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From right to left: Former FAPA National President Mingchi Wu, Wen Yen Chen, current President Minze Chien, Mark Kao, and Peter Chen.



President's Corner

Dear FAPA Members and Friends:

1982... I was still a young student in Taiwan. I did not come to the United States until 1986 to start my MS and PhD studies at the University of Maryland.

But here in the U.S., Ronald Reagan was President. Air Florida Flight 90 crashed into the Potomac. Ground is broken for the Vietnam Memorial. The Falklands War begins in April and ends 10 weeks later. Sony launched its CD player. The movie E.T. was the biggest blockbuster hit of the year. Henry Fonda passed away and so did Grace Kelly and Ingrid Bergman.

And... FAPA was established in Los Angeles, CA.

It is an honor for me, especially during this 40th anniversary year, to celebrate FAPA's 40th anniversary with memorial events and book, and to preside over the FAPA family as the 14th FAPA president.

Let us reflect for a moment and be proud of what we have achieved together over the years for our motherland Taiwan and for Taiwanese Americans. Here are some highlights:

If you are Taiwanese American and you have "Taiwan" listed as your place of birth in your American passport, you have FAPA to thank for. And when you enjoy gathering with your friends for a BBQ during the week after Mother's Day to celebrate the annual Taiwanese American Heritage Week, you have FAPA to thank for. When you hear about the crucial importance and relevance in U.S.-Taiwan relations today of the Taiwan Travel Act or the Six Assurances you have FAPA to thank for.

It is due in part to the hard work by all of us and our unwavering commitment that Taiwan has become what it is today — a continuously developing and thriving vibrant democracy.

But we are not there yet.

We Taiwanese Americans will, can and must not rest until Taiwan becomes a completely normal independent sovereign country with full recognition and representation in the international community. Our work to achieve that goal and to enhance U.S.-Taiwan relations continues.

Recently, we have witnessed the U.S.' determined support and rock-solid commitment to Taiwan amid China's growing threat: President Joe Biden's pledge — for the fourth time in just two years — that the U.S. forces would defend Taiwan if China invades; increasing U.S. arms sales to Taiwan to strengthen Taiwan's self-defense capabilities; and strong U.S. objection to China's attempts to change the status quo and create a "new normal" in the Taiwan Strait.

Let me conclude with thanking all of you for your support over the past 40 years and I look forward to continue working with you.

May FAPA continue to shine, excel and be strong and influential! Never forget:

WE ARE FAPA!

Minze V. Chien, Ph. D.

FAPA National President
2022.11.04

親愛的FAPA會員與朋友：

1982年……我仍是一名在台灣年輕學生。直到1986年，我才來到美國，開始在馬里蘭大學攻讀碩士與博士學位。

而在1982年的美國，時任總統是雷根(Ronald Reagan)。佛羅里達航空90號班機墜毀在波多馬克河。越戰紀念碑剛破土動工。福克蘭群島戰爭於4月爆發，10週後結束。Sony推出了CD播放器。《E.T.》是當年最轟動賣座的電影。亨利方達(Henry Fonda)去世了，格蕾絲凱利(Grace Kelly)、英格麗褒曼(Ingrid Bergman)也離世了。

同年……台灣人公共事務會(FAPA)在加州洛杉磯成立。

我很榮幸，在這40周年的特別時刻，能擔任FAPA第14屆總會長，透過舉辦紀念活動與發行專輯來慶祝FAPA成立40周年，並與FAPA這個大家庭攜手向前繼續邁進。

讓我們回顧一下，我們多年來為祖國台灣與台裔美國人所打拼而來的成就，並為此感到自豪。以下略舉幾個亮點：

若您是台裔美國人並且您的美國護照上將「台灣」列為您的出生地，那必須感謝FAPA。當您在母親節的後一週，享受與朋友聚會烤肉並慶祝一年一度的「台美人傳統週」時，這要感謝FAPA。當您聽到《台灣旅行法》與「六項保證」對於當今美台關係至關重要時，那亦須感謝FAPA。

我們FAPA所有人的努力付出及我們對台灣堅定不移的承諾，部分促使了台灣成為今日的樣貌——一個不斷發展、繁榮並且充滿活力的民主國家。

但我們尚未完整實現我們的使命與願景。

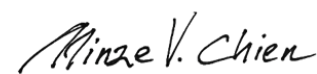
直到台灣成為一個完全正常的獨立主權國家，並在國際社會中得到普遍的承認與充分代表，我們台裔美國人決不會、不能、也不應提早與現實妥協而就此罷休。我們為實現理想與目標、並強化美台關係的工作，勢將持續努力推動與逐步進行。

最近，在中國日益增長的對台威脅下，我們共同目睹了美國對台灣的果斷支持和堅如磐石的承諾：美國總統拜登(Joe Biden)在短短兩年內已四度承諾，若中國以武力侵台，美國將出兵保衛台灣；持續擴大美國對台軍售，以強化台灣的自衛能力；並表達美國強烈反對中國試圖改變現狀並在台海建立「新常態」的企圖。

最後，讓我在此感謝大家在過去40年來對FAPA的支持。我期待與你們繼續共同努力與打拼。

願FAPA持續發光、卓越、壯盛，並發揮更大的影響力！永遠不要忘記：

我們是台灣人公共事務會，FAPA！



FAPA 總會長
簡明子 謹上

FAPA 40th Anniversary Celebration



INTRODUCING THE FAPA LEGEND AWARD: WHO, WHAT, WHY, AND WHEN?

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FAPA 40th Anniversary Celebration!*



FAPA's festive 40th-Anniversary Banquet held in DC on September 17, 2022, included a lot of highlights: In person remarks by the two co-introducers of the Taiwan Travel Act, Reps. Steve Chabot (R-OH) and Brad Sherman (D-CA), by Taiwan Ambassador to the U.S. Bi-khim Hsiao, and long-time friend of FAPA DPP Legislator Wang Ting-yu among them. Additionally, U.S. legislators and friends in Taiwan honored us by sending us video clips and congratulations letters.

But one of the most exciting moments during the evening was the announcement by FAPA President Minze Chien of five recipients of the “FAPA LEGEND AWARD.”

“But I have never heard of the FAPA LEGEND AWARD” I hear you say. You are correct. The “FAPA LEGEND AWARD” is new.

Over the past four decades, FAPA has handed out many awards at its annual Board meetings: for best chapter, for outstanding chapter performance, to individual donors, and to contributors to FAPA, etc. But we realized that there exists NO award in FAPA that covers the outstanding work and contributions of individuals to FAPA and to Taiwan Independence that are SO awesome, SO outstanding, and SO beyond the call of duty that no current award captures that kind of passion for FAPA and for Taiwan.

So, we decided to create a new award. And it will be a very coveted award because — thus far — we only have five recipients of this “FAPA LEGEND AWARDS” in the world.

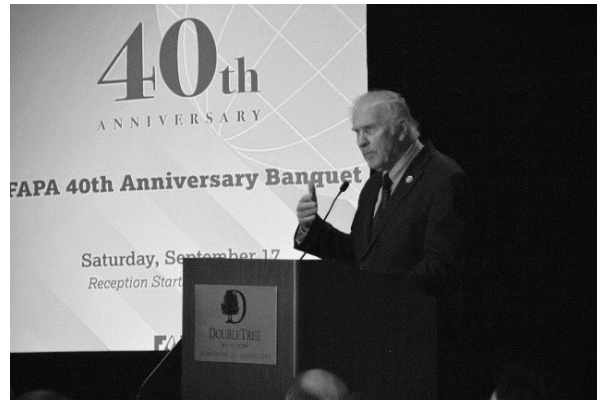
During the 40th-Anniversary Banquet, FAPA President Minze Chien presented these five “FAPA LEGEND AWARDS” to the following five individuals — individuals that are so well known in our community that they really do not need a long biographical introduction.

The first FAPA LEGEND AWARD went to Mark Chen (Chen Tan Sun). Mark Chen was one of the founding fathers of FAPA who left the US in the early nineties for a long and esteemed career in politics in Taiwan. He is the last living of the early FAPA Presidents.



The second FAPA LEGEND AWARD went to Dr. Hwalin Lee! Dr. Lee's management of the fund he set up for FAPA two decades ago is legendary, and the collective FAPA membership is grateful to Dr. Lee.

The third FAPA LEGEND AWARD went to Rep. Steve Chabot — Taiwan's best friend in the U.S. Congress.



And the fourth FAPA LEGEND AWARD went to long-time Dallas, TX FAPA President John Hsieh. FAPA members like John Hsieh are an inspiration to all of us. Year after year, rain sleet or snow, they keep pushing for Taiwan Independence, they walk the walk, they talk the talk, they go lobby, they work into the night, and they raise the funds for FAPA. And they never complain, and are never disappointed!



And the last and fifth FAPA LEGEND AWARD went to 33 year-long FAPA/FAPR staffer Coen Blaauw.



We at FAPA HQ look forward to awarding more of the FAPA LEGEND AWARDS to individuals in years to come.

FAPA HISTORY 2012–2022

“HIGHLIGHTS OF AN ACTION-PACKED DECADE”

During FAPA’s fourth decade (2012-2022), we witnessed a veritable whirlwind of activities on behalf of Taiwan at FAPA.

We at FAPA often say that the future of Taiwan rests on two pillars: (1) The will of the people of Taiwan to maintain Taiwan’s current independence, and (2) U.S. support for Taiwan.

The Sunflower movement in 2014 affirmed the first – that the younger generation of Taiwan’s people believes that keeping Taiwan free is a cause worth fighting for.

FAPA’s primary role is in the second battlefield. Some of our scholar friends have stated that “the future of Taiwan will be decided on Capitol Hill.”

It is therefore of the utmost importance that the support for Taiwan in Washington DC remains as strong and steady as it has been over the past decades. FAPA is at the forefront of this movement. We make sure that the foundation of Washington’s support for democratic Taiwan remains strong and solid.

Not only in the legislative field has FAPA been very active and successful the past decade. (With the 2016 resolution reaffirming the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances as the two cornerstones of U.S.-Taiwan relations, and the 2018 Taiwan Travel Act becoming law will live on forever in FAPA history.) We have also held many conferences, seminars, speech tours and done whatever it takes to contribute to enhancing Taiwan’s independence.

The list of FAPA’s activities the past decade is too long to fit in this FAPA 40th anniversary book. So, we will here list foremost the highlights of all we have done the past ten years.

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

On October 28, 2015, Representative Steve Chabot (R-OH) introduced H.Con.Res.88 “reaffirming the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances as cornerstones of United States-Taiwan relations.” On May 16, 2016, the resolution passed the House unanimously. It was sent to the Senate where Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) introduced it on May 19, 2016 as S.Con.Res.38. It was passed unanimously by the Senate on July 6, 2016.

On September 15, 2016, Rep. Chabot introduced the binding H.R.6047 – the Taiwan Travel Act. Due to it being close to the end of the 114th Congress the bill gathered a dozen co-sponsors but was not marked up, let alone made it to the House floor. On September 27, 2016, Sen. Rubio introduced the Taiwan Travel Act as S.3397. We felt it would be a good warm-up in anticipation of reintroduction the next year during the 115th Congress.

On January 13, 2017, Rep. Chabot indeed reintroduced the Taiwan Travel Act – H.R.535 – together with Representatives Brad Sherman (D-CA) and Ed Royce (R-CA). Soon thereafter, on May 4, 2017, Sens. Rubio and Sherrod Brown (D-OH) introduced the Senate version – S.1051. H.R.535 passed the House on January 9, 2018. S.1051 passed the Senate on February 28, 2018. President Trump signed the bill into law on March

16, 2018. It became Public Law No: 115-135.

On February 9, 2018, Sen. Rubio urged the permanent closure of Confucius Institutes in Florida. FAPA had brought this issue to his attention in 2017. Rubio's resolute action set in motion a series of falling dominos resulting in the closing of almost all Confucius Institutes in the United States today.

Over the past decade, FAPA members have been very active on the local grassroots level. One considerable highlight has been the successful effort by FAPA's Texas Chapters to convince the Republican Party to support the conclusion of U.S.-Taiwan diplomatic relations in their bi-yearly GOP platform. For instance: In July 2018, the GOP Platform reads: "We call upon the United States to move toward full diplomatic recognition of Taiwan as an independent and sovereign nation."

On March 21, 2019, Rep. Chabot introduced resolution H.Res.248 concluding that it is the sense of Congress that the United States should challenge the People's Republic of China's "One China Principle" campaign by adopting the following policy statements: (1) The United States recognizes the objective reality that the Taiwan government legitimately represents a democracy of 23.5 million people; (2) The United States will ensure any resolution of the future of Taiwan be done peacefully and with the active assent of the people of Taiwan; and (3) The United States encourages both sides of the Taiwan Strait to carry out constructive dialogue without preconditions.

