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President's Corner

Dear FAPA members and friends,

I hope you and your families all had a healthy and joyful Lunar New Year!

Although the COVID-19 pandemic is still severe in the United States, FAPA has continuously devoted itself to promoting various association affairs and advocacy work. During the past months, U.S.-Taiwan relations have made many historic breakthroughs and progress. I believe everyone is very excited about that!

FAPA has long called on the United States to challenge Beijing's "One China Principle" and deny China's claim of sovereignty over Taiwan. Last November, then U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo finally stated publicly that "Taiwan has not been a part of China." This is the first time since the "normalization of U.S.-China relations" in the 1970s that the U.S. government declared again that "Taiwan is not China's territory" and made this statement and position into the official U.S. record. The significance of this is self-evident.

In December last year, after our FAPA's petitions to the House members, a total of 78 U.S. House Representatives jointly sent a letter to Secretary of State Pompeo, calling for changing the name "Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office" (TECRO) to "Taiwan Representative Office" (TRO), plus revising State Department guidelines for relations with Taiwan, and signing a U.S.-Taiwan bilateral free trade agreement. In the same month, the Taiwan Assurance Act was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump. The Act calls for the normalization of arms sales to Taiwan, supports Taiwan's participation in international organizations, and requires the State Department to review its guidance governing U.S.-Taiwan relations.

In early January this year, responding to the request from Taiwan-friendly members of Congress and the review requirement under the Taiwan Assurance Act, Pompeo abolished the State Department's "contact guidelines" regarding relations with Taiwan, and lifted all the self-imposed restrictions on U.S.-Taiwan official contacts. Immediately after the restrictions were lifted, the U.S. Ambassador to the Netherlands and the U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland formally met with their counterpart Taiwanese Representatives to show their support for Taiwan. Moreover, FAPA had written twice to suggest the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Kelly Craft, to hold a video conference with Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen, and we were very pleased to see that an online meeting was indeed held in January before Trump left office.

The former Administration vigorously supported Taiwan and opened up a new horizon for U.S.-Taiwan relations with bipartisan support. FAPA expresses its sincere gratitude for that. The three major legacies of Trump's Taiwan policy — namely, normalizing arms sales to Taiwan, chal-

lenging the One-China Principle, and lifting restrictions on U.S.-Taiwan official contacts — were all inherited by the new Biden Administration. Expectedly, the U.S.-Taiwan relations will continue to deepen and flourish. We are glad to see that Taiwan's Representative to the United States, Hsiao Bi-khim, was formally invited to attend President Biden's inauguration ceremony, and that was another important diplomatic breakthrough. The new Biden Administration has also pledged to continue arms sales to Taiwan to ensure Taiwan's sufficient self-defense capabilities, has sent U.S. Navy ships to sail through the Taiwan Strait to challenge China's territorial claims over Taiwan, and has continued to allow formal meetings and contacts between U.S. and Taiwanese diplomats.

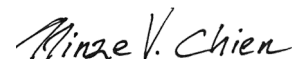
In the face of China's growing military, economic, and diplomatic pressures and threats against Taiwan, Taiwan needs U.S. support and assistance more than ever to jointly counter China's ambition to annex Taiwan. In addition, due to continued U.S.-China competition and confrontation, Taiwan's strategic position has become increasingly important to the United States. To strengthen U.S.-Taiwan exchanges and cooperation in all areas is in line with the common interests and shared values of the two countries, and continues to receive strong and bipartisan support from the U.S. Congress.

Since the 117th Congress began in early this January, various Taiwan-friendly pieces of legislation — such as the Taiwan Fellowship Act, the Taiwan Invasion Prevention Act, a resolution calling for U.S.-Taiwan diplomatic relations, and a bill supporting Taiwan's participation in the WHO — have been introduced in the Senate and/or the House. In addition, we have also listed the TECRO name change to TRO, the Taiwan Envoy Act, and a U.S.-Taiwan Free Trade Agreement as FAPA's main issues of concern.

Moreover, since this March, FAPA has launched a new project — The View from Capitol Hill — a series of seminars to discuss the most important and heated topics of U.S.-Taiwan relations. In each seminar, we will invite experts and scholars to share their insights with you.

During Biden's future tenure, U.S.-Taiwan relations are expected to be even closer. Nonetheless, it is also a critical moment for continuing deepening and normalizing U.S.-Taiwan bilateral ties, and that requires all of us to get involved and vigorously advocate for Taiwan. With the efforts of FAPA as a whole, we hope to see more breakthrough changes so that Taiwan can, before long, become a normal country recognized by the United States and the international community, and able to join all the international organizations with equality and dignity.

Minze V. Chien, Ph. D.



FAPA National President

親愛的 FAPA 會員與朋友：

希望您與家人度過一個平安且愉快的春節！

雖然美國的武漢肺炎疫情仍嚴峻，FAPA 依然致力推動各項會務與倡議工作。在過去幾個月，台美關係有著許多歷史性的突破與進展。相信大家都為此相當振奮！

FAPA 長期以來呼籲美國應正面挑戰北京的「一個中國原則」，否認中國擁有對台領土主權。去年十一月，美國國務卿蓬佩奧（Mike Pompeo）終於公開宣示「台灣依然不是中國的一部分」。這是自 1970 年代「美中關係正常化」以來，美國政府首度再次表態「台灣並非中國領土」，且將此談話與立場留在美國官方紀錄上，其重要性不言而喻。

去年十二月，在大家共同向各選區國會議員請願後，共計 78 位美國眾議員聯名致函國務卿蓬佩奧，籲請將台灣駐美代表處從「台北經濟文化代表處」（TECRO）更名為「台灣代表處」（TRO），並要求檢討《對台交往準則》，以及簽訂美台「雙邊自由貿易協定」。同月，《台灣保證法》經美國國會通過及川普總統簽署而生效，呼籲對台軍售常態化、支持台灣參與國際組織，並要求國務院檢視《對台交往準則》。

今年一月初，蓬佩奧回應友台議員與《台灣保證法》之檢討要求，廢除國務院《對台交往準則》，並解除所有台美官方接觸之自我限制。解禁後，美國駐荷蘭大使與駐瑞士大使隨即各自與其駐在地之台灣代表正式會面，力挺台灣。此外，FAPA 曾兩度致函建議美國駐聯合國大使克拉夫特（Kelly Craft）與台灣總統蔡英文進行視訊會議，而我們也很高興看到該會議已在一月份川普總統卸任前順利舉行。

前川普政府大力挺台，並在跨黨派的支持下為台美關係開拓新局，FAPA 對此表示由衷感謝。川普對台政策留下三大遺產，亦即「對台軍售常態化」、「挑戰一中原則」、「解除台美交往限制」，皆由拜登新政府所概括繼承。未來的台美關係應能持續深化與發展，值得期待。我們也樂見，台灣駐美代表蕭美琴獲正式邀請出席拜登就職典禮，達成另一重要外交突破。此外，拜登新政府亦表示將持續對台軍售，以確保台灣具自我防衛能力；已數度派美艦穿越台灣海峽，以行動否認中國對台主權宣稱；並繼續允許台美雙邊的外交人員進行正式會面與交往。

面對中國在軍事、經濟、外交上不斷對台施壓與提升威脅，台灣比以往更需要美國的支持與協助，以共同對抗中國的侵台野心。此外，由於美中持續競爭甚至對抗，台灣的戰略地位對美國而言亦是愈形重要。台美繼續加強各方面的交流與合作，符合兩國的共同利益與共享價值，亦得到美國國會兩黨的高度支持。

自第 117 屆美國國會於今年一月初開議以來，已有《台灣獎學金法》、《防止台灣遭侵略法》、《台美建交決議案》、《台灣參與 WHO 法案》等友台議案在參眾兩院被提出。此外，我們亦將「TECRO 改名為 TRO」、「台灣特使法」、「美台自由貿易協定」等列為 FAPA 的年度重要議題。

此外，從今年三月起，FAPA 已啟動一個新專案「國會山莊觀察」（The View from Capitol Hill），將藉由一系列的研討會來探討台美關係中最重要及最熱烈之話題。我們將在每場研討會邀請專家學者與您分享他們的見解。

拜登未來任內之台美關係預料將更為緊密，也是持續深化與正常化雙邊交往的關鍵時刻，極需大家共同參與並為台灣積極發聲。我們期盼在 FAPA 全體的努力下，能見到更多突破性的改變，使台灣早日成為被美國及國際承認的正常國家，且能平等而有尊嚴地參與所有國際組織。

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“CHINA TASK FORCE ACT” INTRODUCED IN U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - INCLUDES SEVEN PRO-TAIWAN BILLS

On October 20, the U.S. House of Representatives proposed a bill that includes seven acts backing Taiwan’s participation in international organizations and requiring the US military to maintain an adequate level of deterrence to prevent China from invading Taiwan, among other issues:

- S.4327 – Taiwan Fellowship Act, which would establish a 2-year fellowship program that allows 10 U.S. government officials each year to study Chinese mandarin and work with their Taiwanese counterparts in the Taiwan government offices most relevant to their home agencies.
- S.878 – Taiwan Assurance Act, which seeks to support Taiwan’s self-defense capabilities, international participation, and lifting U.S. self-imposed restrictions on its relations with Taiwan.
- S.3310 – Taiwan Symbols of Sovereignty Act, which seeks to permit the displays of Taiwanese flags and military insignia at U.S. government-hosted functions.
- H.R.6974 – Taiwan Non-Discrimination Act, which supports Taiwan’s participation and equitable treatment by international financial institutions such as the IMF.
- H.R.6014 – Employment Fairness for Taiwan Act, which requires the Treasury Secretary to support fairness for Taiwanese nationals seeking employment at international financial institutions.

