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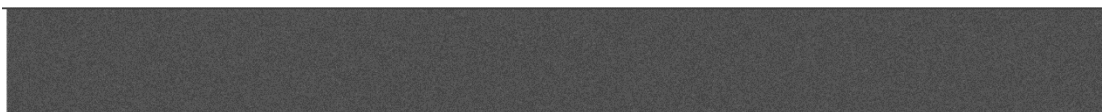
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Dear FAPA Members and Friends:

It will be almost the end of summer by the time you receive this FAPA newsletter. Hope all is well!

During the past months, FAPA HQ has been very busy with several events and advocacy work. U.S. relations with and U.S. support for Taiwan have also been further reinforced in many aspects, from arms sales, military aid, high-level visits, Taiwan's international standing, to bilateral trade. Please allow me to report to you.

On May 1, FAPA celebrated its 40th anniversary in Taipei with a grand banquet attended by Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen, VP Lai Ching-te, former U.S. National Security Adviser Ambassador John Bolton, UMC founder Robert Tsao, and other esteemed guests. In her talk, President Tsai thanked FAPA's advocacy efforts to speak up for Taiwan on U.S. Capitol Hill, while praising FAPA as "truly important pioneer in Taiwan's public diplomacy."

Among other FAPA events, HQ collaborated with several local chapters to invite Shih-Ping Fan and Shu-Pei Chien to come to the U.S. in June as this year's FAPA Speech Tour speakers. We also held a very successful week-long Emerging Leaders Workshop in DC in late June, dedicated to cultivating the next generation of Taiwanese and Taiwanese American leaders.

So far this year, the U.S. government has announced arms sales to Taiwan two times — the 9th and 10th approved under President Joe Biden, including (1) in March, a US\$619 million sale of F-16 munitions (including some most advanced missiles) and related equipment; and (2) in June, two separate arms sales valued at US\$440 million in total, including 30 mm ammunition and spare parts for military wheeled vehicles and weapons.

Near the end of July, the Biden administration announced a landmark US\$345 million military aid package to Taiwan. This package will be delivered under expedited "Presidential Drawdown Authority" (PDA) approved last year by the U.S. Congress in the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023" (FY23 NDAA) to drawdown defense articles and services from the Pentagon's existing stocks and provide military education and training to Taiwan, along with a limit of US\$1 billion per fiscal year.

Recently, we also saw further implementation of the "Taiwan Travel Act" of 2018. In early April, Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen and U.S. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) reaffirmed the strong U.S.-Taiwan partnership, following their historic meeting in California — the first-ever meeting between a Taiwanese president and a U.S. House speaker on U.S. soil.

Shortly before Tsai's U.S. transit, FAPA launched a petition campaign in March urging the U.S. Congress to invite President Tsai to come to Washington DC during her time in the United States. In late July, FAPA initiated another petition campaign asking members of Congress to urge Secretary of State Antony Blinken to formally invite President Tsai to attend the 2023 APEC leaders' summit in San Francisco this coming November. We at

FAPA strongly believe that with the signing into law of the “Taiwan Travel Act” in 2018, there are zero legal restrictions on President Tsai and other high-level Taiwanese officials traveling anywhere in the U.S.

FAPA has long called on the U.S. to more proactively challenge Beijing’s “One China Principle” and make it clear that “Taiwan is not part of China.” We are glad to see that Secretary of State Blinken emphasized in February that a crisis across the Taiwan Strait is “not an internal matter, as China would have it, based on its sovereignty,” but a matter of concern to the entire world.

It is also encouraging that in July, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the “Taiwan International Solidarity Act” to counter China’s sovereignty claim over Taiwan and safeguard Taiwan’s international participation. Now, proceeding to the Senate, this bill clarifies that the 1971 UNGA Resolution 2758 — which recognized the PRC Government as the only lawful representatives of China to the UN — did not address the issues of Taiwan’s sovereignty and international representation.

In recent months, the U.S. Congress also continued to introduce and move forward various other pro-Taiwan pieces of legislation. For example, in May, both the House and the Senate introduced the bipartisan “Taiwan Representative Office Act,” calling to rename Taiwan’s de facto embassy in the U.S. from “Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office” (TECRO) to “Taiwan Representative Office” (TRO). FAPA immediately launched a petition campaign for this bill, seeking more respect for Taiwan’s national identity and dignity.

Moreover, the U.S. House in June and the Senate in July passed the “United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade First Agreement Implementation Act,” affirming Congressional approval for the “First Agreement” reached on June 1 under the “21st Century Trade” initiative. This Act was signed into U.S. law by President Biden on August 7. Hopefully, this initial trade agreement and the subsequent negotiations will establish a foundation for a full-scale U.S.-Taiwan Free Trade Agreement (FTA), something FAPA has been long advocating for.

Finally, I would like to thank all FAPA members and friends again for your continued support and donations to FAPA, and hope that you can actively participate in all our HQ and local chapter events, petition campaigns, and grassroots initiatives. Without your strong support and active participation, FAPA could not have accomplished any of our successful event projects and Congressional advocacy work, and made all these progress in U.S.-Taiwan relations.

We will hold this year’s National Advocacy Conference (NAC) from September 30 to October 2 in our Nation’s capital, Washington DC. This is the most important FAPA grassroots diplomacy event held every year to advocate for our beloved Taiwan on Capitol Hill. Please save the date, and I look forward to seeing you soon at the 2023 FAPA NAC!



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Minze V. Chien, Ph. D.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Minze V. Chien'.

FAPA National President

2023.8.11

會長的話



親愛的FAPA會員與朋友：

當您收到本期FAPA News時，夏天已接近尾聲。希望您一切安好！

在過去的幾個月，FAPA總部忙碌地完成了諸多專案活動與倡議工作。與此同時，台美關係及美國的對台支持，不論在軍售、軍援、高層互訪上，亦或在台灣國際地位、雙邊貿易等各方面，皆有顯著進展與強化。請容我在此向大家報告與分享。

5月1日，FAPA在台北舉行盛大的40週年慶祝晚會，台灣總統蔡英文、副總統賴清德、美國前國家安全顧問波頓（John Bolton）大使、聯電創辦人曹興誠等貴賓皆應邀出席。蔡總統在致詞時，特別感謝FAPA在美國國會山莊為台灣倡議發聲，並讚揚FAPA是「台灣推動國民外交的重要先鋒」。

在FAPA的其他活動中，總部協同一些分會，邀請范世平教授與簡舒培議員於6月赴美擔任今年的FAPA Speech Tour講者。我們也於6月底在美國首府華盛頓特區，成功舉辦了為期一周的FAPA「台灣年輕世代領袖政治培訓營」（FAPA Emerging Leaders Workshop），致力培養下一代的台灣與台美人政治領袖。

今年截至目前為止，美國政府已兩度宣布批准對台軍售。這是美國總統拜登（Joe Biden）就任以來的第9度與第10度對台軍售，包括：（1）在3月，軍售價值6.19億美元的F-16彈藥（包括美國部分最先進的飛彈）及相關軍備；（2）於6月，批准總值4.4億美元的兩筆軍售，包括30毫米彈藥及輪式軍用車輛備用零件。7月底，拜登政府首度宣布提供台灣至多3.45億美元的軍事援助。該筆對台軍援，係依據美國國會去年通過的《2023 財政年度國防授權法》（FY23 NDAA），其中授權美國總統動用「總統撥款權」（Presidential Drawdown Authority），可於每個財政年度撥用價值10億美元限額的美國國防部庫存防衛物資或服務、以及軍事教育和培訓，用來軍事援助台灣。

最近，我們亦見到2018年《台灣旅行法》（Taiwan Travel Act）的進一步落實。4月初，台灣總統蔡英文與美國眾議院議長麥卡錫（Kevin McCarthy, R-CA）在加州進行了一場歷史性會晤，共同重申強健的美台夥伴關係——這是台灣總統與美國眾議院議長在美國本土進行的首次會晤。

在蔡總統過境美國的不久之前，FAPA於3月發起一項連署請願活動，敦促美國國會邀請蔡總統於停留美國期間訪問華府。7月下旬，FAPA發起另一項請願活動，要求美國國會議員敦促美國國務卿布林肯（Antony Blinken）正式邀請蔡總統出席今年11月在舊金山舉行的「亞太經濟合作會議」（APEC）領袖峰會。FAPA堅信，隨著2018年《台灣旅行法》的正式簽署生效，蔡總統及其他台灣高層官員要訪問美國的任何地方，皆無美國法律上的絲毫限制。

長期以來，FAPA不斷呼籲美國更加積極主動地挑戰北京的「一個中國原則」，並明確表示「台灣不是中國的一部分」。我們很高興地見到，美國國務卿布林肯在今年2月強調，台海危機「並非中國基於其主權所聲稱的內政事務」（not an internal matter, as China would have it, based on its sovereignty），而是全世界都關切的問題。

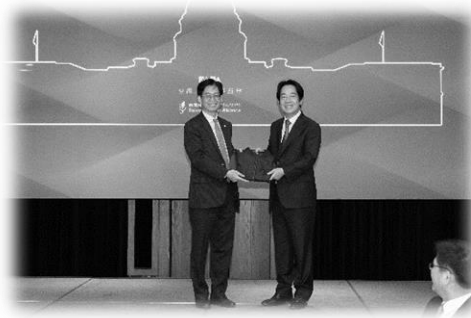
同樣令人鼓舞的是，美國聯邦眾議院在7月通過《台灣國際團結法》（Taiwan International Solidarity Act），藉以對抗中國對台灣的主權聲索，並保障台灣的國際參與。該法案力圖澄清，1971年聯合國大會第2758號決議僅承認中華人民共和國政府是中國在聯合國的唯一合法代表，但該聯大決議並未涉及台灣的主權爭議與國際代表權問題。目前，該法案已移交美國參議院審議。

近幾個月以來，美國國會也持續提出與推進其他諸多友台立法。例如，參眾兩院在5月提出跨黨派的《台灣代表處法》（Taiwan Representative Office Act），要求將台灣的事實上駐美大使館的名稱，由「台北經濟文化代表處」（TECRO）更名為「台灣代表處」（TRO）。FAPA隨即亦於5月發動一項請願活動，要求美國國會議員連署支持並通過此法案，以更加尊重台灣的國家尊嚴與自身認同。

此外，美國聯邦眾議院於6月、參議院於7月通過《美台21世紀貿易倡議首批協定實施法》（United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade First Agreement Implementation Act），確認美國國會批准美台雙方於6月1日在「21世紀貿易倡議」架構下所達成的「首批協定」（First Agreement）。該法案已於8月7日經拜登總統簽署，正式生效成為美國法律。我們期盼，此一批協定與隨後的貿易談判，能為FAPA所長期倡議的全面性「美台自由貿易協定」（FTA）奠定基礎。

最後，我要再次感謝所有FAPA會員與朋友們長期以來對FAPA的支持和捐款，並希望大家能積極參與我們總部與各地分會的所有活動、連署請願、與草根倡議。若沒有大家的強力支持與積極參與，FAPA不可能成功推展任何專案活動與國會倡議，亦不可能在我們所關切的美台關係與重要議題上取得任何進展與成果。

總部將於9月30日至10月2日在華府舉辦今年度的「全國倡議大會」（NAC）。這是FAPA每年最重要的草根外交活動。與會者將一同赴美國國會山莊，為我們深愛的台灣奔走發聲。請您空出時間，踴躍報名參加。我期待很快能在2023年FAPA NAC上與您見面！



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FAPA 總會長
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HIGH-LEVEL U.S.-TAIWAN DIALOGUE HELD AT AIT HEADQUARTERS

On February 21, Taiwan and the United States held an all-day annual security dialogue at the American Institute in Taiwan's (AIT) Washington headquarters attended by top-level officials from the two sides.