In a letter to U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo dated December 17, 2020, 78 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, led by Taiwan Caucus co-chairs Steve Chabot and Mario Diaz Balart (R-FL), called upon the Secretary of State to change the name of the unofficial Taiwan "embassy" in Washington DC from "Taipei Economic Cultural Representative Office" (TECRO) to "Taiwan Representative Office" (TRO).

On January 14, 2021, Reps. Chabot and Sherman introduced H.R.5535 – the Taiwan Envoy Act. This bill required the President to appoint the Director of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) with the advice and consent of the Senate. The bill's language (together with a TECRO name change provision) was later incorporated into the Taiwan Diplomatic Review Act (H.R.3634). The latter was introduced on May 28, 2021 by Rep. Sherman and the four Taiwan Caucus co-chairs.

On February 26, 2021, Representative Tom Tiffany (R-WI) introduced H.Con.Res.21 – "Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should resume normal diplomatic relations with Taiwan, negotiate a bilateral free trade agreement with Taiwan, and support Taiwan's membership in international organizations." The resolution's text echoes the language of similar legislation that we had introduced by Representatives Michael McCaul (R-TX), Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), John Linder (R-GA) and others during the past 15 years.

In a March 19, 2021 Congressional hearing in the House Asia-Pacific Subcommittee, Rep. Sherman asked witness Richard Haass (President of the Council on Foreign Relations) whether he thought it was a good idea to invite Taiwan's foreign minister – virtually, if needed – to a full committee or subcommittee hearing. Haass answered that it would be another sign of normalization of relations between the U.S. and Taiwan.

SUNFLOWER MOVEMENT

When the Sunflower Movement emerged in Taiwan in March 2014, FAPA felt that these Taiwanese youngsters deserved FAPA's support and that FAPA should do what we could to bring their plea to the attention of the U.S. Congress, the U.S. in general, and to the world. Some examples:

FAPA immediately invited Sunflower students Wei Yang and Huang Yu-fen to come to DC to have them inform Washington about the plea of the Sunflower students. They spoke to the U.S. based media, to members of Congress such as Representatives Steve Chabot (R-OH) and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), spoke to Taiwanese Americans and made a speech tour through the U.S.

On March 29, 2014, New York State Assembly member Richard Gottfried wrote a letter expressing support to the Sunflowers.

FAPA helped with a full-page ad in a Capitol Hill newspaper, The Hill, on April 3, 2014 entitled “Democracy at 4AM.”

On April 3, 2014, Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) wrote a letter to AIT Director Chris Marut expressing concern about the treatment of the Sunflower students.

In an April 8 open letter to President Ma Jing-jeou, three dozen U.S. based scholars called upon Ma not to crack down on the sunflower students.

In August 2014, a second delegation of Sunflower leaders came to DC. We introduced them to members of Congress and Uyghur activist Rebiya Kadeer, and arranged a press conference at the National Press Club. Group members Huang Kuo-chang and Lin Fei-fan went on to become well-known political leaders.

On March 23, 2015, a delegation of Sunflowers from Japan visited FAPA to exchange views and brainstorm on Taiwan’s future.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP/NATIONAL ADVOCACY CONFERENCE

FAPA’s Young Professionals Group (YPG) was formed in 2003. Motivation of forming this group within FAPA was to recruit younger Taiwanese Americans and enable them to join fellow youngsters before they would merge into the (predominantly older generation dominated) general FAPA membership. One of the activities that the YPG started organizing was an annual Capitol Hill advocacy weekend followed by a Monday on Capitol Hill where the YPG’ers would share with Congressional offices what they had learned over the weekend. At FAPA’s annual Board Meeting in 2016 YPG was put to sleep. But the annual National Advocacy Conference survived the process and is still being held each fall.

In 2012, the YPG/NAC weekend was held during the weekend of May 20. In 2013, during the weekend of August 29-31. In 2014, during the weekend of August 23. In 2015, during the weekend of September 2. In 2016, during the weekend of August 20. In 2017, during the weekend of September 6-8. In 2018, during the weekend of September 15-17. In 2019, during the weekend of September 14-16. When the pandemic hit in 2020, we held our NAC virtually in 2020 and 2021.

EMERGING LEADERS WORKSHOP

During FAPA President Bob Yang’s presidency, FAPA held its first Emerging Leaders Workshop (ELW). The idea was to bring emerging young leaders from Taiwan to Washington DC where we would immerse them in “All Things DC.” We would arrange for scholars, activists and members of Congress to talk to them, providing them with a better understanding of American policy-making, which would then hopefully help prepare them for a successful career in Taiwan in public service.

On June 22, 2014, FAPA welcomed Emerging Leaders from Taiwan to its (bi)annual workshop. Among the speakers were: Representative Steve Chabot (R-OH), Karin Karlekar from Freedom House, representatives from the Taiwan Desk at the State Department, former Pentagon staffer Joanna Yu etc. The group also traveled to Capitol Hill to talk to Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) about Taiwan's (lack of) International recognition and participation. The week was concluded with a seminar titled: "Taiwan's Sunflower Movement: a new political landscape." Three U.S.-based Taiwan scholars participated in the panel: Randy Schriver, Professor Vincent Wang and Professor Don Rodgers (who has since passed.)

During the week of June 24, 2015, FAPA hosted another Emerging Leaders Workshop. Among the speakers: Rebiya Kadeer, Randy Schriver, Reps. Chabot and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Gordon Chang, Professors June Dreyer and Roselyn Hsueh. The group also interacted at the Capitol with Representatives Brad Sherman (D-CA), Aumua Amata Radewagen (R-SA), Ted Lieu (D-CA) and Robert Pittenger (R-NC).

During the week of June 25, 2017, we hosted another ELW. Speakers: Rick Fisher, Rupert Hammond Chambers, blind lawyer Chen Guangcheng, Richard Bush, Randy Schriver, John Tkacik, Steve Yates, Mike Fonte, Chris Nelson and Mark Chen. They also met Reps. Chabot, Ros-Lehtinen, and Radewagen.

From June 24 to June 30, 2019, FAPA held another ELW. Speakers included Mark Stokes, Rupert Hammond Chambers, Bob Sutter, Peter Chow, Steve Yates and Robert Wang.

From September 11 to 16, 2022, FAPA is holding its ELW again after a long pandemic hiatus.

FAPA AS OPINION LEADER: LETTERS/ADVERTISEMENTS/ARTICLES

Since its establishment in 1982, FAPA has always been an "Opinion Leader." With its limited budget and limited staff but with its short decision-making process, FAPA has always thrived on being creative. As a matter of fact, we pride ourselves in this respect, and this element of strong creativity distinguishes us from other entities that promote Taiwan Independence in Washington DC and elsewhere. Additionally, as an AMERICAN organization FAPA faces zero restrictions in helping Taiwan become a more "normal" independent country. We are not a foreign agent, or a foreign agency. So, FAPA writes legislation, letters to members of Congress, opinion articles, letters to the media and to dignitaries etc. – all in an effort to make the public and decision makers take action to help Taiwan become more independent and normalized. For instance:

In a letter dated September 23, 2014, 29 members of the House of Representatives led by House Foreign Affairs Committee chair Ed Royce (R-CA) sent a letter to Secretary of State John Kerry calling for a new "Taiwan Policy Review." The last one was done in 1994.

In a letter to Pope Francis dated October 9, 2015, FAPA president Mark Kao called upon the Pope, while he was exploring diplomatic relations with China, not to abandon diplomatic relations with Taiwan but instead move towards "Dual Recognition" of Beijing and Taipei.

In a letter dated June 21, 2016 to the National Advisory Committee of the Census Bureau, FAPA President Peter Chen formally requested the Census Bureau that a check off box for "Taiwanese" be added under the race question (question six) on the Census 2020 form.

In a letter to Holy Father Pope Francis dated August 8, 2016, FAPA President Peter Chen called upon the Pope not to abandon diplomatic relations with Taiwan, when contemplating the establishment of the Vatican's

diplomatic relations with China, but instead move towards “Dual Recognition” of Beijing and Taipei.

In a letter dated December 8, 2016 and in light of the phone call that took place on December 2 between U.S. President-elect Donald Trump and Taiwan president Tsai Ing-wen, the joint Taiwanese American organizations urged President Trump to “continue to develop a U.S. policy that provides more dignity and respect for the leaders and people of Taiwan.”

FAPA was concerned one week later about Trump’s remarks in a Fox interview hinting that the future of Taiwan might be negotiable. So, on December 16, 2016, we ran a full-page ad in the Washington Times establishing that “Taiwan is not part of China. Taiwan is no bargaining chip. Self-determination is not negotiable. The One China Policy is obsolete.”

On May 4, 2017, FAPA ran a full-page, full-color ad in Taiwan’s Liberty Times, emphasizing the relevance of freedom of the press and of the media in a democracy: “Democracies need professional and independent media, as the eyes and voice of the people, and as one of the key components of the right to self-determination.”

In a letter dated November 2, 2017, FAPA President Peter Chen appealed to President Trump to “reaffirm America’s support for freedom, democracy and human rights in Taiwan” during his upcoming visit to China. Specifically, he asked that President Trump reaffirm the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act and President Reagan’s 1982 Six Assurances as the cornerstones of U.S.-Taiwan relations, when meeting with Xi.

In the Taipei Times of December 6, 2017, FAPA President Peter Chen proposed a plan of action to get Taiwan back into the annual World Health Organization (WHO) meeting in Geneva – the World Health Assembly – as an observer.

In the Liberty Times of March 15, 2018, FAPA President Mike Kuo called for dual recognition of China and Taiwan by the Vatican, and presented several recommendations for Taiwan’s relationship with the Vatican upon the latest developments between the PRC and the Vatican.

On April 28, 2018, FAPA President Mike Kuo called for Taiwan’s inclusion in the World Health Assembly summit in Geneva at the end of May – gradually leading to full WHO membership for Taiwan. In his Taipei Times article Dr. Kuo accused China of playing politics with the lives of the people of Taiwan, and proposed a strategy to bring Taiwan into international organizations such as the WHO, the ICAO and Interpol.

On August 16, 2018, FAPA President Mike Kuo wrote in the Taipei Times that the name of Taiwan’s unofficial “embassy” in Washington DC – the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) – had been a thorn in the side of Taiwanese Americans for decades. He concluded that the time is now to change the TECRO name to “Taiwan Representative Office (TRO).”

In the Liberty Times of May 10, 2020, FAPA President Minze Chien called upon the U.S. to clarify that the United Nations (UN) and the WHO have never decided that Taiwan is part of China’s territory. Dr. Chien also urged the U.S. government to explicitly recognize Taiwan’s Statehood and assist Taiwan to join the UN and its specialized agencies as a full member.

In the Up Media of December 10, 2021, FAPA President Minze Chien urged the U.S. to unambiguously incorporate Taiwan into its mutual defense system. Specifically, the U.S. should: (1) approach Taiwan’s defense with “strategic clarity”; (2) invite Taiwan to participate in the biannual “Rim of the Pacific” (RIMPAC) exercise; (3) establish a “War Reserve Stocks for Allies” (WRSA) program for Taiwan; and (4) enhance high-level military exchanges with Taiwan.

HOSTING DIGNITARIES FROM TAIWAN

When politicians, scholars and government officials from Taiwan come to Washington DC, they often reach out to FAPA requesting that we facilitate and make their stay in Washington DC as well worth as possible. Case in point: when former president Lee Teng-hui planned to visit Washington DC in 2005, he reached out to FAPA and asked FAPA to arrange his weeklong schedule.

On June 3, 2015, FAPA hosted a very successful and well attended welcome reception on Capitol Hill for then presidential candidate Dr. Tsai Ing-wen. Around twenty members of Congress joined and welcomed Dr. Tsai such as Representatives Ed Royce (R-CA), Steve Chabot (R-OH), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Brad Sherman (D-CA), Aumua Amata Radewagen (R-SA), Howard Berman (D-CA), Judy Chu (D-CA), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) plus AIT chairman Raymond Burghardt and former member of Congress Lester Wolff (D-NY).

During the week of September 9, 2016, FAPA hosted a delegation from the New Power Party in Washington DC led by Huang Kuo-chang. We introduced the group to multiple members of Congress such as Representatives Ted Lieu (D-CA), Chabot, Ros-Lehtinen, Sherman and Ted Poe (R-TX.)

On November 9, 2016, FAPA staff held a meeting with an election observation delegation from Taiwan consisting of DPP Legislative Yuan staffers and DPP HQ staffers. They were in town to observe the U.S. elections. FAPA staff briefed them on the issues of concern to Taiwanese Americans that FAPA works on Capitol Hill, and what Election Day 2017 might bring for U.S.-Taiwan relations.

TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK/TAIWAN PEACE DAY

Every year, the month of May is designated as Asian Pacific Heritage Month (APHM) – a month of national celebration and commemoration of the innumerable contributions that Asians and Pacific Islanders have made in American life. FAPA conceived the idea for an annually celebrated “Taiwanese American Heritage Week” in 1999 as part of the APHM. That same year, President Clinton dedicated the week after Mother’s Day as Taiwanese American Heritage Week (TAHW) at 1999. Since, we Taiwanese Americans join hands to reach out to the general American public to share our heritage every year. FAPA members around the nation ask their elected officials to issue proclamations dedicating one week in May as TAHW.

In a related development several mayors and other elected officials declared February 28, 2017 as Taiwan Peace Day through proclamations.

SUCCESSFUL MAJOR NAME RECTIFICATION LETTERS

FAPA regularly writes to companies, government agencies and organizations asking them to stop referring to Taiwan as a “Province of China.” One example of a successful campaign:

In April 2016, we were alerted to the fact that on COSTCO’s online job application, “Taiwan” was listed under the “province” options, and was completely missing from the “country” options. In their response to our rectification request letter, COSTCO concluded: “The oversight will be corrected As you probably know, we have retail locations in Taiwan and very much consider it a country.”

FAPA CELEBRATIONS/BANQUETS IN TAIWAN

During the second week of 2016, after Dr. Tsai Ing-wen's election victory as Taiwan president, miscellaneous members of Congress wrote her a congratulations letter, such as Representatives Ed Royce (R-CA), Steve Chabot (R-OH), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Eliot Engel (D-NY), Matt Salmon (R-AZ), Aumua Amata Radewagen (R-SA), Scott Garrett (R-NJ), Alan Lowenthal (D-CA), Lois Frenkel (D-FL), Pete Sessions (R-TX), Kenny Marchant (R-TX), Kevin Yoder (R-KS), Joe Barton (R-TX), Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA), Mimi Walters (R-CA), Kay Granger (R-TX), and Senator Gary Peters (D-MI).

FAPA hosted a member celebration in Taipei right after the elections. Multiple Taiwan dignitaries attended such as Yao Chia-wen, Lee Ying-yuan, Mark Chen, Chang Fu-mei, Joseph Wu, and Ko Wen-je.

In May 2016, FAPA hosted a very successful and well attended fundraising banquet in Taiwan. Many Taiwanese dignitaries joined: Peng Ming-min, Mark Chen, William Lo, Dorothy Hung, Ko Wen-je, Lin Fei-fan, and Chen Wei-ting. President Tsai had recorded a video-clip, and so had Rep. Ros-Lehtinen.

Another successful and well banquet was celebrated in Taipei on March 30, 2019. Dignitaries that attended: President Tsai, Legislative Yuan Speaker Su Jia-chyuan, Joseph Wu, Mark Chen, Lee Ying-yuan, and Yao Chia-wen.

President Tsai was subsequently re-elected on January 11, 2020. On May 20, 2020, 10 Overseas Taiwanese Organizations led by FAPA published an ad in the Washington Times, congratulating Taiwan's presidential inauguration and calling for U.S.-Taiwan diplomatic relations.

BOARD MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP CONVENTION

FAPA holds its annual Board Meeting in the odd years in Washington DC and during the even years somewhere else around the country. During the odd years, we elect a new FAPA president, or reelect a president for a second term.

During the weekend of December 7, 2013, we held our annual board meeting in Washington, DC.

During the weekend of December 13, 2014, we held our annual board meeting in Houston, TX.

During the weekend of December 5, 2015, we held our annual board meeting in Washington, DC. Peter Chen was elected as President.

During the December 9, 2016 weekend, we held our annual board meeting in West Palm Beach, FL.

During the December 9, 2017 weekend, we held our annual board meeting in Washington, DC. Mike Kuo was elected as President.

During the December 8, 2018 weekend, we held our annual board meeting in Houston, TX.

During the December 6, 2019 weekend, we held our annual board meeting in Washington, DC. Keynote speaker was former National Security Advisor John Bolton. Minze Chien was elected as FAPA president.

In December 2020, we held a virtual board meeting due to the pandemic.

During the weekend of December 12, 2021, we held our annual board meeting in Washington, DC. Minze Chien was reelected as FAPA president.

During the weekend of September 25-26, 2017, FAPA hosted its 35th Anniversary/members' convention/advocacy weekend in DC. Speakers included: Nina Solarz, blind lawyer Chen Guangcheng, Steve Yates, Dennis Peng and Gordon Chang.

On the first day of the convention, participants spent the day learning the ins and outs of how to advocate for Taiwan on Capitol Hill. The next day, convention attendees went on a historic tour of the Twin Oaks estate in Northwest Washington DC. The next morning, on Monday, the group of close to 100 fanned out all over Capitol Hill to call for support for pro-Taiwan legislation from members of the Senate and House to keep Taiwan free.

MISCELLANEOUS

Besides the above-mentioned highlights of legislation, policy making, meetings, annual conferences and receiving visitors etc. FAPA makes important contributions to Taiwan on a daily basis. A couple of highlights come to mind:

When the pandemic hit in March 2020, FAPA raised more than 21,000 U.S. dollars and purchased a total of 9,300 pieces of medical face shields. These face shields were donated to medical providers or state/local governments around the United States: Florida (2,000 pieces),

Arkansas (1,600 pieces), Delaware (1,600 pieces), Iowa (1,600 pieces), Maryland (1,500 pieces), and Wisconsin (1,000 pieces).

Afterwards, FAPA helped coordinate the donation of nearly 200,000 face masks from Taiwan to medical providers or governmental agencies in the following U.S. states: Wisconsin (50,000 masks), Maine (50,000 masks), Alaska (48,000 masks), and Missouri (45,000 masks).

In 2021, FAPA kicked off a new recurring bi-monthly program: The View From Capitol Hill. Thus far, Representatives Steve Chabot (R-OH), Brad Sherman (D-CA) and Tom Tiffany (R-WI) have joined FAPA members for an hour-long conversation. Other attendees: Randy Schriver, Taiwan Scholars Scott Harold, Gerrit Vanderwees and Mike Fonte, and several Congressional aides.

SPEECH TOURS AND THANK YOU'S

We thank our friends from Taiwan who have been willing to tour the United States making speeches, or individuals who have been willing to make speeches (face-to-face or virtually) to help FAPA raise funds enabling the organization to keep doing its important work. A sample: Legislator Wang Ting-yu, He Po-wen, Liu Lin-wei, Chen Wei-ting, Ko Wen-je, Chen, Po-Wei, Audrey Tang, etc.

And finally, we thank all of you FAPA members whose passion for Taiwan and for Taiwan Independence is unequalled and without whom there would be no FAPA.

We thank all of you FAPA leaders, chapter presidents, board members, volunteers and campaigners, and former HQ staffers – yes, those of you who go the extra mile for Taiwan – day after day, year after year.

WE ARE FAPA!

ADVERSARIES AND ALLIES

“What Inspires Me”

By: Coen Blaauw

A coworker asked me the other day: “What has inspired you most during the 33 years you have worked at FAPA?”

It made me pause and think.

I thought back to the time in August 1989 when I took the job at FAPA. It was only the second job I ever had in my life. My first job being bartender in a student discotheque in Amsterdam where I attended law school during the day, and where I filled glasses with beer during the night. All my friends worked there, so I joined them.

During my international law studies I always wanted to do something that I felt was relevant. I did not want to join a law firm that took care of people’s small problems. I wanted to take on some big problem where we would every day get a step closer to the solution.

And that is what I found.

The fight for Taiwan Independence was a lonely battle though in those early days.

When I started at FAPA in 1989, I would find mere slivers of support for Taiwan in Congress. It has become a cliché now but there were indeed Congressional offices who thought I came to talk to them about Thailand.

The Taiwan embassy at the time –named the CCNAA- towed the KMT line, and they would tell Congressional offices about how evil FAPA was. And so did the Chinese embassy in DC.

During my second month at FAPA, I attended a speech at the Heritage Foundation by then CCNAA ambassador Ding Mou Shih. After his presentation, I walked to the podium, stepping up to Mr. Ding saying: “That was a nice speech, Mr. Ding!” He smiled, put the business card I had just handed him in his pocket and asked: “What is your name?” I answered: “I am Coen Blaauw with FAPA.” I reached out my hand to shake his. But his face changed, his smile disappeared, and he did not reciprocate my handshake but abruptly turned around and walked away.

“Really?” I thought.

Just some weeks earlier, Senator Claiborne Pell had told me at a small gathering that “In Washington you learn to like people you disagree with, and you learn to dislike people you agree with.” I thought that was a very good attitude, and I had immediately taken it to heart. I guess Mr. Ding had not learned that lesson.

So when he walked away from me, it made me realize that my fight for Taiwan Independence was definitely a worthy cause. Ding’s behavior right then and there strengthened me in my motivation to work even harder for Taiwan Independence.

A couple of weeks later, one of the CCNAA lobbyists who I had seen on Capitol Hill every now and then and with whom I had chatted about Washington and Taiwan, told me that he was being sent back to Taiwan. He asked whether I wanted to come to his farewell party in a restaurant right behind the Senate buildings. I thanked him for inviting me, told him I would like to attend, and a couple of days later I found myself climbing the stairs of the “The Monocle” restaurant.

My CCNAA friend greeted me at the door. I gave him a snow globe of the Capitol as a gift, and stepped up to the open bar next to the entrance to get a beer. Right then, Ambassador Ding walked in with some of his staff. He quickly went to the back of the room and in the corner of my eye I saw him whisper to one of the Caucasian lobbyists that the CCNAA hired to make their voice heard on Capitol Hill.

I knew this American lobbyist too. So when he came towards me I greeted him enthusiastically with a beaming smile. But he said with a whisper: “Ambassador Ding wants you to leave...”

Startled and shocked I wondered how I had in such a short time become Ding’s arch enemy number one.

But, again, Ding’s behavior strengthened me in my motivation to work even harder for Taiwan Independence.

The next month, in December 1989, after having traveled to Taiwan for the elections, I was put on the KMT blacklist.

When in January 1993 a DPP delegation from Taiwan led by then DPP Chairman Hsu Hsin-liang had come to DC for the Bill Clinton inauguration, the delegation had invited me to join them. Part of our program was a reception at the CCNAA. Our whole group had dressed up in tuxedos and when we arrived at the CCNAA office, the whole group was welcomed by some security guards at the main entrance.

But when it was my turn to enter the building, a guard blocked the door and told me that I was not allowed to enter saying that “since you are on the KMT blacklist you are not allowed to enter the CCNAA premises because this is Taiwanese territory.”

Hsu Hsin-liang stepped up and sternly said: “If Coen Blaauw cannot enter the building none of us will go in!”

Not wanting to create an international incident, I thanked chairman Hsu but told him: “It’s okay...”

Kind of shocked and a bit humiliated I walked across the street into the McDonald’s where I sat for a couple of hours in my tuxedo waiting until the party was over.

So, during those early days I fought not only China on Capitol Hill but the KMT as well. And I tried to find an audience there that did not care that much about the issues I brought to their attention. Once they knew more about Taiwan and its challenges they would support the country, but it was a challenge indeed to bring that latent support to the surface.

Gradually, support for Taiwan kept getting stronger and stronger. To the extent that today every member of Congress is fully cognizant of Taiwan and the challenges it faces. As I always say: “I never met a member of Congress who does not support Taiwan.”

So when my coworker asked me what had inspired me during my three decades at FAPA, those “Adversaries” first came to mind.

But when I pondered this a bit more, I realized that “Allies” had played an equally motivating role during my life at FAPA.

“What Allies?” you ask.

Of course I am talking about the FAPA membership. They are the ones that always stood by my actions and wholeheartedly supported me – no matter how much pressure I received from all angles.

They are the ones that sacrifice their nights, weekends, hard-earned salaries year after year after year to do what it takes to see our collective dream of Taiwan Independence be fulfilled.

FAPA members that for three or four decades travel back and forth to DC to advocate in Congress for Taiwan, that want to remain out of the spotlight but continue to do the heavy lifting for FAPA and for Taiwan. Those that work in the background, but actually do all the heavy lifting. Without complaining. (John Hsieh, Dallas, and Thomas Huang, Wappinger Falls come to mind...)

A young me might have found their frequent calls and requests tedious, and slightly annoying. But a long time ago I already realized that those are the FAPA members I love the most!

