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President's Corner

Dear FAPA Member and Friend:

As the pandemic in the United States eases, the HQ plans to gradually return to our D.C. office from April. I also wish everyone good health and safety, as well as an early return to normal life.

Since the end of last year, U.S.-Taiwan relations have witnessed major breakthroughs and new opportunities at all levels, including substantive diplomacy, economy and trade, and military cooperation.

Last December, the people of Taiwan rejected the referendum to reimpose an import ban on U.S. pork containing ractopamine. It demonstrated Taiwan's determination to abide by international trade norms and its trade commitment to the United States. This also greatly increased the possibility of negotiating a U.S.-Taiwan bilateral free trade agreement (BTA or FTA) and Taiwan's joining the new U.S.-led "Indo-Pacific Economic Framework."

Moreover, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022" (FY 2022 NDAA), which was signed into law at the end of last year, called on the U.S. to conduct practical training and military exercises with Taiwan, including inviting Taiwan to the "Rim of the Pacific Exercise" (RIMPAC); to ensure that Taiwan has a sufficient self-defense capability; and to maintain the U.S. capacity to resist a Chinese "fait accompli" by force that would jeopardize the security of the people of Taiwan.

This January, Taiwan's Vice President Lai Ching-te briefly and publicly exchanged greetings with U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris on an international occasion, marking an important breakthrough in U.S.-Taiwan high-level exchanges, and also representing a further implementation of the "Taiwan Travel Act."

In February, the Biden administration announced its second major arms sale to Taiwan. This US\$100 million deal includes equipment and five-year services to maintain and improve Taiwan's Patriot air and missile defense system. It fully continued the U.S. policy of "normalizing arms sales to Taiwan" in recent years to help Taiwan enhance its deterrence capability timely and effectively.

In late February, Russia illegally invaded Ukraine. That endangered international peace and security, and also raised concerns about whether China would take this opportunity to escalate its military threat to Taiwan or even invade Taiwan by force.

To ease the concerns, President Joe Biden soon designated former U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Mike Mullen to lead a delegation with four other former senior defense and security officials to visit Taiwan in early March. The timely delegation demonstrated the U.S.' strong commitment to Taiwan, and reiterated that the U.S. will continue to oppose any unilateral changes to the status quo by force and will continue to "support a peaceful resolution of cross-strait issues, consistent with the wishes and best interests of the people of Taiwan."

Also in early March, former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo visited Taiwan, and he said during a speech in Taipei that the U.S. government should diplomatically recognize Taiwan as a "free and sovereign country" immediately. And this is not about Taiwan's "future independence," but is about recognizing an unmistakable, already existent reality that Taiwan is "already an independent country."

In mid-March, President Biden signed into law the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022," which includes a ban to use the government funds to create, procure, or display any map that "inaccurately depicts" the territory of Taiwan. It is reasonable to infer that Taiwan will thereafter be depicted in a different color than China on the U.S. official maps to reflect the undeniable fact that "Taiwan is not part of China." I believe everyone is very pleased and excited about this good news.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of FAPA. The HQ will publish a commemorative book, and we cordially invite you to share your FAPA stories to jointly record our efforts, achievements, and memory when promoting U.S.-Taiwan relations over the years. In addition to various advocacy activities and speeches, the HQ will also hold events to celebrate FAPA's 40th anniversary. We look forward to your active participation and attendance.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your long-term support, encouragement, and donations to FAPA. We will continue to work with you to promote the normalization of U.S.-Taiwan relations, military exchanges and cooperation, a bilateral free trade agreement, and so forth. We hope to bring more breakthroughs and achievements as soon as possible.

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FAPA National President

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President's Corner

親愛的 FAPA 會員與朋友:

隨著美國疫情趨緩,總部計畫自四月起,逐漸回到華府辦公室上班。在此,亦祝福大家 健康平安,早日回歸正常生活。

自去年底以來,美台關係在實質外交、經貿、軍事合作等各方面,皆有重大突破與新契機。

去年十二月,台灣民眾否決了反美(萊)豬公投,在在顯示台灣願意遵守國際貿易規範與對美經貿承諾的決心。這也大幅增加了台美洽簽「雙邊(自由)貿易協定」(BTA或FTA)以及台灣加入美國所新提出的「印太經濟架構」(Indo-Pacific Economic Framework)的可能性。

此外,去年底所通過生效的《2022財年國防授權法》(FY 2022 NDAA)則呼籲美台舉行實地訓練與軍事演習,包括邀請台灣參加「環太平洋軍演」(Rim of the Pacific Exercise,RIMPAC);積極確保台灣具備充足的自衛能力;並要求美國必須維持阻止中國藉由武力造成危害台灣人民安全之「既成事實」的能力。

今年一月,台灣副總統賴清德與美國副總統賀錦麗(Kamala Harris)在國際場合上公開見面寒暄,創下台美高層交往的重大突破,這也是《台灣旅行法》的進一步落實。二月,拜登政府宣布其第二次對台軍售,將出售1億美元、為期5年的愛國者防空飛彈系統工程勤務;這充分延續美國近年來「對台軍售常態化」的政策,以協助台灣即時並有效提升嚇阻能力。

二月下旬,俄羅斯非法入侵烏克蘭,這不僅危害國際和平與安全,也引發各界擔憂中國是否藉機升高對台軍事威脅,甚至武力犯台。有鑑於此,美國總統拜登(Joe Biden)於三月初即時指派前參謀首長聯席會議主席穆倫(Mike Mullen)率領其他四位前國防及國安資深官員訪台,藉以展現美國堅守對台承諾的決心,並重申美國將持續「支持以符合台灣人民意願和最佳利益的方式,和平解決台海爭議」,反對任何以武力片面改變現狀之

行為。

同樣在三月初訪台的美國前國務卿蓬佩奧(Mike Pompeo)則於台北演說時表示,美國政府應立即外交承認台灣是「自由主權國家」(free and sovereign country);且這無涉台灣「未來的獨立」,而是承認台灣「已是獨立國家」此一明確且早已存在之事實。

三月中旬,美國《2022財政年度支出法案》經拜登總統簽署生效,其中明文禁止將美國政府經費用於製作、採購或展示任何「不正確標示」台灣領土的地圖。合理推斷,此後台灣在美國官方地圖上的顏色將與中國有所不同,藉以凸顯「台灣不是中國一部分」的不爭事實。相信大家都為此好消息感到相當高興及振奮。

今年是FAPA成立40周年。總部將出版紀念刊物,希望大家能分享您的FAPA故事,共同記錄我們一起推動台美關係的多年付出、成就、與點滴。此外,在推動各項倡議與演講活動之外,總部亦將舉辦40周年相關慶祝活動,期盼大家能踴躍參與及出席。

最後,我要感謝大家對FAPA的長期支持、鼓勵、及捐款。我們將持續與您共同努力,推動台美關係正常化、軍事交流合作、自由貿易協議等議題,盼能盡快迎來更多的突破與成果。

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Minze V. Chien

FAPA LAMENTS PASSING OF FORMER FAPA PRESIDENT DR. PENG MING-MIN (1923-2022)

Today, on April 8, Dr. Peng Ming-min passed away in Taiwan.

Professor Peng was a pro-Taiwan independence/pro-democracy activist who served as FAPA's president from 1986 to 1988 while in exile in the U.S. – having escaped imprisonment during the period of authoritarian rule in Taiwan. He was the last of a trio of great Taiwanese men with Lee Teng-hui and Su Beng, who grew up in Taiwan during the Japanese era and did their university work in Japan. Each in their own unique way made significant and diverse contributions to Taiwan's current independence.