The meeting between Foreign Minister Joseph Wu and National Security Council Secretary-General Wellington Koo from Taiwan, and U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman and Principal Deputy National Security Adviser Jon Finer went from around 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WHITE HOUSE REITERATES SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN AMONG “EXPANSION OF U.S. TROOPS IN TAIWAN” REPORTS — EXPERT: “QUASI RECOGNITION”

The White House on February 23 reiterated its support for Taiwan in response to a report that the Pentagon will expand the number of U.S. troops in Taiwan to train local forces against the threat from China.

“Our support for and defense relationship with Taiwan remains aligned against the current threat posed by the People's Republic of China and consistent with our one China policy. That has not changed,” White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said when asked about the report in a daily press briefing.

“Our commitment to Taiwan contributes to the maintenance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and within the region,” she said.

The reported plan, along with recent reports of an unannounced visit to Taiwan by Michael Chase, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of defense for China, suggest “quasi-recognition” of Taiwan’s sovereignty and international standing, Shen Ming-shih, a research fellow at the Ministry of National Defense think tank Institute for National Defense and Security Research, said.

BLINKEN: WAR IN TAIWAN STRAIT IS NOT CHINA’S “INTERNAL MATTER”

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on February 23 that the reason why the world is so worried about a crisis in the Taiwan Strait is because it is not China’s “internal matter” based on its sovereignty, but concerns the whole world, and a Chinese invasion of Taiwan would have catastrophic consequences for the global economy.

MISSILE SALE HIGHLIGHTS GROWING U.S. TRUST IN TAIWAN

The U.S.' growing trust in Taiwan has been underlined by its announcement on March 1 of a sales package to Taiwan including one of the most advanced missiles in active service on U.S. warplanes, a military expert said.

The Defense Security Cooperation Agency announced on March 1 a US\$619 million arms sale package to Taiwan consisting of F-16 munitions, including 200 AIM-120C-8 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), 100 AGM-88B High-Speed Anti-Radiation Missiles (HARM), 23 HARM training missiles, four AIM-120C-8 AMRAAM Guidance Sections, and 26 LAU-129 multi-purpose launchers.

If approved by the U.S. Congress, the package will mark the first time that the U.S. is selling Taiwan the AIM-120C-8 missiles, also known as AIM-120D, which are also fielded on advanced U.S. fighter jets including F/A-18, F-22, and F-35.

REP. TIFFANY CALLS ON COMCAST TO REFER TO TAIWAN AS "TAIWAN" - NOT AS A "PROVINCE OF CHINA"

In a tweet dated March 11, Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-WI) writes: "Hey @Xfinity @FOXSports – please correct your program guide. #Taiwan isn't a 'Province of China.' It's just Taiwan."

His tweet was in response to Comcast writing in its Program Guide that the March 11 Taiwan-Cuba baseball match would be played in the "Taichung intercontinental baseball stadium in Taichung, Taiwan, Province of China."



TAIWAN PRESIDENT MEETS WITH SPEAKER MCCARTHY AT REAGAN LIBRARY IN CALIFORNIA



Screen grab from CNA

The historic Tsai-McCarthy meeting on April 5 on U.S. soil has been widely reported in international media. But it is gratifying for FAPA members to see that during the meeting, President Tsai emphasized "President Reagan's 1982 Six Assurances and the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act" — an idea FAPA initiated in 2016 with legislation passing unanimously in both Houses of Congress.

CHINA REDUCES THREE DAY NO-FLY ZONE OVER TAIWAN TO 27 MINUTES AFTER TAIWANESE PROTEST

Taiwan's Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC) said on April 11 that it protested to China over its plan to impose a no-fly zone north of Taiwan from April 16-18, adding that in response, Beijing decided to reduce the duration of the closing to 27 minutes on April 16.

China originally planned a no-fly zone from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. for three days, but following a protest from the MOTC,

Beijing agreed to impose the restriction from 9:30 a.m. - 9:57 a.m. on April 16 instead, the ministry said in a statement.

200 MILITARY INSTRUCTORS CURRENTLY IN TAIWAN TO TRAIN TAIWANESE TROOPS

Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense (MND) on April 18 said it welcomes the ongoing efforts of the United States to help the country train its troops after a source told CNA on April 17 that nearly 200 active duty American military instructors are currently in Taiwan training military personnel.

They are primarily assigned to boot camps and reserve brigades to observe Taiwan's protocols and provide practical consultations on training methods.

21 REPRESENTATIVES URGE THE ADMINISTRATION TO INVITE PRESIDENT TSAI TO NOVEMBER APEC SUMMIT IN SAN FRANCISCO

In a letter to Secretary of State Antony Blinken dated April 18, 2023, 21 House Republicans are calling on the State Department to invite the President of Taiwan to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit.

The letter, authored by Rep. Lance Gooden (R-TX), is co-signed by 20 other House members. The annual APEC summit will convene in November 2023 in San Francisco, California.



Scan to read the letter

SECRETARY BLINKEN CALLS FOR TAIWAN'S INCLUSION IN WHA

Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) expressed its gratitude on May 10 for a statement released by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken supporting Taiwan's bid to take part in the annual World Health Assembly (WHA) later in May.

It was the third consecutive year that the U.S.' top diplomat has issued a statement backing Taiwan's bid to participate in the World Health Organization's (WHO) decision-making body, which Taiwan welcomed and was grateful for, MOFA said in a statement.

HOUSE AND SENATE INTRODUCE TECRO → TRO NAME CHANGE LEGISLATION

Members of Congress reintroduced a bill in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate on May 10 calling for the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) to be renamed the "Taiwan Representative Office" (TRO).

The bill in the House of Representatives has bipartisan support, and was introduced by John Curtis (R-UT) and Chris Pappas (D-NH) while the Senate bill was backed by Marco Rubio (R-FL.) The goal of the bill is to “correctly name the de facto embassy of our longtime friend and ally, Taiwan,” said Curtis in a press release.

REP. JOE WILSON: TAIWAN DESERVES TO HAVE ITS INDEPENDENCE — HFAC PASSES TAIWAN INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY ACT

The House Foreign Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives on May 16 passed the Taiwan International Solidarity Act to counter Chinese interference in Taiwan’s participation in international organizations. It counters China’s efforts to hinder Taiwan’s participation in international organizations and clarifies that the 1971 UN General Assembly Resolution 2758 mentioned nothing about Taiwan’s international representation and sovereignty.

Republican Representative Joe Wilson said that this bill is “in favor of freedom and independence for Taiwan,” adding that “23 million people deserve to have their independence.”



LEGISLATIVE YUAN SPEAKER COMES TO CAPITOL HILL

Taiwan’s visiting Legislative Speaker You Si-kun met with former Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Michael McCaul (R-TX) separately in Washington, D.C. on May 17 to discuss relations between the two countries and issues of mutual concern.

Screen grab from the House Foreign Affairs Committee website

U.S. ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMEMORATE TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK (TAHW) 2023 WITH RECORD AMOUNT OF PROCLAMATIONS

This year, from Mother’s Day May 14 until 21, Taiwanese Americans celebrated their annual TAHW all over the nation.

Some thirty elected U.S. officials issued a record amount of proclamations honoring the contributions Taiwanese Americans have made to the diversity and prosperity of American society over the past decades, and their contributions to the promotion of democracy and security of their country of birth - Taiwan.



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MEMBERS OF CONGRESS URGE SECRETARY BLINKEN TO STOP OVER IN TAIWAN DURING UPCOMING ASIA TRIP – “CONSISTENT WITH TAIWAN TRAVEL ACT”

In a letter to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken dated June 15, Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-WI) and six House Republicans urged the Secretary of State to stop over in Taiwan during his upcoming trip to Asia.

They conclude: “Such a visit would be consistent with the congressional intent of the Taiwan Travel Act (Public Law 115-135), which makes it the policy of the United States to encourage high-ranking U.S. executive branch officials to visit Taiwan and meet with their counterparts.”

And “It would send a clear message that the United States does not need a permission slip from the Chinese Communist Party to meet with our friends and allies in Taiwan – or anywhere else.”

FAPA POLICY ASSOCIATE PUBLISHES OP-ED IN “THE DIPLOMAT”

On June 17, 2012³, FAPA policy associate Jenny Li published an article in The Diplomat on Taiwan’s defense dilemma.

The article highlights Taiwan’s difficulty in overcoming its defense dilemma – that is, limited time and resources to prepare for a cross-strait conflict – without clarity on the form and nature of U.S. military assistance to Taiwan.

“[T]he crux of Taiwan’s defense dilemma is uncertainty over whether the U.S. would come to Taiwan’s defense,” Jenny wrote.

REP. KEVIN HERN (R-OK): “IT WOULD BE AN HONOR TO SEE TAIWAN INDEPENDENCE”

Visiting U.S. Representative Kevin Hern (R-OK) during a meeting with President Tsai Ing-wen on July 4 said he hopes to see Taiwan as an independent country one day.