The bill, titled the China Task Force Act was jointly initiated by House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) and Michael McCaul, (R-TX) chairman of the House Republicans’ China Task Force and Republican leader of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

[H.R. 12 \(116th\): CTF Act](#)

FAPA WHOLEHEARTEDLY APPLAUDS BIPARTISAN SENATE “TAIWAN RELATIONS REINFORCEMENT ACT /TAIWAN ENVOY ACT”

In The News Lens International of October 23, 2020, FAPA President Minze Chien applauded the Taiwan Relations Reinforcement Act introduced by Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Jeff Merkley (D-OR) on October 20.

Dr. Chien states: “If passed, the Taiwan Relations Reinforcement Act (TRRA) would lead to an upgraded U.S. policy toward Taiwan that better reflects current cross-strait dynamics and circumstances in the Indo-Pacific. China is now an aggressive and militarily advanced regional power, and the U.S. must incorporate that reality when drafting its Taiwan policy. The act is also in line with our efforts on the Taiwan Fellowship Act and Taiwan Envoy Act.”

Dr. Chien adds: “The Taiwan Strait is still one of the flashpoints in the world. It behooves the Senate to vet this prospective AIT Director to the maximum. Also, the AIT director acts, talks, and walks like an ambassador, so their appointment should be confirmed by the Senate. After all, Congress has the right to oversee U.S.-Taiwan relations through such a confirmation process.”

[H.R. 5535 \(116th\): Taiwan Envoy Act](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER O’BRIEN ENSURES FONOPs IN TAIWAN STRAIT

On October 28, at the Hudson Institute, U.S. National Security Advisor Robert O’Brien promised that the American government will ensure Freedom of Navigation Operations (FONOPs) in the Taiwan Strait in response to Beijing’s sweeping claim over the public waterway.

FAPA President Minze Chien adds: “National Security Advisor O’Brien’s remarks form another important building block leading up to full strategic and transparent U.S. clarity towards cross-Strait relations.”

“We should learn from the past. In July 1990, the U.S. ambassador in Baghdad told Saddam Hussein that the U.S. had no opinion on the Arab-Arab conflicts, “like your border disagreement with Kuwait.” On August 2, Saddam’s tanks rolled over the border.”

“And in 1950, US Secretary of State Dean Acheson stated that South Korea was not part of the U.S. “Defense Perimeter.” Shortly thereafter North Korea invaded the South. The time for complete strategic clarity on Taiwan is therefore now!”

A FIRST SINCE 1979! U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE MIKE POMPEO: “TAIWAN HAS NOT BEEN A PART OF CHINA”

Secretary Pompeo said that “Taiwan has not been a part of China” while answering questions raised by Hugh Hewitt in his talk show broadcast in the morning of November 12 about issues concerning China and Taiwan.

The secretary’s remark was seen as the first time since 1979 the U.S. government has made such a specific comment on relations between Taiwan and China, with Pompeo further pointing out that it is a policy the U.S. has adhered to for three-and-a-half decades.

QUESTION: Mr. Secretary, when I interviewed you at Langley and you were the director at the agency, and when I interviewed you at Foggy Bottom and you were the Secretary of State, both occasions you said our commitments to Taiwan are clear and they will be maintained. I know you talk to Democrats all the time. Do you believe that is a bipartisan commitment that the CCP has to realize? Because there is crazy talk among the most radical elements of the CCP that Taiwan ought to be retaken by force if necessary.

SECRETARY POMPEO: Well, Hugh, remember, when we talk about – it’s always important to get the language right. Taiwan has not been a part of China, and that was recognized with the work that the Reagan administration did to lay out the policies that the United States has adhered to now for three and a half decades, and done so under both administrations.

FAPA President Minze Chien reacts: It is of course incontestable reality that Taiwan is not a part of China. As former U.S. congressman Peter Deutsch (D-FL) used to say: “If you call something white black, it does not make it black. If China calls Taiwan a part of China, it does not make it a part of China.”



[Watch the Clip](#)

WALL STREET JOURNAL: JOHN BOLTON CALLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF U.S.-TAIWAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

In the Wall Street Journal of November 15, 2020, John Bolton (who was the keynote speaker at FAPA's 2019 annual Board Meeting held in Washington DC) wrote:

"The most consequential step, one I have urged for over 20 years, is for America to grant Taiwan full diplomatic recognition. By all customary international law criteria (a defined territory and population, a capital city, and a government carrying out normal governmental functions), Taiwan is a sovereign state, and democratic to boot. Relations between the U.S. and China would chill dramatically, but that is what China should fear, not America. There are smaller steps Washington could take. We could, for example, regularly receive Taiwanese officials in U.S. government buildings, which would seriously undermine the legitimacy of China's campaign to force Taiwan into a morganatic union."

[Full Article](#)

SEN. TOOMEY: "INVITE PRESIDENT TSAI TO THE WHITE HOUSE!"

Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA) said on November 18 that the U.S. should increase its diplomatic support for Taiwan and invite Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen to the White House.

Speaking at an online conference hosted by The Heritage Foundation, Toomey remarked that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has become more ambitious in its quest to dominate the world. He said Taiwan stands on the front line against Beijing, which has continuously threatened to take it by force.

Toomey pointed out that authoritarian forces are currently competing with democratic ones for global influence and that it is important for the U.S. to protect Taiwan's freedom and democracy.

He urged Washington to ramp up its support for Taiwan by confronting international organizations that exclude the country.

FAPA President Minze Chien reacts: "We wholeheartedly applaud a visit by President Tsai to the White House, as suggested by the Senator. And we will do what lies in our capability to facilitate and make such a visit happen. After all, such a visit at the highest level is completely consistent with the text of Taiwan Travel Act which was enacted into law in March 2018."

[Event Video](#)

U.S. EXPLICITLY COMMITS TO TAIWAN'S DEFENSE: "WE WILL BE THERE!" - FURTHER STRENGTHENING U.S.-TAIWAN TIES

On November 23, White House national security adviser Robert O'Brien, reinforced the U.S. commitment to Taiwan in a speech in the Philippines capital of Manila.

"I can't imagine anything that will cause a greater backlash against China from the entire world if they attempted to use military force to coerce Taiwan," O'Brien said. "The U.S. is with her friends in Taipei. We will continue to be there."

Meanwhile, Navy Rear Adm. Michael Studeman, the U.S. Pacific Command's top intelligence official, made an unannounced visit to Taiwan that weekend.



Robert O'Brien, Photo from Public Domain

SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL VOICES SUPPORT FOR "TAIWAN'S FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE"

A senior State Department official voiced support for "Taiwan's freedom and independence."

"It seems to me preserving Taiwan's freedom and independence is a priority," State Department director of policy planning Peter Berkowitz said on November 25.

"The State Department has been and the Defense Department has been thinking long and hard about how to assist our free and democratic friends in the region, Taiwan, but of course the larger Indo-Pacific region as well," Berkowitz told the Foundation for Defense of Democracy.

USCC CALLS FOR SENATE CONFIRMATION OF AIT DIRECTOR

The U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission (USCC), a commission created by the U.S. Congress to monitor security and trade issues between the U.S. and China, has recommended that the director of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) be nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate, in effect treating it as an ambassadorial nomination.

The report contained four specific recommendations pertaining to Taiwan.

Among them, the commission called on Congress to enact legislation to make the director of the AIT a presidential nomination subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Such a move would effectively raise the status of the position -- currently an internal State Department appointment -- by requiring that the same nominating process be used as for an ambassador.

Also, it said, Congress should encourage the president to include Taiwan in multi-lateral efforts to coordinate and strengthen supply chain cooperation and security, either by expanding the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF) or through a new arrangement consisting of "likeminded democracies."

FAPA President Minze Chien reacts: "It is encouraging that the USCC has heeded the recommendations made by Senator Marco Rubio and Representative Steve Chabot in legislation they introduced the past year calling for Senate confirmation of the AIT Director. After all the AIT Director walks, talks and acts like an ambassador. So it is only natural that he or she gets the same treatment and respect as any U.S. ambassador."

78 U.S. REPRESENTATIVES CALL UPON SECRETARY POMPEO TO CHANGE TECRO NAME TO "TAIWAN REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE"

In a letter to U.S. Secretary of State Michael Pompeo dated December 17, 78 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, led by Taiwan Caucus co-chairs Steve Chabot (R-OH) and Mario Diaz Balart (R-FL), call upon the secretary to change the name of the unofficial Taiwan "embassy" in Washington DC from "Taipei Economic Cultural Representative Office" (TECRO) to "Taiwan Representative Office" (TRO).

They write: "The use of the word 'Taipei' fails to accurately reflect the strong ties the United States has ... with the people of Taiwan."

In the letter the Members also call for a "bilateral free trade deal" between the U.S. and Taiwan and express the hope that the State Department will issue revised State Department guidelines for relations with Taiwan.