Born during Japanese rule to a prominent doctor's family in rural Taiwan, Peng received his primary education in Taiwan before going to Tokyo for secondary education, graduating in 1942. During World War II, he studied law and political science at "Tokyo Imperial University." At the end of the war, in order to avoid the American bombing of Japan's capital, he decided to go to his brother near Nagasaki. En route, he lost his left arm in a bombing raid. While recuperating at his brother's house, he witnessed the second atomic blast that destroyed the city of Nagasaki.

After the Japanese surrender, Peng returned to Taiwan and enrolled in "National Taiwan University." He was studying for his bachelor's degree at Law School when the February 28 Massacre occurred. Arrested for sedition in 1964 for printing a manifesto advocating Taiwan's independence and democracy, he escaped to Sweden, and subsequently took a post as a university teacher in the United States.

After 22 years in exile, he returned to Taiwan in 1992 to become the Democratic Progressive Party's first presidential candidate in Taiwan's first direct presidential election in 1996.

FAPA President Minze Chien reacts: "Dr. Peng makes all of us at FAPA proud to be a member of this illustrious organization. As a German philosopher once said: 'Death is not the opposite of life. Death is the opposite of birth. Life is eternal...' Indeed, Professor Peng lives on – very much so in all of us who have had the honor and the pleasure to walk with him. May these words comfort all of us during the coming days."



Peng Ming-min(center)
Photo Credit: Wikiwand



U.S. REPS. PERRY AND TIFFANY CALL UPON U.S. UN AMBASSADOR "TO ASSIST TAIWAN TO BECOME A UNITED NATIONS MEMBER STATE"

In a letter dated September 9, 2021, U.S. Representatives Tom Tiffany (R-WI) and Scott Perry (R-PA) write to U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield: "The minimum that the United States can – and must – do is to ensure that Taiwan is fully invested with the rights, privileges, and responsibilities as a U.N. member state." They state: "No cogent or logical argument can be made for Taiwan's 50-year exclusion from the U.N."

They add: "That our Nation would recognize U.N. membership of State Sponsors of Terrorism – to include Cuba, Iran, North Korea, and Syria – but not Taiwan – defies common sense. It is beyond the pale that we allow our fear of the People's Republic of China (PRC) to dictate our foreign policy and allow the U.N. body – dominated by the influence of the CCP – to repeatedly reject Taiwan's requests to formally join the U.N."

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORT TECRO NAME CHANGE TO TRO – CHABOT: TIME FOR AIT DIRECTOR CONFIRMATION BY THE SENATE AND STRATEGIC CLARITY TOWARD TAIWAN

During an online event held by the Washington-based German Marshall Fund on September 14, 2021, co-chair of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH) voiced his support for renaming the "Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office" (TECRO) in the U.S. to the "Taiwan Representative Office" (TRO). The Congressman stated that it was infuriating for him to see Taiwan being referred to as "Chinese Taipei" at the Olympic Games last month.

Chairman of the House Asian Subcommittee Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA) echoed Chabot's views and said that the U.S. could gain some bargaining chips from the discussion about renaming TECRO, adding that the name change move should be considered under a larger strategic framework. The Financial Times on September 10 reported that Washington was considering the name change from TECRO to TRO which would require President Biden to sign an executive order.

While some have said renaming TECRO to include "Taiwan" in its name could anger China, Chabot said China gets annoyed at the smallest things, not merely issues that it thinks infringe on its sovereignty. He added that some might say changing the TECRO name might be merely symbolic, but on Taiwan "symbolism IS substance."

Chabot also called on Washington to change the title of the "director" of the American Institute in Taiwan to "representative." The nomination procedure should be made identical to that for other ambassadors, needing the U.S. Senate's approval, he said. In his closing remarks, Chabot called for "Strategic Clarity" as opposed to "Strategic Ambiguity" – a policy the U.S. has adhered to for the past forty years.

U.S. HOUSE PASSES NDAA WITH TAIWAN PROVISIONS IN IT THREE COMMUNIQUES STRUCK

The U.S. House of Representatives passed its annual defense policy bill on September 23, 2021, which includes recommendations for inviting Taiwan to the 2022 Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) and enhancing cooperation between the U.S. National Guard and Taiwan. Section 1247 is pertinent to helping Taiwan strengthen its self-defense capability. It reiterates the importance of the "Taiwan Relations Act" and the "Six Assurances" as the foundation of ties between Taipei and Washington.

FAPA President Minze Chien reacts: "It is highly encouraging to see that in the NDAA the House affirms the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances as the cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan relations and leaves out the Three Communiques. The Communiques are the cradle of the vilified One China Policy, in which the U.S. acknowledges China's claim over Taiwan. There should be zero tolerance in the U.S. for China's irrational claim over Taiwan. The U.S. One China Policy should be relegated to the ash heap of history."

HOUSE TAIWAN CAUCUS CO-FOUNDER STEVE CHABOT: "WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD, AND NOT BE INTIMIDATED BY CHINA"

In an interview with the Central News Agency on October 3, U.S. Congressman Steve Chabot (R-OH), co-founder and current co-chair of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, mentioned his introduction of the Taiwan Travel Act, which was signed into law by Trump in 2018.

Chabot said he is hoping that the Taiwan Travel Act could be used more often. "The Biden administration, I also think, has not used it enough. And we're encouraging them to do that," he pointed out.

Chabot said he would love to see Taiwan's Foreign Minister Joseph Wu visit and address the Congress. He also added he would not be satisfied until President Tsai Ing-wen addresses a joint session of the House and the Senate in the Capitol Building.

Chabot added that he is "cautiously optimistic" that the Joe Biden administration will approve a name change from the existing "Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office" to "Taiwan Representative Office."

Chabot said he thinks there is "a real possibility" for the name change: "I think that makes sense. I think we ought to do it. I've introduced legislation to do that. And I commend the Biden administration for working in that direction. I hope they follow through." "We're not there yet. But I'm going to continue to work on that until we get it done."

PRESIDENT BIDEN SAYS U.S. WOULD COME TO TAIWAN'S DEFENSE

The United States would come to Taiwan's defense and has a commitment to defend the island China claims as its own, U.S. President Joe Biden said on October 21, 2021.

"Yes, we have a commitment to do that," Biden said at a CNN town hall when asked if the United States would come to the defense of Taiwan, which has complained of mounting military and political pressure from Beijing to accept Chinese sovereignty.

While Washington is required by law to provide Taiwan with the means to defend itself, it has long followed a policy of "strategic ambiguity" on whether it would intervene militarily to protect Taiwan in the event of a Chinese attack.

A White House spokesperson said Biden at his town hall was not announcing any change in U.S. policy and "there is no change in our policy," but declined further comment when asked if Biden had misspoken.

REP. TOM TIFFANY: "TAIWAN IS AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY - HAS NEVER BEEN PART OF CHINA"

On October 25, 2021, Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-WI) posted a tweet on his Twitter page in support of Taiwan's inclusion in the United Nations, stating:

"For 50 years, Taiwan has been unfairly excluded from the United Nations. This must change.

FACT: Taiwan is an independent, democratic country.

FACT: Taiwan has never been part of Communist China, even for one day.

FACT: China is China, Taiwan is Taiwan."

FAPA President Minze Chien reacts "In January 2021, then U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Kelly Craft met with Taiwan president Tsai during a virtual face-to-face meeting. It behooves current U.S. Ambassador to the UN Linda Thomas-Greenfield to hold a similar meeting sooner rather than later."

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES PERRY AND TIFFANY CALL UPON G20 TO INVITE TAIWAN TO UPCOMING ROME SUMMIT – "BEIJING'S FALSE TERRITORIAL CLAIMS"

In a letter to Chairman of the G20 Mario Draghi dated October 27, 2021, U.S. Representatives Scott Perry (R-PA) and Tom Tiffany (R-WI) express their "strong support for Taiwan's full participation at the G-20 Summit in Rome beginning 30 October. Given the outsized role Taiwan has in the global economy, their participation at the G-20 is a matter of global interest."