Hern was leading a delegation of U.S. lawmakers from the U.S. Republican Study Committee (RSC), of which he is the chairman.

“Support for Taiwan as an independent and sovereign nation has been one of the founding principles of the RSC and has remained a top priority for 50 years,” he said.

As the U.S. celebrated its Independence Day, Hern said: “What an honor it would be to one day soon see Taiwan experience the same independence that our original 13 colonies enjoyed in the early days.”

Founded in 1973, the RSC is a study group comprising 175 members of the Republican Party in the U.S. House of Representatives, the largest ideological caucus in the Congress.

SIX REPRESENTATIVES URGE VP HARRIS TO MEET WITH VP LAI DURING HIS UPCOMING U.S. TRANSIT

Six U.S. House representatives led by Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-WI) signed a letter on July 26 calling on U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris to meet with Taiwan Vice President Lai Ching-te during his upcoming transit stops through the U.S.

Lai, who is also the Democratic Progressive Party's (DPP) presidential candidate, will transit through the U.S. on his way to visit diplomatic ally Paraguay in August.

In their letter, the representatives emphasized that a Harris-Lai meeting in the U.S. would “underscore the importance America affixes to the U.S.-Taiwan friendship” and demonstrate that the Biden administration “will not cower in the face of increasing Chinese belligerence and bullying.”

U.S. ANNOUNCES EXPEDITED US\$345 MILLION MILITARY AID TO TAIWAN

On July 28, the United States announced a US\$345 million military aid package for Taiwan, in what would be Washington's first major package drawing on the U.S.' own stockpiles under expedited “Presidential Drawdown Authority” (PDA) to help Taiwan counter China.

The White House announced in a memorandum that the package will include “defense articles and services of the Department of Defense, and military education and training” to provide assistance to Taiwan.

The newly announced military aid to Taiwan is part of the PDA approved last year by the U.S. Congress in the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023” (FY23 NDAA) along with a limit of US\$1 billion per fiscal year.


The PDA enables the U.S. president to direct a drawdown of defense articles and services from the Pentagon's existing stocks to provide military assistance to U.S. allies in crisis situations. This gets weapons delivered faster than providing funding for new weapons.

PRESIDENT BIDEN SIGNS LAW APPROVING FIRST PART OF U.S.-TAIWAN TRADE PACT

U.S. President Joe Biden on August 7 signed into law the “United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade First Agreement Implementation Act,” which expresses Congressional approval for the initial U.S.-Taiwan trade agreement reached under the “21st Century Trade” initiative.

The signing came several days after U.S. Congress passed the legislation and sent it to the White House for Biden's signature.

After a year of negotiations, the U.S. and Taiwan signed the “first agreement” under the trade initiative earlier on June 1, which seeks to facilitate bilateral trade and investment flows by streamlining customs and border procedures, setting standards for “good regulatory practices” and “services domestic regulation,” and supporting small and medium-sized enterprises.



*Invite Taiwan's President
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PETITION FOR INVITE TAIWAN'S PRESIDENT TO APEC SUMMIT IN SAN FRANCISCO, CA

This petition requests members of Congress to urge Secretary of State Antony Blinken to formally invite Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen to attend the 2023 Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders' summit in San Francisco, California.

WHAT DOES THIS PETITION DO?

The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) "Economic Leaders' Meeting" will take place in San Francisco, California, from November 15-17, 2023.

As the host nation, the United States has the prerogative to invite participants to the 2023 APEC leaders' summit. With the passage of the Taiwan Travel Act of 2018, there are no restrictions on President Tsai traveling anywhere in the United States. It is also consistent with U.S. policy to support Taiwan's participation in international organizations and forums like APEC.

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TAIWAN'S DEFENSE DILEMMA

By Jenny Li, FAPA Policy Associate

Taiwan is now entering a busy season of election campaigns. Replete with its usual excitement and drama, the 2024 presidential election arrives at a moment of heightened anxiety in the Taiwanese political space, with the possibility of a Chinese invasion before mid-century. The defense policies adopted by Taiwan's next president could make this election one of the most critical in recent history.

Whoever takes office next May will face a paramount dilemma in planning the country's defense. Namely, Taiwan has limited time and resources to prepare for a cross-strait conflict, but the successful implementation of its current military doctrine requires considerable resources and time.

Under the most optimistic circumstances, fully preparing for a Chinese invasion would be challenging. Now, differing threat perceptions between the United States and Taiwan have slowed the development of a strategy previously regarded as a practical solution to Taiwan's defense dilemma.

The Porcupine in a Pickle

The porcupine strategy, despite obstacles it faces in becoming fully embraced, remains the most popular solution to Taiwan's defense problem. The strategy relies on Taiwan's unique island geography to create localized advantages, allowing Taiwanese forces to repel an otherwise quantitatively superior People's Liberation Army (PLA).

In 2017, Admiral Lee Hsi-min, then general chief of staff of Taiwan, developed the "Overall Defense Concept (ODC)" to formally codify the porcupine strategy into Taiwan's defense doctrine. Unlike Taiwan's past military doctrines, which sought deep-strike capabilities and the destruction of its adversaries, the ODC redefined its military objectives as denying the enemy a successful takeover of Taiwan. The ODC suggests Taiwan abandon plans to establish sea control and air superiority, taking a more cost-effective and defensive approach in thwarting Chinese aggression.

The ODC is a deterrence-by-denial strategy that integrates concepts of asymmetry into all levels of military conduct, including training, force structure, command and control, and logistics. It recognizes that Taiwan can no longer compete with China symmetrically and assumes that large weapons systems and immobile infrastructure will be destroyed at the beginning of an invasion. To survive the early stages of a cross-strait conflict, the ODC prescribes the use of survivable and mobile weapons, commonly called "asymmetric weapons."

But weapons alone do not offer guidance on military conduct. Acquiring weapons perceived as asymmetric is meaningless without an overall asymmetric approach to defense. Taiwan can only fully benefit from asymmetric warfare if it integrates the philosophy of asymmetry into a theater strategy.

For many involved in U.S. defense policy, the ODC presented an opportunity to work with Taiwan on a common concept of asymmetric defense. An early version of the Taiwan Policy Act of 2022 called for an assessment of Taiwan's commitment to the ODC. In a recent wargame, the Brookings Institution also encouraged Taiwanese forces to adopt asymmetry. But Taiwan has not been enthusiastic in the uptake of the ODC. Some argue that it has abandoned the strategy completely. For many involved in U.S. defense policy, the ODC presented an opportunity to work with Taiwan on a common concept of asymmetric defense. An early version of the Taiwan Policy Act of 2022 called for an assessment of Taiwan's commitment to the ODC. In a recent wargame, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) also encouraged Taiwanese forces to adopt asymmetry. But Taiwan has not been enthusiastic in the uptake of the ODC. Some argue that it has abandoned the strategy completely.

Taiwan's Response to Asymmetric Defense

President Tsai Ing-wen has sought to move Taiwan toward asymmetric defense. In her May 2020 inaugural address, Tsai noted that Taiwan would accelerate the development of its asymmetric capabilities, reform its reserve and mobilization systems, and improve its military management institutions. But the ODC has since disappeared from Taiwanese defense literature.

Taiwan's 2021 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR), the latest such review, alludes to asymmetric capabilities and warfare but does not mention an asymmetric strategy. Instead, it designates "Resolute Defense and Multi-domain Deterrence" as its primary objective, calling for air superiority, sea control, and long-range strike capabilities. This is an ambitious doctrine. It would essentially pit Taiwanese forces against the PLA plane-to-plane, ship-to-ship, and soldier-to-soldier.

In April 2023, leaked documents from the Pentagon revealed an alarming assessment about Taiwan's military readiness: Its air defenses are unlikely to prevent the Chinese military from asserting air superiority in the event of a conflict. As disconcerting as this assessment may seem, the leaks bolster the claim that Taiwan's defense doctrine is overly optimistic. Given the PLA's quantitative superiority, Taipei cannot afford to seek dominance in every domain. Even the United States would have difficulty fighting symmetrically against China in the manner that Taiwan's QDR prescribes. In April 2023, leaked documents from the Pentagon revealed an alarming assessment about Taiwan's military readiness: Its air defenses are unlikely to prevent the Chinese military from asserting air superiority in the event of a conflict. As disconcerting as this assessment may seem, the leaks bolster the claim that Taiwan's defense doctrine is overly optimistic. Given the PLA's quantitative superiority, Taipei cannot afford to seek dominance in every domain. Even the United States would have difficulty fighting symmetrically against China in the manner that Taiwan's QDR prescribes.

"Taiwan has abandoned asymmetric defense reform in all but name," Michael Hunzeker wrote for War on the Rocks. "Instead, [Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense] is now planning to deter an invasion by threatening to retaliate with missile strikes against the Chinese homeland and by pitting Taiwanese units in direct combat against the vastly superior People's Liberation Army."

A recent report by The Economist on Taiwan's defense commented that "Taiwan's government repeats American talking-points about asymmetric warfare," but "its army has yet to commit to it."

It is difficult to assess whether Taiwan has genuinely abandoned asymmetric defense without knowing what's discussed behind closed doors. Similarly, one cannot determine whether Taiwan's slow adoption of an overall asymmetric defense strategy results from holdups in the weapons procurement process. Authoritative sources suggest significant delays in weapons deliveries to Taiwan. In any case, Taipei faces a defense dilemma that may impede Taiwan-U.S. cooperation during a conflict.

The Asymmetry Paradox

Could Taipei and Washington be defining asymmetry differently? The term "asymmetry" is imprecise and misleading. In war, two opposing forces rarely fight symmetrically at any time and space, though many political commentators have erroneously equated asymmetry to small and mobile weapons systems. Imprecision in language, however, is not the source of Taiwan's defense dilemma.

Among other reasons, Taipei's reluctance to adopt the ODC may stem from differing risk perceptions and tolerance from that of the United States. The ODC takes the worst-case scenario as its foundation of analysis, but Taiwanese policymakers must plan for a range of potential PLA aggressions, from customs quarantines to full blockades and missile strikes. There is thus a strong incentive to maintain large conventional platforms that work against non-invasion scenarios. Conventional weapons can counter China's increasingly coercive gray-zone activities. Their visibility also improves public morale and confidence in Taiwan's defense.

