018, FAPA NY-Albany Chapter members joined Congressman Paul Tonko’s birthday celebration.

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

FAPA Syracuse Chapter Annual Picnic was held on June 16th at Pratt’s Falls Park, Manlius, NY. We are very lucky to have a beautiful day for the picnic. A total of 36 of our members, friends and Syracuse University students joined us at this event. FAPA National President Mike Kuo gave us a talk about FAPA history and the present and future agenda.
Our chapter’s work focused on connecting with elected officials from local, state and federal levels in our continued efforts for the Taiwanese American communities to be recognized in mainstream America and come out of invisibility. We strengthen our relationships with policy makers through telling Taiwanese American stories exemplifying our diverse contributions to this land. If we are not the ones to tell our own stories, who will?

This year, our chapter received a record high total of

- 10 official documents from elected officials in the Oregon and Southwest Washington region including:
  - 2 state proclamations (Oregon & Washington),
  - 4 city proclamations (Portland, Beaverton, Vancouver, Camas),
  - 4 congratulatory letters from members of the US Congress (Senators Wyden, Murray, Cantwell and Congresswoman Beutler)
- 1 posting about TAHW on the official City of Portland website
- 3 city council readings (Portland, Beaverton, Camas),
- 5 testimonies presented in front of city councils (Easton Lee, Cherry Chi, Jeff Chang and Anny Hsiao at Portland City Council; Patricia Bivens at Camas City Council)

I would like to thank everyone who came to one, two or three city council meetings in Camas, Beaverton and Portland. I would like to thank Patricia who testified in front of the Camas City Council; Jeff who willingly met with me the night before council at Ava Roasteria to prepare for our presentation and his testimony; Cherry for attending all three city council readings, communicating with the chapter members via invites and photos and her inaugural testimony at Portland City Hall.

I want to especially thank the collaborative efforts of a FAPA member, staunch supporter of our local chapter and Washington resident, Easton Lee who worked on the Washington side while I took on the requests for the Oregon side (since we are a chapter serving both Oregon and Southwest Washington). Requesting proclamations, congratulatory letters and city council readings, organizing speakers to testify, inviting community members to attend requires diligence, patience and time (a lot of it). Easton's efforts were a key part to making this year's TAHW a success. Thank you, Easton!

Last but not least, my sincerest gratitude goes to our members, whose continued support for our educational and advocacy efforts to promote Taiwan in America has made this work possible. Thank you all for promoting Taiwan not just during the TAHW, but constantly through all your other activities and events year round. Our mission to promote Taiwan can only succeed if we all collectively contribute in one way or another. I am proud to represent our chapter, to be a part of our community, and increase visibility for Taiwanese in America from city hall to the United States Congress.

Thank you!
4/28/2018
We invited National President Mike Kuo from Texas to be our special speaker for this year’s FAPA OR SW/WA membership drive.
Topic: The Window Opportunity of FAPA and Taiwan After TTA (Taiwan Travel Act)

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

03/24/2018
John attended the senatorial district convention, particularly the resolution committee’s discussion. They did recognize his resolution submitted at precinct convention but thought it could be approached to the congressional members, instead they came up with a simple paragraph to support Taiwan independence and also recognized as a sovereign nation and also normalized relationship with Taiwan.

06/23/2018
Speaker Tiffany Ma's talk on US-Taiwan-China triangle relations was excellent. She has extensive knowledge on this complicated subject. Everybody was very impressed by Tiffany. Lots of questions were asked and answered. She is very smart and has a great personality. Her career has been rapidly rising. She is only 33 years old and has already served as witness in a House hearing and interviewed by media frequently. I anticipate her to be at other Taiwanese American events in near future.