They state: "Taiwan's economy is currently the seventh largest in Asia and by purchasing power parity, its economy ranks as highly as 19th in the world. Its foreign reserves are the fifth largest in the world. The Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) is the world's most advanced manufacturer of semiconductor chips – a commodity increasingly important in a world confronted by a supply chain crisis. In light of supply chain disruptions and increasing demand for semiconductors, engaging constructively with the Government of Taiwan at a major international diplomatic forum is a necessity, not an option."

They conclude: "Allowing Taiwan's participation in this year's G-20 would be an important way to combat this growing perception, and toward restoring the credibility of the international community."

FAPA PRESIDENT CALLS FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP FOR TAIWAN IN THE UNITED NATIONS IN LETTER TO SECRETARY BLINKEN – TECRO NAME CHANGE ("A NEW NORMAL")

In a letter dated November 1, 2021, to U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, FAPA President Minze Chien calls upon the U.S. to support full membership for Taiwan in all international organizations, including the United Nations (UN).

Dr. Chien also calls for U.S. support for the establishment of U.S.-Taiwan diplomatic relations. He writes: "Today, the U.S. maintains diplomatic relations with almost every country, 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."

And finally: "The final issue is to rename Taiwan's de facto embassy in the U.S. from 'Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office' (TECRO) to 'Taiwan Representative Office' (TRO). Referring to Taiwan as 'Taiwan' is consistent with longstanding U.S. policy. We therefore have the TAIWAN Relations Act, the TAIWAN Travel Act, the American Institute in TAIWAN, and so forth. The TECRO's name change to TRO is not merely a 'symbolic' step, but also a 'substantive' move that would lend more dignity and respect to the people of Taiwan, and could consolidate U.S. leadership among allies to make 'Taiwan' representative offices 'a new normal' across the world."

FAPA MOURNS PASSING OF TAIWAN INDEPENDENCE PIONEER AND LEGEND LEE YING-YUAN

FAPA members are sad to receive the news that Lee Ying-yuan passed away on November 11, 2021, in Taiwan at age 68.

FAPA President Minze Chien reacts: "It was people like Lee Ying-yuan who made Taiwan's democratization a reality. At FAPA we have always been proud to call him a friend. He honored us by attending multiple FAPA events here in Washington DC as well as in Taiwan. In January 2016 for instance, he attended our celebration in Taipei for the election of President Tsai Ing-wen (see: photo) and in March 2019 he was guest of honor at a banquet FAPA hosted in Taipei." Dr. Chien concludes: "As long as we live, Dr. Lee too will live, for he is now a part of us, as we remember him…"



PRESIDENT BIDEN COMMENTS ON TAIWAN: "IT'S INDEPENDENT – THEY [TAIWAN] HAVE TO DECIDE, NOT US – LET THEM [THE TAIWANESE] MAKE UP THEIR MIND"

Remarks by President Biden in Press Gaggle November 16, 2021 (3:23 P.M. EST)

QUESTION: Mr. President, can we have a reaction to your meeting with President Xi last night? How did it go?

QUESTION: Any progress on Taiwan?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes. We have made very clear we support the Taiwan Act, and that's it. It's independent. It makes its own decisions.

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Full Statement

Remarks by President Biden Before Air Force One Departure November 16, 2021 (4:56 P.M. EST)

QUESTION: Can you clarify what the policy [regarding Taiwan] is? Because you said today "independence," and in the past you said —

THE PRESIDENT: No, no, I said that they have to decide — "they" — Taiwan. Not us. And we are not encouraging independence, we're encouraging that they do exactly what the Taiwan Act requires, and that's what we're doing. Let them make up their mind. Period. Taiwan make up—



Full Interview

REP. TOM TIFFANY: "TIME FOR THE U.S. TO RECOGNIZE TAIWAN AS AN INDEPENDENT NATION"

In a December 2 Op-Ed on Breitbart, Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-WI) concluded: "It is long past time for the United States to lead by example and formally recognize Taiwan for what it is: a democratic and independent nation."

The Congressman stated: "The world has changed substantially since Jimmy Carter was in the White House, and so should America's hopelessly antiquated and counterproductive 'One China Policy.' That is why I've introduced legislation calling on President Biden to abandon the 'One China' lie, support Taiwan's membership in international organizations, negotiate a free trade agreement with Taiwan, and finally normalize relations between our two countries."

In the article, the Congressman makes the case that the U.S. One China Policy "was conceived nearly a half-century ago by President Richard Nixon as a way to drive a wedge between Mao's China and the now-defunct Soviet Union. It became a reality under President Jimmy Carter, who recognized Beijing in 1979 and cut off formal U.S. ties with Taiwan – without the approval of Congress."

REP. GLENN GROTHMAN: "I AM HAPPY TO SHOWCASE SUPPORT FOR TAIWANESE INDEPENDENCE"

In a tweet, dated December 7, Rep. Glenn Grothman (R-WI) stated that it is time for the U.S. to establish diplomatic relations with Taiwan – as promoted by his Wisconsin colleague Rep. Tom Tiffany.

Rep. Grothman wrote: "It's time for Washington to modernize U.S. ties with #Taiwan instead of staying silent to appease the Chinese Communist Party. I'm happy to work alongside @RepTiffany to showcase support for Taiwanese independence and strengthen our countries' relationship."



FAPA PRESIDENT MINZE CHIEN'S OP-ED IN "UP MEDIA": "THE U.S. SHOULD UNAMBIGUOUSLY INCORPORATE TAIWAN INTO ITS MUTUAL DEFENSE SYSTEM"

In a December 10 Op-Ed on "Up Media," FAPA President Minze Chien writes: "The military imbalance between the U.S. and China in the region is increasing. This also means that the U.S.' long-term strategy of 'Strategic Ambiguity' toward the military defense of Taiwan is no longer sufficient to guarantee the security of Taiwan and maintain stability in the Taiwan Strait."

For the United States specifically, what follows are four simple and effective policies that

would strengthen the U.S.-Taiwan security cooperation, enhance Taiwan's self-defense capability, and more effectively deter a Chinese invasion of Taiwan:

- 1. Washington must approach Taiwan's defense with "Strategic Clarity."
- 2. The Biden Administration should invite Taiwan to participate in the biannual "Rim of the Pacific" (RIMPAC) exercise.
- 3. The Biden Administration should establish a "War Reserve Stocks for Allies" (WRSA) program for Taiwan.
- 4. The U.S. should enhance high-level military exchanges with Taiwan.

Dr. Chien concludes: "Preserving a military balance in the Taiwan Strait is a necessity for the stability in the Indo-Pacific region. Washington can no longer meet the Chinese threats to Taiwan and other Indo-Pacific democracies by itself. The U.S. should unambiguously incorporate Taiwan into its mutual defense system. This not only will allow the U.S. and other allies to enhance security cooperation with and provide military assistance to Taiwan in a timely manner, but also fully conforms to the core and shared values of the United States and is in the best common interests of the Indo-Pacific region."

FAPA CONCLUDES PARTLY VIRTUAL, PARTLY IN PERSON ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

On December 11-12, 2021, FAPA held its very successful annual Board of Directors Meeting in Washington DC. Over two dozen board members gathered in a Crystal City hotel and another two dozen attended virtually to discuss issues of concern to Taiwan, Taiwanese Americans and FAPA members.

The board meeting was a productive one with many new initiatives and opportunities discussed that will allow FAPA to grow and flourish in the years to come. For example, the board discussed efforts to increase our membership, and decided to launch a new recruitment initiative with a goal to attract young people to join FAPA.