By contrast, Washington is primarily concerned with a Chinese invasion because it is the scenario that presents the greatest security challenge. A successful naval blockade, for instance, may be an operational success but a strategic failure for Beijing because it falls short of achieving the political victory of taking over Taiwan yet risks international opprobrium and sanction. For the United States, Taiwan should thus focus on the invasion scenario and direct its limited resources to smaller weapons systems.

But the crux of Taiwan's defense dilemma is uncertainty over whether the United States would come to Taiwan's defense. Taking a primarily defensive approach in thwarting a PLA invasion, the ODC asks Taiwan to hold out for as long as possible, presumably awaiting the arrival of foreign military assistance. Yet there is uncertainty about whether and how the U.S. and its allies would support Taiwan during a cross-strait conflict. Taiwanese policymakers must prepare for every scenario; they cannot only prepare for the worst-case invasion scenario and take a purely defensive posture by only purchasing and using small and mobile weapons.

Taiwan's defense dilemma, therefore, revolves around a paradox. As the United States urges Taiwan to adopt a strategy suited for an invasion scenario that requires foreign intervention, it also upholds a policy of strategic ambiguity, making it difficult for Taipei to settle on the ODC conclusively.

Moving Forward With Transparency

Taiwan cannot be expected to adopt a strategy that requires U.S. military assistance without promises of such assistance. Many have therefore proposed strategic clarity as a solution to this paradox, including Taiwanese American organizations like the Formosan Association for Public Affairs, where I currently work as a policy associate. President Joe Biden has verbally guaranteed U.S. military assistance to Taiwan on multiple occasions, but that falls short of an official commitment. The United States' role during a cross-strait conflict remains uncertain.

Today, cooperation between the U.S. and Taiwan has grown at the tactical level, but there are insufficient formal conversations on strategy. For Taiwan to develop a pragmatic defense strategy, Washington should offer greater transparency about the forms U.S. assistance to Taipei might take. A recent bipartisan bill, the Taiwan Protection

and National Resilience Act of 2023, attempts to clarify U.S. options in the event of a cross-strait conflict. Investigation of U.S. options is a good start, but U.S. policymakers should also articulate these options to their Taiwanese counterparts. Discussions could be held in private if there are concerns about startling Beijing.

Taiwan needs transparency from the U.S. to achieve pragmatism and clarity in its defense strategy. This strategy must reflect the limited time and resources available to Taiwan, while allowing room for cooperation with the United States and its allies. Fortunately, both U.S. and Taiwanese policymakers are cognizant of Taiwan's defense dilemma, and efforts to resolve it appear to be underway. As Beijing grows increasingly bellicose toward its neighbors, Taiwan's defense dilemma is one of the most significant challenges to Taiwan-U.S. cooperation today.

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By **Jenny Li**
June 17, 2023

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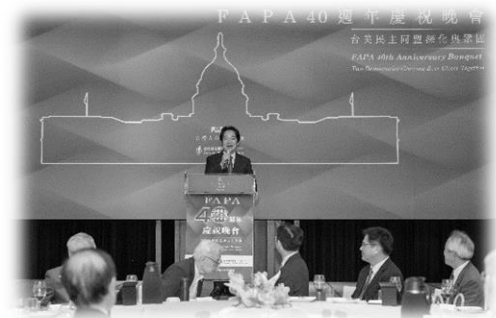


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FAPA CELEBRATES 40th ANNIVERSARY IN TAIPEI WITH GRAND BANQUET

FAPA celebrated its 40th anniversary in Taipei on May 1st with a banquet attended by President Tsai Ing-wen and other guests. Former U.S. national security adviser John Bolton, who was on a week-long visit to Taiwan, Vice President Lai Ching-te, and contract chipmaker United Microelectronics Corp. (UMC) founder Robert Tsao were among the speakers.



In her talk, Tsai thanked FAPA members for their advocacy efforts to speak up for Taiwan on U.S. Capitol Hill, which she said had laid a foundation for bipartisan support for Taiwan in Washington DC, and she praised FAPA as “truly important pioneer in Taiwan’s public diplomacy.”

Tsai assured FAPA members, most of whom are naturalized Americans or overseas Taiwanese, that Taiwan will continue to stand steadfast on the “forefront of democracy and freedom” to defend the democratic human rights that they have won.

Addressing the banquet in a keynote speech, Bolton said FAPA has played an incredibly important role in the long struggle of advocating the belief shared by many Taiwanese Americans in independence for Taiwan as a sovereign state, which he said it clearly is.

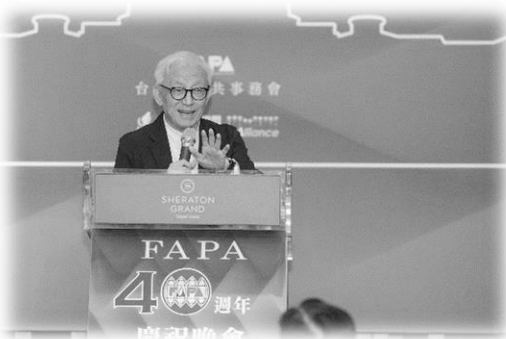
Chinese President Xi Jinping’s recent visit to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin has formed a new axis between Beijing and Moscow, with rogue states like North Korea and Iran and Belarus being part of the axis,

Bolton said.

One might say that the growing threat of the China-Russia axis worldwide would put Taiwan off to the side and diminish attention to Taiwan, but it has had the opposite effect, he said. This axis threatens countries worldwide, with Russia's invasion of Ukraine being a dramatic demonstration of the nature of this threat, and many countries can see that the threat they face from China is deeply connected to the future of Taiwan, he said.



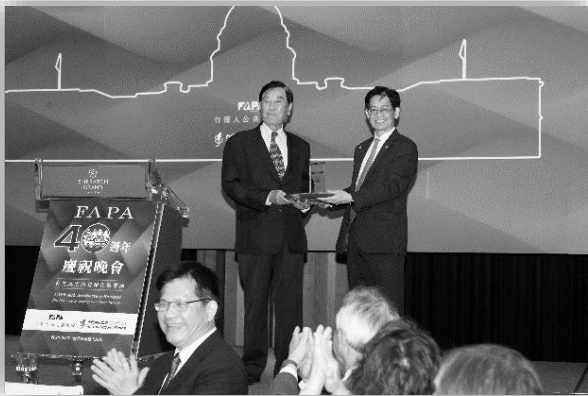
Bolton suggested that Taiwan and the U.S. can do a lot more together to increase cooperation militarily and between intelligence agencies to help deter China from attacking Taiwan. "The more Taiwan is embedded in collective self-defense structures, again, the less likely it is that China will take aggressive action in the first place," he said.



Robert Tsao, who announced last year that he would provide NT1 billion for civilian defense training programs, rallied the crowd with a heartfelt presentation.

After dinner, the winners of FAPA's flag design contest were announced. Taiwanese rapper Dwagie (大支) ended the evening with a bang.

According to sources, it had been the most spectacular event held in Taipei this year.



Tan Sun Mark Chen, former Taiwan Minister of Foreign Affairs and FAPA National President is awarded the FAPA Legend award.



Press release & the video clip from Presidential Palace

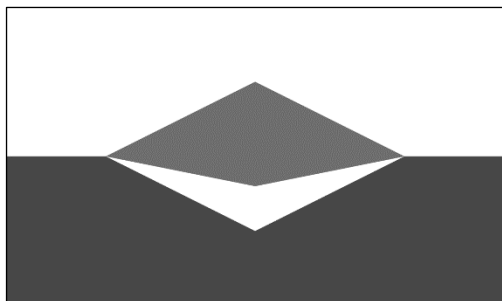


FAPA TAIWAN FLAG CONTEST

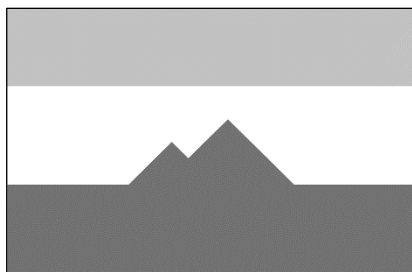
Taiwan is steadily normalizing as a sovereign and independent country, but it needs a flag that properly represents the identity and subjectivity of its people. In celebration of our 40th Anniversary, FAPA held a design contest for a new Taiwan flag. The task was to design a flag that both symbolized the will of the Taiwanese people and was simple enough for a child to draw it from memory. We received over 140 submissions from all ages and artistic abilities; it was heartening to see submissions from people of different backgrounds.

The winner of the flag contest was Ho Yen, whose design was simple and ingenious. When landscape, the flag depicts Taiwan as a mountainous island on the Pacific waters. When portrait, the flag portrays the shape of Taiwan from a bird's eye view. The division between the turquoise and white represents the central mountain range of Taiwan. In second place, we had Ethan Lin. In third place, we had Yu Yen-chih and Chiu Ing-ming.

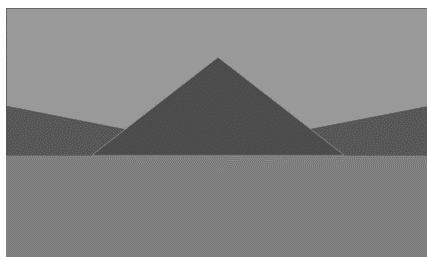
Winner: Ho Yen



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Third Place: Chiu Ing-ming (Left) and Yu Yen-chih (Right)



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HUGE SUCCESS! 2023 FAPA EMERGING LEADERS WORKSHOP

The 2023 Emerging Leaders Workshop, which concluded on June 30, was a week-long event dedicated to cultivating the next generation of leaders in U.S.-Taiwan relations. Participants came from different age groups and all walks of life, allowing each to learn from and network with another. Taiwanese, Taiwanese Americans, students, NGO workers, lawyers, political party workers, and diplomats were all assembled at the same venue. One participant was one of the few Taiwanese citizens working for the United Nations, a notable participant in this year's program. We received a diverse cohort unified by a common cause to elevate Taiwan's international landscape.

Participants learned from highly distinguished professionals with whom they normally would not interact. Michael Fonte, Director of the DPP Mission in the U.S., examined the history of U.S.-Taiwan relations. Pamela Kennedy from the Stimson Center spoke to participants about U.S.-Taiwan-Japan relations. And Colonel Mark Cancian gave a riveting talk about a widely discussed wargame he co-led at CSIS. These are just a few of the prominent speakers who attended our workshop.

