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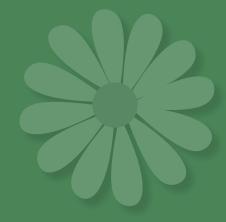
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Dear FAPA Members and Friends:

I am glad to report to you that in the past months, the U.S. support for and its relations with Taiwan have been further strengthened and deepened in many aspects, from security commitment and military ties to bilateral trade and international participation.

Within merely four months, the U.S. government has announced arms sales to Taiwan three times - the third, fourth, and fifth arms packages to Taiwan approved under President Joe Biden, including: (1) in April, a US \$95 million sale of equipment and services to maintain Taiwan's U.S.-made Patriot missile defense system; (2) in June, a US \$120 million sale of spare and repair parts for naval ships and related technical support; and (3) in July, a US \$108 million sale of replacement and spare parts for tanks and combat vehicles and related logistical support.

In early May, the U.S. State Department website updated its "Taiwan fact sheet," removing the statements saying that the U.S. "[acknowledges] the Chinese position that there is but one China and Taiwan is part of China" and that the U.S. "does not support Taiwan independence." Unfortunately, the department updated the fact sheet again in late May, adding back a statement that "we [the U.S.] do not support Taiwan independence." Nonetheless, we are still glad to see that the U.S. acknowledgment of "the Chinese position that . . . Taiwan is part of China" was not added back to the fact sheet. It is also encouraging that the latest version added that "We (the U.S.) oppose any unilateral changes to the status quo (in the Taiwan Strait)."

FAPA has long called on the U.S. to challenge Beijing's "One China Principle" and to deny China's sovereignty claim over Taiwan. We certainly welcome that State Department spokesman Ned Price tweeted and clarified in May that "The United States does not subscribe to the PRC's one China principle." In June, the U.S. government backed Taiwan's assertion that the Taiwan Strait consists of "international waters" and is an "international waterway" - a further rebuff to China's groundless and exclusive claim of "sovereignty, sovereign rights and jurisdiction" over the whole Taiwan Strait.

FAPA has also continuously urged the U.S. to adopt full "strategic clarity" on Taiwan's

defense. Surely, we are all very excited to hear that while visiting Japan in May, U.S. President Biden vowed that the U.S. will defend Taiwan "militarily" if Taiwan was invaded by China, adding that "it's a commitment we [the U.S.] made." Since taking office in January 2021, Biden has repeatedly used language that — we at FAPA believe — has already "effectively abandoned" the decades-long U.S. policy of "strategic ambiguity" for a policy of "strategic clarity" toward Taiwan's defense, to deter China's invasion of Taiwan more effectively.

In June, Taiwan and the United States launched the "U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade" to boost their economic and trade relationship. Hopefully, the results of negotiations under the new trade initiative will establish a foundation for the two countries to negotiate a U.S.-Taiwan free trade agreement (FTA), something that FAPA has been long advocating for:

Recently, we also witnessed increasingly frequent U.S. Congressional delegations to Taiwan. In April, a group of senior U.S. lawmakers — including Senators Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Bob Menendez (D-NJ), Robert Portman (R-OH), and other Congressional members - visited Taiwan. During their visit, Senator Menendez emphasized that the U.S. would continue supporting Taiwan and enhancing Taiwan's security, while Senator Portman said that a U.S.-Taiwan FTA will not only boost bilateral economic ties but also act as a "deterrence" to China's aggression toward Taiwan. In late May and early June, Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) visited Taiwan to "talk about [U.S.] support for Taiwan security." In July, while visiting Taiwan, Senator Rick Scott (R-FL) said that the U.S. should work together with allies to defend Taiwan's freedoms and make sure that Taiwan "has the opportunity to decide their future, not have it decided by some foreigner."

In early August, U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) led a Congressional delegation to Taiwan to honor "America's unwavering commitment to supporting Taiwan's vibrant democracy." "America's solidarity with the 23 million people of Taiwan is more important today than ever, as the world faces a choice between autocracy and democracy," she said. Pelosi became the first sitting U.S. House Speaker and the high-est-ranking American politician to visit Taiwan in 25 years, since her predecessor Republican Newt Gingrich made it in 1997. We at FAPA are very happy to see that the "Taiwan Travel Act," which FAPA successfully promoted, was further implemented to a higher level.

Moreover, we also saw strong and continuing bipartisan support for Taiwan in the U.S. Congress. In May, a "WHO for Taiwan bill" passed the Congress and was signed into law by President Biden, aiming at helping Taiwan regain observer status in the World Health Organization (WHO). Besides leading a full page "WHO for Taiwan Ad" published in Washington Times, FAPA also launched a petition campaign to thank members of Congress for passing the bill, and urge them to support Taiwan's full membership in all international organizations as an "independent sovereign country."

Also in May, we initiated a petition campaign in the aftermath of Laguna Woods Church Shooting, requesting members of Congress, among other things, to urge the FBI to list the China-controlled "National Association for China's Peaceful Unification" (NACPU) as a domestic terrorist organization and investigate its actions as a foreign agent for enabling hate violence and Chinese propaganda.

In July, the House of Representatives passed the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023" (FY 2023 NDAA) with several pro-Taiwan bills and provisions - such as the "Taiwan Peace and Stability Act," the "Taiwan Fellowship Act," and the invitation of Taiwan to the 2024 "Rim of the Pacific Exercise" (RIMPAC).

Furthermore, various new pro-Taiwan legislations were introduced in the Congress, such as the "Strengthen Taiwan's Security Act," the "Taiwan Policy Act of 2022," and the "Arms Exports Delivery Solutions Act." Many of them focused on strengthening U.S. efforts to promote the security of Taiwan and to deter China's aggression against Taiwan. It is worth nothing that the "Taiwan Policy Act of 2022," among other things, would reaffirm the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances as the cornerstones of U.S.-Taiwan relations, call for renaming the TECRO to the TRO (Taiwan Representative Office), and require Senate confirmation of the AIT Director.