The board was excited by Congress's increasing focus on and bipartisan support for Taiwan. Lawmakers from both parties had visited Taiwan in 2021. And the numerous pro-Taiwan bills in Congress were strong signs of closer and deeper U.S.-Taiwan relations.

FAPA looks forward to many more successful years of organizing and advocating for our beloved Taiwan!

FAPA/TAA URGE NATIONAL PORK PRODUCERS COUNCIL TO WEIGH IN ON PORK SAFETY PRIOR TO UPCOMING REFERENDUM

In a letter to president of the National Pork Producers Council Jen Sorenson dated December 14, 2021, FAPA President Minze Chien and TAA President Kuei-ling Chen urge the latter to "explain that U.S. pork is perfectly safe and to speak out in support of a U.S.-Taiwan Free Trade Agreement."

In the letter, the leaders of the two organizations "express our wholehearted support for Taiwan's import of U.S. pork, and for the subsequent conclusion of a U.S.-Taiwan Free Trade Agreement (FTA)."

They continue: "It is therefore all the more unfortunate that the conclusion of such an FTA has fallen victim to partisan politics in Taiwan. In September 2020, Taiwan's main opposition party, the Kuomintang (KMT), began a push for a referendum to be held on December 18 to again restrict U.S. pork imports, which if passed could be the deathblow to this long overdue U.S.-Taiwan FTA."

They conclude: "We therefore hope that you will use your good offices as soon as possible to publicly (An open letter to the people of Taiwan?) explain that U.S. pork is perfectly safe and speak out in support of a U.S.-Taiwan Free Trade Agreement."

Taiwanese voters on December 18, 2021, rejected four referendum questions put to them in a national vote characterized by a relatively low turnout and nearly identical vote margins on all four issues.

FAPA S-CAL PROTESTS NFL DEPICTING TAIWAN AS PART OF CHINA

The Professional American football league National Football League (NFL) has labelled

Taiwan as a part of China in its latest global marketing plan, igniting protests by a Taiwanese civil group in the United States on December 17, 2021.

An NFL statement showed a color-coded world map that identified Taiwan as the same country as China, with both colored in red under the market of the Los Angeles Rams. Ken Wu, deputy head of the FAPA's S-CAL/Los Angeles chapter, protested against the NFL statement on December 17.

"The existence of the 23 million people in Taiwan cannot be ignored in this way. We ask the NFL to make corrections and apologize," Wu told CNA. "The NFL should harden up and not kowtow to China."

REPS. TIFFANY AND PERRY URGE U.S. VP HARRIS TO MEET WITH TAIWAN'S VP LAI IN HONDURAS

On January 21, U.S. Representatives Tom Tiffany (R-WI) and Scott Perry (R-PA) called on U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris to meet with her Taiwan counterpart, Lai Ching-te (or William Lai), at the upcoming Honduran presidential inauguration.

A Harris-Lai meeting in Honduras would help Taiwan consolidate its relations with its remaining diplomatic allies in Latin America and send a clear message to Beijing that its influence is not welcome in the region, the lawmakers said. Harris and Lai briefly shook hands in Honduras a few days later.

REPRESENTATIVE TIFFANY CALLS FOR EXPULSION OF PRC AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

U.S. Representative Tom Tiffany (R-WI) has called for the expulsion of Chinese Ambassador to the U.S. Qin Gang after the envoy threatened the U.S. that a military conflict might arise over Taiwan.

"It is the sense of Congress that the diplomatic credentials of Qin Gang, the ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the United States, be revoked, and he be declared persona non grata and immediately expelled from the United States," Tiffany said in a draft amendment to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Rules.

Tiffany filed the amendment in response to Qin on January 28, 2022, telling National Public Radio that "if the Taiwanese authorities, emboldened by the United States, keep going down the road for independence, it most likely [will] involve China and the United States, the two big countries, in a military conflict."

"The United States supports a free and independent Taiwan, and the Chinese Communist Party's [CCP] continued show of force and violations of human rights cannot be ignored," Rep. Michelle Steel (R-CA) added.

"This continued hostility is why I've offered an amendment to the America COMPETES Act that resumes diplomatic relations with Taiwan as a sovereign country and supports Taiwan's membership in international organizations. We cannot allow the CCP to continue bullying us and our allies," she said in a news release on January 28.

REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS INTRODUCE TECRO NAME CHANGE LEGISLATION

A bipartisan group of U.S. lawmakers proposed matching bills in the Senate and House of Representatives on February 3, 2022, that would require the United States to negotiate the renaming of Taiwan's de facto embassy in Washington as the "Taiwan Representative Office."

Republican Sen. Marco Rubio (FL) and the Democratic chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Bob Menendez (NJ) sponsored the Senate bill, with Republican Rep. John Curtis (UT) and Democrat Rep. Chris Pappas (NH) leading on the House version.

Menendez told Reuters the bills were consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act defining the United States' unofficial ties with Taiwan, and demonstrate Washington's support for Taiwan "to determine its own future."

FAPA CONDEMNS RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE – CALLS FOR THE U.S.-TAIWAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF TAIWAN'S STATEHOOD

On February 27, FAPA issued a statement today strongly condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

FAPA President Minze Chien states: "Russia's military invasion of Ukraine is a flagrant violation of the UN Charter and an immense affront to civilized nations around the world."

"Russia's actions the past few days have not only jeopardized regional and international peace and security, but they also pose an unprecedented threat to the existing international order that respects and safeguards the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries."

Dr. Chien adds: "The scale of Russia's use of force in and against Ukraine has not been seen in Europe since World War II. Russia's invasion of Ukraine is reminiscent of China's aggression and continuing bullying of our beloved Taiwan." "FAPA subscribes to the universal values of freedom, democracy, human rights, and self-determination. And even though Taiwan's fraught relationship with China is not the same as Ukraine's relationship with Russia, I would like to add that the ongoing crisis in Ukraine urges us Taiwanese Americans to double our efforts to call for U.S. 'strategic clarity' on defense of Taiwan and the establishment of U.S.-Taiwan diplomatic relations."

Dr. Chien concludes: "Even though Taiwan's international status is unjustifiably challenged by its giant neighbor China, Taiwan's independent statehood is crystal clear and firmly established. The time for full recognition of Taiwan by the international community as a sovereign, independent country is NOW!"

POMPEO: U.S. SHOULD DIPLOMATICALLY RECOGNIZE TAIWAN

Former United States Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on March 4, 2022 during a speech in Taipei that the U.S. government should recognize Taiwan as a "free and sovereign country" immediately.

"It is my view that the United States Government should immediately take necessary and long overdue steps to do the right and obvious thing — that is, to offer the Republic of China (Taiwan) America's diplomatic recognition as a free and sovereign country," Pompeo said.

"This is not about Taiwan's future independence. It's about recognition of an unmistakable, already existing reality. That reality is ... there is no need for Taiwan to declare independence because it's already an independent country."

While the U.S. government should maintain its engagement with China, "America's diplomatic recognition of the 23 million freedom-loving people and its liberal democratically elected government can no longer be ignored, avoided," Pompeo said.

FOREIGN OPS BILL BANNING "INACCURATE" MAPS THAT DEPICT TAIWAN AS PART OF CHINA BECOMES LAW

On March 15, 2022, President Joe Biden signed into law a sweeping US\$1.5 trillion spending bill that includes a ban on the use of any maps that "inaccurately" depict Taiwan as part of China by the U.S. State Department and its foreign operations.

The ban, contained in the State and Foreign Operations bill, which was part of the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022" (H.R.2471), stipulates that "None of the funds made available by this Act should be used to create, procure, or display any map that inaccurately depicts the territory and social and economic system of Taiwan and the islands or island groups administered by Taiwan authorities."

The ban on funding inaccurate Taiwan maps was originally proposed in July 2021 by various lawmakers led by Representative Tom Tiffany (R-WI).