Engaged and enthusiastic, participants asked insightful questions every session, many staying in the classroom after lectures to interact with speakers. Students saw how theory put into practice, while professionals were impressed by the differences between the American and Taiwanese political scenes.

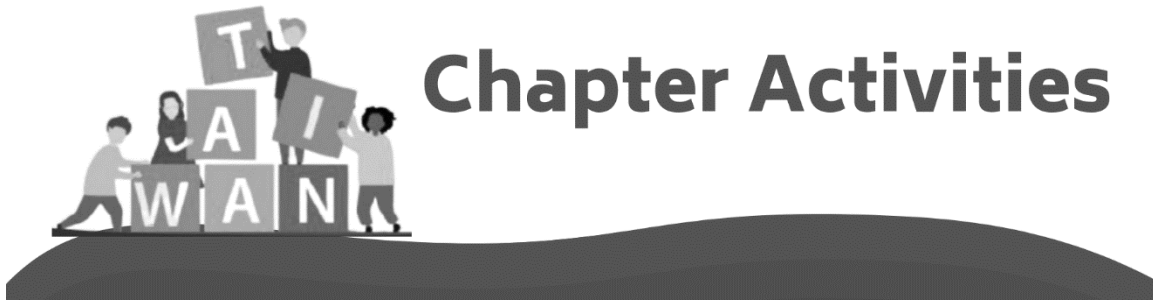
Participants also benefited from hands-on policymaking experience. We divided twenty-nine participants into five groups, each responsible for a distinct theme from which they were to develop a policy presentation. These themes revolved around critical issues in U.S.-Taiwan relations: economic resilience, deepening alliances, military deterrence, soft power diplomacy, and energy and sustainability. Ideas ranged from concocting congressional bills to offering ingenious ways to mitigate Taiwan's energy security problem. The exercise fully leveraged their experiences and knowledge from the workshop, equipping them with a logical approach to tackling major

challenges in Taiwan's security and U.S.-Taiwan relations.

After three full days of lectures, participants toured Capitol Hill, where they were given the special opportunity to speak with senior congressional staff members. Conversations were fruitful. Political workers and students from Taiwan discussed with foreign policy experts in Congress. We brought Taiwanese voices directly to Washington's foreign policymaking circle.

The workshop concluded with a tour of Mount Vernon, George Washington's historical estate. It was a lovely way to end the week. One participant noted that he was moved after visiting Capitol Hill and Mount Vernon. He commented, "America's democracy is hard-earned and precious. Just like Taiwan's democracy!"





Chapter Activities

CA-LA

California – Los Angeles Chapter

李賢群 會長 (Tony Lee)

1/14/23 Los Angeles Chapter Vice-President Ken Wu wrote a letter to thank Rep. Brad Sherman for supporting the Committee. Rep. Sherman acknowledged it and said he will be doing the same work on the Asia subcommittee or Foreign Affairs. Los Angeles Chapter Vic President Ken Wu and Board member Peter Chang attended Rep. Michelle Steel's inauguration, Peter and Ken thanked her for her vote on the China Committee.

2/26/23 FAPA LA held an annual seminar "Revention of Government Atrocities" at the Taiwan Center in Los Angeles. Representatives from East Turkistan, Rohingya, Hispanic communities, Myanmar, Thailand, Hong Kong, and Uyghur were invited to participate. Representatives of all ethnic groups presented lots of information and new knowledge of each ethnic group. Government atrocities are not the patent of a certain nation. They have happened or are happening in any corner of the world. FAPA LA looks forward to making each other's issues more deeply rooted in the hearts of the people through annual gatherings and discussions.

3/2/23 FAPA LA Chapter Vice-President Ken Wu reached out to Rep. Brad Sherman's office and thanked Rep. Sherman for co-sponsoring H.R. 554 and H.R. 1159.

3/11/23 LA Chapter members, including Tony Lee, Ken Wu, 賴英慧夫婦, and 胡維剛夫婦 attended Rep. Ted Lieu's fund-raising dinner party.

3/16/23 Vice President Ken Wu attended Rep. Steel's AAPI Advisory Council meeting and thanked her for supporting the China Committee and re-introducing the Lend-Lease Act. Ken Wu also urged her to support BTA between Taiwan and the U.S. and eliminate double taxation. Furthermore, Ken Wu pointed out China's citizens are spreading disinformation about the U.S. banking crisis. Steel places stronger U.S.-Taiwan relations near the top of her legislative priorities and she appreciates our feedback.

3/25/23 FAPA LA Chapter President Tony Lee participated in the Annual "Swallows Day" parade in the City of San Juan Capistrano of Orange County to support "Team Taiwan."

4/1/23 Wang Xinghui, Chairman (王興煥主席) of the Taiwan Statebuilding Party (台灣基進黨) visited Los Angeles. FAPA LA Chapter held a welcome speech party in which 王興煥主席 stated that China spreads false news to Taiwan through information warfare to disrupt Taiwan.

5/25/23 Ken Wu helped the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce send invitations to several legislators, including Speaker McCarthy, Rep. Mike Levin, State Chairman Anthony Rendon, Rep. Judy Chu, Rep. Brad Sherman, and Rep. Young Kim.



6/21/23 FAPA Headquarters invited DPP City Councilor Shu-Pei Chien (簡舒培) to give a speech tour in the United States. FAPA Los Angeles Chapter held a speech party for 簡舒培議員 at the Taiwan Center in Los Angeles. During the party, 簡舒培議員 analyzed the fake news and how it harms Taiwan and also talked about the latest presidential election.

6/29/23 Professor Fan (范世平教授) visited Los Angeles. LA Chapter held a dinner party with Professor Fan to talk about the relationships between Taiwan, the U.S., and China and also talked about the latest presidential election.

California – Orange County Chapter

鄭學成 會長 (Harisson Cheng)

CA-OC

四月初蔡英文總統在美轉機會晤美國眾議院議長麥卡錫 (Kevin McCarthy)，以及少數黨 (民主黨) 領袖傑佛瑞斯 (Hakeem Jeffries)。之後4/4 舉行僑宴，成為南加的盛會。OC Chapter 多位理事也前往 LA downtown Westin Hotel 參加。

On 4/24 we sponsored the event 王克雄博士新書發表會, together with 台灣人教授協會. The event was held at Laguna Woods club house 7. The book title is 《化悲憤為力量：一個二二八遺屬的奮鬥》。

作者王克雄博士是一位評論家，寫過很多文章在自由時報及其他媒體發表。本書蒐集他的五十篇文章，包括二二八、轉型正義、選舉、國際議題等，也反應出這幾十年來台灣政治議題的變遷。「二二八、六四、香港」一文可看出歷史會一再重演，歷史讓我們瞭解獨裁者的心態與暴行。

作者擔任「海外二二八遺屬返鄉團」團長，於 2019 年 2 月 27 日晉見小英總統，要求落實轉型正義，移除中正紀念堂內的黑銅像。隔日作者以《台灣會不會再發生二二八？》為題，在二二八中樞紀念儀式上演講，該講稿也收納在本書。

黑熊學院創辦人沈伯洋教授應邀於 6 月 17 日在 Mission Viejo, Orange County 舉行一次演講，講題是中國如何干預台灣選舉。6 月 18 日台北市簡舒培議員專題演講：聚焦台灣，擊退假新聞。兩場演講非常精彩，都有上百人參加。



理事會六月決定將在 10 月 14 日舉行 FAPA OC Chapter Annual Meeting，同時記念分會成立 40 週年，邀請總會長簡明子參加，也邀請 Keynote speaker 翁啟惠教授/院長，期待這個盛會。



CO

Colorado Chapter 林美玲 會長 (Edwina Gurtler)



FAPA HQ President Minze Chien visited the Colorado Chapter on April 15. We met at CU Boulder, Tree Room of C4C Dining Center. We had lunch together. After that, President Minze introduced what FAPA is doing in DC, what FAPA has achieved and why FAPA is successful. He also invited members to attend or support FAPA's 40th anniversary event in Taipei. People from the local chapter had the opportunity to share our thoughts with HQ. It was a successful get-together event. We recruited new members and received donations for the Taiwan event.

South Florida Chapter

楊明倫 會長

台灣人公共事務會南佛州分會於2023年6月3日舉辦會長選舉。楊明倫先生獲全票通過，當選新一任的會長。原會長林晉裕先生則轉任南佛州台灣同鄉會會長。

KS

Kansas Chapter

劉俊彥 會長 (Chunyen Liu)

There were a few communications and changes regarding the speech tour candidates this year. We eventually finalized our guest in Professor Fan Shih-Ping and it turned out the decision was a popular one. With the short notice that he would arrive late from St. Louis on June 27th and leave for Los Angeles in the afternoon on June 29th, we needed to quickly settle on the airport pickups, hotel reservation, speech time and location, and related activities. All these should make good use of his time of stay in Kansas to allow maximum interactions with our local fellow members. There are many people to say thanks to every time when dealing with an important event like this. The family of Dr. Fei-Tau Kung and Jane Kung, Regional Director Bob Yang, Bitin Lan, and my wife Shuhsien Chang all played a key role in the success. Benny Lee also provided us with a great networking opportunity with the CEO of the World War I Museum and the CEO of Union Station when we visited there. The staff of the Taiwanese Association of Great Kansas City certainly helped us in various ways.

Starting from the airport pickup, I myself along with the Kung family greeted Professor Fan close to midnight with a slight flight delay. Since he is easy to recognize in the midwest crowd, we picked him up and headed to the 45-minute-away hotel directly. We accompanied him into his room for 5 minutes and agreed to a time for the next day's breakfast with some local folks.

On the 06/28 morning, a group of about 10 people joined Professor Fan at Panera Bread where local Taiwanese usually gather after their weekend walk. He enjoyed the typical American breakfast very much. Several raised questions or provided insight about recent Taiwan's popular topics and even nuclear plant technology. It was a fruitful and delightful discussion to start the day.