TX-S Texas-South Chapter
鄭金蘭會長 (Kinglan Hung)

2018/06/02 FAPA 南德州分會餐會
“1000 個轟炸目標，14 個登陸的戰場，一年兩度的時機，以及台灣人民何去何從？” – 易思安
南德州分會今年邀請到「中共攻台大解密」的作者易思安先生，擔任晚會的講者。易思安先生在維吉尼亞州2049計畫研究所的 Asphalt 研究員，他研究涉及美國、台灣和中國的國防和安全問題。2013年夏天，他亦擔任東京日本國際事務研究所的日本學者。易思安先生曾在維吉尼亞州亞歷山大市的國家海軍分析中心擔任中國事務分析師兩年。他之前在台灣和中國上海居住了五年。住在台灣時，他擔任過 Island Technologies Inc.和亞太和平研究所的研究員，在台北期間，他還與美國國防新聞週刊的亞洲事務局長進行了研究。

易思安先生擔任維吉尼亞州 2049 計畫研究所的研究員，他的研究涉及美國，中國，日本和台灣的國防和安全問題。 2013年夏天，他亦擔任東京日本國際事務研究所的訪問學者。易思安先生曾在維吉尼亞州亞歷山大市的國家海軍分析中心擔任中國事務分析師兩年。他之前在台灣和中國上海居住了五年。住在台灣時，他擔任過 Island Technologies Inc.和亞太和平研究所的副所長。在台北期間，他還與美國國防新聞週刊的亞洲事務局長進行了研究。

五點一到，在郭總會長的簡單介紹之後，就是易思安的主題演講：「美國亞洲新戰略---台灣如何抵禦中國的侵略」。易思安不但對於軍事國防的議題研究透徹，他還能夠把原本艱澀難懂的數據和戰略模式深入淺出解釋的很清楚和具體。「中共攻台」這個議題每個人都知道，每個人都會害怕，但很多人選擇逃避。為什麼逃避？因為太空泛了、太虛無飄渺了、離我們太遠了。作者知道這個問題，他說：「因為無知所以恐懼，因為恐懼所以逃避，所以我才想去深入了解，希望藉由了解這個議題而做好準備。」

演講中提到，台灣沿海有哪些地方會是中國攻台時解放軍選定的登陸點，例如林口、金山、福隆、台南、林園、以及加祿堂等；也提到了美國在西太平洋的主要軍事基地，例如關島、杜立捷以及佳世保海軍基地，還有橫須賀美軍艦隊基地等；還有中共攻台的兩棲登陸部隊集結區可能會在福州、平潭、廈門、和汕頭市等。他用地圖向大家展示這些地點，讓聽眾對於中國攻台以及援軍支援的路線更有具體概念，他不斷強調，台灣有很強的應戰策略和優勢，沿海地區詭譎多變的天氣也將成為中國攻台的阻力，台灣人民面對侵略時，會用盡全力抵抗。另外，易思安先生也用肯定的語氣，向大家喊話，台灣是民主國家，台美共享相同的軍事利益和民主價值，台灣一旦失守美國也將無法置身事外，所以美軍是會來支援台灣的。

易思安也談到了前陣子川普總統簽署的「台灣旅行法」，針對大家一直爭辯其法案是否有法律效力時，他也以明確而肯定的口吻回答：「台灣旅行法的確是有法律效力，是經由參眾兩院全院投票通過並由總統簽署的正式法案。」易思安說台灣旅行法對於台灣的重要性，不只是單純的官員互訪，更重要的，是國防官員與軍事專家，可以藉著這個機會在台灣做好相關研究，提供台美更多軍事合作的資源與線索。易思安先生的演講獲得很多迴響，一直到吃飯時間都還有熱心的鄉親前去他討論演講內容，晚餐則是由八達提供美味的便當，會員陳乃瑋和陳筱筠也幫忙切了冰涼的西瓜給大家享用。今年的餐會就在大家的合影和聊天中愉快的結束。感謝
大家熱心參與今年的募款餐會，也謝謝大家持續不斷的用行動支持 FAPA，感謝！感謝！
（文：代理分會長沈怡君理事 (Gracy Shen))

（圖說：易思安、郭正光總會長、以及長期大力支持 FAPA 的會員郭正泉先生合照）

WI Wisconsin Chapter
鄭麗伶會長 (Li-Lin Cheng)

FAPA-WI贊助布農棒球小將林至宏參加釀酒人隊棒球營訓練

威斯康辛分會與威州台灣同鄉會在 2018 年 7 月初完成一項從 2017 年開始的培育計畫，由威州在地 FAPA /同鄉會會員接待來自台灣有潛力的小球員，讓他們參與威州大聯盟球隊釀酒人隊的夏季棒球訓練營，幫助台灣棒球深耕發展。也讓這些小球員們能夠藉此拓展視野與經驗，學習美國的棒球文化；此外，我們也想要藉由這些台灣潛力棒球小將的參與，讓美國的棒球教練、小球員與他們的家長能夠注意到台灣，建立台美之間人民的情誼，促進國民外交。新的合作對象南投縣法治國小由於縣政府財政困頓，使得這個計畫一度將在本年度暫停；但熱情的 FAPA-WI會員們發揮力量，無論是在地鄉親或是在學的學生都願意贊助暑假期間的長榮直飛來回機票，讓這個不計回報培植台灣小將的計畫，在今年得以繼續展開。