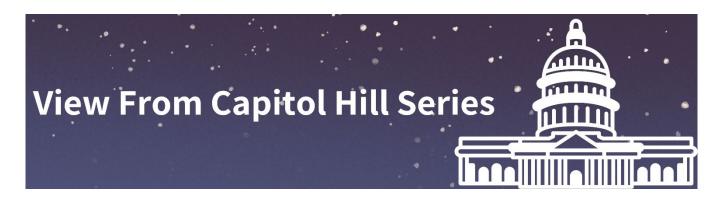
200 MEMBERS OF CONGRESSIONAL TAIWAN CAUCUS URGE USTR/COMMERCE TO INCLUDE TAIWAN IN IPEF

On March 30, Reps. Albio Sires (D-NJ), Mario Diaz Balart (R-FL), Gerry Connolly (D-VA), and Steve Chabot (R-OH), Co-Chairs of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, led a bipartisan

group of 200 Members in sending a letter to Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo and U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai to express the Members support for Taiwan's inclusion in the Biden Administration's Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF).

"As Taiwan is a major economy in the Indo-Pacific region, we strongly believe that Taiwan should be invited to participate in the IPEF," the Members wrote, adding that "Taiwan has already expressed an interest in participating in the IPEF."

"Since 2020, Taiwan and the United States have engaged in the U.S.-Taiwan Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue, covering a broad range of economic issues including digital commerce, 5G networks, telecommunications security, supply chains, infrastructure cooperation, renewable energy, global heath, and science and technology — many of the same issues to be addressed by the IPEF," the Members wrote.



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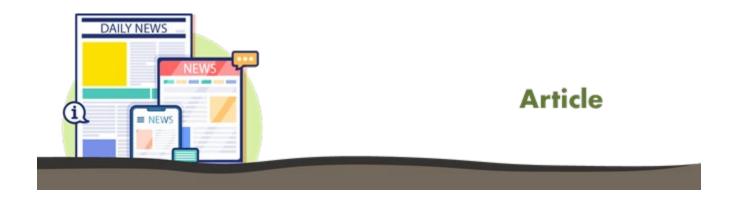
Taiwan Provisions in America COMPETES Act (H.R.4521)

The "America COMPETES Act of 2022" contains various pro-Taiwan bills and provisions — such as the TECRO name change to TRO, reference to Taiwan's government as "Taiwan government" instead of "Taiwan authorities," the Taiwan Fellowship Act, and the Taiwan Symbols of Sovereignty Act — which will further enhance U.S. military, cultural, and de facto diplomatic ties with Taiwan!

The House of Representatives passed the America COMPETES Act on February 4, 2022. The Senate passed its version of the Act on March 28, however, without the TECRO name change provision in it. The two bills now go into conference to reconcile the differences.

This petition urges the members of Congress to support **ALL Taiwan provisions from both bills** to be incorporated in the final Act before it goes to the president for a signature.

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政府應以台灣名義申請入聯 向國際重申台灣國格

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第76屆聯合國大會於9月21日至27日舉行總辯論。今年,蔡政府仍延續其執政以來的入聯政策,由外交部長在各大國際媒體發表專文,並洽請友邦於聯大總辯論仗義執言,呼籲讓台灣加入或參與聯合國體系。然而,更為重要的是,台灣政府本身應更加主動積極以「台灣名義」申請入聯、成為正式會員國,藉以向國際重申「台灣主權獨立」的立場,並反駁「台灣屬於中國」的謬論。

聯大第2758號決議被曲解、誤引,以致「台灣」首度入聯申請遭逕行退回

自1971年10月25日聯合國大會通過第2758號決議以來,中華人民共和國即惡意扭曲該決議,宣稱聯合國已確認「台灣是中國的一部分」,並承認中華人民共和國政府為包括「台灣同胞」在內之「全體中國人民」的唯一合法代表,不公不義地將台灣排除在聯合國體系之外已近半世紀。

2007年,扁政府首度以「台灣之名」申請入聯,卻遭當時聯合國秘書長潘基文及秘書處「錯誤引用」聯大第2758號決議,藉口「台灣為中華人民共和國的一部分」,逕自退回台灣的申請書,而未依《聯合國憲章》及相關議事規則將台灣的「入會申請案」提交安全理事會決定。

聯合國祕書處曲解聯大決議、誤認台灣屬中,隨即被美、日、加等國表達關切,要求予以改正。此外,美國政府亦於《美國對台灣地位的立場說帖》(U.S. Non-Paper on the Status of Taiwan)中表明:「聯合國大會……第2758號決議,事實上並未確立台灣為中華人民共和國的一省。該決議僅承認中華人民共和國政府的代表是中國在聯合國組織的唯一合法代表,並把蔣介石的代表從其在聯合國及所有相關組織所佔據之席位

上驅逐出去......並未提及中國對台灣擁有主權」。

不久,聯合國秘書長潘基文向當時美國駐聯合國大使哈里札德(Zalmay Khalilzad)承諾,以後在提及台灣時,將會更為謹慎用詞,且「聯合國將不再使用『台灣是中國一部分』的說法」(the UN would no longer use the phrase 'Taiwan is a part of China')。

美方近期對台灣參與國際組織與聯合國體系的支持

然而,隨著中國逐年擴大國際影響力,不僅聯合國至今仍將台灣拒於門外,甚至其體系下的國際組織(例如世界衛生組織)依然錯誤引用聯大第2758號決議,將其曲解為已確立「台灣是中國的一部分」、並已授權中華人民共和國政府在聯合國體系中代表台灣,藉以拒絕台灣的入會與參與。此外,自2016年5月蔡政府上任至2019年9月之間,中國已先後威脅利誘台灣的七個邦交國與之斷交,使得台灣至今僅剩十五個邦交國。

有鑒於此,美國在2020年所通過生效的《台灣友邦法》(TAIPEI Act,亦簡稱《台北法》)以及《台灣保證法》(Taiwan Assurance Act)之中,則表達美國政府對台灣維持拓展邦交、參與國際組織的支持。美國國會於今年4月更提出《台灣國際團結法》(Taiwan International Solidarity Act),力圖澄清聯大第2758號決議僅決定聯合國體系內的「中國代表權問題」,而未處理關乎台灣及台灣人民的「台灣代表權問題」,亦未在「中華人民共和國與台灣之關係」以及「台灣主權爭議」上採取任何立場。

此外,目前仍在美國國會審理中的《美國創新暨競爭法》(U.S. Innovation and Competition Act)、《確保美國全球領導地位與參與法案》(EAGLE Act)、《台灣關係強化法》(Taiwan Relations Reinforcement Act)等友台法案,亦同樣要求美國政府積極支持與推動台灣有意義的參與國際組織。

9月9日,美國聯邦眾議員裴利(Scott Perry)與帝芬尼(Tom Tiffany)聯名致函美國駐聯合國大使湯瑪斯-葛林斐德(Linda Thomas-Greenfield),表示毫無道理將台灣排除在聯合國之外長達五十年之久,並呼籲美國政府利用其影響力,確保台灣取得「聯合國正式會員國資格」(full membership in the United Nations)。

台灣當然具備申請入聯之資格,惟國際社會對「台灣是否主張國格」仍有所存疑

顯而易見地,台灣不僅具備國際法上所有「國家構成要件」(一定人口、特定領土、有效統治的中央政府、與他國交往的能力),是一個「愛好和平」(peace-loving)的

主權國家,亦「確能並願意履行」(able and willing to carry out) 《聯合國憲章》所載之義務,當然有資格依《聯合國憲章》第4條第1項之規定,申請成為聯合國會員國。