On 06/28, lunch was scheduled to meet with Kansas Chapter staff at the historical Gates BBQ since barbecue is one of the things Kansas City is famous for. Professor Fan liked the food a lot and chatted about several topics with everyone. Since he showed a special interest in history, we then toured the World War I Museum and Union Station. With Benny's arrangement, we got to meet Matthew Nalor, who is the current CEO to give us a brief introduction of this special place. Due to the time constraint, we took some quick photos of Union Station and skipped the original intention of paying a visit to its leader.





The 06/28 dinner and speech at Joy Wok was the highlight event of Professor Fan's visit. After taking a short break at the hotel, we all changed into more formal outfits and had a nice chapter-sponsored meal. It was great to see some longtime members missing previous gatherings. After dinner, I started the opening remarks with FAPA info and petitions. Professor Fan began his crowd-pleasing speech with a great sense of humor. People asked quite a few questions till we ran out of the scheduled 3 hours. When the event was over, we took a brief tour around GARMIN headquarters to let him snap some photos. Before we sent him back to the hotel, he indicated he would like to try some American beers.

Luckily, we found one store nearby with a variety of beers, so he finally got his wish fulfilled after finishing over 10 tour speeches with Kansas being the final stop.

On 06/29, breakfast was arranged by Jane Kung and Fei-Tau Kung at the popular Classic Cup on Kansas City's No. 1 tourist spot - Country Club Plaza. The entire tourist area is a replica of the Spanish city, Seville full of European style sculptures, fountains, and shops. Fan was amazed at the sight and took numerous photos. Then his flight was coming up soon, so we had to rush to Nelson-Atkins Art Museum - one of the top art museums in the U.S. to at least check out its best treasure - The Water and Moon Guanyin Bodhisattva in a relaxed sitting pose. Dr. Kung quickly got a gift for Fan from the museum store to let him get to know the collection better.



Finally, we had to send Professor Fan off at the airport and were glad to have him here longer in Kansas than in most other cities. Getting to see and hear from him in person regarding various U.S.-Taiwan issues was worth it. Hope to see him continue to be a positive voice for Taiwan on TV. Many thanks for the members' participation and generous support. The event was completed successfully.

Scan this QR Code to see more photos of Prof. Fan's visit to the Kansas Chapter

New Jersey Chapter

林素梅 會長 (Su-mei Lin)

NJ

On May 28, 2023, FAPA-NJ, FAPA-NY, and FAPA-New York Metro chapters collaborated to host a booth at "Passport to Taiwan," a widely recognized and beloved event for the Taiwanese and Taiwanese-American community on the East Coast. FAPA-NJ prepared informative brochures and offered stickers to visitors at the booth. Additionally, we promoted the upcoming FAPA Speech Tour featuring Dr. Fan in June. Throughout the



event, numerous attendees engaged in conversations with us, providing an excellent opportunity for us to recruit new members into the FAPA community.

From June 20 - 23, NJ Chapter and New Jersey South Chapter hosted a total of 5 speeches for Dr. Fan, one in North Jersey, two in Central Jersey, one in South Jersey, and the last one at the University of Pennsylvania. Turned out was excellent, thanks to NJ board members' efforts in promoting the events. The audience actively engaged in discussion with Dr. Fan. The fundraising was very successful AND we recruited new members.



NY-Hudson

New York Hudson Chapter

歐陽吉林 會長 (Chi-Lin Mike O'Young)

Interactions with Three Fresh Congressmen from NY 17th, 18th, and 19th Districts

The Chapter has actively interacted with three fresh NY Congressmen: Mike Lawler (R-17th), Patrick Ryan (D-18th), and Marc Molinaro (R-19th). Here are lists of advocacy activities.

Congressman Lawler (R-NY 17th)

February 14, Conference Call

A group of Chapter members plus HQ's Coen Blaauw met virtually with Congressman Lawler and his District Director Ciro Riccardi for one hour. Congressman Lawler serves on two important committees, Committee on Foreign Affairs and Committee on Financial Services. He joined the Congressional Taiwan Caucus at the beginning of the 118th Congress and has strongly supported Taiwan. A list of "Issues of Concern to Taiwanese Americans" was presented and discussed during the meeting. He has cosponsored several Taiwan Bills including H.Con.Res.10 - A Resolution Calling for U.S.-Taiwan Diplomatic Relations, H.R.540 - Taiwan Non-Discrimination Act of 2023, H.R.1159 - Taiwan Assurance Implementation Act, H.R.1176 - Taiwan International Solidarity Act, etc.

February 22, Town Hall Meeting

Chi-Lin O'Young, Thomas Hwang, and Thomas Chen of Crystal Window Ltd attended Congressman Lawler's Meeting in Wappingers Falls, NY. A painting gift donated by Taiwanese artist 黄建和教授 was presented to Congressman Lawler to express our gratitude.



March 5, 2023 Fundraising Reception
Speaker McCarthy, 謝國吉林, Rep. Lawler

March 5, Fundraising with Special Guest Speaker McCarthy

A group of local Taiwanese Americans jointly supported Congressman Lawler's campaign with an opportunity to meet the Speaker in Armonk, NY. A cover letter with a list of petitions including inviting President Tsai to visit the Capitol was handed to the Speaker. During the photo section, a painting gift donated by Taiwanese artist 黄建和教授 was presented to the Speaker to express our gratitude.

April 13, Town Hall Meeting

A group of Chapter members attended Congressman's Town Hall Meeting in Mahopac, NY. He just completed a 10-day Indo-Pacific trip including meeting with President Tsai on April 7th with a bipartisan delegation led by the House Foreign Affairs Committee Chair McCaul. The Taiwan visit was right after Speaker McCarthy met with President Tsai on April 5th in California.



April 13, 2023, Rep. Lawler (R, NY-17) Town Hall Mtg, Mahopac NY



Congressman Lawler briefed us about his Taiwan trip to support Taiwan and later published an op-ed on the importance of defending Taiwan on April 25.

Scan this QR Code to read the article

April 21, Congressman Ryan (D-NY 18th) Conference Call

A group of Chapter members plus HQ's Coen Blaauw met virtually with Congressman Ryan's District Director Daniel Torres for 40 min. A list of "Issues of Concern to Taiwanese Americans" was presented and discussed during the meeting. We requested Congressman Ryan to cosponsor Taiwan Bills and invited him to join the Congressional Taiwan Caucus. We plan to meet Congressman Ryan soon to visit his local office and DC office.



March 15, 2023 Mtg with Rep. Molinaro (R-19th)
Thomas, Marc, O'Young, Dan, Kim

March 15, Congressman Molinaro (R-NY 19th) Visit

Chapter members Chi-Lin O'Young, Thomas Hwang, Kim Wang, and Dan Neal plus Thomas Chen of Crystal Window Ltd visited Congressman Molinaro at his Leeds' Office for one hour. A list of "Issues of Concern to Taiwanese Americans" was presented and discussed. Congressman Molinaro agreed to co-sponsor Taiwan Bills and join the Congressional Taiwan Caucus. He was NY Dutchess County Executive before being elected as NY-19 Representative and has strongly supported Taiwan. We will closely follow up on his promises.



May 1st, FAPA 40th Anniversary Banquet in Taipei

Chapter members Thomas Hwang, Kim Wang, Dan Neal, and Chi-Lin O'Young flew back to Taiwan to celebrate the Anniversary. It was a big success and has drawn a lot of public attention in Taiwan. The Chapter invited 54 guests and collected nearly \$19k in donations plus an auction of two paintings donated by Taiwanese artist 黃建和教授.

May 28th, Passport to Taiwan, Union Square Park, NYC, and Taiwanese American Heritage Week Proclamation

NY-M, NJ, and NY-Hudson Chapters jointly sponsored an exhibition table at the event to promote FAPA's activities. The table was well received, and many people stopped by to sign up petition letters and showed interest in joining FAPA. Meanwhile, William F.X. O'Neil of NY Dutchess County Executive has issued a Taiwanese American Heritage Week Proclamation to celebrate 2023 TAHW in Dutchess County from May 14 to May 21.



June 17th, 范世平教授 Tour Speech

Three Chapters, NY-M, NY-Hudson, and CT, jointly organized the tour speech at the Taiwan Center, Flushing. 范世平教授 gave a presentation entitled “當前台灣政局與美、中、台三邊關係”.

July 1st - 4th, Taiwanese American Conference – East Coast 美東夏令會, West Chester U. PA

Eight Chapters including MA, CT, NY-M, NY-Hudson, NY-Albany, NJ, S-NJ, and PA-West participated in the Conference to promote FAPA in various ways. A full-page advertisement was put up to support TAC-EC. Chi-Lin O'Young, Jenny Li (FAPA HQ), and Mark Kao (FAPR) presented a FAPA Forum to share and exchange the Congressional advocacy experience. An exhibition table was set up to display FAPA's activities. We used the opportunity to recruit new members, recall/retain members, and solicit donations. We have acquired quite fruitful results of membership and donation from the event.

New York Syracuse Chapter**林冰潔 會長 (Elizabeth Ping-chieh McDermott)**

NY-SYR

FAPA Syracuse Chapter Annual Picnic was held on Jun 18th at Pratt's Falls Park, Manlius, NY. We are very lucky to have a picnic on a beautiful sunny day. A total of 16 of our members, family, and friends joined us at this event. We were able to have a special guest Professor Shih-Ping Fan came from Taiwan to give us a talk about "The relationship between Taiwan, the U.S., and China". It was a casual talk at the meeting. Our member Sho-Yin Berry did the translation for us.



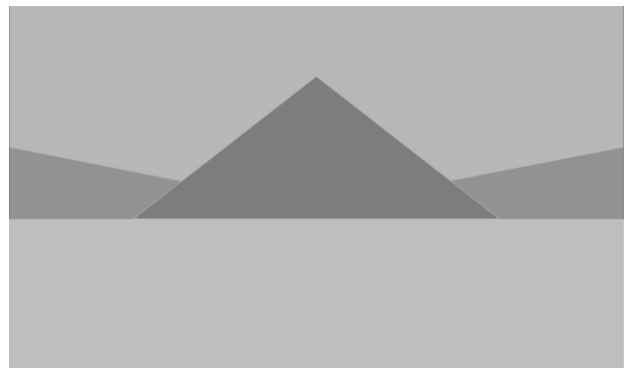
OH-C

Participated in the FAPA 40th anniversary fundraising drive and sponsored two Silver tables. A long-time permanent chapter member Dr. Ing-Ming Chiu was awarded with Third Place in the Taiwan National Flag Design Contest at the 40th Anniversary banquet.