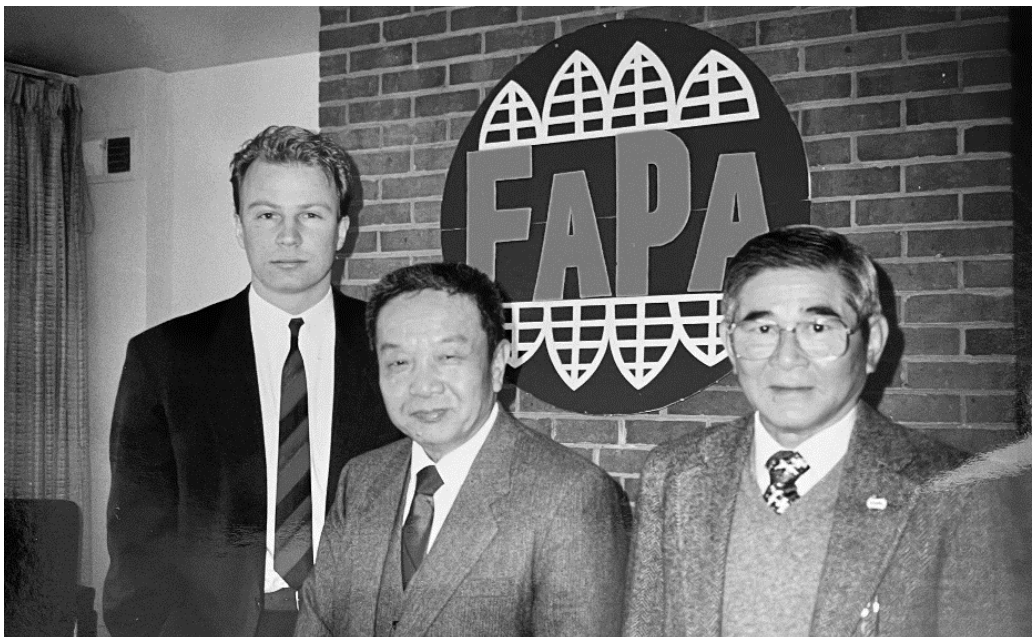
They are the critical pieces in the army of ants that together move the mountain.

So, now that we celebrate FAPA’s 40th Anniversary I raise my glass to these hardcore FAPA fighters, to those that never gave up and never will. Who would sacrifice everything they have to see our collective dream of full Taiwan Independence come to fulfillment.

And in some ironic way I am also grateful to Ambassador Ding and his ilk who opposed everything I did for Taiwan, unaware that they were motivating me to keep going.

I jumped onto this tiger in August 1989, and they are the reason I never jumped off.

Happy 40th Anniversary, FAPA!



FAPA STAFF INTERVIEW WITH NAJEE WOODS, CINCINNATI, OHIO

Q: Can you briefly share what inspired you to become an advocate for Taiwan?

A: Back in September 2010, I began college at Wright State University and I joined a Facebook group for black and Asian people. At that time Facebook was popular among young people. I liked Japanese culture when I was young so I was attracted to Asian culture. At that time, I met a schoolmate who was from Kaohsiung, Taiwan. She started telling me about Taiwan and what the Chinese do to Taiwan, and it resonated with me when I was young. Then I started to research Taiwan, realizing that Taiwan is a country with its own currency, president, etc. It is unbelievable to me that a country with 23 million people is bullied by China. The very first book that I bought about Taiwan was about President Lee Teng-hui. Lee Teng-hui became my favorite Taiwanese. I even have a tattoo of him on my arm. Lee Teng-hui is a teacher of Taiwan to me. Ever since that, I have been doing things for Taiwan. I do things for FAPA, for Taiwan, and I get stronger each year. I have been doing it for 12 years now.

Q: How do you distinguish between Taiwan and the Republic of China?

A: I had to learn that. For a foreigner, when we think about Taiwan we think about the flag. But later I found out that the flag was not “Made in Taiwan” but in Nanjing, China, by Sun Yat-sen in 1912. Taiwan was part of Japan at that time. So that flag doesn’t apply to Taiwan. I didn’t know that when I was 19, but as I got older, being around FAPA, I realized there is a difference. When you look at the R.O.C flag, it has the Kuomintang (KMT) logo on it. Would you want to wave that when you know what the KMT did to Taiwan such as 228, White Terror, and Chinese annexation. Being with FAPA makes me understand that and I also read Peng Ming-min’s book – A Taste of Freedom. I bought it after he died and I then realized he was one of the founding fathers of FAPA.

The reason I don’t like the R.O.C is that when World War II ended, there was no moment when the Taiwanese were asked what they want. When I look at the KMT opening an office in the United States, I just laugh. They are not pro-America. History will tell you that. They love American money, but they do not love American values, such as freedom and democracy.

Q: What are your experiences like when you talk to your local Representatives? And, as a constituent, how do you approach them and talk about Taiwan?

A: You have to make them care. What I mean by that is you have to emphasize Taiwan no matter what political side you are on. For example, if you are talking to a Republican you talk about Taiwan being anti-communism.

When you talk to a Democrat, you can talk about Taiwan legalizing gay marriage and national health care. Second, take where I live, Cincinnati, OH for example. It is sister city with New Taipei, Taiwan. I will emphasize that to make connections between Taiwan and that Representative's district. It is a good ice breaker. Last year, we called every Representative's office and I applied this strategy. I learned this from FAPA, during the National Advocacy Conference each year. We even got Congressman Bob Latta to join the House Taiwan Caucus. The Taiwan Caucus is a bipartisan platform and joining it means that you believe in democratic values and the free market. My goal is to get more people to join the Taiwan Caucus.

Q: You mentioned you want to be a diplomat for Taiwan one day. Can you tell us what inspired you? And how would you like to accomplish that?

A: I call myself Taiwan “國民外交官,” and I also put that on my Twitter. I feel like calling myself “國民外交官” is stronger than “supporter” or “advocate” for Taiwan. I use tattoos, write articles, and take action for Taiwan. When you are a civic diplomat, you have to use actions to show how serious you are about what you are talking about. Earlier when I started, I used to post both English and Mandarin articles on my Facebook talking about Taiwan. I used to talk about Taiwan to my parents and colleagues. After years of talking about Taiwan to people around me, one day my boss asked me about the PLA sending military jets to Taiwan. Yet, she has never been to Taiwan. Back when I started talking about Taiwan, Taiwan was hardly seen on any news channels in the United States. Nowadays, Taiwan is everywhere.

My personal goal is to have every congressman and congresswoman from my district join the Taiwan Caucus. That way Taiwanese people know that Ohio is by your side.

My biggest goal is the TECRO name change. Taiwan Representative Office is the right way to do it. Besides, no matter what we do, China is going to be offended. Why should we care? We are Americans.



2022 Emerging Leaders Workshop & National Advocacy Conference



A RESOUNDING SUCCESS! NINE DAYS OF EXCITING FAPA ACTIVITIES!

EMERGING LEADERS WORKSHOP, FAPA 40TH-ANNIVERSARY BANQUET, NATIONAL ADVOCACY CONFERENCE

Kicking off on Sunday, September 11, FAPA HQ hosted three major FAPA events in Washington DC.

The 9 days of activities started with 6 days of FAPA's Emerging Leaders Workshop (ELW). We always look for young professionals and students, aged 20 to 40, that are interested in International Relations, Political Science, Public Policy, Law, Economics, or related fields with excellent English proficiency who we seek to help prepare for a career in public service in Taiwan. Taiwan experts such as John Tkacik, Bob Sutter, Gerrit van der Wees, Mike Fonte, Steve Yates, Joseph Bosco, Rupert Hammond-Chambers, Rick Fisher, Pamela Kennedy, and June Lin addressed the group.



Since 2010, FAPA has organized this ELW — originally — every 2 years. But because of its resounding success, we felt the need to host this worthwhile workshop every year. Ever since, young Taiwanese talents around the world come and learned how Washington works and better understand U.S.-Taiwan-China relations.

Toward the end of the week, the leaders of established Taiwanese American non-profits (FAPA, FAPR, TAA, and GTI) exchanged ideas with the group of 29.

Although the workshop ended on Friday with a graduation ceremony where every student received a personalized certificate assuring them of a job well done, we encouraged them to stay one more day to join a Saturday crowd of 70 in a visit to Twin Oaks. (We hereby express our gratitude to our friends at TECRO for again having been so



forthcoming with all arrangements to facilitate the unforgettable visit!)

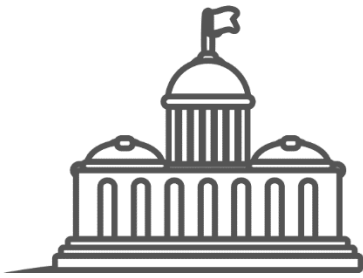
That Saturday evening FAPA's 40th-Anniversary Banquet was celebrated by a crowd of close to 200. Taiwan's strongest supporters in Congress, Reps. Steve Chabot (R-OH) and Brad Sherman (D-CA) honored us with their attendance. And so did Ambassador Bi-khim Hsiao and Legislator Wang Ting-yu who had flown all the way from Taiwan to attend three action packed days of FAPA activities.



FAPA founder Mark Chen addressed the crowd via video. And so did Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Rep. Amata Radewagen (D-SA), Taiwan VP William Lai, and former Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian. (Details on the recipients of the FAPA Legend Award you will find in the FAPA 40th Anniversary Celebration section.) The unforgettable evening ended with a bang when the FAPA Presidents that were present jointly cut a HUGE FAPA 40th-anniversary cake.

Exhausted from all activities, dozens of Taiwanese Americans dragged themselves out of bed the next morning (Sunday) to kick off FAPA's National Advocacy Conference where they learned in 8 hours all ins and outs of how to advocate for Taiwan on Capitol Hill on Monday. That morning, the group took a picture together in front of the Capitol and fanned out all over Capitol Hill to promote and advocate for their beloved Taiwan, calling attention to the plea of the people of Taiwan to Keep Taiwan Free. FAPA HQ thanks all who made these nine days such a resounding success and we look forward to seeing you all again next year!





Capitol Watch

U.S. ANNOUNCES \$108 MILLION ARMS SALE TO TAIWAN — TANK EQUIPMENT + LOGISTIC SUPPORT

The U.S. government approved a proposal to supply Taiwan with US\$108 million worth of replacement and spare parts for military combat vehicles and to provide logistical support as part of the deal, the Pentagon said on July 15.

The arms package will enhance the ability of Taiwan's armed forces to "meet current and future threats" by contributing to the maintenance of their "vehicles, small arms, combat weapon systems, and logistical support items," the Pentagon's Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) said in a press statement.

ESPER: U.S. SHOULD MOVE AWAY FROM STRATEGIC AMBIGUITY — U.S. ONE CHINA POLICY HAS OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS

Former U.S. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper told President Tsai on July 19 that Washington should "move away" from its long-standing policy of strategic ambiguity toward Taiwan.

"It is my personal view that the U.S. One China policy has outlived its usefulness; that it is time to move away from strategic ambiguity," Esper said during a meeting with Taiwan's leader in Taipei, referring to the long-standing policy which allows Washington to remain vague about any possible response in the event China attacks Taiwan.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES URGE HOUSE SPEAKER PELOSI TO TRAVEL TO TAIWAN: YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE TO ASK A FOREIGN DICTATORSHIP FOR PERMISSION TO TALK TO AMERICA'S FRIENDS

In a hand-delivered letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) dated July 22, U.S. Reps. Tom Tiffany (R-WI) and Scott Perry (R-PA) urged the speaker to reject China's objections against the Speaker's upcoming trip to Taiwan. They wrote: "As the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, you should never have to ask a foreign dictatorship or the State Department for permission to talk to America's friends and allies."

Additionally, they call for the Speaker's support "for an end to the outdated and nonsensical 'One China Policy,' and the normalization of U.S.-Taiwan ties."

SPEAKER PELOSI LANDS IN TAIWAN

Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), who had embarked on an Asian tour on July 31, made an unannounced stop in Taiwan late August 2, in a show of support for Taiwan.

The trip made the 82-year-old California Democrat the first sitting U.S. House speaker to visit Taiwan since 1997, when speaker Newt Gingrich (R-GA) traveled to Taipei and met with then-President Lee Teng-hui. The next day, her delegation met with President Tsai.



Photo: Focus Taiwan

G7 ISSUES JOINT STATEMENT SUPPORTING TAIWAN

The Group of Seven (G7) is an inter-governmental political forum consisting of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States.

On August 3, G7 Foreign Ministers released a statement supporting Taiwan.

They said we reaffirm our shared commitment to maintaining the rules-based international order, peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and beyond. “We reiterate our shared and steadfast commitment to maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and encourage all parties to remain calm, exercise restraint, act with transparency, and maintain open lines of communication to prevent misunderstanding,” the statement said.

U.S. PLANNING TAIWAN STRAIT TRANSITS — PELOSI: “BEIJING USES MY VISIT AS EXCUSE FOR EXERCISES”

Washington on August 4 condemned Beijing for firing 11 ballistic missiles near Taiwan during live-fire military exercises, and said it will conduct air and maritime transits through the Taiwan Strait in the coming weeks, among other actions, to defend international law. National Security Coordinator for Strategic Communications John Kirby said China's missile launches near Taiwan were “irresponsible” and “very aggressive.”