然而在中國的外交打壓與霸凌下,台灣被排除在聯合國體系外已近半世紀,這不僅貶抑台灣的國家地位與尊嚴,剝奪台灣二千三百萬人平等參與國際社會的集體人權,亦違反聯合國自身的「會籍普遍化原則」(the principle of universality)。

雖然1949年後位於台北的中央政府「在客觀上」僅是個穩定有效統治「台澎金馬等地」的「台灣政府」,但在兩蔣威權時代卻「在主觀上」長期自認並宣稱係代表「包含台灣在內的全中國」的唯一合法「中國政府」,以致在國際間造成「台灣自我否認國家地位」以及「台灣是中國一部分」的錯誤認知與印象。

即便李登輝執政後期已提出「兩岸為特殊的國與國關係」的「特殊兩國論」,且扁政府上台後明確採取「台灣是主權獨立國家」的「一邊一國論」主張、甚至首度以「台灣之名」申請入聯,但其後的馬政府卻刻意捏造「九二共識就是一個中國各自表述」的「一中各表論」,造成國際社會對「台灣是否自我宣稱國格」依然有所質疑與不解,而有待台灣政府積極闡明與澄清。

以台灣名義申請入聯具有「重申台灣國格」與「反駁台灣屬中」的重大意義

蔡政府上任以來,拒不接受「九二共識就是一中各表」以及「兩岸同屬一個中國」等有 損台灣主體性的說法,亦不時向台灣內部及國際媒體傳達「台灣是主權獨立國家」的明 確立場。然而,若要確實扭轉國際社會對「台灣國家定位」的長期誤解與模糊不清,以 台灣名義爭取入聯才是最為積極有效的做法。此舉不僅能伸張台灣的獨立主權與國家尊 嚴,亦能引起各國政府注意而達到國際宣傳的效果。

《聯合國憲章》第4條規定唯有主權「國家」(states)才有資格加入聯合國成為會員,也因此,台灣政府以「台灣名義」向聯合國祕書處申請成為聯合國會員國的同時,亦在國際法上產生「台灣自我主張或重申『國家地位』或『國格』(statehood)」的法律效果。即便未必能因此順利入聯,但以台灣之名申請入聯的做法本身,即能有效反駁部分國際法學者錯認「台灣從未自我主張國格,因此不是國家」的誤解與質疑。

此外,以台灣名義爭取入聯,亦是向國際社會明確宣示「台灣是一個主權獨立的國家」,與中華人民共和國互不隸屬,並可釐清「台灣不是中國的一部分」以及中國政

府不能代表台灣及台灣人民的根本事實,藉以積極抗衡中國「扭曲台灣法律地位」、「宣傳台灣屬於中國」的國際法律戰與文宣戰。

綜上所述,即便台灣入聯之路必然遭受中國的打壓與反對而困難重重,但台灣政府向聯合國祕書處提出以「台灣名義」入聯成為會員國的「申請」本身,在國際法及國際政治上即具有「自我重申台灣國格」與「反駁台灣屬於中國」的重大意義。這不僅能彰顯台灣國家的主權獨立性、以及台灣政府的國際代表性,且有助於台灣爭取國際承認與擴展外交空間。台灣政府應每年主動以「台灣之名」申請入聯,終有一日能順利使台灣成為聯合國的會員國,實現全體台灣人的共同心願與期待。



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美國應明確將台灣納入共同防禦體系

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身為台裔美國人,我們非常感謝美國對普世人權及台灣民主的長期守護與支持。然而,中國崛起為侵略性強權的明顯態勢,令我們警覺亦備感不安。北京當局對香港基本政治自由的無情鎮壓,以及對圖博與維吾爾民族認同的系統性滅絕,再再警示著中國霸權若在亞洲持續擴張,將對全體人類帶來悲慘後果。基於複雜的歷史因素,台灣身為印太地區最有活力的民主國家而存在本身,即對威權中國的正當性構成明顯挑戰。也因此,中共政權處心積慮要迫使台灣臣服並納入中國版圖。

今日,台灣的獨立國格與民主自由正遭逢前所未有的生存危機。近年來,中國不僅積極擴充軍力以完備征台作戰能力,並以實際軍事行動來升高對台武力恫嚇。自今年年初以來,中國幾乎每天派軍機侵入台灣的「防空識別區」(Air Defense Identification Zone,ADIZ);10月1日至4日,更於短短4天內大肆派出149架次軍機騷擾台灣空域,10月 4日當天則創下56架次的歷年單日新高紀錄。

美中在區域的軍力失衡正不斷加劇,而這也意味著美國對防衛台灣所長期採取的「戰略模糊」(Strategic Ambiguity)策略,已無法有效保障台灣安全與維持台海穩定。即使台灣從不具備軍事挑戰中國的能力,美國在過去仍長年自我限制對台軍售的類型與質量,實質上造成台灣防禦能力的相對弱化;相反地,美國曾長期對中國的軍力大幅提升視而不見,促使北京當局更加恣意妄為,積極對外擴張。

由此可見,化解台海軍力失衡與台灣安全危機,早已刻不容緩。然而,即便拜登政府已意識到此一失衡與危機,但單靠美國本身並無法徹底挽回頹勢。美國海軍目前仍須仰賴北約與日本海軍在印太持續展現能見度,才能勉強重建區域平衡。有鑒於此,美國與其盟國應將台灣軍隊更緊密地納入此軍事同盟,並積極透過軍售及技術授權,加速提升台灣海軍的防禦系統與高科技作戰能力。

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經由會員選舉,十一月開始由鄭學成教授就任新會長。今年 FAPA-OC 連續第二年在年會時贏得兩項大獎: Most Outstanding Chapter- Chapter of year 2021 and Excellent Chapter。這都要感謝前會長黃河芬立下的功蹟。

Laguna Woods 許多 FAPA 會員一直是 FAPA-OC 的重要支持者。為了感謝他們特別在 11/30/2021 LW Clubhouse 2 舉行一次實體餐會。由於大家很久因疫情都不能見面,所以 參加特別踴躍。更有年輕人雖然不懂家鄉話,仍然來幫忙各項事誼,參與活動,支持台灣。也更感謝會友自動捐款支助。

賴清德副總統於 1/25/2022 過境洛杉磯,前往宏都拉斯。當日清晨六時到達。住宿的希爾 頓飯店離 OC 較遠, FAPA-OC 仍有五,六人清晨四時就前往飯店迎接,搖動大旗熱烈歡 迎。

FAPA-OC 在二O二二年二月十二日舉行了一次線上演講,記念二二八事件。主講人廖吳豪先生是受害人林連宗的外孫。他分享這個事件對他的家人以及他的家族產生的影響。參與者來自南北加州和 San Diego,約五六十人。問題討論時閒非常熱烈,有人提出要建立英文網站,讓我們的下一代以及國際友人認知這個事件。也是有人提出正名為屠殺事件。橙僑服務中心蔣主任也參與這個演講,並給予贊助。



CA-SD

San Diego, California Chapter

洪克璿會長 (Alex Hung)



FAPA National Advocacy conference (9/11/2021):

Due to the pandemic, this year's FAPA National Advocacy conference on Sep. 11 2021 was again held on-line. We have several members joining the meeting. During the meeting, we got to learn on how we FAPA do the advocacy work, and listen to Ambassador Hsiao and Congressman Chabot's great speech! We felt fully recharged after the meeting!

Chapter and Regional BOD election (10/2021):

Due to the pandemic, we did not have an annual meeting as usual. Instead, we were holding the election via distance voting. Thank you all for participating in the 2021 FAPA CA-SD Chapter President and Board member election. Here we announce the results of the election:

Chapter President elected 分會會長當選人:

Alex Hung (洪克璿)

Chapter Board member elected 分會理事當選人:

Amy Hsiao (蕭誼庭)

Jing-Ping (Stone) Shih (石正平)

Doris Lu Anderson(呂佳霙)

Regional Board member elected 區域理事當選人:

Hui-Yi Chu (朱蕙怡)

Please join me to congratulate the newly elected President and Board members! I believe they will make a great contribution to our Chapter Board and the National Board upon joining.