設計人：邱英明

設計意涵：蔚藍的天空，巍峨翠青的玉山，孕育出金黃的稻穗和護國晶片

Ohio Central Chapter
何玉時 會長 (Nancy Ho)



We were happy to receive the 2023 Taiwanese American Heritage Week (5/14/23 - 5/21/23) proclamation from Ohio Governor Mike DeWine.



Thanks to Coen Blaauw for delivering a speech to an audience of about 130 people at the 2023 Midwest Taiwanese Summer Conference held at the Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, Ohio. Deputy Minister Jhao-Syong Ruan, TECO in Chicago Director General Sen Chiang, Legislator Freddy Lim, City Councilors Pin-Yu Lin and Po-Ya Miao, and Jie Huang also attended to speak. Many Midwest FAPAers were in the audience. Luke Lin's assistance in audio/video recording and photography was very much appreciated!

We welcomed an old member who joined FAPA a decade ago, Hung-I (Alex) Kuo, to reunite with the family recently.



Right: Dr. Ing-Ming Chiu



Pennsylvania East Chapter

林純容 會長 (Linda ChunYung Lin)

On March 26, we welcomed Congressman (NC) Robert Pittenger's visit to a Presbyterian church in Taipei, Taiwan.

5/1/2023 FAPA 40 週年慶祝晚會 05/01/2023 邀請黃春生牧師，鄭仰恩牧師，蔡丁貴教授參加晚會。他們為台灣民主制度有極度的關心，很感謝他們支持FAPA的活動。

(From Mr. Jay Loo) On June 22, James and Clara Shieh, Helen and I attended a luncheon hosted by the South Jersey FAPA Chapter, featuring a speech by Professor Fan Shipeng. I was dismayed that the speaker downplayed the threat of PLA invasion of Taiwan, contradicting the consensus among US policy elite

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The election of VP Lai Ching-te next January is indispensable to Taiwan's survival. While supporting Lai, Taiwanese Americans should urge him to propose concrete measures to bolster Taiwan's national defense, e.g., increase the size of the military, stockpile ammunitions and oil reserves, implement civil defense and foster the people's will to defend Taiwan's hard-won freedom.

FAPA headquarters and chapters should develop close contact with key Congressional supporters of Taiwan such as Mike Gallagher of Wisconsin (Chair of the House Select Committee on China) and try to facilitate cooperation between William Lai's national defense team and Rep. Gallagher's staff.

(From Linda Lin) On July 26, I joined with NJ chapter online July FAPA Café: Navigating Arts Entrepreneurship as a Taiwanese American. FAPA South Jersey Luncheon Seminar on June 22, 2023.



*James J and Clara S Shieh had attended the seminar sponsored
by FAPA Delaware on June 24 2023*



TX-C

Texas Central Chapter
楊碧珠 會長 (Pearl Wu)

2-11-2023 FAPA TX-C 舉辦年會

* Pearl 作報告，Suitch 財務報告，塗能光分享他對 COVID 的各種研究。

* 選舉：由 Ben 主持，Email 及當場提名，舉手表決；Schiller 數人數。結果 Pearl 當選連任會長、Angela 副會長、Suitch 財務。三人感謝各位的繼續支持，也希望大家能繼續互相合作，為我們的故鄉台灣聊盡薄力！



2-11-2023 FAPA TX-C 年會

#寫 Petition Letter

* 今年二月，響應 FAPA HQ，我們 email 給 Celebrity Cruises CEO 要求將其 website 的 “Taiwan, China” 改為 “Taiwan”。Angela 收到了回函，重點如下：We value your input as a Taiwanese American and assure you that your feedback has been shared with the appropriate teams for review and consideration。

* 三月，我們自己 email 給 Royal Caribbean CEO Mr. Michael Bayley 要求將其 website 的 “Taiwan, China” 改為 “Taiwan”。Cathy 收到了回函，重點如下：We are currently looking into this with our IT department for an enhancement process to be done with our website。

* 5 月 24 日，響應 FAPA HQ，我們簽 Petition: Ask our Representatives to co-sponsor H.R. 3171 and make the TECRO (Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office) to TRO (Taiwan Representative Office) name change happen。

3/11 我們和香港人 共餐，交誼。我們互相介紹自己，聽聽彼此對自己母國的種種心懷。

4/14 我參加了在 Covenant Church 的 “世界祈禱日-Pray for Taiwan”

世界祈禱日每年都會為一個國家來禱告，今年禱告的主題國家是台灣。我發給參與的人介紹台灣現狀的小單子，讓他們多了解目前的台灣。美國人對我介紹台灣的單子很有興趣，有的人還主動來要。祈禱會最後由 Covenant Church 主持人以英語，台灣教會的蔡滿榮牧師以台語，來為台灣禱告作結束。

謝謝世界祈禱日為台灣祈禱！也讓更多主流美國人士認識台灣，關心台灣，更希望能夠繼續為台灣祈禱。

6-10-2023 FAPA TX-C 在 Great Hills Country Club 舉辦年中會

* 在我作完報告後，和 Covenant Church 的 “世界祈禱日-Pray for Taiwan” 一樣，我們也請 Cathy 用英語，李弘道長老用台語來為台灣禱告。



Pray for Taiwan



* 在貴賓 Congressman Lloyd Doggett's District Director Jocelyn Tau 演講後，我贈送她一個台灣／美國別針，象徵台灣與美國友好的關係；黃依莉副主任送她一瓶台灣酒。

from left: 黃副主任, Rep. Doggett's Director Jocelyn Tau, Pearl, FAPA 簡總會長

* FAPA 總會長簡明子分別台語，英語演說 FAPA 對台美關係的努力及成果。

* 香港明友演說



簡明子總會長演講 ^

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< 香港朋友



簡明子總會長
於中德州分會與會員
慶祝 FAPA 四十週年



* Cathy 定購寫有 "FAPA Texas Central" 的蛋糕。大家輪流和簡總會長一起慶祝 FAPA 40 週年照相。



6-10-2023 FAPA TX-C 年中會

* U.T. 作曲 Ph.D. 徐子晴播放她的作品 - 很好聽的「漫步台北主題」。弘道演唱即將失傳的台灣歌謠「安童哥買菜」。讓我們有耳福聽到由他唱出這麼濃濃台灣鄉土味的「安童哥買菜」。

* 最後大家合唱「伊是咱ㄟ寶貝」結束。由 4 PM 一直到 8:25 PM，大家才依依不捨的離開。

Texas North Chapter

劉杏芳 會長 (Cindy Liu)

撰文: Jack Wu (北德州分會副會長)

1. 四月二十九日, 北德州前分會會長謝慶鏘、孫佳惠夫婦, 以及本會其他會員, 返台參加在台北張榮發國際會議中心舉行的 2023 世界台灣人大會暨第 12 屆海內外台灣國是會議, 主題為【強化民主韌性 X 捍衛本土政權】。美國前白宮國家安全顧問波頓 (John Bolton) 出席主題演講【台灣長治久安之計】(註1), 他主張美國應和台灣恢復邦交, 展現自我防衛決心、強化自我防衛能力、增強國防力量, 並不是對中國的挑釁。FAPR 執行長昆布勞 (Coen Blaauw) 也是主題演講者之一。會後 Bolton、Coen Blaauw, 與民進黨立委羅致政, 更以「極權與民主之決戰」為題進行專題討論對談。

2. 五月一日在台北喜來登飯店舉行 FAPA 四十週年慶祝晚會及募款會【台美民主同盟深化與鞏固】, 本分會會員認購三桌, 包括前總會會長吳明基及蔡靜燦各訂一銀桌 (\$1,500)、前分會會長謝慶鏘也訂一金桌 (\$3,000)。蔡英文總統及賴清德副總統親自出席演講感謝 FAPA 在美國國會第一線, 為台灣奔走、發聲, 是台灣國民外交的重要先鋒, 「我們都是 Team Taiwan 的一分子, 一起挺臺灣」(註2)。



John Hsieh 夫婦、Raymond Jan 參與 FAPA 40 在台北的餐會

美國前白宮國家安全顧問波頓 (John Bolton) 也演講強力支持台灣, 前聯電總裁曹興誠先生也發表演說。除了總統、副總統親自出席, 總統府秘書長林佳龍、外交部長吳釗燮、僑務委員會委員長徐佳青、副秘書長黃重諺、文化總會副會長江春男等人高層出席踴躍, 時代力量、台灣基進等主席也都親自到場, 以及各地台派大老包括前外交部長陳唐山、前考試院長、總統府資政姚嘉文、台灣國家聯盟總召吳樹民、台灣人公共事務會總會長簡明子。現場席開 76 桌, 盛大舉辦, 慶祝晚會氣氛相當熱鬧。



3. 五月八日, 前分會會長謝慶鏘夫婦也特別到內湖剛成立的基進黨立法委員參選人吳欣岱醫師競選辦公室拜訪。支持她為了台灣的發展, 離開她在屏東的先生及兩位小孩子, 跑到台北承擔基進黨北部第一個據點。

John Hsieh 夫婦拜訪吳欣岱醫師北部辦公室

4. 五月底，開始請會員寫信給國會議員支持 H.R. 3171 法案把台灣的在美名稱從 TECRO（駐美國台北經濟文化代表處）改為 TRO（台灣代表處）。

5. 六月三十日到七月二日，在休士頓 West Chase Hilton Hotel 舉辦的美南夏令會，今年的主題是【反侵略，和平保台，邁向未來】。許多本會會員紛紛南下前往熱情參與。今年邀請重量級人士包括前衛福部部長陳時中、立委林靜儀、林昶佐、趙天麟、台北市議員苗博雅、高雄市市議員黃捷、台灣基進台北市黨部主委吳欣岱醫師、葉麥克（Michael A. Hunzke）教授、葉耀元教授、李喜明將軍、阮昭雄副委員長等政治人物，會中授旗美南各地「信賴後援會」授旗典禮，現高喊場「凍蒜」，台下也呼喊口號支持，加油聲此起彼落，現場熱鬧非凡。活動還包括電影欣賞姚文智製片的「流麻溝十五號」。



參與美南夏令會的三位優秀講員，黃捷議員、林昶佐委員、苗博雅

附註: 1. 波頓於第十二屆海內外臺灣國是會議演說全文逐字稿; 2. 蔡總統出席【台灣人公共事務 (FAPA) 40 周年慶祝晚會】總統府新聞



達拉斯會員參與美南夏令會合照



阿中部長授旗達拉斯信賴後援會，由 Sam Tsay 接下

Interns' Corner



Sophia Chang, FAPA Summer Communication & Development Intern

As a third-generation Taiwanese-American who grew up with minimal exposure to Taiwan's culture and history, I sought an internship with FAPA to strengthen my knowledge of U.S.-Taiwan relations and to get more in touch with my Taiwanese roots. Another one of my inspirations for joining FAPA this summer was my grandparents, all four of whom are staunch supporters of Taiwan's independence. My ahkong, Hsing "Chuck" Chang, was previously the FAPA-NJ Chapter President and continues to be an active member of FAPA today.