As for FAPA events, we invited Congressman Tom Tiffany (R-WI) to speak and answer questions with our members during a "The View from Capitol Hill" virtual event in June; and we held a "FAPA 40th Anniversary Virtual Celebration" gathering in early July. The HQ also collaborated with several local chapters to invite 3Q (Chen, Po-Wei) to be the speaker of "2022 Speech Tour." And we are now preparing an "Emerging Leaders Workshop" this coming September.

FAPA will also hold the "40th Anniversary Banquet" and a "National Advocacy Conference (NAC) from September 17–19 to celebrate FAPA's remarkable a d to enhance NAC participants' advocacy skills and to voice together for Taiwan on Capitol Hill. We cordially invite you to join these events, and look forward to seeing you soon in Washington DC!

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FAPA National President

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親愛的 FAPA 會員與朋友:

我很高興地向大家報告,美國近期的對台支持與台美關係,不論在安全承諾與軍事合作上,或是在雙邊 經貿與國際參與等各方面,皆有顯著的提升與深化。

在短短的四個月內,美國政府已宣布批准三次對台軍售。這是拜登總統就任以來的第三、第四及第五次 對台軍售,包括:(1)在4月,出售價值9500萬美元的設備與服務,以維護台灣所擁有的美製「愛國 者飛彈防空系統」;(2)於6月,軍售價值1.2億美元的海軍艦艇零附件及相關技術支援;(3)在7月, 出售價值1.08億美元的坦克及戰車零附件及相關後勤支援給台灣。

5月初,美國國務院大幅更新其網站上的「美台關係事實清單」(Taiwan Fact Sheet),刪除了「(美國) 認知(acknowledging)中國的立場為,只有一個中國,台灣是中國一部分」以及「美國不支持台灣獨立」 等用語。遺憾的是,國務院在5月下旬再次更新了美台事實清單,放回「我們(美國)不支持台灣獨立」 的聲明。儘管如此,我們依然很樂見,「(美國)認知中國的立場為...台灣是中國的一部分」的用語 並沒有被放回清單。此外,最新版亦添加了「我們反對任何片面改變(台海)現狀」的美國官方立場, 這也非常令人鼓舞。

FAPA 長期呼籲美國挑戰北京的「一個中國原則」(One China Principle),並否認中國對台灣的主權宣稱。 我們當然很高興見到美國國務院發言人普萊斯(Ned Price) 在5月於推特發文並澄清:「美國並不贊同 (does not subscribe to)中華人民共和國的『一中原則』」。6月,美國政府亦公開支持台灣政府對於台 灣海峽是「國際水域」及「國際航道」的說法,進一步否認並挑戰中國對整個台灣海峽的「主權、主權 權利與管轄權」毫無根據且排他之主張。

FAPA 也不斷敦促美國應在軍事防衛台灣之議題上採取全面的「戰略清晰」(strategic clarity)。無疑地, 我們大家都很振奮聽聞,美國總統拜登於5月訪問日本時在記者會上明確表示,若中國侵略台灣,美國 將在「軍事上」介入、保衛台灣,並強調:「這是我們(美國)所做過的承諾」。事實上,拜登自2021 年1月就任美國總統以來,已多次做出類似宣示,絕非一時口誤。FAPA 認為,拜登其實已「實質摒棄」 美國數十年來的對台「戰略模糊」(strategic ambiguity),轉而在軍事保衛台灣議題上採取「戰略清晰」 的政策,以嚇阻中國對台動武。

6月,美國與台灣發起「台美21世紀貿易倡議」(U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade),以推動雙 邊經貿合作與發展。我們希望,在此新貿易倡議架構下的協商及成果,能為兩國進一步協商「台美自由 貿易協定」(FTA)奠定基礎,而這也是 FAPA 所長期推動與引頸期盼的。

近期,美國國會代表團越趨頻繁地訪問台灣,相信大家絕對是有目共睹。4月,美國聯邦參議員葛瑞姆 (Lindsey Graham, R-SC)率重量級國會代表團訪台;訪團成員還包括參議員梅南德茲(Robert Menendez, D-NJ)、參議員波特曼(Robert Portman, R-OH)等等。參訪期間,梅南德茲參議員強調,美國將繼續 支持台灣並加強台灣安全;而波特曼參議員則表示,「台美自由貿易協定」不僅能促進雙邊經貿合作與 聯繫,且能發揮嚇阻中國侵略台灣的「威懾」作用。5月底、6月初,美國聯邦參議員達克沃絲(Tammy Duckworth, D-IL)率團訪問台灣,以表達並「討論(美國)對台灣安全的支持」。7月,聯邦參議員史考 特(Rick Scott, R-FL)在訪台時表示,美國應與盟國共同努力,捍衛台灣的自由民主,並確保台灣「能夠 決定自己的未來,而非讓其他國家來干涉」。

8 月初,美國眾議院議長裴洛西(Nancy Pelosi)率團訪台,以展現「美國堅定不移支持台灣蓬勃民主的 承諾」。她強調:「美國堅定支持台灣 2300 萬人民,這在目前比以往都更加重要,因為世界正面臨獨裁 與民主的抉擇」。她是繼 1997 年時任美國眾院議長金瑞契(Newt Gingrich)之後,25 年來首位訪台的 眾院議長,也是層級最高的美國政要。在 FAPA 的我們,當然非常樂見我們過去所共同成功推動的《台 灣旅行法》被進一步落實到更高的層次。