On August 5, Pelosi said that her trip to Taipei was consistent with U.S. policy towards Taiwan and that Beijing was “using our visit as an excuse” to conduct its live-fire exercises. “Our friendship with Taiwan is a strong one,” she said, adding there is bipartisan support in Congress for the maintaining peace and the status quo in the Taiwan Strait.

FAPA URGES APPLE TO NOT SUCCUMB TO CHINA’S ABSURDIST CLAIMS OVER TAIWAN AND CEASE LABELING TAIWAN MADE PRODUCTS AS “MADE IN CHINA”

In a letter to Apple CEO Tim Cook dated August 12, FAPA President Chien wrote: “According to news reports the past week, Apple has succumbed to China’s bullying demands to ask suppliers in Taiwan to label Taiwan-made Apple products and components as ‘Made in China.’”

Dr. Chien concludes: “It is therefore completely farcical and unacceptable for China to allege that Taiwan is part of China, let alone for your company to go along with China’s bizarre demands and political bullies. I ask that Apple do not succumb to this baseless and absurdist claim by China over Taiwan, and return to its prior and solid modus operandi of labeling Taiwan-made products and components as ‘Made in Taiwan.’”

SENATOR MARKEY PRAISES TAIWAN FOR SHOWING RESTRAINT DURING CHINA’S LIVE-FIRE DRILLS

United States Senator Ed Markey (D-MA) praised Taiwan on August 15 during a brief visit to Taiwan for “showing restraint” in response to China’s week-long live-fire drills in waters around Taiwan earlier this month in retaliation for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s visit.

“At this moment of uncertainty, we must do everything we can to maintain peace and stability for Taiwan,” Markey said in a meeting with President Tsai Ing-wen at the Presidential Office. “We have a moral obligation to do everything we can to prevent an unnecessary conflict, and Taiwan has demonstrated incredible restraint and discretion during challenging times,” he said.

SENATOR BLACKBURN VISITS TAIWAN — CALLS FOR PRESERVING TAIWAN’S INDEPENDENCE

Late on August 25, 5 U.S. lawmakers led by Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) landed in Taipei.

In a meeting with President Tsai the next day, the Senator said “It is important ... that freedom-loving nations support Taiwan as they seek to preserve their independence and their freedom.” Recent visits by guests from the U.S. have reinforced Taiwan’s determination to defend itself, President Tsai reacted.

TWO U.S. WARSHIPS TRANSIT TAIWAN STRAIT

Two U.S. Navy warships sailed through the Taiwan Strait on August 28. The U.S. Navy said cruisers USS Chancellorsville and USS Antietam were carrying out the ongoing operation. Such operations usually take eight to twelve hours to complete and are closely monitored by China’s military.

“These [U.S.] ships transited through a corridor in the strait that is beyond the territorial sea of any coastal state,” the U.S. Navy said. The operation demonstrates the United States’ commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific, and the U.S. military flies, sails and operates anywhere international law allows, the navy said.

U.S. ANNOUNCES \$1.1 BILLION MISSILES SALES AND LOGISTICS SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN

The U.S. government approved three proposals to supply Taiwan with a total of US\$1.1 billion worth of defense articles that include Harpoon anti-ship missiles and Sidewinder short-range air-to-air missiles, the Pentagon said on September 2.

The planned arms sales will enhance the ability of Taiwan's armed forces to "meet current and future threats" by allowing them to employ "highly reliable and effective systems" to "counter or deter" aggressions, the Pentagon said in press statements.

Estimated at US\$1.1 billion in total, the defense articles will include 60 AGM-84L-1 Harpoon Block II missiles, four ATM-84L-1 Harpoon Block II exercise missiles, 100 AIM-9X Block II Sidewinder tactical missiles, as well as logistics support for the Surveillance Radar Program.

JAPAN STOCKPILING FUEL AND AMMO ON NANSEI ISLANDS NEAR TAIWAN

Japan will expand fuel and ammunition storage facilities on the Nansei Islands in the East China Sea, Japan's Defense Minister Yasukazu Hamada told Nikkei on September 6. Japan now stores around 70% of its ammunition in Hokkaido, the country's northernmost main island — more than 2,000 km away from a potential conflict around Taiwan.

US DELEGATION IN TAIWAN IS "SYMBOL" OF U.S. CONGRESS' COMMITMENT TO TAIWAN – CALLS FOR U.S.-TAIWAN FTA

U.S. Representative Stephanie Murphy (D-FL) reiterated Washington's support for Taiwan during a meeting with President Tsai Ing-wen on September 8.

Murphy, who led a bipartisan seven-member delegation to Taiwan, said their visit was "a symbol of Congress's rock-solid commitment to Taiwan." The other members of the delegation: Scott Franklin (R-FL), Kai Kahele (D-HI), Joe Wilson (R-SC), Andy Barr (R-KY), Darrell Issa (R-CA), Claudia Tenney (R-NY), and Kat Cammack (R-FL.)

JOINT OVERSEAS TAIWANESE ORGANIZATIONS CALL FOR FULL UNITED NATIONS MEMBERSHIP FOR TAIWAN IN LETTER TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL

In a letter dated September 9 to UN Secretary General António Guterres, the presidents of the joint overseas Taiwanese organizations, led by FAPA, concluded: "It is the aspiration of overseas Taiwanese to see Taiwan join the UN and all its specialized agencies as a 'full Member State,' under the name 'Taiwan' and as the newest 194th member of this august body."

TAIWAN POLICY ACT CLEARS U.S. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

On September 14, the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) approved the “Taiwan Policy Act of 2022” (S.4428) that would significantly expand U.S. efforts to promote Taiwan’s security, including provisions for billions of dollars in security assistance, as China expands its military campaign and aggression against Taiwan to undermine the status quo.

The panel voted 17-5, sending it to the full Senate for consideration, despite unspecified concerns about the legislation in the Administration and anger about the measure from Beijing. Among the changes, the bill now expresses that Congress recommends, but not requires, the administration to negotiate changing the name of TECRO to TRO. The original version of the legislation directed the Secretary of State to negotiate the name change.

The SFRC also removed a provision requiring Senate confirmation of the AIT director.

BIDEN ON 60 MINUTES: “YES!”

On September 18, President Biden reaffirmed that U.S. troops would defend Taiwan in the event of a Chinese invasion, in the clearest statement he has made on this issue since taking office.

In an interview with CBS’s “60 Minutes” Biden told host Scott Pelley that the U.S. would defend Taiwan “if in fact there was an unprecedented attack.” “So unlike Ukraine, to be clear, sir, U.S. forces — U.S. men and women — would defend Taiwan in the event of a Chinese invasion?” Pelley asked. “Yes,” Biden replied.

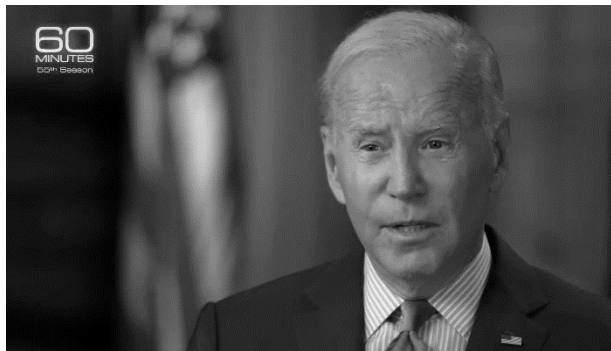


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BLINKEN: ATTACK ON TAIWAN COULD DEVASTATE GLOBAL ECONOMY

In an interview with Scott Pelly on CBS’s 60 Minutes that aired on September 25, Blinken was asked whether instability across the Taiwan Strait would be felt around the world.

“Taiwan itself, were anything to happen, it is where virtually all the semiconductors are made,” Blinken said. “If that’s disrupted, the effects that that would have on the global economy could be devastating,” Blinken responded.

MIKE POMPEO: TAIWAN IS ALREADY INDEPENDENT

When Former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo was last in Taiwan in March 2022, he called for U.S. diplomatic recognition of Taiwan. In his September 27, 2022 speech in Kaohsiung, he repeated his support for Taiwan as a sovereign state. “Taiwan does not need to declare its independence because it is already an independent nation,” he said.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES INTRODUCE TAIWAN POLICY ACT

U.S. Representative Michael McCaul and 36 of his colleagues introduced on September 28 the House version of the Taiwan Policy Act (TPA). McCaul said the proposed legislation is meant to establish “a comprehensive set of tools to increase Taiwan’s military capabilities to deter and defeat a CCP attack.”

The House version of the TPA keeps the Senate’s original proposal to rename TECRO to “TRO” and calls for Senate confirmation of the AIT Director.

SENATORS INTRODUCE “ICAO FOR TAIWAN” LEGISLATION

U.S. Senators Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Jeff Merkley (D-OR) on September 29 introduced a bill in that seeks to get Taiwan to take part in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

The “Ensuring Taiwan Aviation and Safety Act of 2022,” mandates that the U.S. secretary of state submit “an unclassified report” to Congress to detail the U.S. government’s plans to “ensure Taiwan’s meaningful participation in ICAO, including in ICAO triennial assembly sessions, conferences, technical working groups, meetings, activities, and mechanisms.”

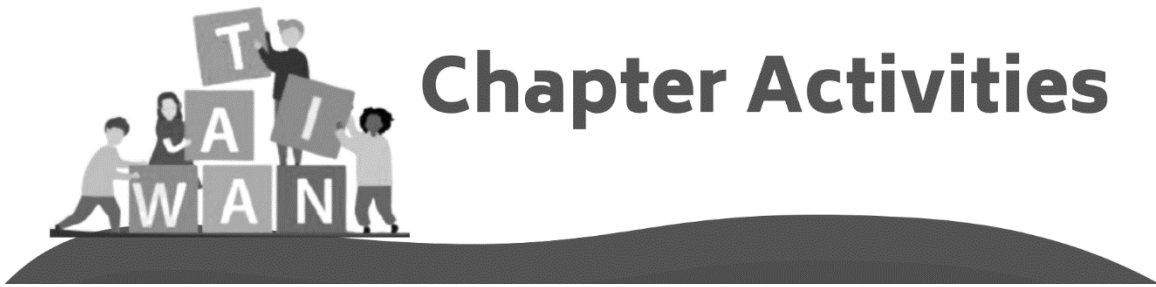
MORIARTY: “THERE IS NOTHING IN THOSE DOCUMENTS THAT SAYS THE U.S. HAS A POLICY OF STRATEGIC AMBIGUITY”

President Biden’s recent remarks that the U.S. would defend Taiwan in the event of a Chinese invasion are consistent with U.S. policy toward Taiwan, American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) Chairman James Moriarty said in Washington on October 5.

The original documents that guide the relationship between the U.S. and Taiwan, including the Taiwan Relations Act, the three Communiques, and the Six Assurances, “make it clear that we have to do something if there is an attempt to change Taiwan’s status by force,” Moriarty said.

Moriarty was asked whether the U.S. would come to Taiwan’s defense if China invaded, which was seen by some as a deviation from the U.S.’ longstanding policy of remaining vague on its response if Taiwan were to come under attack by China, known as “strategic ambiguity.”

Moriarty suggested that everybody “read the three communiques and the Taiwan Relations Act,” saying that “there is a fairly strong commitment” made by the U.S. to defend Taiwan contained in those documents. There is nothing in those documents that says that the U.S. has a policy of “strategic ambiguity” toward Taiwan, said Moriarty.