I would also like to thank our members for the great voting turnout. This is the first time in our chapter's history we did the election entirely by online voting, and the voter turnout is about 40%. Not bad at all!

FAPA Town Hall meetings (10/9/2021 & 1/22/2022):

Several members of our chapter joined the Town Hall meeting held by HQ on Oct 9, 2021 and Jan 22, 2022. It's great to hear the newest update from HQ and get to ask questions. Thanks HQ for holding these wonderful events! It's also very awesome to see everyone on-line!

FAPA annual board of directors meeting (12/11-12/12/2022):

This is the first FAPA in-person meeting since the pandemic! Our Chapter President Alex Hung and Regional BOD Hsu-Kun (Wayne) Wang flew to DC to attend this meeting. Our At-Large BOD Vivian Fu also joined the meeting virtually. In the meeting at the annual award ceremony, our chapter received the recognition of the Most Outstanding Chapter of the year in Fundraising Achievement! What a nice surprise!



This is the 4th time in the past 4 years we were recognized in the FAPA National Board meeting, all during Chapter President Alex's tenure. We are also proud to let you know that our chapter has been one of the very few FAPA chapters that has continuous positive membership growth in the past 4 years! Our total member number is now ranked 5th among all 52 FAPA chapters! More importantly, 29% 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 for 2 years. 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!

Special Webinar: 真相製造:從「假新聞」走入社會的裂痕 (12/17/2021)

We co-hosted this event with a couple of other FAPA chapters and FAPA HQ. The speaker is 劉致 昕, who is the Vice Chief Editor of The Reporter 《報導者》, a non-profit media organization focus on in-depth reportage and investigative journalism. The speaker talked about how misinformation and disinformation were created and distributed via social media platforms, and how making falsified information became a new industry. This was a great talk and well received by all of the audience.

Special Webinar: 民主台灣 - 見證台灣民主風起雲湧的年代 1986 • 519-1989 • 519 宋隆泉的歷史紀錄 (2/26/2022)

We co-hosted this event with other San Diego Taiwanese organizations. The speaker is 宋隆泉, who was a photojournalist of many Tan-Wai (黨外) magazines in 1980s. Through his lens, we were able to see the development and progress of the Taiwanese social-political movement during that period, and witness how democracy in Taiwan was borned and grew. A very nice talk indeed!

NJ

New Jersey Chapter 李鎧宇會長 (Leo Lee)

2021 Q4 NJ Chapter report

President Minze Chien addressed NJ members in person during our chapter meeting. It was very well received. A few invited Taiwanese Americans joined FAPA on the spot. In addition, a second-generation lady was so impressed with the work FAPA does that she decided to name FAPA as the beneficiary in her will. Dr. Chien personally presented 2020 most outstanding chapter in Congressional Advocacy Achievement category. Chapter VP Nick Chen



received the award on behalf of chapter President Leo Lee, who has been the driving force behind all the efforts. Incidentally, under Mr. Lee's leadership, NJ received "Chapter of the year" and "Outstanding Chapter on Congressional Advocacy Achievement" for 2021 as well.

NJ members joined FAPA Pittsburg, PA members to advocate for Taiwan. The meetings were well received. We were able to convey our concerns and request to legislative aides of Senator Pat Toomey, Bob Casey, representatives Scott Perry and Susan Wild. It was also a great opportunity to learn from one another to better ourselves on advocacy skills.

FAPA members Chi-Wei Lu, Mark Kao, Su-Mei Kao, and NJ business community met with Senator Cory Booker to discuss issues on Taiwan. Booker was very impressed how progressive Taiwan is in terms of environmental, gender equality, child care, and long-term care policies. We impressed upon him the importance of strategic clarity and TECRO name change to TRO.



Chapter Activities

On building relationship at local level, Su-Mei Kao and family volunteered at state level election as well as food bank organized by Congressman Andy Kim's office.



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Maryland Chapter

許辰沼會長 (Chen Hsu)

FAPA MD Chapter Meeting Report, Video Meeting on 8-28-2021

A video meeting of FAPA MD Chapter Meeting was held on 28 August 2021 with FAPA President Chien as the speaker to provide an overview of FAPA's advocacy progresses during 2021. Before his speech, we conducted an election for the next Chapter's President. Unfortunately, all the nominees were not willing to accept the nomination. At the end of a lengthy discussion among Chapter members, President Chien suggested me to carry on the duty for one more year. We will conduct the next election in the early part of 2022.

President Chien's FAPA business overview described the details of all advocacy activities / events, all of which overwhelmed the attendees with so many activities and events and yet achieved impressive accomplishments with only a team of five staffs. We are deeply grateful for their efforts in defending the interests of Taiwan in the US. The following are some examples of the US Congressional Acts being pursued plus some additional activities performed by FAPA.

2021 Taiwan Bills & Petitions (up to the end of August): Taiwan Fellowship Act (S.811, H.R.3048); Taiwan PLUS Act (H.R.2103); Taiwan Relations Reinforcement Act (S.1054); Strategic Competition Act of 2021 (S.1169); Taiwan International Solidarity Act (H.R.2646); Taiwan Diplomatic Review Act (H.R.3634); Ensuring American Global Leadership and Engagement Act; U.S. Innovation and Competition Act [Passed Senate]; Taiwan Peace and Stability Act (H.R.3972); Taiwan Partnership Act (S.2395 & H.R.4560); An Appropriations bill (H.R.4373) [Passed House]; WHO Act (S.812) [Passed Senate]; Call for U.S. "Strategic Clarity" toward Taiwan.

In addition, FAPA is involved in the following activities: Recent US-Taiwan Relations: Biden Administration First Arms Sale to Taiwan (Aug 4); After the U.S. Withdrawal from Afghanistan (Aug. 17). Cooperation with Other Organizations: Promoted a joint letter led by Rep. Andy Barr to Secretary Blinken, requesting that Taiwan be included in the U.S. upcoming international distribution of 20 million COVID-19 vaccines; Led joint letters to the leaders of the U.S., Japan, and Lithuania to express our gratitude for their countries' vaccine donations to Taiwan; Revised a

joint statement (by NATPA, FAPA, and TAA-USA) regarding Taiwan's fight against domestic COVID outbreak.

Furthermore, FAPA issued Publications: Weekly News, Taiwan This Week. High-Lights of publication contents: The US declassified "Six Assurances" challenging One-China policy); President Biden follows Trump's Taiwan policy for deepening the relationship between Taiwan and the US for furthering normal relations; Update to aging TRA long overdue; Furthering Taiwan-US Military Ties; the overtone of Campbell: Respect the right for Taiwanese self-determination to actual maintaining Taiwan's status quo.

Conducted Events: Episode I, II, and III; Annual Speech Tours; Advocacy 101 Workshop, National Advocacy Conference, Town Hall Meetings; FAPA Updates, FAPA Newsletters, and Technology Updates (Salsa Lab, Salsa Engage, New Website).

We appreciate Dr. Chien's detailed FAPA business report centered at the advocate for Taiwan in the US. In the ever changing world, it calls for all people who love Taiwan deeply rise up and make contributions to the noble mission of FAPA. We wish the success of all FAPA's endeavors.