During my time at FAPA as a Communications & Development Intern, I have gained experiences in graphic design, social media management, and event planning. Since joining the FAPA team in May 2023, I have crafted 8 Instagram posts, raised our Instagram follower count by 8.5% (+44 followers), and increased the number of Instagram accounts reached by roughly 70% (+210 accounts). I have also continually been developing a webpage for FAPA's 40th Anniversary Celebration. As for event planning, I organized the FAPA Café speaker event in July 2023 with Peter Lin, who reflected on how his Taiwanese heritage has influenced his passion for music and entrepreneurship with 23 enthusiastic attendees.

Aside from my work in social media outreach and event promotion, I have had several opportunities to engage in advocacy and policy research. I have attended and taken notes on Taiwan-related events hosted by the CSIS and GTI, as well as Congressional hearings. In mid-June and late July, I lobbied for Taiwan in Congress by advocating for Senate confirmation of the "American Institute in Taiwan" (AIT) Director and for the USTR to establish a free trade agreement (FTA) with Taiwan. I also helped create the curriculum, along with the other summer interns, that guided the policy proposals of the participants of our annual Emerging Leaders Workshop (ELW) in June 2023. At ELW, I also developed my public speaking skills by moderating guest speaker panels. Lastly, under the mentorship of Jenny Li (FAPA Associate Policy Director), I drafted an op-ed about changing Taiwan's flag and plan to submit it for publication in the near future.

My experience as an intern at FAPA has been extremely fulfilling. I have sufficiently met my goals of learning more about U.S.-Taiwan relations and getting more in touch with my cultural roots. Aside from the work itself, I have

also enjoyed the time spent in the office with other interns and FAPA staffers. FAPA HQ has created an inclusive environment that invites me to share my ideas and encourages collaboration with one another. Overall, I am very grateful for the connections I have made through this internship and will carry this experience with me throughout my professional career.

Sophia Chang is a rising junior at Princeton University majoring in Public & International Affairs and hopes to receive a minor in Cognitive Science. She also serves as the 2023 Co-President of Princeton University's Taiwanese American Student Association (TASA) and staffed at the Taiwanese American Next Generation (TANG) Conference in July 2023.

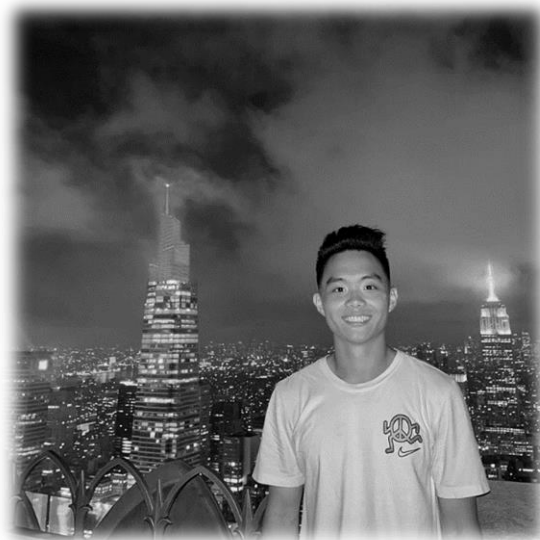
Albert Wang, FAPA Summer Policy Intern

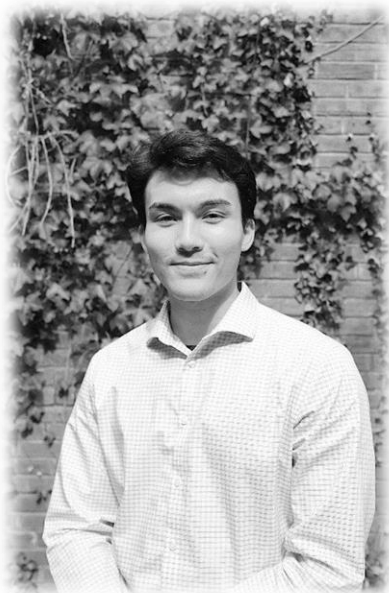
As an incoming second year student in college, I started my internship at FAPA assuming I would be assigned administrative tasks I would not really enjoy doing. But it turned out being completely different, FAPA trusted me as a young adult intern and assigned me tasks that I thought was eye-opening.

There were two tasks I found particularly meaningful and I would like to share it. One of them was my task to accompany an associate to Congressional meetings. I was assigned to attend the meetings with three members of Congress. This was my first time meeting U.S. representatives, and I found it very surprising how I felt a lot more comfortable than I anticipated. I enjoyed discussing Taiwan-related issues with them and was not at all nervous. I had a personal conversation with Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill and she encouraged me to preserve my Taiwan-born background and take advantage of it.

The second valuable experience was that FAPA held a week-long event “Emerging Leaders Workshop” (ELW) during my internship. 30 young participants from Taiwan were invited to come to D.C. to learn about U.S.-Taiwan relations, and there were a series of guest speakers who are experts in their respective fields. On a more personal level, the 30 participants reminded me of my lack of understanding of the thriving island I was from. In the past 5 years, I consciously separated myself from people who shared a similar cultural background with me, because I wanted to blend well in American society, and did not want to look like a foreign/cultural outlier among Americans. These participants from Taiwan strongly reminded me that there is also a group of hard-working and extremely talented people who share the same goal of preserving the peace and security of Taiwan, and they helped me realize that I must get to know more about domestic Taiwan again.

There were many other assignments that improved me as a young adult studying Taiwan-U.S. relations. I conducted ample research and wrote two pieces of research paper that I had never done before. Besides these physical growth, I was also able to observe the nation's iconic capital, finding the tempo and the nature of people, and I find these experiences invaluable as it is something I am not able to learn from academic courses. I greatly appreciate this opportunity to learn and work for FAPA, and I am looking forward to coming to DC again next summer.





Evan Matthews, FAPA Summer Policy Intern

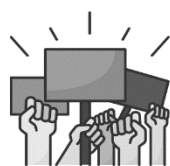
Ever since I was young, I had a vague idea of Taiwan from my Agong and Ama. It is a very hot island that has made significant strides to become a vibrant democracy, yet is under constant threat from China. As the topic of Taiwan became an academic interest of mine in my undergraduate studies, I found it imperative that I go to Taiwan to see it with my own eyes. After spending the last year in Taiwan enrolled in a master's program in Asia-Pacific studies at National Chengchi University (NCCU), it became evident to me that I wanted to spend my time building up the U.S.-Taiwan relationship.

FAPA appeared on my radar from some family members in Taiwan as an avenue to connect my family background and academic interests into a potential career. As an intern with FAPA this summer, I have had the opportunity to advocate our core issues to members of Congress, help plan and organize FAPA's events such as the Emerging Leaders Workshop (ELW) and FAPA Cafes, connect with established and burgeoning scholars and leaders in the field, and conduct my own research on issues that I believe are important to the U.S.-Taiwan relationship.

I am grateful for this incredible experience and my hope for the future is that the work FAPA does continues to grow! The FAPA staff invite critical thinking and create an environment for creativity and growth. While the FAPA staff is small, our reach is long. This can all be attributed to the fact that standing up for democracy and human rights will never go out of style.



Scan and explore your opportunities in FAPA



New Faces



Jenny Li, Policy Associate

Jenny Li is a policy associate at the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA). Her interests lie in human rights, U.S. policy in Asia, and Indo-Pacific security. She previously held positions at the DPP Mission in the U.S. and the Project 2049 Institute. Jenny received her M.A. in international affairs from Columbia University, specializing in security policy and East Asia. She is an activist and writer in her free time.

Harper Chen, Esq., Policy Associate

Harper's primary work involves legal and policy advocacy.

Harper was born and raised in Taiwan. She is proud of her Taiwanese roots and loves singing Taiwanese songs. Harper received her JSD degree from Washington University in St. Louis and earned a Master of Arts degree from National Taiwan University. She is also a licensed attorney in New York.



THE EMERGING LEADERS WORKSHOP



The **Emerging Leaders Workshop (ELW)** is a FAPA conference dedicated to cultivating the next generation of leaders in U.S.-Taiwan relations.



First ELW with former FAPA President Bob Yang (right) and FAPA's Senior Policy Advisor Coen Blaauw (left).

History

FAPA hosted its first ELW in February 2010. Two of our former ELW participants are now well-known Taiwanese politicians:

DPP Legislator Wang Ting-yu

DPP City Councilor Chang Ji-ho

Many others go on to have influential careers in NGOs and government.

ELW
Participants
visiting the
Capitol in
2019.



2023 FAPA Emerging Leaders Workshop



6. 25. 2023 - 6. 30. 2023 @ Washington, D.C.



In our **2023 Emerging Leaders Workshop**, participants learned from experts such as Col. Mark Cancian from CSIS and Dr. Puma Shen from NTPU.

They also toured Capitol Hill and met with Congressional staff to discuss Taiwan — **FAPA brought these Taiwanese voices to DC**. The workshop concluded with group presentations of policy proposals to enhance U.S.-Taiwan relations.

As one participant noted after his visit, "America's democracy is hard-earned and precious. Just like Taiwan's democracy."

Looking Forward Make a Donation!

FAPA covers the costs of accommodation, meals, speaker honorariums, and student travel subsidies for ELW. On average, it costs us **\$80,000** to hold the conference every year, and each participant costs us **\$2,700** to bring to the event. If you would like to make an impact on cultivating the next generation of leaders who will advocate for Taiwan, please scan the QR Code to make a **donation**.

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