Chapter Activities

CA-LA

California – Los Angeles Chapter

李群賢 會長 (Tony Lee)

FAPA 總部邀請台灣前立委陳柏惟來美國做巡迴演講，7/8/22 在洛杉磯台灣會館做訪問演講。以「國會經驗，台美實現」向鄉親作報告及充電之旅。對於他被罷免一事，強調：「自己事小，談未來太早，保留實力、保持優勢，戰士沒有選擇戰場的權力，一旦台灣哪裡要“戰”，為了台灣價值我還是會去戰」。陳前立委用流利的台語，充實的內容、精彩的演講，博得台美人的讚賞。

8/14 SUN 10:30AM
《全美連線、抗議中國霸權》大洛杉磯抗議活動
TAIWANESE UNITED AGAINST CHINESE AGGRESSION
活動地點：中國駐洛杉磯總領事館 (Chinese Consulate General in Los Angeles)
443 Shatto Pl, Los Angeles, CA 90020
尊重自由民主、維護人權生命、反抗威權暴政、推動世界和平、捍衛福安台灣



8/14/22，由台灣人公共事務會洛杉磯分會 (FAPA CA-LA) 和大洛杉磯台灣會館共同主辦的 814《全美連線、抗議中國霸權》(Taiwanese United Against Chinese Aggression Rally) 在中華人民共和國駐洛杉磯領事館前舉行示威抗議，抗議中國共產黨政權霸凌周邊小國、抗議中國共產黨對圖博、維吾爾族人實行種族滅絕、迫害人權、毀滅香港的民主、抗議中國共產黨政權的飛機每天攪擾台，越過台海中線，故意挑釁，破壞台海穩定，威脅印大區域的安全。這場響應全美台美人抵抗中國霸權的示威活動，FAPA CA-LA 會員多人參與，圓滿完成！

California – Orange County Chapter

鄭學成 會長 (Harrison Cheng)

CA-OC

台北立委 Freddy 林昶佐於 6/29 前來 Orange County 和會友在 Laguna Woods 午餐，他前來慰問並了解周文偉槍擊案的傷害及影響。槍擊案造成的 1 死 5 傷，檢方先前以謀殺等罪名起訴 68 歲凶嫌周文偉，6/18 再追加起訴仇恨犯罪。長老教會也為捨身救了許多生命的鄭達志醫師家人舉行募款音樂會，請來 Pacific Symphony 在 8/3 演出。

今年的中秋節 9/10 剛好在星期六。由於有許多新加入的會友，其中有些是別的分會轉入的。為了讓他們更早融入熟悉會友，鄭會長在家中後院舉行賞月迎新晚會。沒有想到一個少見的西太平洋 Hurricane Kay 星期六帶來豪雨，迎新賞月會改在 9/12 星期一下午 5:30 pm 開始。當晚參加者仍然踴躍，除了有許多美食，甜點，月餅享用，更有深入的溝通，介紹，大家更唱起歌仔戲，流行歌曲，催促月亮從雲中出現。很可惜，一直到晚上九點都未見蹤影。所幸達到了迎新的效果。

由於疫情關係，連續兩年沒有實體的年會。我們決定今年九月二十四日 (星期六) 舉行實體年會。地點在 Mission Viejo 的 Senior Center, Sycamore room A, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm。該場地有很舒適廣闊陰涼的室外園區，提供會後聊天或長談。我們很高興邀請大會講員葉耀元教授。他的講題是：「美國全球戰略佈局與台海安全」。會中有春風合唱團唱三首歌：1. 思慕的人，2. 花香，3. 台灣。指揮：

張佩仙老師，伴奏：諸其明老師。共百人以上參加。新任的橙僑蕭蓓如主任到場致詞，並有吳澧培所贈的新書義賣。

CA-SD

California – San Diego Chapter

洪克璿 會長 (Alex Hung)

424 刺蔣紀念活動 (5/7/2022):

Our chapter along with 30+ global Taiwanese organizations co-hosted this on-line event. One main character of this historic incident, 鄭自才, gave a talk and provided his inside story. 馮賢賢, the co-director/producer of the documentary “Stand Up Like A Taiwanese 那一槍”, also spoke to give a behind-the-theme story on the documentary. We learned a lot!

FAPA Spring Town Hall meeting (5/15/2022):

Several members of our chapter joined the Town Hall meeting held by HQ on 5/15/2022. 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!

Laguna Woods church shooting (5/2022):



In response to the horrendous Laguna Woods Church shooting on Sunday, May 15, FAPA HQ released a statement condemning this hate crime. Our chapter president Alex Hung was involved with the Hanzi version of the statement. We also started a campaign to urge our elected officials to request a Chinese-controlled organization that the gunman of Laguna Woods mass shooting is affiliated to be investigated by FBI and labeled as a domestic terrorist organization.

Moreover, our chapter joined other global Taiwanese organizations to send flowers and memory notes to the Laguna Woods Church to express our condolence and support. We will not be defeated by this act of evil and cowardice!

FAPA 2022 北美募款巡迴演講：陳柏惟 (7/9/2022):

Our chapter's first in-person event since the pandemic! Former Taiwan lawmaker 陳柏惟 was the speaker to talk about his Taiwan Parliament experience and what had been accomplished during his tenure. We had a huge turnout for this event! 70+ people showed up including many young people! A great talk plus an exciting Q&A session. It's a huge success!





FAPA National Advocacy Conference in DC (9/17-9/19/2022):

This is the first in-person National Advocacy Conference since the pandemic! Our Chapter President Alex Hung flew to DC to attend the conference. Our At-Large BOD Vivian Fu also joined the Saturday night banquet. Please see below for my report:

今天和 FAPA 夥伴們去國會山莊拜訪了數個國會議員辦公室為台灣倡議。我們談了國防議題、貿易議題、駐美代表處正名、以及台美建交等議題，收到了許多正面的回應。

在國防議題上我們討論了台美雙方如何在軍事上進行進一步的合作，例如邀請台灣加入兩年一次的 RIMPAC 環太平洋軍事演習，以及在台灣建立戰爭物資儲備 (War Reserve Stockpile) 的重要性。我們也倡議美國對於防衛台灣應該要從固有的「戰略模糊」政策走向「戰略清晰」，來更有效嚇阻中國侵略台灣的野心。

在貿易議題上我們以數據來說明台灣是美國非常重要的貿易夥伴，並討論了台美政府正在進行的「台美 21 世紀貿易倡議 US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade」。我們希望可以用這個貿易倡議的架構為基礎來進一步推動台美雙邊自由貿易協定 (FTA, Free Trade Agreement) 的談判與簽署，來達到台美雙方互惠共榮的目的。

我們同時也在會議中邀請議員們加入台灣連線 (Taiwan Caucus)。台灣連線是美國國會裡的次級團體，對台灣議題有興趣的議員可以加入這個團體來收到關於台灣動態的即時更新。台灣連線在多年的經營下目前也已經成為美國國會內最具規模的國家類次級團體！而這也凸顯了台灣議題真的是當前美國政壇炙手可熱的議題。

我們這樣的倡議活動除了爭取議員們對於各項議題的支持外，更重要的是和議員助理們交流，了解每個議員對各別議題的看法。這樣可以幫助我們去判斷如何針對特定議題尋找合作對象，也可以更好的來擬定未來倡議的策略。



我們也從今天的倡議中真切感受到，現在支持台灣真的是不分黨派的共識。每個議員也許對於個別議題的重要性和優先順序有不同的看法，然而他們都一致認同台灣對於美國國家安全和區域利益的重要性，也同意美國與台灣必須共同合作來對抗中國對台灣的野心。

今天跑了一整天的國會倡議，在不斷的趕場中連午餐都沒時間吃，很累卻也很充實。這種有機會為台灣盡一己之力的感覺真的很棒。而這次共同搭檔進行倡議的夥伴幾乎都是第一次參與這樣的倡議活動，但在為期兩天的培訓以及勤做功課並沙盤推演到半夜的情況下，大家都表現得非常棒，讓我覺得很驕傲。在美國的朋友們，加入 FAPA 為台灣進行倡議真的是身在異鄉的我們幫助台灣最直接的方式。在這裡邀請大家加入 FAPA，讓我們一起為台灣奮鬥吧！

Florida – South Chapter**林晉裕 會長 (Chin Yu Lin)**

台灣人公共事務會南佛州分會會員和佛州僑務委員許照惠於七月十九日組織籌劃了一場為聯邦參議員 Marco Rubio 的線上會議。參加人員有台灣人公共事務會南佛州分會會長林晉裕，南佛州台灣同鄉會會長許清政，台灣人公共事務會南佛州分會會員，南佛州台灣同鄉會會員和台灣人公共事務會總會 Senior Policy Advisor 昆布勞 (Coen Blaauw)，總計四十多員參與這場線上盛會。參議員 Marco Rubio 於會中強調對台灣堅定的支持，以及維護台灣自由民主的重要性。會中，並由台美人年輕的一代就台灣的處境和願景與參議員交換意見。聚會最後，並和參議員約定未來將再一次舉行同樣的聚會。

IL**Illinois Chapter****林辛承 會長 (Luke Lin)****Protest China's Military Bullying & Support Taiwan's Democracy (8/28)**

In response to the China missile drills and military exercise happened in August towards Taiwan territorial water, Chicago Taiwanese Americans gathered around the historic landmark: Water Tower and marched to the Chinese consulate office to voice our opinion of despise and anger. Other groups that joined the rally include: Taiwanese Association of American Greater Chicago, Chicago Solidarity with Hong Kong, Tibetan Alliance in Chicago and Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Illinois Division.

**FAPA 40th Anniversary & National Advocacy Conference (9/17-9/19)**

Clark Chen, one of our board members, has participated in the conference and visited the office of Mike Quigley and Tammy Duckworth.

Kansas Chapter

劉俊彥 會長 (Chunyen Liu)

Our local chapter was lucky enough for the last-minute inclusion as one of the stops in Taiwan's former legislator 3Q Chen Po-Wei's U.S. speech tour. The great help from our regional director Professor Bob Ing-Yu Yang was the key reason behind the success. While preparing for Chen's visit, we also managed to plan for our annual chapter member gathering which hadn't happened the last two years due to the pandemic. Several people stepped up on this occasion to help with hotel booking, airport pickup, and restaurant reservation. Our chapter secretary Jane Kung and her husband Dr. Fei-Tau Kung played an important part in the agenda.



After picking up Chen, his then-fiancée Tsai, and Mu-Hua Chien from Kansas City Airport in the early morning of July 12th, Pimping Kuo and I took the opportunity for a quick tour around the area while also giving them a short break for some rest in the vehicle. Then we had lunch at the original Gates BBQ, which Kansas City is famous for. Then a group of people held a private reception at Professor Yang's residence with his family's hospitality.

The major event for Chen's visit and our chapter meeting took place at Lucky Wok providing delicious food in a family-like environment at around 5:00 pm on July 12th. After greeting long-time-no-see friends with a nice dinner, we started with a brief financial and activity report for our chapter. Of course, the highlight of the gathering is Chen's introduction to the individuals at all the tables and then Po-Wei began his quick recap after his recent political career as a legislative member. During the Q and A session, several members expressed their appreciation and courage Chen had brought to Taiwan's political scene. Many also cared about his future plan regarding career and family. As we speak, Chen is now a married man and becomes a popular TV program host. Chen also helped our FAPA's fund-raising a lot. His sincerity, eloquence, and passion made all the participants feel this is more than just a worthwhile gathering.



On July 13th morning, Chen's group went with my wife Shu-Hsien Chang and myself for outlet store touring before attending the farewell lunch organized by the Kung family at a Korean restaurant named Cho Ga. There were several chats about Taiwan's future possibilities and we all understood the challenges ahead with China's constant invasion threats. We took some more photos and this time I brought in my new passport to

be included with Po-Wei, who initiated the idea of making the current cover displayed with a less-confusing and more-noticeable word saying “TAIWAN”.

Next, our chapter is planning to visit the office of Congresswoman Sharice Davids on Oct 13th, 2022.

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MD

Maryland Chapter

許辰沼 會長 (Chen Hsu)

Report of FAPA MD Chapter Annual Meeting on 10-22-2022

The Chapter president expressed deep appreciation of the firm support from all members, especially Mei-Chi and Mei-Jung in the Treasury and from FAPA HQ: President Minze Chien, Coen Blaauw, and Cosette Chen.

He Briefly mentioned the 40th FAPA Anniversary Celebration and the brief experience 41 years ago joining in a group of Taiwanese leaders to visit three Congressmen (Ted Kennedy, Steve Solarz, and Jim Leach) at the US Capitol Hill, resulted in the approval of 20,000 immigration quotas in 1982 in which year FAPA was formed.



He highlighted the current Acts at the US Congress including: Taiwan Policy Act of 2022 sponsored by Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Menendez and Senator Lindsey Graham. The Committee overwhelmingly approves “Taiwan Policy Act of 2022” on Sep 14, 2022.

14 July 2022 US House of Representatives passed the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2023 in which Taiwan Peace and Stability Act; Taiwan Fellowship Act; Invitation to 2024 “Rim of the Pacific Exercise.” There are many other Acts with details presented by Ms. Cosette Chen in her speech later.

The meeting was followed by the FAPA MD Chapter election for the next President for which nomination was opened. Even through a lengthy discussion, no nominee was produced. Rather, the Chapter members unanimously called for extending the current president for one additional year.

After a brief introduction of Ms. Cosette Chen, FAPA’s Operations Manager, delivered a speech on: “Taiwan on Capitol Hill: FAPA Policy Highlights.” Her excellent speech is summarized below.

Outlines for her speech: Taiwan Policy Act of 2022; FAPA Initiatives; Recent trends & Development of Taiwan in the regional issues; FAPA Issues of concern. The work of strengthening US-Taiwan relations is a marathon.