NY-Hudson

Hudson, New York Chapter

歐陽吉林會長 (Oyoung Chilin)



Senator Duckworth (D-IL) Joined the Senate Taiwan Caucus

On September 9, 2021, Chapter President O'Young attended an event to meet Senator Duckworth in NYC (photo). In June 2021, Senator Duckworth together with Senators Sullivan (R-AK) and Coons (D-DE) visited Taipei during Taiwan's pandemic outbreak to announce a generous vaccines donation plan. The timing was so important for Taiwan to control the pandemic crisis especially facing severe obstacles from Beijing. In the meeting, we as Taiwanese Americans expressed a sincere appreciation for her support of Taiwan. Meanwhile Senator Duckworth accepted our request without any hesitation to join the Senate Taiwan Caucus.

Telephone Conferences with Aides of Senators Schumer (D-NY) and Gillibrand (D-NY) Respectively

Conferences with aides of Senators Schumer and Gillibrand were held on September 22 and

October 1, respectively. Four NY members, Chi-Lin O'Young, Jenny Li, Bor-Cheng Hsu, and Mu-Hua Chien, attended the conferences and talked to Mr. R. Zomorrodian, Schumer aide, and Mr. S. Mathur, Gillibrand aide. Issues of concern including S.1054 Taiwan Relation Reinforcement Act, FTA Negotiation with Taiwan, and Strategic Clarity over Strategic Ambiguity were discussed. Both Aides were very supportive of these issues. We have regularly contacted Congress Offices to develop a close relationship.

October Chapter Meeting and December Board Meeting

Online Annual Chapter Meeting was held on October 30, 2021. Vice President Anny Hsiao, Coen Blaauw, and HQ staffs were invited to attend it. Ms. Jenny Li, a graduate student of International Affairs at Columbia U., gave a special presentation entitled "Recent Developments in U.S.-Taiwan-China Relations and Shaping a New International Taiwan Consensus." Vice President Hsiao gave an update of FAPA. Chapter President O'Young presented a State of Hudson Chapter.

Chapter President O'Young attended the 41th Annual Board of Directors Meeting from December 11 – 12, 2021 in Washington, DC. It was a Hybrid Meeting; some Board Members joined it online.

The agenda included 2021 HQ Report, Financial Report, 2022 Action Plan and Budget Draft, By-Laws Amendments and Proposal of Resolutions, Elections, and Award Ceremony. President Chien was reelected for



another two-year term and Chapter President Mary Yang from TX-S was elected for Vice President. The Hudson Chapter was honored to receive 2021 Outstanding Chapter for Congressional Advocacy Achievement.

TX-N

North Texas Chapter

劉杏芳會長 (Cindy Liu)





北德州FAPA分會活動

- 1. 六月到七月,2021 募款活動,共收三萬多元
- 2. 2021年六月,FAPA-N會員參與 TAA-DFW 舉辦之郊遊,promote FAPA
- 3. 2021 年八月, TAA-DFW 以及 FAPA-North Chapter 共同參與撰寫 TAA-DFW 歷史 (其中包含FAPA及其他社團) 並呈交至 TAA-USA 作為五十週年紀念專刊之用
- 4. 2021年九月,選出年青能幹的劉杏芳女士為新分會長
- 5. 2021年九月,與TAA-DFW共同響應愛護台灣鳳梨農產品團購
- 6. 2021年十月,謝慶鏘選上不分區FAPA中央委員
- 7. 2021年十一月初,GOP三位senators包括我們德州的 John Cornyn 及本地第六選區的議員 Jake Ellzey訪問亞洲包括台灣,回來後馬上請大家寫感謝信給這兩位議員。
- 8. 2021年十一月底,五位民主黨眾議員,包括德州第三十二選區的 Colin Allred,訪問亞州幾個國家,當中包括台灣,回來後馬上請會員致感謝信函給 Allred 議員。
- 9. 2021年十二月十一到十二日,本分會三位中央委員-分會長劉杏芳、吳明基、謝慶鏘

參加網路中央委員會,會中選出總會會長及副會長。

- 10. 2021年十二月下旬,請會員致函給 NFLcommissioner Roger Goodell ,要求 NFL 不應 把台灣在 NFL網站的地圖顏色和中國一樣,因為台灣是一個獨立國家,不屬於中國。
- 11. 2022 年一月十二日,和剛訪問過台灣的眾議員 Colin Allred Virtual Meeting。本地有六位會員包括分會長以及 Coen Blaauw 從 Holland 也加入討論。meeting 很成功,問及議員對台灣的印象,他非常讚揚台灣,且對蔡英文總統也大為敬佩。三年前 FAPA 會員第一次拜訪議員時,就請他加入Taiwan Caucus,這次再次提醒,而議員也表示有意願參加,我們提到本地區其他兩位民主黨議員都在 Caucus 裡面,Coen 也請議員幫忙今年台灣關係法四十三週年慶祝會。
- 12. 2022 年一月二十二日,請會員參加HQ主辦的 virtual Town Hall meeting.
- 13. 2022年 一月二十四日,到第三選區 Van Taylor 議員辦公室,請他 co-sponsor EAGLE (H.R. 3524 包含TECRO to TRO 及 AIT director Senate confirmation,並再次邀請他加入 Taiwan Caucus。
- 14. 2022 年十二月二十五日到33選區 Marc Veasey 議員辦公室,討論台灣 Issues,特別是 TECRO to TRO 及 AIT director Senate confirmation,並請他 co-sponsor EAGLE bill (H.R. 3524)



Intern Experience

Morgan Lee

FAPA 2022 Spring Intern

Morgan Lee is a sophomore majoring in Public Affairs and International Development Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). As a Taiwanese American, her identity has fostered a passion for foreign policy, with a focus on the relationship between Taiwan, China, and the world. Acting upon her interests, Morgan has also interned with the Los Angeles Mayor's Office of International Affairs and is a Staff Writer for the UCLA Journal on World Affairs, where she seeks to educate the public about foreign policy and global issues. She hopes to expand her scope of reach as a young professional in public affairs, with aspirations to work on the Hill.



As an intern, I learned an incredible amount through direct involvement and working experience under the nurturing guidance of the FAPA staff. I honed my communication and critical thinking skills through policy research and congressional lobbying, which were fulfilling experience that exposed me to world of advocacy and policymaking on the Hill. I was encouraged to explore my interests but was also pushed out of my boundaries, which has helped me grow into a more well-rounded young professional. I am grateful for all that this internship has taught me and I am excited to apply my expanded working knowledge and skills gained under the mentorship of the FAPA staff.

Yun Jen Tsai (Jenell)

FAPA 2021 Fall Intern



Yun Jen Tsai (Jenell) is a current graduate student from American University with major in public policy. As a Taiwanese, I had ambition have and passion facilitating access for Taiwan's engagement in the global society as well as promoting industries under Taiwanese multilateral economic partnerships. After graduating from college, I worked for Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research (CIER) WTO and RTA center to conduct research on Taiwan's foreign trade policies. I firmly believe that Taiwanese industries embody

As an intern in FAPA, I had chances to talk to congressional members about Taiwan issues and promoting free (bilateral) trade agreement with the United States. It was an experience that I had never thought I would have so I was quite nervous in the beginning. Luckily, I was able to be under the mentorship from all FAPA staffs. They are never shy from giving kind guidance and positive feedbacks. It is encouraging. In addition, this internship experience enhances my understanding of the U.S. political environment. Additionally, FAPA, although as a grass-root organization, demonstrates incredible passion and perseverance towards the belief that it believes. This, indeed, teaches me a lot about organization management and communication. Overall, this internship experience certainly strengthens my passion for advocating for Taiwan. I am truly grateful that I have the chance to do the internship with FAPA.

FAPA New Face



Jonathan Selling Policy Analyst



Jonathan Selling is a policy analyst at FAPA. He is currently based in Washington D.C. Jonathan graduated from Boston University with a MA in international affairs, where he focused on the rise of China, and how The United States, Japan and Taiwan have responded to that rise. His research interests include how international systems are formed and maintained, and the role that nationalism and ideology play in foreign policy decision making.

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