我們也觀察到,美國國會對台灣的跨黨派支持依然強健而穩固。5月,美國國會通過一項「WHO for Taiwan」法案,經拜登總統簽署後生效成為法律,旨在協助台灣重獲在世界衛生組織(WHO)的觀察員 地位。除了聯合海外台灣人組織在「華盛頓時報」(Washington Times)刊登全版「WHO for Taiwan」廣 告之外,亦發起一項連署請願,在感謝國會議員們通上述挺台法案的同時,也敦促他們支持台灣「以 主權獨立國家的身分」取得所有國際組織的正式成員國資格。 5 月中旬, 在拉古納伍茲(Laguna Woods) 台灣教會槍擊案發生後, 我們也即時發起一項連署請願, 主 要訴求為要求國會議員們敦促美國聯邦調查局(FBI), 應將中國所控制的「統促會」(NACPU)列為 美國國內恐怖組織, 並嚴查此組織作為外國代理人(foreign agent)所促成的仇恨暴力和中國大外宣行動。

7月,眾議院通過了《2023 財政年度國防授權法》(FY 2023 NDAA),其中包含多項挺台法案與條款,例如《台灣和平與穩定法案》(Taiwan Peace and Stability Act)、《台灣獎學金法》(Taiwan Fellowship Act)、以及支持邀請台灣參加 2024 年「環太平洋軍演」(RIMPAC)。

此外,美國國會亦提出多項新的友台法案,例如《強化台灣安全法案》(Strengthen Taiwan's Security Act)、 《2022 年台灣政策法案》(Taiwan Policy Act of 2022)、及《武器出口交付解決方案法》(Arms Exports Delivery Solutions Act)。這些友台法案,很大部分著力於加強美國對提升台灣安全的努力,以有效嚇阻 中國對台侵略。值得一提的是,《2022 年台灣政策法案》的內容相當廣泛,諸如重申《台灣關係法》與 「六項保證」為美台關係的基石;呼籲將 TECRO 更名為 TRO(台灣代表處);要求 AIT 處長之任命須 經參議院同意等規定,都包含在內。

在 FAPA 的活動方面,我們很榮幸邀請到聯邦眾議員帝芬尼 (Tom Tiffany, R-WI) 在 6 月的「The View from Capitol Hill」系列活動中,為 FAPA 會員們進行演說與問答;7 月初,我們舉辦了一場相當溫馨且成功的「FAPA 40 週年線上慶祝活動」。總部也協同多個分會邀請到台灣前立委「3Q」 (陳柏惟) 來到美國,為今年的「Speech Tour」做多場巡迴演講,並獲得熱烈回響。目前,我們正在為9月即將到來的「台灣年輕世代領袖政治培訓營」 (Emerging Leaders Workshop) 進行籌備工作。

總部也將於9月17日至19日在DC舉辦「FAPA 40週年慶祝晚會」以及「全國倡議大會」(NAC),除了慶祝 FAPA 過去40年來的卓越成就外,也強化NAC與會者的倡議遊說能力,並赴國會山莊共同為 台灣發聲。我們誠摯地邀請您參與這些活動,並期盼能很快在DC與您見面!

Minze V. Chien

FAPA 總會長 簡明子 敬上



FAPA KICKS OFF 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WITH LIGHT-HEARTED VIRTUAL FAPA FAMILY GATHERING

FAPA was established and officially incorporated on August 23, 1982 in New York, NY.

To celebrate FAPA's 40th anniversary this year, we will hold a festive banquet in Washington DC on September 17. (Details to follow.)

Additionally, our upcoming Fall 2022 FAPA News newsletter will be wholly dedicated to this momentous milestone in the history of FAPA. Hardcopies will be mailed to all members.

But as a warm-up to the September formal party, we held a virtual less formal "FAPA family" gathering during the evening of July 9 attended by over 150 FAPA members, and hosted by FAPA VP Mary Yang.

FAPA President Minze Chien kicked off the evening with listing some of the more prominent contributions FAPA has made over the years to Taiwan and to Taiwanese Americans.

Dr. Chien stated that "When I look around the room, I see you - my Brothers and Sisters in Arms - and it makes me become a bit emotional, to be honest - realizing that we have stood side by side for decades spending our free time, our weekends and week nights and our hard-won earnings with planning, acting and building - all for our beloved Taiwan, and for our collective dream of seeing Taiwan becoming a more normal country during our lifetimes."

His remarks were followed by a slide show shedding light on some of the highlights of FAPA's four decades-long history, and by a quiz testing the knowledge and expertise of the attendees about FAPA. Cherry Chi, OR and Nicholas Wu, Orange County both won first prize: a package of FAPA memorabilia and collector's items.

Afterwards, several chapters' leaders introduced their chapters with photos highlighting their local activities and illustrating the inroads they had made locally and in Washington DC to forward their plea for Taiwan to become a normal independent sovereign country, recognized by the international community.

When participants bid each other goodnight after talking and exchanging experiences and ideas for over four hours, it was well past midnight, but it felt as if the joyous occasion had flown by.

What's next?



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TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT 43RD ANNIVERSARY

April 10, 2022 marked the 43rd anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act which served and serves "to help maintain peace, security, and stability in the Western Pacific and to promote the foreign policy of the United States by authorizing the continuation of commercial, cultural, and other relations between the people of the United States and the people on Taiwan, and for other purposes."

For the past decades, U.S. policy toward Taiwan was guided by said Taiwan Relations Act, and the Three Joint Communiques between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China (PRC).

Then, in 2016, the House and the Senate unanimously passed a concurrent resolution initiated by FAPA, stating that the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act and the 1982 Six Assurances are the cornerstones of U.S.-Taiwan relations - leaving out the Three Communiques.

Subsequently, since September 2020, U.S. policy toward Taiwan has indeed been guided explicitly by the Taiwan Relations Act, the three U.S.-China Joint Communiques, and also the Six Assurances to Taiwan.

FAPA President Minze Chien added: "FAPA has campaigned and will continue to campaign for the COMPLETE ERASURE from the U.S. political consciousness of the vilified 'One China Policy' based on the U.S.-PRC Three Communiques. Stay tuned...."

LEE MING-CHE RELEASED FROM CHINESE JAIL

Taiwanese pro-democracy activist Lee Ming-che, who returned to Taiwan on April 15 after completing a five-year jail term in China for "subverting state power," thanked those who worked to free him and said he felt "tightly embraced by love."