China was actually trying “to set a new status quo to get to a new normal,” U.S. National Security Coordinator

for Strategic Communications John Kirby said, stressing that the U.S. is “not going to accept a new status quo” in cross-Taiwan Strait relations.

Taiwan Policy Act (TPA) of 2022

Senate Bill, passed the Committee on Sept. 14, 2022, would provide Taiwan billions of dollars in security assistance; treat Taiwan as a “major non-NATO ally;” recommend TECRO name change to TRO; Expedite arms sales to Taiwan while boosting military cooperation.

Similar to Senate’s TPA, House Bill was introduced on Sept. 28, 2022. In addition to the Senate’s Bill, the House strengthens Taiwan’s defense and deter China’s aggression, elevates top U.S. diplomat in Taiwan with Senate confirmation, authorizes a munitions stockpile for Taiwan, supports free trade with Taiwan, among others.

FAPA INITIATIVES & CAMPAIGNS (2021-2022)

Taiwan Fellowship Act (Introduced – Mar. 2021); establishes a two-year fellowship program to send 10 U.S. federal government employees every year to Taiwan to learn Mandarin and work with their Taiwanese counterparts; has been incorporated into several larger bills, such as the America COMPETES Act of 2022, and the Taiwan Policy Act of 2022; Taiwan Diplomatic Review Act (Introduced – May 2021); this Act is really a FAPA bill, which calls for TECRO name change to TRO and Senate confirmation of AIT Director; creates a new visa category for Taiwanese officials in the U.S.; National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY2022 NDAA) (Became Law – Dec. 2021); reaffirms that the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances are the cornerstones of U.S.-Taiwan relations; strengthens U.S.-Taiwan defense cooperation, such as recommendations to invite Taiwan to the 2022 “Rim of the Pacific Exercise” (RIMPAC).

FAPA President Minze Chien issued a statement Condemning Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine (Issued – Feb. 2022). In addition, the statement calls for the U.S. strategic clarity on defense of Taiwan and the establishment of U.S.-Taiwan diplomatic relations.

A “WHO for Taiwan” Bill (Became Law – May 2022) calls for the U.S. Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain Taiwan’s observer status at the World Health Assembly (WHA), the decision-making body of the World Health Organization (WHO). FAPA also led a full page “WHO for Taiwan Ad” published in the Washington Times on May 24, 2022.

Joint Letter from Overseas Taiwanese Organizations to the UN Secretary-General (Issued –Sept. 2022)

RECENT TRENDS & DEVELOPMENTS (2022)

Ms. Cosette Chen kindly outlined recent significant events as follows.

- On September 2, the Pentagon announced that the U.S. government has approved three proposals to supply Taiwan with a total of US\$1.1 billion worth of defense articles, including Harpoon anti-ship missiles and Sidewinder short-range air-to-air missiles.
- On September 6, Japan’s Defense Minister said that Japan will expand ammunition and fuel storage facilities on the Nansei Islands (Ryukyu Islands) near Taiwan to better prepare for a Taiwan Strait crisis.

- As of September 9, three more U.S. Congressional delegations have visited Taiwan — led by Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA), Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), and Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL), respectively — to show the U.S. Congress’ strong and bipartisan support for Taiwan.
- U.S. and Japan to Stockpile Munitions near Taiwan (Jan. 2022)
- The U.S. and Japan were in talks to stockpile munitions in each other’s military facilities across Japan (including islands near Taiwan) to prepare for contingencies, a January 16 report by Nikkei Asia said.
- FAPA has been urging the U.S. to establish a “War Reserve Stocks for Allies” program for Taiwan. By storing U.S. munitions and military equipment in Taiwan.
- U.S. President Joe Biden pledge to Defend Taiwan Militarily (Sept. 2022); In a CBS “60 Minutes” interview broadcast on September 18, he reaffirmed that the U.S. forces would defend Taiwan that “Taiwan makes their own judgments about their independence. We are not moving — we’re not encouraging their being independent. We’re not — that — that’s their decision,” Biden said.
- Since taking office in January 2021, Biden has repeatedly used language that moves from the decades-long U.S. policy of “strategic ambiguity” to a policy of “strategic clarity” on Taiwan’s defense.
- At a CNN town hall event in October 2021, when asked if the U.S. “would come to Taiwan’s defense if China attacked,” Biden replied that “Yes, we have a commitment to do that.”

U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade (June 2022)

- On June 1, Taiwan and the U.S. launched a new bilateral trade initiative to boost their economic and trade relationship, signaling a breakthrough after Taiwan was excluded from the U.S.-led “Indo-Pacific Economic Framework” (IPEF).
- Hopefully, the results of negotiations under this new trade initiative will establish a foundation to negotiate a U.S.-Taiwan free trade agreement (FTA), something FAPA has been long advocating for.

FAPA ISSUES OF CONCERN - 2022 & BEYOND

The following are FAPA’s tasks focus TECRO Name change to TRO; U.S. recognition of Taiwan & U.S.-Taiwan diplomatic relations; USTR to enter into FTA negotiations with Taiwan; Bolstering U.S.-Taiwan defense cooperation; and recruiting members for House & Senate Taiwan Caucuses.

Current Events

National Advocacy Conference

FAPA 40 Anniversary Banquet

Emerging Leaders Workshop

We are deeply impressed after learning from Ms. Cosette Chen of the tremendous amount of work that HQ FAPA and Chapter members have jointly accomplished. Let’s continue with even greater efforts on our missions!

New Jersey Chapter

林素梅 會長 (Su-Mei Kao)

NJ chapter and South Jersey chapter joined force to advocate for Taiwan at the annual advocacy conference. We met with Third district congressman Andy Kim's FAA virtually on September 8th which made it possible for Coen Blaauw to not only attend the meeting but with a compelling presentation. We will continue to reach out to his office. Kim sits on armed and services committee and foreign affairs Asia pacific subcommittee.

We also met with 7 congressional aides in person on September 19, and received overwhelming positive response in supporting Taiwan, in defense, economy, trade, and in participating the world arena. Some even said we need "strategic clarity", a welcoming sentiment.



Su-Mei Kao gave a presentation at north Jersey "Good Neighbor" club on how FAPA nurtures young and emerging leaders through Internship, Young Professional Group, annual Advocacy Conference, and Emerging Leaders Workshop. She pointed out that there were 3 FAPA interns from north Jersey. Among them, two became FAPA staffs, namely, Jean Wu and Christopher Lin. The third is our beloved Ambassador Biikim Hsiao. She stressed that FAPA needs their financial support to bring about programs like these.

Due to redistricting some Taiwanese Americans become Congressman Andy Kim's constituents. Thanks to Coen, who wrote a petition letter for us to deliver our message urging Kim to be more forceful to CCP's aggression.

NY-Albany

New York – Albany Chapter

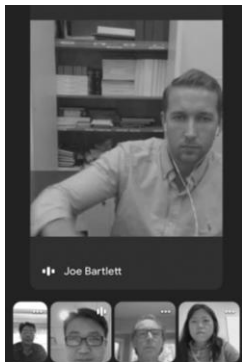
曾苑瑋 會長 (Yuan-Wei Tseng)

Chapter Luncheon and NAC briefing Sept. 25th, 2022

The chapter members gathered for luncheon. Information from the 40th anniversary and 2022 NAC was also shared with chapter members. We discussed about the state level Taiwanese caucus which was the idea shared by our ambassador Miss Hsiao. It was also discussed that how to recruit young generation to join FAPA from NY Albany area. With more Taiwanese students entering RPI, we may reach out to the student association and invite to participate advocacy for Taiwan.



During the luncheon, we also talked about having a virtual meeting with congresswoman Stefanik's aide, Joe. Some members volunteered to join.



Virtual Meeting with Joe Bartlett (Congresswoman Stefanik's aide), Sept. 26th, 2022

Several chapter members joined the discussion with Joe who is Congresswoman Stefanik's aide. Joe started the meeting by telling us Congresswoman has joined Taiwan caucus. When addressing the issues and concerns, Joe told us congresswoman has always been willing to support Taiwan on weaponization.

New York – Hudson Chapter

歐陽吉林 會長 (Chi-Lin Mike O'Young)

NY-Hudson

2022 National Advocacy Conference 9/17-9/19

A group of ten NY/CT members attended the Conference and visited Congressional Offices at Capitol Hills (photo) on Monday, September 19th. The team had finished 6 office meetings including four Senators, Schumer (Leader, D NY), Gillibrand (D NY), Duckworth (D IL) and Murphy (D CT), and two Representatives, Meng (D NY-6) and Maloney (D NY 18). Three virtual meetings were completed afterward including Senator Blumenthal (D CT, 9/26/2022) and two Representatives, Meeks (Chairman HFAC, D NY-5, 10/12/2022) and Stefanik (R NY-21, 9/26/2022). Issues of concern to Taiwanese Americans including the Taiwan Policy Act, Taiwan Diplomatic Review Act, U.S.-Taiwan Diplomatic Relations, FTA negotiations, and U.S.-Taiwan defense cooperation were presented to Congressional aides and asked for co-sponsorship. Most aides had shown enthusiastic support to the legislation. It was a successful grassroots advocacy event.



**NY/CT Team: Carol, Kim, Dan, Mike, Mu-Hua,
Yuan-Wei, Jack, Mu-His, Rita (left to right)**

FAPA 40th Anniversary Celebration!

The Chapter joined FAPA 40th Anniversary Virtual Celebration on July 9 and gave a 15-min presentation on the Chapter Stories to share with the attendees. Members also attended the Baquet on September 17 to celebrate this great milestone. With the help of Ming Chiang, both Senator Gillibrand (D NY) and Chairman Meeks (HFAC, D NY-5), had issued congratulation letters to commend FAPA's great accomplishments in 40 years. Members Thomas Hwang and Chi-Lin O'Young also submitted two articles to publish at the book, "40th Anniversary of FAPA's Founding. THE PATH TO THE FUTURE." Happy Birthday to FAPA!



Annual Chapter Meeting – October 1st, 2022

The annual Chapter Meeting was held both in person (photo) and virtually at the East Fishkill Community Library, Hopewell Junction, NY. Coen Blauw, HQ Senior Policy Advisor, gave a presentation on "the State of FAPA." Dr. Richard (Dick) Thurston, Wappinger Town Supervisor gave a special presentation entitled "Navigating the Dangerous Currents of International Intrigue and Politics." Dick had worked for TSMC as SVP and General Counsel from 2002-2014 and then a consultant to Dr. Morris Chang from 2014-2017. He

highlighted the roles of TSMC to Taiwan's economy and security. Chi-Lin O'Young presented a talk entitled "the State of Chapter." Paulen Chen presented a slide show on "UN For Taiwan, Keep Taiwan Free."

Kim and Dan Neal were welcome at the meeting as new members. They also attended DC's NAC and Anniversary Banquet in September. Meanwhile, a chapter presidential election was held and Chi-Lin O'Young was re-elected as a single candidate to serve 2023 – 2024 term.

OH-C

Ohio – Central Chapter 何玉時 會長 (Nancy Ho)

April was a busy month for the chapter with two projects going on at about the same time: the Taiwanese American Heritage Week and to assist TECO in Chicago in hosting two events that Ambassador Bi-Khim Hsiao was attending.

For the TAHW, we first grouped people in the Central Ohio area based on the city of residence. Each group was asked to send in a letter requesting their mayors and the governor to announce the proclamation for the Taiwan Heritage Week using a template I created. In order to make this effort a rewarding experience, whoever sent in a request would receive an Ohio lapel pin regardless of successfully receiving a proclamation or not. Seven people wrote to the





Governor, but attempts for city mayors were not as many as those for the governor due to some difficulties either in getting to the right people or meeting the requirements. In the end

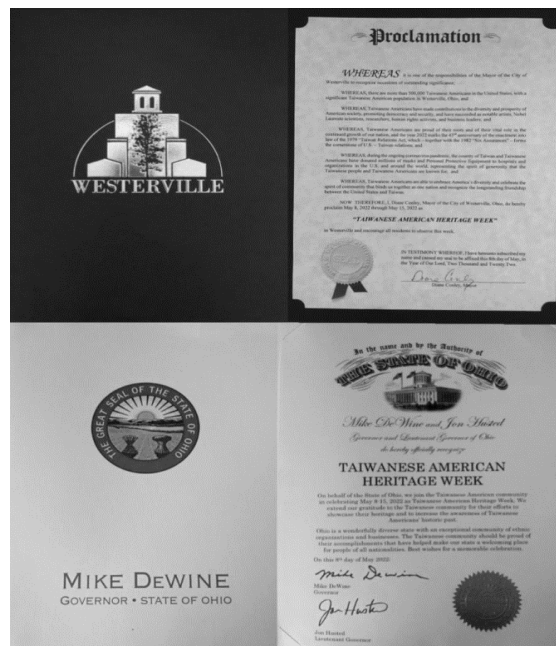
we were happy to receive the proclamations from Governor Mike DeWine and Westerville City Mayor Diane Conley. I think the Ohio lapel pin did wonders.