They conclude: “We hope that as you [i.e., Pompeo] continue to make enduring changes toward the Indo-Pacific you take the actions outlined above. It is our belief that doing so will greatly enhance our enduring relationship with the people of Taiwan and demonstrate the United States’ commitment to the region.”

FAPA President Minze Chien adds: “The TECRO name change is fully consistent with U.S. policy. Historically, the U.S. refers to Taiwan with the country’s geographic connotation of ‘Taiwan’ because the U.S. and Taiwan do not maintain diplomatic relations. The U.S. therefore has a ‘TAIWAN Relations Act’ and an ‘American Institute in TAIWAN.’ Moreover, the name change to ‘TRO’ would set a fine precedent for a name change of Taiwan’s de facto embassies around the world to emulate.”

FAPA initiated a petition campaign for this letter. After five days, 1,409 FAPA members contacted a total of 227 representatives asking them to co-sign the letter.

TAIWAN ASSURANCE ACT SIGNED INTO LAW

On December 27, President Trump signed the annual government spending bill, which includes provisions for the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020.

The Taiwan Assurance Act is aimed at deepening Taiwan-U.S. relations. It expresses support for Taiwan’s meaningful participation in international organizations, Taiwan’s defense strategy of asymmetric warfare and encourages the country to increase defense spending. It also calls for the normalization of regular arms sales to strengthen Taiwan’s self-defense capabilities.

In addition, the appropriations bill allocates US\$3 million to support the activities of the U.S.-Taiwan Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF), which is a platform promoting public health, law enforcement, disaster relief, energy cooperation, women’s empowerment, network security, media literacy, and good governance in the two nations.

US LIFTS ALL SELF-IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON US-TAIWAN RELATIONS

On January 9, 2021, US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo announced in a press statement: “Taiwan is a vibrant democracy and a reliable partner of the United States, and yet for several decades the State Department has created complex internal restrictions to regulate our diplomats, servicemembers, and other officials’ interactions with their Taiwanese counterparts. The United States government took these actions unilaterally, in an attempt to appease the Communist regime in Beijing. No more. Today I am announcing that I am lifting all of these self-imposed restrictions.”

FAPA President Minze Chien reacts: “This is a proud day for us at FAPA. It is the cul-

mination of a campaign we fought for some 15 years. In 2006, then Rep. Tom Tancredo (R-CO) managed to pass an amendment in the House calling for this. And as recently as last month, 78 Representatives in a letter to Secretary Pompeo, called upon the Secretary to make this change. The change made today amply illustrates that no US Administration should kowtow to China."

Dr. Chien adds: "It is noteworthy that the restriction that states that "the US doesn't refer to Taiwan as a "country" or "government" is now lifted. It is high time that the US calls a spade a spade and starts referring to Taiwan as "The Country Taiwan."

In response to the announcement, Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-WI) tweeted: "About time @StateDept accepted reality that #Communist #China doesn't speak for #Taiwan and that US doesn't need a permission slip to talk to friends. I proposed this change last summer in the House and I'm happy to see @SecPompeo adopt it."



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[Full Statement](#)

FAPA PRESIDENT: "IN LIGHT OF CANCELLATION OF YOUR TAIWAN TRIP, AMBASSADOR CRAFT, HOLD A VIRTUAL MEETING WITH TAIWAN PRESIDENT TSAI INSTEAD!"

On January 12, the groundbreaking planned upcoming visit to Taiwan by Kelly Craft, the United States' ambassador to the United Nations, was called off.

Craft was scheduled to visit Taipei from January 13-15 to "reinforce the U.S. government's strong and ongoing support for Taiwan's international space," and meet with Taiwan president Tsai Ing-wen and foreign minister Joseph Wu.

Craft would have been the first incumbent U.S. ambassador to the U.N. to visit Taiwan since 1968.

In his January 12 letter to Craft, Dr. Chien wrote: "I would hereby like to suggest that, now that a face to face meeting between you and President Tsai is impossible for the time being, a virtual meeting by video would be the perfect arrangement enabling you and President Tsai to exchange ideas to further democracy around the entire world."

U.S. URGES CHINA TO CEASE MILITARY, DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC PRESSURE AGAINST TAIWAN

Hours after some dozen Chinese warplanes intruded into Taiwan's air defence identification zone (ADIZ), the United States noted with concern the pattern of ongoing Chinese attempts to intimidate its neighbours and urged Beijing to cease its military, diplomatic, and economic pressure against Taiwan.

In a statement on January 23, the US State Department said: "The United States notes with concern the pattern of ongoing PRC attempts to intimidate its neighbours, including Taiwan. We urge Beijing to cease its military, diplomatic, and economic pressure against Taiwan and instead engage in meaningful dialogue with Taiwan's democratically elected representatives."

"The US' commitment to Taiwan is rock-solid and contributes to the maintenance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and within the region," the state department said.

FAPA President Minze Chien reacts: "First, China slapped sanctions on 28 high-ranking U.S. officials right on Inauguration Day, and to add insult to injury they sent the largest contingent of war planes into Taiwan's ADIZ three days later. It is encouraging to see that the freshly minted Biden administration immediately got to work and called China's bluff."

Dr. Chien concludes: "It is encouraging that the Biden administration has adopted the last year declassified Six Assurances into their vocabulary where they are listed besides the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act as the cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan relations. It is now our task at FAPA to see to it that the vilified Three Communiques are relegated to the dustbin of history - where they belong."

FAPA CONDEMNS XI's DAVOS WEF REMARKS — URGES INT'L COMMUNITY TO JOINTLY STAND UP AGAINST CHINA

At the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos, Switzerland, China strongman Xi Jinping stated on January 25: "The strong should not bully the weak. Decisions should not be made by simply showing off strong muscles or waving a big fist."

FAPA President Minze Chien reacted: "This is the biggest and most infuriating irony ever! How can Xi state with a straight face that the "strong should not bully the weak? China is the biggest bully in the world. It not only bullies its democratic neighbor Taiwan around the clock, it has bullied small countries in Africa and in East Asia for decades. It pretty much bullies every country in the world!"

Dr. Chien concluded: "Hopefully, the international community sees through Xi's scam and lies. The time is now for the international community to join hands and jointly stand up against China and against Xi and his rogue regime."

JOINT TAIWANESE AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS CONGRATULATE PRESIDENT BIDEN AND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS

In a letter dated January 27, the main Taiwanese American organizations (including FAPA) congratulated President Biden and vice-president Harris. They wrote:

"With the robust bipartisan support for a stronger U.S.-Taiwan partnership coupled with the recent lifting of U.S. self-imposed restrictions on official contacts, we would like to strongly encourage your Administration to continue to expand and deepen U.S.-Taiwan relations at all levels. By taking advantage of the unprecedented bipartisan support for Taiwan's recognition and participation in global affairs, your Administration will be able to bring Taiwan, as well as other allies, to partner and work closely together in countering existential threats to our way of life, thus contributing "to the peaceful resolution of cross- strait issues" and ensuring the security in the Asia-Pacific region."

They concluded: "To that end, we once again extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes for your continued success. We look forward to the burgeoning co-operation between the U.S., Taiwan, and the Taiwanese American community."

SECRETARY BLINKEN BLASTS CHINA IN FIRST PHONE CALL - HOLDS PRC ACCOUNTABLE FOR DESTABILIZING TAIWAN STRAIT

Antony Blinken, US secretary of state, warned China that Washington would hold Beijing "accountable for its abuses", in the first high-level interaction between the countries since Joe Biden became president.

Following a call with Yang Jiechi, China's top foreign policy official, on February 5, Blinken said he had told his counterpart that the Biden administration would stand up for democratic values while holding Beijing to account.

"I made clear the US will defend our national interests, stand up for our democratic values, and hold Beijing accountable for its abuses of the international system," Blinken tweeted on Friday night in Washington.

FAPA President Minze Chien reacts: "As China intensifies its military threat versus Taiwan and continues to shift the status quo across the Taiwan Strait, it is gratifying that the U.S. is more and more clear about its defense commitments to Taiwan, and it is highly encouraging to see the seamless continuation in U.S. policy toward Taiwan under the new Biden administration."

BIDEN SPEAKS WITH XI - EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT PRC COERCION OF TAIWAN - TWEETS

President Biden spoke by phone with Chinese strongman Xi Jinping on February 10, the White House said, marking the first conversation between the two since Mr. Biden won the presidential election.

The president raised a number of contentious issues during the call, underscoring his “fundamental concerns about Beijing’s coercive and unfair economic practices, crackdown in Hong Kong, human rights abuse in Xinjiang and increasingly assertive actions in the region, including toward Taiwan.”

Subsequently, President Biden tweeted: “I spoke today with President Xi to offer good wishes to the Chinese people for Lunar New Year. I also shared concerns about Beijing’s economic practices, human rights abuses, and coercion of Taiwan. I told him I will work with China when it benefits the American people.”

FAPA President Minze Chien reacted: “It is reassuring to see that one day Taiwan receives strong support from Republicans in the Senate (introducing legislation in support of WHO for Taiwan), and the next day from the Democratic president of the United States. As Taiwanese Americans we are proud that Taiwan continues to receive this strong U.S. bipartisan support.”