"I am finally back in Taiwan, and I saw a haggard but excited Ching-yu through the window," Lee said in a statement posted on a Facebook page dedicated to his case, referring to his wife Lee Ching-yu who had campaigned tirelessly for his release.

"Thank you to everyone at home and abroad who have tried to rescue me over the past five years. Your concern has always been the greatest source of strength for those who suffer for their faith," Lee said in his first public statement in five years.

•• In 2017, FAPA campaigned for his release. ••

JOHN BOLTON CALLS FOR U.S.-TAIWAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, STATIONING U.S. TROOPS IN TAIWAN, ABANDONING STRATEGIC AMBIGUITY

Former national security adviser John R. Bolton, via a recorded video clip, gave the keynote speech on April 16 to the annual "Global Taiwan National Affairs Symposium" held in Taipei.

During his 50 minutes long remarks, Bolton called for:

I. Taiwan's membership in the U.N. and its

specialized agencies

2. Abandoning U.S. policy of "strategic ambiguity" on Taiwan

3. A deterrence mechanism to protect Taiwan from Chinese invasion

4. Stationing U.S. forces in Taiwan

5. Granting full U.S. diplomatic recognition to Taiwan



John Bolton / Photo:Wikipedia

STATE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE STRIKES BOTH REFERENCES TO "U.S. DOES NOT SUPPORT TAIWAN INDEPENDENCE" AND "U.S. ACKNOWLEDG-ES CHINESE POSITION THAT TAIWAN IS PART OF CHINA" FROM TAIWAN FACT SHEET

On May 5, the U.S. State Department updated its online fact sheet on U.S.-Taiwan relations, removing the statements saying that the U.S. acknowledges the Chinese "one China" position and does not support Taiwan's independence.

According to the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine, the previous version of the Taiwan fact sheet, dated August 31, 2018, said that the U.S. "[acknowledges] the Chinese position that there is but one China and Taiwan is part of China" and that the U.S. "does not support Taiwan independence." Unfortunately, the State Department updated its online Taiwan fact sheet again on May 28, adding back a statement that "we do not support Taiwan independence."

Nonetheless, we at FAPA are glad to see the statement that the U.S. "[acknowledges] the Chinese position that ... Taiwan is part of China" was not added back.

NINE REPRESENTATIVES URGE PRESIDENT BIDEN TO STOPOVER IN TAIWAN DURING ASIA TRIP

Members of the House of Representatives wrote a letter to President Biden urging him to make a stop in Taiwan ahead of embarking on a trip to Asia.

As the trip marks Biden's first visit to Asia since becoming president, Republican Representatives including Tom Tiffany (R-WI), Scott Perry (R-PA), Nancy Mace (R-SC), Louie Gohmert (R-TX), Lisa McClain (R-MI), Peter Stauber (R-MN), Michelle Steel (R-CA), Bob Good (R-VA), and Ronny Jackson (R-TX) highlighted the importance for Biden to demonstrate his commitment to Taiwan.

"We were pleased to learn that you will visit Japan and South Korea as part of a planned trip to Asia later this month. Given recent developments in the region, we hope you will also consider adding another stop to your itinerary:Taiwan," the letter read.

In a May 18 tweet, Rep. Tom Tiffany again expressed the hope that President Biden visit Taiwan to meet with Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen during his upcoming trip to Asia.



Rep. Tom Tiffany 🤣 @RepTiffany

This week, I asked President Biden to visit **#Taiwan** and meet with President Tsai @iingwen during his trip to Asia. I sincerely hope he will consider doing so. America doesn't need a permission slip from **#China** to talk to our friends and partners.



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CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARIAN MICHAEL COOPER BLASTS "TAIWAN, PROVINCE OF CHINA " REFERENCE, EMPHASIZING THAT "TAIWAN IS TAIWAN!"

Canadian parliamentarian Michael Cooper stated Taiwan is not a part of China in the House of Commons on May 13. "Taiwan is not a province of China, Taiwan is Taiwan!" he said.

Cooper asked Minister of Health Jean-Yves Duclos during a House of Commons inquiry session why the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), responsible for funding health and medical research, mistakenly marked the nationality of Taiwanese grant applicants as "Taiwan, a province of China."

Cooper said he raised CIHR's mislabeling issue six months ago and questioned why the error was not fixed after all this time. He asked Duclos why he failed to deal with such a blatant mislabeling of Taiwan.

Cooper introduced the "Canada-Taiwan Relations Framework Act" in June 2021 to provide a legal framework for strengthening Canada-Taiwan relations and to direct the Canadian government to support Taiwan's participation in international organizations.

FAPA STATEMENT ON LAGUNA WOODS CHURCH SHOOTING

From: Formosan Association for Public Affairs-May 16, 2022

FORMOSAN ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Outrage at violence targeted at our Taiwanese American community for our identity — condemns hate crime and domestic terrorism of radicalized groups.

After the May 15 shooting in Laguna Woods, FAPA issued a statement condemning the violent killing and calling upon the U.S. government to label the organization that the shooter belonged to as a domestic terrorist organization. FAPA President Minze Chien stated: "We are shocked and horrified at this horrendous shooting. Our organization and the collective Taiwanese American community join the families of the victims in grief and we pray for the speedy recovery of the wounded survivors."

"We strongly condemn this act of cowardice in the strongest terms possible. We therefore urge the authorities to prosecute this heinous crime as a politically motivated hate crime, and label any radicalized and violent groups he was affiliated with as domestic terrorists."

Dr. Chien added: "FAPA has worked for 40 years to ensure democracy and freedom of political expression is protected in Taiwan and for the Taiwanese people. We will not let one man's act of violence destroy that."

Dr. Chien concluded: "Differences in political views and opinions should never lead to violence - let alone murder!"

BIDEN: "YES!" - WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE U.S. WOULD DEFEND TAIWAN IN CASE OF A CHINESE ATTACK

On May 23, while in Tokyo, President Joe Biden said the U.S. would defend Taiwan militarily if the latter was attacked by China, marking his strongest remarks to date on the issue of Taiwan's defense.