It was an honor to assist TECO in Chicago to host two major local events on 4/20/22: the Midwest Taiwan-US Business Forum held at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce in the morning and the bi-partisan, bicameral Ohio Taiwan Friendship Caucus opening ceremony took place at the Governor's Press Conference Room in the afternoon. Ohio is the last state that completed the Taiwan Friendship Caucus in the Midwest, which

is the first region for this cause. Ambassador Bi-khim Hsiao and Ohio Lieutenant Governor John Hosted along with several legislators from both chambers attended. Quite a few Taiwanese communities such as TAA and FAPA from the Cincinnati and Cleveland areas came to witness the opening of a new chapter between Taiwan and the US in the region. Among the speakers, there were Senator Nickie Antonio who represented both chambers of the Ohio Legislature, Congressman Steve Chabot, Co-Chair of Congressional Taiwan Caucus, Director General Johnson Chiang of TECO in Chicago, Ambassador Bi-khim Hsiao, Bo-Shian Chen,



President of Taiwanese Student Association at the Ohio State University and I. I presented some pineapple cakes and FAPA 40th Anniversary souvenir pens (with the compliments of FAPA OH-C) to Senator Nickie Antonio as gifts for all Ohio legislators at the end of my address. The Taiwanese style lunch we served was well received. Thanks to TECO in Chicago and the Columbus Chapter of TAA. Without their collaboration, neither events would be successful.



Texas – Central Chapter

楊碧珠 會長 (Pearl Wu)

5-26-2022 拜訪了 Congressman John Carter Round Rock Office

Angela, 郭文盛, 淑德, 以及 Pearl 到 Congressman John Carter office 拜訪。Office 的 Ms. Lisa Birkman 及 Ms. Anna Radosavljevic 非常誠懇的傾聽我們的訴求並作筆記。Congressman Carter 在 2013、2014 是「Taiwan Caucus」(國會台灣連線) 的 Co-Chair。我們邀請他再加入「Taiwan Caucus」。現在「Taiwan Caucus」是國會第一名的 Caucus。

TX-C



#6-26-2022 FAPA 在 Great Hills Country Club 舉行年中會

- * 在我作完報告後，我們向 5-15-2022 Laguna Woods 槍擊案，哀悼英勇的鄭達志醫師。
- * 貴賓 Congressman Michael McCaul's Director Madison Bau 作簡短的演講。
- * 貴賓 Congressman Lloyd Doggett's District Director Jocelyn Tau 作簡短的演講。
- * 王副處長送台灣名產威士忌及鳳梨酥給兩位貴賓。
- * Angela 簡單解釋大家今天簽的 petition letter。
- * Cathy 講解他們在 Texas GOP Convention 如何為台灣 testify。感謝 Cocco family, Tim, Lily 他們為台灣的付出。



我們向 5-15-2022 Laguna Woods 槍擊案,哀悼英勇的鄭達志醫師



From right: Rep. McCaul's Director Madison Bau, Rep. Doggett's Director Jocelyn Tau, Pearl, 王副處長, Angela



6-26-2022 FAPA TX-C 年中會後的團體

8-2-2022 送 signed Petitions 給 Senator John Cornyn

感謝近 50 人出席年中會的各位熱心簽署了 Petition。Cathy 和 Pearl 8-2-2022 送這 signed petitions 至 Senator Cornyn's Office。是巧合，我們抵達 Office 時，正是 Pelosi's airplane landing Taiwan, Senator Office 的人也正在觀看 CNN 報導這歷史時刻。台、美、中關係世界矚目！這 Petition 是有關台灣防衛的條款，它們已經提出，但還未通過，我們請 Senator Cornyn 能投贊成票讓它通過。



From left: Senator Cornyn's Director Jeff Williford. Pearl. Cathy

8-5-2022 拜訪了 Senator Ted Cruz Office

8-5-2022 Cathy, Tim, Pearl 到 Senator Ted Cruz Office。由 Regional Director Bradon Simon 招待我們，他對台灣的情形相當清楚。我們三人先作簡短的述求如下：

Pearl: 請 Senator Cruz 幫忙通過 Petitions 中的條款。

Tim: 希望 Senator Cruz 能參加「Taiwan Caucus」。

Cathy: 在「Taiwan Independent」上，希望 Senator Cruz 能多幫忙。同時送大家在 6/26 TX-C 年中會簽的 Petitions 給他。



From left: Cathy, Tim, Senator Cruz's Director Bradon Simon, Pearl

8-26-2022 非常高興收到 Rep. Lloyd Doggett's Director Jocelyn Tau email: Congressman Doggett is agreeable to joining the House Taiwan Caucus

我請 FAPA HQ Coen Blaauw 和 Jocelyn 連絡完成了後續事宜。因此「Taiwan Caucus」（國會台灣連線）邁進一步，多了一位會員。這是我們 FAPA TX-C 完成了一項重要的草根運動！

9/3/2022 我們在 La Madeleine Restaurant 有個愉悅的迎新晚餐

餐廳是 8 點關門，大家從 5:30 pm 到 8:00 pm 沒人早退，到關門才依依不捨的離開。我們歡迎每位新會員加入這愛台灣的大家庭！

9-30-2022 收到 Senator Ted Cruz 新聞部送來的祝賀 video

Subject: Sen. Cruz Video Message for FAPA TX-C

Scan the QR Code to watch the video



TX-N

Texas – North Chapter
劉杏芳 會長 (Cindy Liu)

July

FAPA Speech Tour 2022 今年邀請到前立委 - 陳柏惟 3Q 來到美國巡迴演講，並在 7/15 日柏惟來到 TX-N 分會開講，現場吸引來了將近 80 位聽眾以及柏惟的粉絲，將小小的教堂教室擠得滿滿的，有些是熟悉的、且長期支持 FAPA 的鄉親，也有些是年輕一輩的新面孔，相信都是因為柏惟的吸引力而來，也因為柏惟的號召力，聽眾們也踴躍的捐款，我們也成功的收到一些聽眾成為

FAPA 會員。

柏惟的演講，從他從政之前的心路歷程，侃侃而談到進立法院之後的種種有力監督，推動的政策，一直到中二選區的罷免過程，兩個小時的演講，完全無冷場，演講會後，聽眾們也熱情提問，從最夯的退出基進黨原委，到柏惟的下個人生規劃，久久無法散會，相信柏惟都能感受到聽眾們對他的支持。

September

Last weekend, the FAPA National Advocacy Conference (NAC) was held in Washington DC from Sept. 17th - 19th, and 5 of our members from the Texas North Chapter (TX-N) attended this event.

This year, FAPA also celebrated the 40th anniversary along with the NAC on Saturday where our former president of TX-N Chapter Dr. John Hsieh was awarded the “FAPA Legend.” We are very proud of him and appreciate his unselfish dedication to FAPA for 40 years.

At the 40th anniversary banquet, both ambassador Hsiao Bi-Khim 蕭美琴大使 and legislator Wang Ting-Yu 王定宇立委 attended this event and gave us a short speech. We learned that the ambassador Hsiao was a FAPA intern 30 years ago, and legislator Mr. Wang was among the 1st FAPA emerging leader group. Other important guests also included the co-chair of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus (美國國會台灣連線), Rep. Steve Chabot and Rep. Brad Sherman.

The purpose of this conference was to educate the attending members on advocacy skills and strategies, current issues or concerns about Taiwan while visiting Representatives in order to seek their support. This year, TX-N team visited several Representative’s offices, including BETH VANDUYNE (Distr. 24), COLIN ALLRED (Distr. 32), EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON (Distr. 30), and MARC VEASEY (Distr. 33).

The TX-N team successfully delivered the following messages:

1. Changing the name from TECRO (Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office) to TRO (Taiwan Representative Office), and this legislation is currently in the “Taiwan Policy Act of 2022” and “Taiwan Diplomatic Review Act.”
2. Urging the U.S. to resume normal diplomatic relations with Taiwan, and this legislation has been introduced by Rep. Thomas Tiffany in H.Con.Res. 21.
3. Bolstering U.S. - Taiwan Defense Cooperation.
4. Inviting Rep. van Duyne and Rep. Allred who are not the current members of the Taiwan Caucus to join the team.

Here I attached some photos of the events, and a news report from 民視新聞網 for your reference.

If you are interested in knowing what FAPA is and what FAPA does, you may visit FAPA’s official website or subscribe to FAPA’s Facebook. Please consider joining FAPA. We must band together and support Taiwan. We are FAPA.

Scan the QR Code for the news report



Internship Experience



Tsung-Han (Henry) Tsai

FAPA 2022 Summer Intern

Tsung-Han Tsai (Henry) is a rising junior majoring in international affairs at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, with a concentration in international economics. As a Taiwanese born and raised in the industrial district of Taichung, I have always been aware of the importance of Taiwan's industrial sector and the country's critical contribution to the economically free, politically liberal, and rule-based international order.

I am also a vocal advocate of the dangers posed by the PRC. With the goals of countering Chinese imperialism and deconstructing the "Greater China Historical Narrative (大中華史觀)," I am also the Mandarin language editor for GWU's US-China Strategic Studies Organization and a research assistant for Professor Eric Schluessel's project on Xinjiang history.



As an intern for FAPA, I learned a whole lot about lobbying, grassroots activism, civic diplomacy, and other things that our forerunners did just to make Taiwan a more free, democratic, and "normal" country. It was almost a dream come true as I had long admired the works of activists like Tsai Trong-rong, Chen Tang-shan, and Peng Ming-min when I was still in Taiwan.

Under the mentorship of FAPA's HQ staff, I completed several projects, including an article based on an interview with Stan and Josephine from Orange County, a photo slideshow for our virtual 40th-anniversary celebration, translating more than 30 years of Taiwanese American activist history from Mandarin to English, writing posts for our Instagram account, and so on. This internship not only enhanced my ability to write and conduct research about Taiwan, but also allowed me to learn about the inner workings of lobbying in the dynamic policymaking community of Washington DC. It has been nothing but a fulfilling experience that has strengthened my passion for Taiwan and US-Taiwan relations.

Naiyu Kuo

FAPA 2022 Fall Intern



Naiyu Kuo is a second-year graduate student of International Affairs at George Washington University, with double concentrations in Asian studies and international security studies. As a Taiwanese who is born and raised in Kaohsiung City, I have a passion for promoting Taiwan's voice, identity and interests on the global stage, starting from Washington D.C. My research interests include U.S.-China-Taiwan political relations, China's military strategy against Taiwan, and the cross-Strait future. After interning for FAPA, I joined the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) working for the congressional affairs and outreach team, where I seek to cultivate relationships with congressional staff and learn the practices of the legislative process on the Hill.

As a fall intern at FAPA, I had the chance to assist with the event planning in the 2022 Emerging Leaders Workshop and FAPA 40th Anniversary Celebration, where I met and talked with a great number of Taiwan studies experts, Taiwan's politicians as well as Taiwan's Representative to the U.S. I also had opportunities to interact with young professionals who are dedicated to advocating for Taiwan.

Additionally, I worked with the Policy Team in translating the "FAPA 2012-2022 History" article for the FAPA 40th Anniversary Book, updating Taiwan-related legislation in the 117th Congress on the website, writing the weekly newspaper Taiwan This Week, and attending several Congressional briefings discussing Taiwan's significance to the U.S.

I have honed my communication and research skills as well as expand my networks through this internship. I am incredibly grateful for the mentoring I have received from every member of the FAPA staff, especially Chih-Jung Huang in the Policy Team. I have learned the history, missions and issues central to FAPA through this internship, and will bring this invaluable knowledge and experience to proceed with my aspirations of working for Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the future.

Urgent Action!

Survey for Online Voting Option

We will provide the online voting option through Election Runner when conducting future At-large elections. Election Runner is an online voting platform that allows us to conduct mobile and secure elections (<https://electionrunner.com/>).

This survey is to see if you would like to opt into the online voting platform, Election Runner, for future At-Large Elections.

Kindly note that you will **NOT** receive hard copy ballots if you decide to opt into online voting option and that it applies to the At-large election starting 2023.

Please kindly scan the QR Code to fill out this survey online



Alternatively, you can mail the survey form below back to HQ (552 7th Street SE., Washington, D.C. 20003).

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Are you a FAPA member? ☐ YES ☐ NO

- *Only FAPA members have the right to vote.*

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- *If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact your local chapter president.*

Would you like to opt into the Election Runner service for future At-large elections?

☐ **YES** (Continue to the next question)

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+ Membership fee is not tax-deductible

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(a.) FAPA-100 Club Membership

☐ \$2,400 or

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(b.) FAPA-200 Club Membership

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