南投縣法治國小推薦了現就讀五年級的林至宏赴美交換。他的自我介紹上是這樣寫的：「您好我叫林至宏，我出生於南投縣仁愛鄉的原住民部落，我是布農族人，母語名字叫 Tulai，我是從四年級開始學棒球的，我的興趣是運動、聽音樂，我還是學校歌謠隊的一員，但是我還是最熱愛棒球運動。」這也是我們對 Tulai 的第一印象。
為期 5 天的美國釀酒人隊棒球營訓練，Tulai 表現極為出色，最後更榮獲技能比賽區域冠軍。棒球訓練營的教練團在營期間提供了非常大的幫助。訓練營一般不讓家長在旁陪同訓練，但由於 Tulai 並不熟悉英語，所以營隊教練們特別讓 Tulai 寄宿家庭的家長—小林博仁—全程在旁擔任口譯。對於每年都擁有上百名球員的棒球訓練營來說，能夠為來自台灣的小將給予特別的關心與幫助，讓初來乍到美國的台灣小球員能夠克服語言的障礙，在營隊中無礙的與他人溝通並學習棒球技巧，真的是一件非常難得也十分讓人感謝的事情。

Tulai 回到台灣之後的交換心得寫著：「去美國十一天，這十一天也學到了不少知識。因為我交了不少朋友，而且美國小孩大部分都蠻熱情的！在最後的兩天時間有比模擬賽，即使打不好，教練及美國朋友都給予我非常多的鼓勵，也謝謝他們的阿輝能讓我有機會去美國，我以後一定會好好努力練球朝我的夢想(美國大聯盟)繼續邁進，謝謝！林至宏」。此次計劃也讓中國時報與年代新聞分別製作平面與電子新聞報導，並且在報導中提到 FAPA 全名，讓更多台灣人民能夠從這樣支持台灣運動的計畫開始認識我們。希望我們能夠持續集結在美台灣人的力量，在未來能夠幫助更多的台灣小將前進美國，投資台灣未來的主人翁！
Full Time Staff

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Cosette Chen is the Assistant Administrative Manager focusing on community development, database management and program operation. She received her MA from American University's International Economic Relations, specializing in international business and development, and received her BA in Economics at National Chengchi University. She also has 3 years’ experience in fundraising/marketing in Taiwan (Eden Social Welfare Foundation) and enjoys working with website development and Cause Marketing. Before joining FAPA, Cosette was a business development intern in Center for International Policy and United Way Worldwide, and served as a board member in TAA-GWC (2016-2017), assisting in building website and coordinating Lunar New Year Conference, Thanksgiving Banquet and Taiwanese Heritage Week 2017.
Intern

Shelly Lu

I am Shelly, an intern for FAPA this summer. I just finished a one-year exchange program at Illinois State University, where I studied in the field of international politics, focusing on U.S.-China-Taiwan relations. My working experiences include an internship at the National Immigration Agency of Taiwan and bililingual master of ceremony for several events hosted by MOFA. After I finish the internship at FAPA, I will be flying back to Taiwan to complete my senior year at University of Taipei. Back home, I major in Social and Public Affairs. I hope I can optimize my knowledge and past experiences in the position as an intern at FAPA, making contributions to strengthen the ties between Taiwan and the international society. I look forward to fulfilling my responsibility as a FAPA intern and extending my involvement in the field of international relations.

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On this page you will find 4 screenshots of FAPA Facebook posts that “went viral.”
Trump signs Taiwan Travel Act into law: 109,057 people reached
Rep. Dana Rohrabacher’s introduces HCR124: 74,871 people reached
USPS lists “Formosa, Taiwan” as destination: 56,520 people reached
Texas GOP convention calls for US-Taiwan diplomatic relations: 16,154 people reached