Biden, speaking in Tokyo on the second day of his visit to Japan, said "yes" when asked if the U.S. was willing to get involved militarily to defend Taiwan if China invaded. "That's the commitment we made," he added.

"[The] idea that [Taiwan] could be taken by force, just taken by force, is just not - it's just not appropriate. It will dislocate the entire region and be another action similar to what happened in Ukraine."

In August 2021, President Biden told ABC News that the U.S. had "made a sacred commitment" to defend its NATO allies, and the same held for Taiwan.

At a CNN town hall event in October 2021, Biden replied "yes" when asked by a participant whether he could "vow to protect Taiwan." He was then asked again by CNN anchor Anderson Cooper if the U.S. "would come to Taiwan's defense if China attacked." Biden replied: "Yes, we have a commitment to do that."



Photo: Screen grab from CNN

JOINT OVERSEAS TAIWANESE ORGANIZATIONS RUN FULL PAGE AD IN WASHINGTON DC NEWSPAPER CALLING FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP FOR TAIWAN IN THE WHO

During the last week of May, the annual weeklong meeting of the World Health Organization was taking place in Geneva, Switzerland.

Taiwan was again left out of the health summit.

Ten joint overseas Taiwanese organizations ran a full-page ad in the May 24 edition of the Washington Times titled "Knocking On The WHO's Door," calling for Taiwan's inclusion in the World Health Organization (WHO) as a "full member."

The ad read: "Taiwan tried to warn the world about the coronavirus. No one listened. If the WHO had heeded Taiwan's warning, scores of lives around the world might have been saved."

It continued: "When health officials in Taiwan heard about people in Wuhan, China falling sick with a mysterious pneumonia, they sent an email to the WHO on December 31, 2019 informing the WHO of its understanding of the disease and requesting more information. Taiwan immediately took action domestically assuming that human-to-human transmission was occurring. The WHO though ignored Taiwan's early warning, and echoed Chinese officials that there was 'no clear evidence of human-to-human transmission.'"

It added that "China is playing politics with the lives of the people of Taiwan, of the people of China, of the U.S. and of the rest of the world."

It concluded: "It is time for the world to jointly stand up against China's bullying and let Taiwan join all international organizations as a full member."



Every year, the month of May is designated as Asian Pacific Heritage Month - a month of national celebration and commemoration of the innumerable contributions that Asians and Pacific Islanders have made in American life.

Ever since 1999, when President Clinton dedicated the week after Mother's Day as "Taiwanese American Heritage Week" (TAHW), Taiwanese Americans have annually joined hands to reach out to the general American public to share their heritage.

This year, from Mother's Day May 8 until May 15, 2022, Taiwanese Americans celebrated their annual TAHW.

The celebration did not go unnoticed by elected

officials from Massachusetts, Maryland, North Carolina, Texas, Ohio, California, and New York.

Miscellaneous elected U.S. officials issued proclamations honoring the contributions Taiwanese Americans have made to the diversity and prosperity of American society, and their contributions to the promotion of democracy and security of their country of birth -Taiwan.



See all Proclamations, visit: https://fapa.org/taiwanese-american-heritage-week-proclamation/

IN LIGHT OF SENATE'S FAILURE TO PASS DOMESTIC TERRORISM LEGISLATION, TAIWANESE AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS ISSUE JOINT STATEMENT URGING THE FBI, STATE DEPARTMENT AND CONGRESS TO TAKE RESOLUTE ACTION

On May 26, the Senate failed to pass a domestic terrorism bill that had cleared the House on May 18. This

came after the mass shootings at a grocery store in Buffalo, New York on May 14, at a Taiwanese Presbyterian church in Laguna Woods, California on May 15, and a massacre of 19 schoolchildren and two teachers in Uvalde, Texas on May 24.

These mass shootings marked a watershed moment in the Taiwanese American community's long-term fight for freedom and democracy.

FAPA and other Taiwanese American organizations were united and issued a joint statement, calling on the FBI, the State Department and Congress to take resolute action. They urged –

1. The Federal Bureau of Investigation to list the China-controlled "National Association for China's Peaceful Unification" (NACPU) as a domestic terrorist organization and investigate its actions as a foreign agent — actions that enable hate violence and Chinese propaganda;

2. The State Department to demand accountability from the People's Republic of China (PRC) for the terrorist actions of its foreign missions and agents; and

3. Members of Congress to call more attention to the fact that a foreign government, with a deep distrust of the United States, is actively sponsoring and directing the radicalization of pro-China groups and individuals in the U.S. to the point where Taiwanese American citizens are targeted simply for their heritage, identity, and political beliefs.

TEXAS GOP PLATFORM AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVES CALL FOR U.S.-TAIWAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

On Saturday June 18, the Texas GOP passed its election platform which incorporates a call for the establishment of U.S.-Taiwan diplomatic relations. It read:

27 I . Taiwan

We call upon the United States to move toward full diplomatic recognition of Taiwan as an independent and sovereign nation and to renew our commitment to defend our security and vital economic interests in the Western Pacific region in the face of China's military provocations, which threaten its neighbors and critical maritime trade routes. FAPA members in Texas brought this important initiative to successful fruition.

Meanwhile, GOP Representatives Tom Tiffany (WI) and Scott Perry (PA) wrote in the June 20 edition of The Hill: "The United States should lead by example and formally recognize Taiwan for what it clearly is: A democratic and independent nation."

They also called for an end to the U.S. "One China Policy."

Additionally, Tiffany tweeted: "America's failed 'One China Policy' is stuck in a 1970s time warp. It is enriching the Chinese Communist Party, hurting our economy, and undermining our national security. It's time for a change."