The View from Capitol Hill Series -

The View From Capitol Hill –

US-Taiwan Policy under the Trump and Biden Administrations

March 20, 2021 | 2:00 - 3:30 PM (EDT)




Meeting Link

Gerrit van der Wees
Retrospective on Taiwan-US relations under the Trump Administration

Mike Fonte
Prospective for bilateral ties and Taiwan's international space under the Biden Administration

Scott Harold
Prospective for security and defense of Taiwan under the Biden Administration



Attendees are encouraged to submit questions to speakers beforehand.

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Chapter Activities



CA-LA

Los Angeles California Chapter
李賢群會長 (Tony Lee)

台灣人公共事務會 (FAPA) 洛杉磯分會於 10 月 31 日由選務主委楊悅英帶領的選務團隊完成最新一屆洛杉磯分會理事改選。這次選舉因為正逢美國大選，為了怕郵局工作量過大，所以需要在最短時間內整理選民名單，發出選舉通知及選票，最後再經過嚴謹的開票過程才完成計票作業。

根據 11 月 1 日的選舉結果，以下為最新團隊：會長李賢群（照片左一），全國委員洪珠美、劉治楨；分會理事陳俊言、陳正義、吳添財，吳兆峯（右一）和翁哲理。新會長李賢群希望在 2021-2022 二年內鞏固並加強和加州參眾議員的聯繫，增加在美國國會支持台灣的力量。另一方面加強和 FAPA 洛杉磯分會會員的連繫，鼓勵會員參與本會的活動及參與讓南加美國國會議員台灣連線成員更名為台灣發聲的遊說活動。



10/1/2020 是中華人民共和國的國慶日也是中秋節，不同因為中國共產黨暴政而被迫害或傷害的各個民族團聚在一起，感謝洛杉磯香港論壇的邀請協辦，讓我們全在駐洛杉磯中國領事館外面一起齊聲抗議！

我們要為被中國迫害的維吾爾人發聲，我們要為被中共壓迫的香港人喊冤，我們要為被中國所資助的越共打壓的越南人站出來，我們也要為渴望中國有民主和宗教自由的中國人民出一口氣。當然，我們最要支持的是台灣人民的台灣獨立建國運動，能藉著和各民族串聯合作，來達到完全抵制中國霸權的最終勝利！東突基斯坦要獨立，圖博要獨立，香港要民主，中國要自由，台灣要建立主權獨立台灣國。

8/19/2020 經過一段時間的溝通和等待，美國「全國骨髓捐贈者計畫」(NMDP, National Marrow Donor Program) 所負責運作的 Be The Match 骨髓資料庫已將系統更新，並把「台灣人 (Taiwanese)」列入申請登記者族裔選項之一，台裔捐贈者資料也會有獨立的紀錄。Be The Match 這家全球規模最大又最多樣化的骨髓資料庫，今後將更能經過台裔申請者所給予的正確族裔資料，讓全球台裔患者在需要的時候，更有機會找到配對成功的捐贈者。在美國每幾分鐘就有一個人罹患血癌，大部分患者無法從親屬找到可配對成功的捐贈者。患者與捐贈者配對的成功機率取決於種族背景，所以患者和捐贈者的族裔資料十分重要！如果您有興趣，請考慮申請加入捐贈骨髓和幹細胞的行列，以「台灣人 (Taiwanese)」身分參與登記，為協助拯救需要的台灣人們盡一分力！



CA-OC

Orange County, California Chapter
黃河芬會長 (Josephine Yang)

A. 2020 年 12 月 5 日和 6 日是全美 FAPA 年會，在 44 個 FAPA 分會中，柑縣分會獲得最傑出獎，FAPA OC chapter received two awards : Most Outstanding Chapter-the Chapter of the Year and Excellent Chapter in the FAPA annual meeting.

B. 2/27/2021 (星期六) 2:00 p.m. 主辦二二八紀念電影欣賞會 " 超級大國民 SUPER CITIZEN KO"

C. 協辦

- 2/27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. 大洛杉磯二二八事件紀念會：自由台灣民主之路，宋隆泉的歷史紀實
- 2/28 Sunday 1:00 p.m. 台灣二二八防止政府暴行研討會 Taiwan 228 Government Atrocities Prevention Seminar
- 2/28 Sunday "2-28 台灣介心靈日" 74 週年紀念音樂會 The 74th 2-28 Commemorative Concert



CA-SD

San Diego, California Chapter
洪克璿會長 (Alex Hung)



Donations from Taiwan: Taiwan can help! (11/27/2020)

To advocate Taiwan on the local level, our Chapter President Alex Hung represented FAPA together with leaders of two local Taiwanese American organizations SDTCA (聖地牙哥台灣同鄉會) and SDTPC (聖地雅歌台灣基督長老教會) donating 300 made-in-Taiwan gowns to Covenant Living at Mount Miguel Health Facility in San Diego. The facility was very grateful to receive the gift from Taiwan that they desperately needed. Yes, Taiwan can help and Taiwan is helping!

FAPA annual board of directors meeting (12/5-12/6/2020):

Our Chapter President Alex Hung, At-Large BOD Vivian Fu, and two Regional BODs Hui-Yi Chu and Hsu-Kun (Wayne) Wang represented our chapter to attend this on-line meeting. In the meeting at the annual award ceremony, our chapter was awarded the Excellent Chapter 2020 for our membership growth achievement! What a nice surprise!

We are one of only 5 chapters to have continuous positive membership growth in the past 3 years. (2018-2019 for 5% growth, then 2019-2020 for 9% growth). And our total member number is now the 5th compared with 43 other FAPA chapters! More importantly, 25% of our members are under 50 yrs old!



It's not easy to recruit new members to join FAPA nowadays, especially for younger generations. The pandemic made it even more difficult because we couldn't hold any physical events. But we still did it! We should all be very proud of this achievement!

I would like to thank my team for their tireless efforts to attract so many young members to join us. I would also like to thank our members for your steady support of FAPA. Let's keep those good works going for our beloved Taiwan!

Email petition campaign for TECRO to TRO name change (12/11/2020)

On 12/11/2020 we sent an announcement to our members and friends to encourage them to sign the e-petition to urge their House of Representative to co-sign a letter to Secretary Pompeo that calls for a name change from TECRO to TRO. It also calls for a bilateral U.S.-Taiwan FTA and a review of the State Department guidelines on U.S. relations with Taiwan. It's a great success! Many people answered the call to sign the petition!

Taiwan Assurance Act signed into law (12/27/2020)

On 12/27/2020 our chapter celebrated that the Taiwan Assurance Act was signed into law by President Trump! We had been advocating this bill in the local and in DC since 2019, and we were so happy to see it finally come true! Thanks everyone who has previously signed the petition letters! It is because of YOU so we can have this bill pass and become law!

Sending Thank You letter to Secretary Pompeo (1/11/2021)

On 1/9/2021, then Secretary of State Pompeo announced that the U.S. was lifting the long-held self-imposed restrictions in US-Taiwan relations. This is a huge deal and it is what we FAPA has been fighting for some 15 years! To thank Secretary Pompeo for taking this bold move, on 1/11 our chapter organized a campaign to mobilize our members to write a letter of appreciation to Secretary Pompeo to express our gratitude. Thanks everyone who joined the campaign!

Meeting with HQ (2/20/2021)

Our Chapter President Alex Hung and Regional BOD Hsu-Kun (Wayne) Wang attended the Meeting with HQ event held by HQ on 2/20/2021. It's great to hear the newest update from HQ and to learn the new tools HQ provides for chapter events. It's also a great surprise to see that our FAPA website was renovated to be so awesome! Thanks HQ staff for your hard work to make all those fantastic changes happen! Please go check out our wonderful website at FAPA.org if you haven't done so!

New Jersey Chapter
李鎧宇會長 (Leo Lee)

涂豐恩博士

宋承恩博士候選人



「中共代理人法」
起草人何澄輝

張國城博士

During the year of 2020, the year of COVID-19, NJ Chapter has hosted a series of online events.

2020 年，幾乎整年的武漢肺炎，NJ Chapter 舉辦了一系列的線上演講座談。

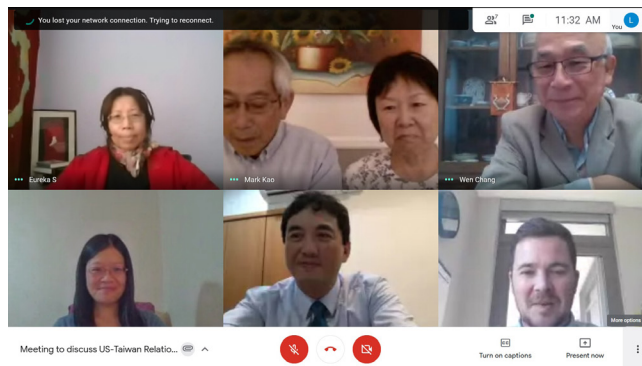
六月時，美國哈佛東亞語言文化博士、同時也是網路媒體“故事：寫給所有人的歷史”創辦人涂豐恩博士帶領我們，由歷史的軌跡，分析全球瘟疫、種族衝突與動盪的世界局勢，讓我們得以站在更高的位置來了解 2020 年以及疫情之後的人類社會。涂博士豐富深廣的歷史視野果然讓與會者滿載而歸。

