

Dear FAPA Member and Friend,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This is my first year as FAPA president, one which regrettably coincided with a global pandemic. But with your support, we managed to achieve many of our objectives. First, we acquired three Senators' signatures in a letter to the Defense Secretary regarding Taiwan's RIMPAC participation. We then helped introduce the "Taiwan Fellowship Act" and a resolution to normalize U.S.-Taiwan relations. In October, the "Taiwan Relations Reinforcement Act" included the language that Rep. Chris Smith and FAPA used as part of our initiative to counter PRC's sharp power. Recently, we played a crucial part in a letter led by Rep. Chabot to Secretary Pompeo calling for TECRO name change.

Behind every success story is the efforts of many FAPA members. During this year's National Advocacy Conference (NAC), our members successfully acquired 14 co-sponsors. What a rapid progress in the past two years!

In light of the severity of the pandemic in the United States, FAPA has also donated PPE to state governments and medical institutions, echoing the "Taiwan Can Help" spirit. Notably, we received Twitter promotion from three Congress members, thereby increasing the social media visibility of Taiwanese Americans.

At the same time, we collaborated with other Taiwanese American associations to send out letters, including one for President Trump to repeal Clinton's "Three No's" policy and another for the Taiwan government to use "Taiwan" as the only English name on its passports. Early next year, Taiwan will start issuing the newly designed passport, which has magnified the word "Taiwan" and reduced "Republic of China" to an unnoticeable font size. While the design is an improvement, we will continue to collaborate with friendly organizations to work on the issue.

To address the pandemic's effects on our operations, we have transferred many of our work to the Cloud to facilitate daily work. By using online platforms such as Google Meet and Cisco Webex, we held several town hall meetings, Growth and Sustainability Workshop, NAC, and annual Board Meeting. Through these platforms, we were also able to co-host the Speech Tour where Ms. Peifen Hsieh and Dr. Hsin-tai Wu shared their experience in public affairs.

As part of our automation process, we created a new FAPA website. Combining the Salsa Labs purchased earlier this year, FAPA has not only streamlined the donation process, but also established its own online petition system that allows our members to stay updated on the status of Taiwan-friendly bills. Moreover, we have provided each Chapter President with G-Suite, which includes many essential information that would facilitate the transition of local chapters.

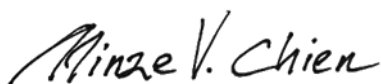
We also renovated our office building of Unit 538 to make best use of our assets by unlocking its potential for diverse usage. The first floor has become an open reception area and meeting space, the second floor may now accommodate small-sized seminars, and the third floor may house interns and short-term-stay visitors.

In reporting our achievements, I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude for your donations, which are crucial to FAPA's efforts in normalizing U.S.-Taiwan relations. In 2021, we will induce more Taiwan-friendly bills, ensure the continued arms sales to Taiwan, and urge governments to make proper name changes. I hope to receive your continued support such that we may continue to preserve Taiwan's peace and prosperity, and operate efficiently as an organization. Thank you so much.

I wish the best for you and your family, and thank you for your continued support of FAPA.

Best Wishes,

FAPA National President



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