TAIWANESE AMERICANS LAMENT ASSASSINATION OF JAPAN'S FORMER PM SHINZO ABE

In light of the fatal shooting on July 8 of Japan's former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Nara, Japan, during a campaign event, after which he succumbed to his injuries in a hospital and was pronounced dead five hours later, FAPA President Minze Chien stated:

"Taiwanese Americans are deeply shocked and saddened by the killing of Shinzo Abe. We hereby convey our deepest condolences to his family."

"This is a dark and sad day; not just for all of us who believe in democracy and freedom, but for the people of Japan and for people all around the world."

"Not only did Japan lose a great politician, the world at large lost a great leader. The memory of Abe will forever remain in the hearts of the people who knew him, and who knew of him."

"For Taiwanese Americans and for the people of Taiwan realizing that Abe is and will no longer be with us hurts deeply for he was a great and outspoken friend of our beloved Taiwan; not only during his tenure as Prime Minister but also after he left office in 2020. His concern about keeping Taiwan free was genuine and heartfelt, and he put his words into action in this regard."

Dr. Chien concluded: "While our community is still reeling from the shooting in Laguna Woods, California on May 15, today we again mourn a loss that impacts us all — this death of Prime Minister Abe."

"His killing, just like the killing of a Taiwanese American doctor in Laguna Woods, is another stark reminder to all that the time to stop solving political differences with violence and murder is NOW."

FAPA LAUDS PELOSI VISIT AS WATERSHED MOMENT IN TAIWAN'S DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT – CALLS FOR ENACTMENT OF TAIWAN POLICY ACT

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) made an unannounced stop in Taiwan on August 2 and 3 during a Congressional trip in Asia. The visit was widely considered a show of unwavering U.S. support for Taiwan – all this despite China's warnings not to visit the country. During her trip, Speaker Pelosi stated that her visit was intended to make it "unequivocally clear" that the U.S. would "not abandon" democratically governed Taiwan. She pledged "ironclad support" for Taiwan.

In a press release dated August 4, FAPA called for prompt enactment of the Taiwan Policy Act in light of China's belligerence in response to the Speaker's trip. FAPA also analyzed that Pelosi's visit marks a hollowing out of the U.S. One China Policy, stronger implementation of the Taiwan Travel Act, and concluded that "The U.S. now treats Taiwan as a sovereign and independent country. Next, it is time to seal the deal with the formal recognition of Taiwan's statehood and the establishment of bilateral U.S.-Taiwan diplomatic relations."



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View From Capitol Hill Series

EPISODE VII: OPEN HOUSE WITH REP. TOM TIFFANY

June 28, 2022. From 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. (ET) (FAPA Members Only)



Tom Tiffany / Wikipedia

FAPA HOSTS EPISODE VII OF "VIEW FROM CAPITOL HILL" SERIES WITH REP. TOM TIFFANY (R-WI)

On June 28, FAPA members joined a virtual meeting to come and meet one of Taiwan's strongest and most vocal supporters in the U.S. Congress: Congressman Tom Tiffany (R-WI).

Congressman Tiffany has been representing Wisconsin's 7th Congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives since he was elected in November 2020. Since day one, he has been one of Taiwan's strongest and most outspoken and daring supporters in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Attendees were excited to hear the Congressman

call for further strategic clarity instead of strategic ambiguity when the U.S. looks as Taiwan's security. He also called for a stronger U.S. role in seeking Taiwan's membership in the WHO, Interpol and the ICAO.

And finally, attendees were happy to hear that the Congressman concurs with them that the U.S. One China Policy should be relegated to the ash-heap of history – where it belongs. Attendees illustrated during the meeting that the One China Policy is dangerous. That the U.S. should have ZERO tolerance for China's unfounded and irrational claims over Taiwan instead. And that the U.S. merely acknowledging these claims will come back to haunt the U.S. in the future.

Overall, a great time was had by all attendees. His staff told us that the Congressman had really enjoyed hearing the viewpoints of Taiwanese Americans firsthand.

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California - Los Angelos Chapter

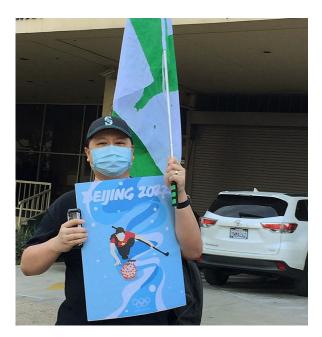
李群賢會長 (Tony Lee)

FAPA CA-LA ACTIVITIES (1/1/22-06/30/22)

1/25/22 - Online meeting with Congresswoman Michelle Steel discussing to continue support Taiwan in Congress. Additionally, we discussed current domestic issues in the United States

1/25/22 - Welcome Taiwan's Vic-President William Lai to visit Los Angeles and online meeting with Vice-President Lai.

2/3/22 - Demonstration at Chinese Embassy to boycott Beijing Winter Olympic game.



2/27/22 - Initiated online meeting "228 Government Atrocities Prevention" Seminar with Formosan Association for Human Rights (FAHR). There were six (6) other groups joined this online meeting. There were Milktea Alliance of Los Angeles, Spanish United, Hong Kong Forum of



Los Angeles, Los Angeles Rohingya Association, Association for Thai Democracy, USA. and Uyghur LA. At the meeting, FAPA CA-LA board member Alex Chen presented "Taiwan 228 accident.".



3/19/22 - A demonstration was held at Los Angeles City Hall to protest the Russian invasion of Ukraine. At least 10 FAPA CA-LA members and member's family joined this demonstration.

4/22/22 - Vice president, Ken Wu, and Tony Lee

joined the fundraiser to support AAPI Women in Politics. During this event, Ken Wu and Tony Lee met many talented young democratic government officials and politicians.



5/16/22 - Initiated with other Taiwanese group around the world to send flowers to the Geneva Presbyterian Church to mourn Dr. Cheng who loss his own life to save the lives of other church members. Also, condemns hate crimes against Taiwanese Americans as well.



5/22/22 - Participated memorial meeting for Professor Peng Ming-min at Los Angeles Taiwan Center

5/30/22 - Private fundraising dinner with Congresswoman Young Kim.