七月的 FAPA -NJ 邀請了台灣戰略模擬學會研究員以及「中共代理人法」起草人何澄輝介紹給 NJ 朋友認識了所謂的資訊戰為何？在這個網路社群媒體百華齊放的同時，身為台灣人該如何阻擋可能的破口不讓境外勢力有機可乘？此外何澄輝更講解了經由認知領域戰爭，過去有形的戰爭到無形滲透，中國對台的威脅，早已從文攻武赫進入到力求認知上控制對手，再加上資訊戰的混合戰，最新型態的戰爭，恐怕早已在你我身邊悄悄成型，台灣政府是否準備完全以應對？每個台灣人民都已經是軍人、戰士。

Another July event is the Advocacy Workshop, Support the Taiwan Fellowship Act, presented by Robin Lee, a Sociology PhD student at Princeton University & the co-founder of the Taiwanese Data Professionals and the FAPA HQ Support Team: Dee Wu, Political Science Research Analyst, and Chih-Yun Huang, Political Science Research Analyst

In October, our main active FAPA group, the National Advocacy, had its NJ members and friends contact almost every federal lawmaker to address the Taiwan Fellowship Act (H.R.7414), Rename Taiwan's Embassy from TECRO to Taiwan Representative Office (TRO), Taiwan Invasion Prevention Act (H.R.7855), and the Taiwan Envoy Act (H.R.5535): Senate Confirmation of AIT Director. We give special thanks to Mengchun Chiang, Sylvia Lin, Shuchean Chien, Victor Liu, Su-Mei Kao, Mark Kao, and Wen Chang, for their efforts to make this happen, even during a pandemic. The photo is an example of online advocacy with Congressman F. Pallone's Legislative Assistant, Mr. James Johnson.

NJ National Advocacy Group



2020 年的十月講座，FAPA New Jersey Chapter Annual Meeting & Keynote Speech-

FAPA -NJ 邀請法律專家英國牛津大學博士候選人宋承恩抽絲剝繭，分析台美建交的可能性以及大小障礙。究竟台美建交這個長久時間以來被認為不可能會發生的事情，有沒有機會在疫情翻攪全球之後卡出一線生機？什麼是台灣該有的自我國家定位？這兩年在台灣政論節目爭相邀請的宋承恩，有許許多多的著作和文章。特別著重於人權、海域爭端、台灣主權、國家安全法制與對外關係的文章，散見期刊、報章與網路媒體。

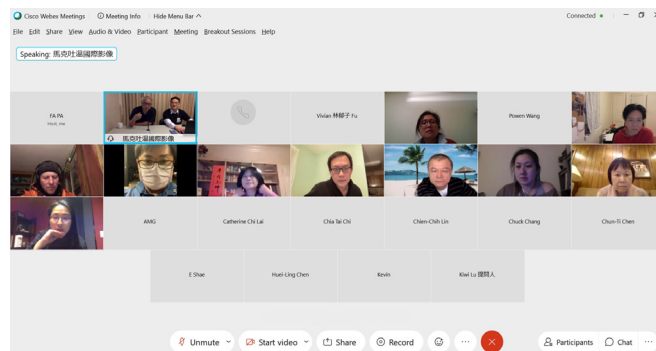
12 月的 2020，國際關係學者張國城與 NJ 台美人分享如何維護台美國安。

張國城教授相信國家的身份就是對人民的保護傘，而長期以來缺乏被國際認可的國家身分對台灣的實質利益造成全面且巨大的傷害。然而許許多多台灣人民卻沒有足夠的警覺性，台灣人永遠不要在該做選擇時不知道要做選擇、不知道自己有什麼選項，指出敵對勢力就是要讓台灣人沒有選擇的權利，或是讓台灣人的選項變得越來越少，逼迫台灣人只能服從。張教授認為，對於台灣主體性的堅持不是建立在情感與歷史認同上，而是該以理性分析為基礎。張教授表示，二戰後，台灣已經錯失許多成為正常國家的機會，未來是否有更好的機會，還要觀察。多年來他亦不斷呼籲台灣人必須強化對中國勢力在台灣各方面統戰與滲透的危險，中國資訊戰已對台灣造成威脅，社會大眾必須提升「腦防」，台灣應想辦法識別假新聞及謠言、做好媒體識讀。

2021 年 1 月，FAPA 總部政策研究員黃致榮及本分會會長 Leo Lee 受「今夜趣政治」及 WUFI 之邀，分享第一線台美關係倡議的經驗，以及對未來台美關係走向的觀察。（[演講連結](#)）

2021，FAPA New Jersey Chapter 的二二八紀念活動，由常務理事東北區代表鍾佳君帶領與美東其他分會聯手，於 2 月 26 日晚上，由《國際橋牌社》影集製作人導演、馬克吐溫國際影像總監－汪怡昕導演帶領分享製片過程。他藉由實境拍攝重現重要事件，也讓現今觀眾及年輕人體會事發當下的感受，讓未曾經歷二二八事件及白色恐怖時期的現代觀眾可以與事發當下的人們產生連結。

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NY-Hudson

Hudson, New York Chapter
歐陽吉林會長 (Chi-lin O'Young)

October Chapter Meeting and December Board Meeting

Annual Chapter Meeting was held on October 10, 2020 virtually through Google Meet. FAPA President Minze Chien, FAPR ED Coen Blaauw, and HQ staffs were invited. President Chien gave an update of FAPA. Chapter President O'Young presented a State of Hudson Chapter. A presidential election was held before the Meeting, and O'Young was re-elected for two more years (2021-2022).

Chapter President O'Young virtually attended the 40th Annual Board Meeting on 12/05 and 12/06. The agenda included 2020 HQ Report and Financial Report, 2021 Action Plan and Budget Draft, By-Laws Amendments/Proposal of Resolutions, and Award Ceremony. It was a great honor that the Hudson Chapter was awarded for an Excellent Chapter of the Year 2020 with a plaque.

Conferences with Aides of Rep. Engel (D, NY-16), Senators Schumer and Gillibrand

Rep. Engel was Chairman of House Foreign Affairs Committee, a strong Taiwan supporter. Chapter President O'Young, Dee Wu of HQ, Dr. Ray Hsu, Dr. Ed Lee, and Mrs. Yvonne Lee represented FAPA to talk with his aides Ms. Jennifer White and Ms. Theresa Lou for 30 min through a telephone conference on September 11, 2020. The goal was to ask Rep. Engel's support to mark up the Taiwan Fellowship Act H.R. 7414 on the House. HQ has collected and submitted near three hundred e-petition letters to Rep. Engel. Both aides were very supportive of the Bill with few questions. However, Rep. Engel had lost his Democratic primary and couldn't offer any commitments. They encouraged us to continue the advocacy to the next 117th Congress. Indeed, Ms. Lou is working for Rep. Meeks (D, NY-5th), current Chairman of House Foreign Affairs Committee. HQ has contacted her again and received a response to re-introduce the Bill soon.

Senator Schumer (D-NY), now the Majority Leader, is a strong Taiwan supporter and a member of STC. FAPA, HQ and the Chapter, has developed close interactions with his aides and visited his DC office several times. Chapter President O'Young, Dee Wu of HQ, Dr. Thomas Hwang, Prof. David Chen, and Mrs. Paulen Chen talked to his Legislative Aide, Mr. Rodney Kazibwe virtually on October 7th, 2020. We focused on the Taiwan Fellowship Act S. 4327, asked the Senator to endorse the Bill and move forward to final pass and become a law. Mr. Kazibwe was very supportive of the Bill and promised to present it to Senator's attention. He encouraged us to continue the advocacy to the next 117th Congress.

Senator Gillibrand (D-NY) has been indifferent to Taiwan's issues. Nonetheless, we were able to schedule a virtual meeting with her two aides, Ms. Lisa Hofflich, Hudson Valley Regional Director, and Mr. Sachin Mathur, Foreign Affair Aide on December 12th, 2020. Chapter President O'Young, Dee Wu of HQ, Dr. Thomas Hwang, and Dr. Jen-Chi Huang talked to them. Besides the Taiwan Fellowship Act S. 4327, we discussed other issues important to Taiwan including FTA, Taiwan Assurance Act S.878, and name change of TECRO to TRO. We also invited Senator Gillibrand to join STC. The Chapter will continue to follow up the progress.



Issues of Concern

Rename TECRO to TRO (Taiwan Representative Office)

Taiwanese Americans believe that the current title of Taiwan's de facto embassy in Washington DC, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO), does not reflect the national identity and dignity of Taiwan. Referring to Taiwan as "Taiwan" is consistent with U.S. policy. We therefore seek Congress' support to rename TECRO to TRO.

Background

The name Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) was initiated by the Taiwan's government in 1994 to replace the Coordination Council for North American Affairs (CCNAA), and later approved by the Clinton Administration. Although it was a leap forward since the US severed its diplomatic relations with Taiwan, it gradually fails to keep up with the mainstream national identity of the Taiwanese people. Most importantly, the current name of the de facto embassy cannot reflect the objective reality that Taiwan exists as an independent country.

Consistent with U.S. Policy

In the Taiwan Guidelines of 1990, the State Department stated: "Consistent with the unofficial nature of U.S.-Taiwan ties, the U.S. Government no longer refers to Taiwan as the "Republic of China" — a term reflecting Taipei's continuing claim to be the government of China. Nor does the U.S. Government refer to Taiwan as a "country" or a "government." We refer to Taiwan simply as Taiwan, and to its leadership as "the Taiwan authorities."