6/5/22 - Participated fundraising lunch with Congressman Ted Lieu at bowers museum.





California - Orange County CA-OC

Chapter

鄭學成會長 (Harrison Cheng)

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 在二〇二二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。他 在開端就呼籲不可讓這件事重新再發生,

五月十五日在 Laguna Woods 的 Irvine 長老教會 發生了一件令人憤怒與痛心的槍擊事件。槍手 周文偉是在台灣長大的外省人。因為受到促統 會的影響,對台灣人社團懷有很深的仇恨。

方面自己在美國的生活已經幾乎崩潰,竟然計 劃一個屠殺教會會友的恐怖行動。教友中有許 多是 FAOA-OC Chapter 的會友。 幸好天佑台 灣, Dr. John Cheng 的英勇犧牲, 讓 Pastor Bill Chang 有機會打倒槍手, 教友們將槍手制服網 綁,因而阻止了這個屠殺,救活了許多寶貴的 生命。District Attorney 宣稱 Dr. John Cheng 不 但是一個 hero, 而且是一個 Saint. 這個事件也 讓社區給予台灣人民許多同情與尊重。 在六月十一日, 我們舉辦了每年一度的 picnic。 由於疫情的関係, 已經兩年沒有辦了, 而且 也沒有其他的現場聚會,大家很久沒有機會 見面, 所以參加很踴躍。地點在 Irvine Turtle Rock Community Park。由於最近的槍擊事件, 我們有兩位便服警衛, 並有 Irvine 市警察局派 員巡邏以策安全。這次參加者約175人,除 了有日式便當,也準備了排骨魚丸湯,冬瓜茶 和西瓜。我們也邀請了另一位槍擊案中的英雄 人物張宣信牧師和師母。張牧師上台描述他如 何在驚險中拿椅子擊倒槍手, 師母也描述她如 何隨牧師之後, 壓住槍手, 槍奪槍枝並綑綁槍 手,受到眾人的喝采。這真是天佑台灣。

FL-N

Florida - North Chapter

周千琇會長 (Carol Kavalan)

1). Our VP, Dr. Huang, met with Congresswoman Kat Cammack on behalf of our chapter members on Nov.29, 2021, as I was not able to attend due to my work schedule. Kat remains committed to supporting legislation on Taiwan and is listed as a member of the Taiwan caucus.

2). We did also follow up on the announcements made by Senator Rick Scott's office about his proposed legislation of the Taiwan Invasion Protection Act.

3). Also, Dr. Huang thanked him for his recent personal visit to the Office of Taiwan Representatives of Lithuania when he made a trip to visit Poland during the Ukraine war.

4) We are going to have an outdoor chapter meeting on June 25, 2022, the first one since the pandemic hit. Due to the advanced age of our members, we have been avoiding in-person gatherings.

Illinois Chapter

林辛承會長 (Luke Lin)

Donation to Orange County Church Shooting Incident (5/21)

Participated in the joint effort among Taiwanese organizations in memory of Dr. John Cheng.

Hosting WUFI Taiwan Members (6/1)

Two of the WUFI Taiwan Members: 沈清楷 & 李 惠仁 arrived at Chicago for a documentary project on interviewing senior members of WUFI-USA. FAPA IL president Luke Lin hosted their visit and facilitated the interviews. Board members of FAPA IL also had dinner with the 2 guests that night.

Taste of Taiwan (7/4)

Eric Chiou, one of FAPA IL's board members, held an event called "Taste of Taiwan" in downtown Chicago near the river bank to promote Taiwanese culture, performance and snacks. This event was mainly supported by TECO and a Chicago pro-Taiwan organization "Friends of Taiwan." FAPA IL, along with other Taiwanese organizations/businesses such as TAA, Taiwan School and WUFI USA, also sponsored and participated in the event. According to the foot traffic data, over 10,000 people passed by our venue during the event.

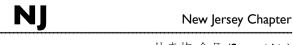




『少年』 Movie Screening (7/9)

In support of Hong Kong's sociopolitical movement, FAPA IL and TAA Chicago worked with 2 Hong Kong organizations: We The HongKongers and Chicago Solidarity with Hong Kong to have the movie \mathbb{F} 少年』(May You Stay Forever Young) screened at Culture Center of TECO. Over 80 audiences participated in the screening and the panel discussion afterwards.

Powei Chen (3Q) Speech Tour in Chicago (7/17) As one of the stops of the 2022 FAPA Speech Tour. FAPA IL helped planned and hosted the speech titled 『國會經驗 台美實現』 at the Taiwanese Community Church in Greater Chicago.



林素梅 會長 (Su-mei Lin)

NJ Chapter report

On April 16, Raymond Kuo, a NJ native and a political scientist at Rand Corporation came back to NJ for an in-depth presentation about Ukraine war and its implication on Taiwan. FAPA HQ VP Mary Yang also talked about the work FAPA has/ are/will be doing to advocate for Taiwan. More than 50 people attended in person and around 15 participated online. The panel discussion afterword was most informative, with many young folks actively engaged. The event was co-sponsored by TAANJ.

We held a FAPA fundraising event coordinated by HQ with 3Q as the keynote speaker on July 21. Close to 80 people attended in person while around 40 people dialed in online. The event generated around \$3000 donation from the audience.





NY-Hudson New York - Hudson Chapter

歐陽吉林會長 (Chi-Lin O'Young)

Meeting with NY Dutchess County Executive, Marc Molinaro (R)

On 2/21/2022, a group of Asian Americans (photo 1) met with Marc Molinaro (R), NY Dutchess County Executive, at Thomas Chen's Crystal Park, Holmes, to support Molinaro's candidacy for NY's 19th District Congress. Former incumbent Congressman Antonio Delgado (D) has resigned to serve as NY Lieutenant Governor. Molinaro's chance to be elected in November is higher. In the meeting, he agreed to and has issued a Taiwanese American Heritage Week Proclamation (photo 2) to celebrate 2022 TAHW in Dutchess County from May 9 to 16. He has promised to support Taiwan in the Congress after being elected.



Photo 1: 2/21/2022 Marc Molinaro, NY Dutchess County Executive, 競選 NY-19 眾議員募款活動, 協和山莊 Crystal Park, Holmes, NY



Photo 2: 2022 Taiwanese American Heritage Week Proclamation in Dutchess County issued by County Executive Marc Molinaro

2022 Taiwanese American Conference – East Coast 美東夏令會, Poughkeepsie, NY, 6/28-7/1

After two-year pandemic interruption, 2022 TAC-EC was held at the Holiday Inn, Poughkeepsie, NY, 6/28-7/1/2022. Coen Blaauw of HQ and Chi-Lin O'Young presented a workshop entitled "FAPA Forum for Congressional and Grassroots Advocacy" to share and exchange the advocacy experience.

At the Conference, the Chapter: 1. put a half page advertisement to support the event; 2. set up an exhibition table (photo 3) to promote FAPA; 3. took the opportunity to recruit new members, recall/retain senior members, and solicit donations. We have acquired quite fruitful results of membership and donation from the event.



Photo 3: A group of FAPA members attended at 2022 TAC-EC, the Holiday Inn, Poughkeepsie, NY, 6/28-7/1.

NY-SYR

New York - Syracuse Chapter

林冰潔 會長 (Elizabeth Lin)

FAPA Syracuse Chapter Annual Picnic 2022

FAPA Syracuse Chapter Annual Picnic was held on Jun 25th at Pratt's Falls Park, Manlius, NY. It was a beautiful sunny day. A total of 23 of our members, family and friends joined us at this event. We were very fortunately to have FAPA President Dr. Minze Chien came from Washintong D.C. to give us a talk about "US-Taiwan relations: View from Capitol Hill." It was a lively talk at the meeting. Due to Covid 19, we weren't able to get any quest speakers for the past two years. We are delighted we were able to meet the FAPA President Dr. Minze Chien the first time.





TX-C

Texas - Central Chapter

楊碧珠會長 (Pearl Wu)

1. 参加 Open House with Congressman Steve Chabot (夏波):

Congressman Chabot 二十幾年來都非常支持台 灣。他是 House Taiwan Caucus (台灣連線) 的 Co- Chair。Taiwan Travel Act 的通過,他都 拌演著相當重要的角色。他說我們要讓習近 平知道,When China attacks Taiwan, U.S. will be there。有人問他,美國要出兵去幫忙台灣需 要法律程序嗎? Congressman Chabot 回答說不 必,可以直接出兵。他準備提出邀請台灣國防部長到美國眾議院 House 演說。

2. 我們寫感謝函給國會議員: 熱心、能力強的的 Angela 自動分別擬了 "Thank you note" 讓我們 email 給下列國會議員

• 感 謝 Congressman Tom Tiffany 的 Amendment #65: "Prohibits the expenditure of funds to create, procure or display any map that depicts Taiwan as part of the People's Republic of China."

• 謝 謝 Senator John Cornyn 的 提 案 [Taiwan Deterrence Act] (台灣嚇阻法案), 盼每年提 供 20 億美元強化台灣防禦力。他並且專機訪 台 collect the data for the [Taiwan Deterrence Act].

• 謝 謝 Congressman Mike Gallagher 的 提 案 H.R. 6443 [Arm Taiwan Act]。

• 感謝自己的眾議員投讚成票, 讓眾議院在 4-27-2022 通過了 S.812 "挺台返世衛法案"。 Biden. 總統也簽了名, 正式成為法條。

3. 11-20-2021 舉行 FAPA TX-C 年會: 謝謝會 員熱心的出席, 讓 Buffet Palace private room 擠 滿到門不能關。

• 謝謝台灣女婿 Tim 的 CNN 及 Senator John Cornyn's video 及講評。

• 謝謝 Angela 的講述:她如何在孩子學校文 化節爭取了"台灣攤位"。



4. 寫下列 Petition Letter 給國會議員:

•請國會議員 Co-sponsor "HR 6443 known as [Arm Taiwan Act] bill" introduced by Congressman Mike Gallagher。

• 請國會議員 Co-sponsor S.3735 [Deterring

Communist Chinese Aggression against Taiwan through Financial Sanctions Act of 2022]。S. 3735 是美國有機會在中共對台灣還未全面動武前, 對中國個人和中國公有或私有機關斷絕財務交 易。包括禁止財產轉移、取消現有或申請的 visa 簽證、禁中國發行的電子貨幣交易、禁與 中國軍方相關公司的證券交易、禁止全球的金 融通訊服務商爲中國中央銀行或與此法有關的 財務機構提供服務、進行管制美國產品與科技 對中國出口等等。

• 寄出 HQ 對 Laguna Woods Shooting 的 petition letter: 將 美 國 的 紅 統 組 織 列 入 " Domestic Terrorist"。

5. 3-25-2022 我們拜訪了 Senator John Cornyn Austin office:

• Pearl、Angela、Steve、 Charlie、 Cathy 跟 Tim 拜訪 Senator Cornyn 的 office, 感謝 Senator Cornyn 對 台灣的 強 烈 支 持。 Regional Director Jeff Williford 非常誠懇的傾聽我們的訴求並作筆 記。

• Pearl 簡單重點的介紹台灣及和美國的關係, 希望 Senator Cornyn 能幫忙台灣避免像烏克蘭 的戰爭。

• Angela 談論 Senator Cornyn 所提出有關台灣的各法案在國會的通過進度。

• Steve 關心美國國防 semiconductor chip 供應問題。

• Charlie 擬了要求 Senator Cornyn co-sponsor S.3735 bill 的 petition letter。

• Cathy 講述隔天將在 TX GOP County Convention 提出對台灣有利的 Taiwan resolution。

• Tim 希望 Senator Cornyn 能和 FAPA HQ 的 Coen Blaauw 連絡。







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