Countering the Dominance of the One China Principle

Having a TRO in DC can be a countermeasure against the dominance of the One China Principle. From 2017 to 2018, the PRC pressured Taiwan's non-diplomatic allies in the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America to drop the name Taiwan or Republic of China from Taiwan's de facto embassies. For instance, Bahrain forcefully changed "Trade Mission of Taiwan to the Kingdom of Bahrain" into "Taipei Trade Office in the Kingdom of Bahrain." In this sense, supporting TRO equals to countering the dominance of the One China Principle.

Senate Confirmation of AIT Director

Requires the President of United States to appoint the Director of the American Institute in Taiwan with the advice and consent of the Senate. The director shall have the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

Current Status

The American Institute in Taiwan is a non-profit organization created under the auspices of the U.S. government. The Department of State, through a semi-official contract with AIT, provides guidance and some funding in AIT's operations. Primarily staffed by employees from the State Department, it serves as a de facto embassy providing services normally provided by a United States diplomatic mission. Due to AIT's unique status, the appointment of an American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) Director, the U.S. de facto Ambassador to Taiwan, has always been the Department of State's decision.

Reasons

- Lack of Congressional Oversight

Under the U.S. Constitution, it is the President's duty to nominate ambassadors "by and with the advice of the Senate." Given that the AIT Director performs as an ambassador on behalf of the U.S., it is therefore necessary to have the checks and balances by the Congress on such appointment. The lack of Congressional involvement is not constitutionally reasonable and could potentially harm U.S. interests without proper oversight.

- Failure to Recognize Taiwan's Statehood

When the AIT Director is not required to be confirmed by the Senate, it implies that Taiwan's statehood is not fully recognized. FAPA believes that a democracy with a government elected by the 23 million people of Taiwan should be treated fairly and normally, and should not be left out from the category of "sovereign nations."

Related Bills

- [H.R. 5535 \(116th\): Taiwan Envoy Act](#)

US-Taiwan Free Trade Agreement

Summary

As Taiwan lifted its import ban on pork with ractopamine, the major obstacle for a US-Taiwan FTA has been removed. It is time for USTR to consider starting to negotiate a bilateral trade agreement with Taiwan.

Reasons

- **Taiwan Permitted U.S. Pork Import**
On December 2020, the Taiwan Parliament passed legislation that allows U.S. pork with ractopamine residue to be imported, which was a long time precondition for USTR to enter into FTA negotiations with Taiwan.
- **Taiwan is One of U.S. Largest Trading Partners**
Taiwan was the 11th largest U.S. trading partner with over \$10 billion U.S. services exports in 2018, yielding a surplus for the U.S. of over \$1.6 billion. Taiwan is also the 8th largest agricultural export destination for the United States in 2018. U.S. trade deficit to Taiwan also decreased by 7.3% from 2017. As a result, Taiwan is an important source of job creation for the United States.
- **Strong Congressional Support**
During the 116th Congress, 161 House of Representatives and 50 Senators signed separate joint letters to USTR to call for a trade negotiation with Taiwan.
- **A US-Taiwan FTA Can Strengthen Taiwan's Sovereignty**
Taiwan is overly reliant on the Chinese economy: 40% of exports and 70% of investment goes to the Chinese market. This gives the PRC a leverage to affect the political decision making in Taiwan and as a consequence undermines Taiwan's sovereignty. The PRC has been blocking Taiwan from signing FTAs with other countries. As a country that strongly supports market economy, it is in the U.S. interest to oppose the PRC's bullying of Taiwan by signing a US-Taiwan FTA.

Related Bills

- [S.Res.804 \(116th\)](#): A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should initiate negotiations to enter into a free trade agreement with Taiwan.
- [H.Con.Res.21 \(117th\)](#): Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should resume normal diplomatic relations with Taiwan, negotiate a bilateral free trade agreement with Taiwan, and support Taiwan's membership in international organizations.

Challenge the PRC's One China Principle

Summary

If viewing it as a competition for rhetorical leadership, the PRC's One China Principle has already defeated the U.S. One China Policy. This can be seen from a growing number of countries and international organizations referring to Taiwan as a Province of China.

This situation partly results from the U.S. One China Policy's passive language vis-à-vis Taiwan's sovereignty and democratic legitimacy. To seize the rhetorical leadership, the first step the U.S. should take is to eliminate the gray zone area by adopting the following statements:

1. The United States acknowledges that Taiwan exists as a self-governing democracy of 23.6 million people;
2. The United States will ensure any resolution of cross-Straits differences must be undertaken peacefully and with the active assent of the people of Taiwan;
3. The United States encourages both sides of the Taiwan Strait to carry out constructive dialogue without preconditions
4. For the first policy statement, instead of the current policy of "acknowledges the Chinese position that Taiwan is a part of China," the U.S. could extend equal legitimacy to Taiwan by "acknowledging" Taiwan as a self-governing democracy.

For the second policy statement, the U.S. One China Policy has long stipulated that the future of the Taiwan Strait must be resolved peacefully by both sides. This however does not proactively endorse the Taiwanese people's right to self-determination. FAPA would like to see the U.S. reiterating President Bill Clinton's statement in 2000 that the Taiwan question must be resolved "with the assent of the people of Taiwan."

Ultimately, the U.S. One China Policy currently "encourages both sides to continue their constructive dialogue," which overlooks the fact that the PRC has refused to engage with Taiwan since 2016 by imposing the One China Principle as a precondition. It would be a simple but effective step to push back against the One China Principle by supporting a cross-Straits dialogue "without preconditions."

Related Bills

- [H.Con.Res.21 \(117th\)](#): Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should resume normal diplomatic relations with Taiwan, negotiate a bilateral free trade agreement with Taiwan, and support Taiwan's membership in international organizations.

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Taiwan and International Organizations

Summary

Disease does not stop at the border, as the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated. It is therefore unconscionable that China plays politics with the lives of the people of Taiwan, of the people of China and of people around the world by blocking U.S. efforts to include Taiwan in the World Health Organization (WHO) – particularly in light of Taiwan’s extraordinary performance during this pandemic. Taiwan is prevented from contributing its expertise to the WHO either. How can responsible nations of the world conclude that the 23 million people of Taiwan should be denied information and experience that could benefit their and the rest of the world’s health and well-being?

Reasons

- **SARS Experience**
Taiwan was barred from joining the WHO during SARS outbreaks between 2002 and 2003. Although Taiwan was effective in controlling the virus, the public health crisis took away 181 lives of the people of Taiwan due to the lack of specimen collection. Timely information is critical to virus prevention and the lack of access to it is extremely dangerous not only to Taiwan but also the entire world.
- **Taiwan’s Potential Contribution to Global Health**
In the end of 2019, Taiwan government warned WHO about the “atypical pneumonia” before the Covid-19 outbreaks. In 2016, Taiwan became the 8th country passing the Joint External Evaluation (JEE) under WHO’s International Health Regulations (IHR). Its ability in virus prevention, detection, and response is well recognized under the JEE framework. Compared to Western countries, Taiwan is known for its knowledge about epidemic viruses existing in tropical areas. This is why the U.S. in the past four years has been bringing together medical and global health experts to Taiwan to study Molecular Diagnosis for MERS-CoV, Dengue Prevention and Control, and Molecular Diagnosis for Zika, among others.

Other important international venues where Taiwan’s expertise is missing and sorely needed are the ICAO and INTERPOL.

Related Bills

- [S. 812](#): A bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization, and for other purposes.
House version: [H.R. 1145](#)
- [H.R. 497](#): To prohibit the use of funds to seek membership in the World Health Organization or to provide assessed or voluntary contributions to the World Health Organization.
- [H.R. 1168](#): World Health Act



Petition

H.CON.RES. 21

Introduced by Reps. Tom Tiffany (R-WI) and Scott Perry (R-PA), H.Con.Res.21 urges the U.S. to:

- Resume normal diplomatic relations with Taiwan
- Negotiate a bilateral free trade agreement with Taiwan
- Support Taiwan's membership in international organizations

The United States maintains diplomatic relations with almost every country (even Syria and Communist China) in the world, except for North Korea, Iran, Bhutan, and Taiwan. We believe that, as a full-fledged democratic and free country that respects human rights, Taiwan should not belong on that short list of nations having no diplomatic ties with the U.S.

The resolution also supports US-Taiwan BTA and Taiwan's international participation.

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TAIWAN FELLOWSHIP ACT

If passed, a two-year fellowship program will be launched to send 10 U.S. federal government employees each year to Taiwan to work with their counterparts in Taiwan government offices most relevant to their home agencies. These participants will also receive Mandarin Chinese language training during their first year in Taiwan.

The importance of the Taiwan Fellowship Act is obvious – we will have more U.S. officials who love and know Taiwan more after spending two years in the country. In the future, they will become a major force to support stronger US-Taiwan relations in the United States government.

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Article

【拜登「概括繼承」川普對台政策】未來台美關係持續深化與正常化

美國前川普政府大力挺台，常態化對台軍售，公開否認中國對台主權，解除台美交往限制。檢視拜登新政府對台言行，明顯繼承川普之對台政策與遺產。在此基礎上，台美關係應能持續穩定發展。

去年，川普政府透過 AIT 公布兩份解密電報，表明「六項保證」始終為美國對台政策之基本要素，且對台軍售之基準係依台灣實際防衛需求而定，為「軍售常態化」提供政策依據。川普並於任內對台軍售高達 11 次，積極增強台灣防衛能力，以嚇阻中國侵台。

去年底，美國國務卿龐皮歐宣示「台灣依然不是中國的一部分」，公開挑戰「一個中國原則」。國務院亦強調華府的「一中政策」不同於北京的「一中原則」，且台灣問題須以和平方式解決。

此外，美國衛生部長阿札爾等高層官員訪台，駐聯合國大使克拉夫特與蔡英文總統進行視訊會議，意在提升台美交流層級，逐步落實《台灣旅行法》。今年初，龐皮歐回應《台灣保證法》之要求，檢視並廢止國務院「對台交往準則」，解除台美官方接觸之所有限制。美國駐荷蘭與駐瑞士大使隨即與其駐在地之台灣代表正式會面。

歸納之，川普對台政策有三大遺產：「常態對台軍售，強化台灣防衛能力」、「挑戰一中原則，否認中國對台主權」、「擴大交流層級，解除台美交往限制」。然而，檢視川普與拜登政府輪替前後之對台政策，其實延續性極高，差異甚微。

拜登政府亦重申《台灣關係法》與「六項保證」，表明美國對台承諾「堅若磐石」，會確保台灣具自我防衛能力。面對中國武嚇台灣，拜登勢將維持常態軍售，以滿足台灣防衛需求。

中國近日提高對台威脅，拜登政府因而警告北京會為恫嚇台灣付出代價，且已兩度派美艦穿越台灣海峽，宣示美軍準備好履行區域安全承諾。可見，美國將繼續以實際言行挑戰「一中原則」，否認台灣為中國領土。

今年初，駐美代表蕭美琴獲美方正式邀請出席拜登就職典禮，具重要外交突破意涵。隨後，蕭美琴赴國務院與代理亞太助卿會晤；美國駐馬賽總領事赴台灣駐普羅旺斯辦事處拜會處長；美國代理駐日大使邀請台灣駐日代表至官邸交流。顯然，拜登政府並無意回復台美交往限制，反而願在官方接觸上有所突破。

前川普政府為美台關係開拓新局，實獲跨黨派高度支持。也因此，政黨輪替後，拜登新政府依然概括繼承川普對台政策與遺產。在中持續對抗競爭格局下，台灣戰略地位愈形重要。台美擴大雙邊與多邊軍事、經貿等交流合作，符合共同價值與利益。拜登未來任內之台美關係預料將持續深化與正常化，應值得期待。

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美國解密對台「六項保證」是公開挑戰「一中原則」

近期，美國國務卿蓬佩奧（Mike Pompeo）於 10 月 21 日表示，美國對台政策並未改變；但他在 11 月 12 日受訪時則公開表態：「台灣依然不是中國的一部分（Taiwan has not been a part of China）。」國務院發言人於 11 月 14 日進一步說明，將近 40 年來，美國的「一個中國政策」一直以《台灣關係法》、《美中三公報》、與「六項保證」為指引。11 月 25 日，美國國務院的政策規劃辦公室主任伯科維茨（Peter Berkowitz）受訪時強調：「依我看來，保護台灣的自由與獨立（Taiwan's freedom and independence）是當務之急。」

其實，雷根政府在 1982 年所提的對台「六項保證」中，不僅有兩項關於對台軍售，另有一項更是明確承諾「（美國）未改變關於台灣主權的立場」。換言之，蓬佩奧以及國務院發言人日前所要強調的是，過去近 40 年來的美國兩黨政府皆遵循當年雷根的對台政策，信守各項對台承諾，並延續美國對台灣主權的立場。

然而，在雷根政府之前，美國對台灣法律地位的立場到底為何？蓬佩奧是否真的是美國史上第一位國務卿公開表態「台灣不屬於中國」？倘若川普政府並未改變美國對台政策，那蓬佩奧的談話為何在台灣引發話題？近期「六項保證」解密以及蓬佩奧談話的重要性為何？本文將討論並嘗試回答以上問題，並說明當前美國對台政策即使基本內涵不變，但在「台灣主權歸屬」以及「對台軍售」等議題上，已從「刻意模糊」轉為「態度清晰」，藉以協助台灣有效嚇阻來自中國的威脅與侵略。

美國對台灣主權問題的最初立場：台灣法律地位應透過國際機制以和平方式解決

二戰終戰時，中華民國於 1945 年 10 月 25 日開始「軍事佔領」台灣，卻逕自宣稱自當日起，台灣業已「光復」而重回中國版圖。然而，如同其他多數盟國政府，美國官方從不承認中國此一違反國際法之片面主張，甚至在 1970 年代以前，數度表達「台灣地位未定」之立場，公開否認中國已取得台澎領土主權，明確主張台灣並非中國領土。

早於 1946 年 10 月，中華民國駐日代表處即電告外交部，指出「惟近月以來，總部（按，由美國政府所主導並負責佔領日本事宜的「駐日盟軍總部」）意見紛歧，一部分人員個人表示，按照國際公法，台灣人民須待盟國簽訂對日和約將臺灣正式歸還中國後，始得恢復中國國籍」。1946 年 11 月 21 日，美國國務院就此事照會中華民國駐美大使館，明確指出：從法律觀點而言，「台灣主權之移轉尚待正式化」。1949 年 4 月 15 日，美國國務卿新聞特助麥克德莫特（Michael McDermott）亦公開表示：「戰時的台灣地位與千島群島完全一樣。其最終地位將在我們（與日本）簽訂和平條約時決定。」

1950 年 6 月 27 日（亦即韓戰爆發後兩日），美國總統杜魯門（Harry Truman）明確採取「台灣地位未定」之立場，公開聲明：「台灣未來的地位，必須等待太平洋區域安全之恢復，與日本締結和約時，或經聯合國考慮後，才能確定。」1950 年 8 月 25 日，美國駐聯合國大使奧斯汀（Warren Austin）致函聯合國祕書長，就美國對台立場表達七點聲明，其中第四點部分如下：「該島嶼（即，台灣）的實際地位係盟軍在太平洋戰勝而取自日本之領土。如同其他類似狀況之領土，台灣的法律地位有待國際行動來決定其前途，始能確定。」

1950 年 9 月 21 日，美國國務卿艾奇遜（Dean Acheson）亦致函聯合國祕書長，表明：「將台灣正式轉移給中國，必須等待完成與日本之議和或其他適當的正式處置（Formal transfer of Formosa to China was to await the conclusion of peace with Japan or some other appropriate formal act）」，而「美國對台灣並無領土野心，亦不尋求對台灣的特殊地位或特權。美國並且相信，台灣及其近八百萬居民之前途，應依循聯合國憲章而以和平方式解決。」

我們可以發現，最遲不晚於 1950 年，美國總統杜魯門及國務卿艾奇遜皆已公開表達「台灣未來的地位仍有待決定」以及「台灣領土主權尚未正式移轉給中國」之看法；亦即，皆已代表美國政府最高層，對外公開宣示「台灣仍不屬於中國」。這比美國現任國務卿蓬佩奧於 2020 年重提「台灣依然不是中國的一部分」，整整早了 70 年。

《對日和約》未確定台灣主權歸屬：強化美國所持之「台灣地位未定論」

然而，由美國主導且於 1952 年 4 月 28 日生效之《對日和平條約》或《舊金山和約》雖明文規定「日本放棄對於台灣及澎湖群島之一切權利、權利名義與要求（Japan renounces all right, title and claim to Formosa and the Pescadores）」，卻因盟國之間無法達成共識，並未對台澎主權歸屬做出「最終處置」。對美國政府而言，對日和約僅規定日本放棄台澎，未明訂之後台澎主權屬誰，更加強化了美國所持的「台灣地位未定」以及「台灣不是中國一部分」的立場。

1954 年 12 月 1 日，美國國務卿杜勒斯就即將簽署的《中華民國與美利堅合眾國間共同防禦條約》召開記者會，並答覆道：「台灣與澎湖在法律上之主權從未（在二戰後）被決定過。這是因為《對日和平條約》僅涉及日本放棄對這些島嶼的權利與權利名義，但未來的主權歸屬並未被《對日和平條約》決定，亦未由《中華民國與日本國間和平條約》（按，又稱《台北和約》）所決定。因此台灣與澎湖這些島嶼的法律地位與向來屬於中國領土之沿海島嶼（按，金門與馬祖）的法律地位並不相同。」換言之，杜勒斯以美國國務卿之身分，再度公開宣示美國政府認為「台灣領土主權未定」以及「台灣不屬於中國」之立場。

在 1969 年於美國參議院外交委員會的一場聽證會上，國務院再度表明美國對台灣法律地位的立場：「在 1951 年 9 月 8 日於舊金山所簽署的《對日和平條約》第二條僅規定『日本放棄對於台灣及澎湖群島之一切權利、權利名義與要求』。同樣的文字也被用於 1952 年 4 月 28 日所簽署的《中華民國與日本國間和平條約》第二條。在任一條約中，日本皆未割讓此地區給任何特定的實體。由於任何既存的國際處置皆未處理台灣與澎湖（的主權歸屬），此地區的領土主權遂成為有待未來國際解決之未定問題。」這是美國與中華人民共和國關係正常化之前，美國政府最後一次公開表達其對台灣法律地位的立場，仍明確維持「台灣地位未定」之見解，否認中國已取得台澎主權。

上述 1969 年美國官方對台灣主權問題所表達之看法，亦被引述於美國國務院法律顧問史塔（Robert Starr）在 1971 年 7 月所撰「台灣的法律地位」備忘錄之中。該備忘錄並總結道：「我們（美國）已表明，我們的主要考量是這些（台灣地位的）相關爭議應透過不訴諸武力的和平手段解決。在獲致這樣的解決之前，我們將接受我們所發現的現實狀況，持續就攸關雙方利益的事務，分別與中華人民共和國政府及中華民國政府打交道。」

美中關係正常化後：美國仍維持「台灣地位未定」之立場，但避談台灣主權問題

美國在 1970 年代初期開始尋求其與中華人民共和國關係之正常化，兩國並於 1979 年 1 月 1 日正式建交。然而在建交前後所簽署的《美中三公報》之中，美國僅「認知」（acknowledge）但從未「承認」（recognize）中方關於「台灣是中國的一部分」之立場。1979 年，卡特政府的官員在聽證會上解釋，美國雖然「認知」到「中國的立場」為台灣是中國的一部分，但也強調「美國本身並未同意這個（中方的）立場」。

事實上，不論是美國國會在 1979 年所制定的《台灣關係法》還是雷根政府在 1982 年所提出的對台「六項保證」，皆以「台灣不是中國的一部分」為前提，並認為美國對台軍售以及其他對台承諾皆不構成「干涉中國內政」之問題。對台「六項保證」中有兩項是關於美國對台軍售，另有一項則有關美方對台灣地位的立場，亦即：美國「未同意設定終止對台軍售的日期」、「未同意就對台軍售議題向中華人民共和國徵詢意見」、以及「未改變關於台灣主權的立場」。換

言之，即便簽署了《美中三公報》，美國政府仍認為「台灣法律地位未定」，依然否認中國擁有對台主權。1982 年美中簽訂《八一七公報》後不久，美國國務院向參議院提交書面答覆時保證：「美國對台灣主權問題不採取立場。」這裡所說的，當然不是美國對台灣主權地位毫無看法，而是說美國就台灣主權爭議之「最終解決」並未採取特定立場。

然而遺憾的是，為促進美中「交往」（engagement）的政策，美國政府自 1970 年代起即避免公開談論「台灣法律地位」問題，亦迴避正面挑戰中國所虛構的「台灣為中國一部分」之主張。尤有甚者，華府的「一中政策」具備相當彈性與刻意模糊，因而常被誤會與北京的「一中原則」並無二致。這不僅讓一般民眾與媒體記者，甚至是部分學者與高階官員，誤以為美國已承認「台灣為中國的一部分」。1994 年 9 月，當柯林頓總統的白宮新聞秘書麥柯里（Mike McCurry）被問及美國政府是否認為「台灣是中國的一部分」時，他竟回答道：「絕對是的。這一直是我方『一中政策』的一貫特色」。這真是個駭人聽聞的嚴重錯誤，即便他在隔年已對此說法做出更正。

美國國會與川普政府重申對台「六項保證」並挑戰「一中原則」

有鑑於美國「一中政策」的消極模糊與高度誤導性，總部位於華府的「台灣人公共事務會」（FAPA）多年來即不斷呼籲美國政府應明確重申對台「六項保證」，並公開挑戰北京的「一中原則」，嚴詞駁斥「台灣是中國一部分」之謬論。令人振奮的是，上述 FAPA 的長期倡議與訴求皆已在近年逐一實現。

2016 年美國參眾兩院通過一項共同決議案，條列對台「六項保證」之具體內容，並清楚確認《台灣關係法》與「六項保證」均為美台關係之「基石」（cornerstones），且強烈要求美國總統與國務院公開承認「六項保證」具備此一地位。近年來，為落實上述國會共同決議案，美國行政部門在《台灣關係法》及《美中三公報》之外，的確更常提及並強調「六項保證」在美國對台政策上之重要性。

今年 8 月，美國在台協會（AIT）更公布一份解密的 1982 年 8 月之電報，揭示「六項保證」的原文內容，且表明「六項保證」始終是美國對台及對中政策的「基本要素」（a foundational element）。與此同時，AIT 亦公布另一則解密的 1982 年 7 月之電報，闡明：美國逐步減少對台軍售之意願，取決於中華人民共和國延續其和平解決台灣問題的承諾；美國對台軍售之基準將持續依照台灣實際的防衛需求而定；亦即，倘若北京升高對台敵對之態度，美國亦將增加對台軍售，以資平衡。美國公布這兩份解密電報，無疑是在中國大幅提高對台威脅之際，為美國對台「軍售正常化」提供政策依據。緊接著，美國在今年 10 月至 12 月初已共計宣布 4 次對台軍售，使得川普任內的對台軍售已高達 11 次。這將大幅增強台灣的威懾及不對稱作戰能力，以有效嚇阻中國武力犯台。

近日，美國政府更是公開挑戰北京的「一個中國原則」，直接駁斥「台灣是中國一部分」的謬論。今年 11 月 12 日，美國國務卿蓬佩奧在接受訪問時公開宣示：「台灣依然不是中國的一部分，且雷根政府為制定對台政策所做的工作也承認這點，而過去 35 年多以來，美國兩黨政府皆遵循這些政策」。他並指出，美國對台承諾確實是「跨兩黨」的共識；台灣是民主典範，美國必須履行它的對台承諾與義務，而中國也應該履行它對台灣人民的承諾。蓬佩奧這裡所說的中國對台承諾，無疑是指當年美中建交時，中國曾在美國要求下承諾將以和平方式解決台灣問題。

國務院發言人在 11 月 14 日更進一步闡明，美國的「一個中國政策」與北京的「一個中國原則」明顯不同；中共主張中國對台灣擁有主權，但「美國對台灣主權不採取立場」。如同之前所提及的 1982 年國務院向參院所提之書面答覆，這裡當然也不是意指美國對台灣法律地位毫無立場，而是說美國對台灣主權爭議之「最終解決」不採取既定立場，但堅持必須以和平方式解決。

美國對台政策逐漸「清晰」：「台美關係正常化」仍有待持續推動

回顧美國自二戰終戰以來對台灣主權歸屬之看法，我們可以發現，美國在過去 70 多年來一直維持「台灣法律地位未定」的基本立場，否認中國擁有台澎領土主權。然而，自 1970 年代「美中關係正常化」以來，雖然美國僅「認知」而未「承認」中國關於「台灣是中國的一部分」的立場，美國卻刻意消極地不挑戰中國對台灣的主權聲索，迴避對台灣主權問題表態。

蓬佩奧日前以美國國務卿身分公開評論台灣主權問題，論其談話「內容」，只不過延續美國幾十年來的既定立場。不像某些評論所說的那樣，蓬佩奧其實並非美國史上第一位公開宣示「台灣不屬於中國」的國務卿。蓬佩奧談話的真正重要性在於，這是美國政府在過去 50 年左右以來首度再次「表態」台灣並非中國領土，公開挑戰北京的「一中原則」，並將此留在美國官方談話的紀錄上。他亦強調過去 35 年多以來的美國兩黨政府皆維持此一立場，並且遵循雷根政府對台「六項保證」之政策。言下之意即是，不論未來美國政權如何輪替，美國政府依然會維持長期及跨黨派的對台承諾，堅決否認中國已擁有台澎主權。

美國不僅在「法律戰」上持續將「台灣問題國際化」，反駁北京所謂「台灣問題屬於中國內政」的荒謬說法，亦在軍事上透過對台軍售與訓練交流，積極協助台灣提升防禦嚇阻能力。近期 AIT 公布「六項保證」解密電報以及美國一連串的對台軍售，不僅已確立對台「軍售正常化」，而且意在提醒北京，當初美中建交是有條件的，一旦中國違背和平解決台灣問題的承諾，升高對台灣的敵意，則美國將依照台灣實際的防衛需求而增加對台軍售。

此外，值得慶幸的是，美國兩黨皆已認清中共政權對美國、台灣、印太地區、甚至是全球的戰略威脅與安全挑戰，也因而放棄已明顯失敗的美中「全面交往」政策。不僅美國國會內「跨黨派」的對台支持更勝以往，且在近年通過了許多挺台法案與決議，美國政府更是積極提升美台關係，顯然已將台灣納為美國「抗中圍堵」大戰略中的重要一環。

顯而易見地，隨著中國大幅升高對台軍事威脅與統戰滲透，美國的對台立場與承諾已從過去的刻意「模糊」轉為逐漸「清晰」。接下來不論是誰將入主白宮，本屆川普政府已在台美關係上留下難以改變的重要「政策遺產」。美國勢必將繼續挑戰北京的「一中原則」，堅持「台灣不是中國的一部分」，並延續與加強對台軍售，要求台海爭議必須以和平方式解決。可以預見的是，美國與民主台灣的合作夥伴關係將更為緊密與深化。即便如此，台美互動交往上仍有諸多不合理的限制。「台美關係正常化」仍有待完成，而這也是 FAPA 所長期努力推動的目標，盼能早日促成美國「外交承認」台灣，且協助台灣以主權國家之身分平等地參與國際組織。

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