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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear FAPA members and friends:

Greetings! A lot has happened since late March.

Firstly, you are likely aware of the controversial and unconstitutional “legislative reform” bills pushed through in May by Taiwan’s main opposition Kuomintang (KMT) and the smaller Taiwan People’s Party (TPP). These bills not only exceeded the bounds of those found in constitutional democracies around the world but also undermined the rule of law and parliamentary procedures, as criticized by a joint statement of May 20 cosigned by 30 international scholars and experts, including me.

Forcibly passed with considerable haste and secrecy, the KMT-TPP’s “legislative reform” package prompted large-scale protests (known as the Bluebird Movement) by the Taiwanese, primarily young people. The movement subsequently gained international attention as many overseas Taiwanese youths began to organize in solidarity.

FAPA, together with the World Federation of Taiwanese Associations (WFTA), initiated a joint statement in late May, expressing solidarity with the Bluebird protestors to defend Taiwan’s democracy. This statement, signed by more than 60 overseas Taiwanese organizations across the U.S., Europe, South and Central America, Japan, Australia, and more, is a testament to the strength and unity of the overseas Taiwanese communities.

The 2024 Emerging Leaders Workshop (ELW) — with the theme “U.S.-Taiwan Relations in an Age of Uncertainty” — took place from June 23 to 28 and was a great success. This year, 29 incredible Emerging Leaders from Taiwan and across the U.S. came to Washington, D.C., to learn more about U.S.-Taiwan relations, Washington and U.S. Congress perspectives, and why and how to “Keep Taiwan Free.” We are delighted about the overwhelmingly positive feedback from the ELW participants, who, after our training, will become the next generation of Taiwanese and Taiwanese American experts and advocates on U.S.-Taiwan relations.

In the past months, I have visited seven local chapters, including Albany, Syracuse, and Rochester chapters in upstate New York, Maryland chapter in Baltimore, Texas-Central chapter in Austin, and Orange County and Sacramento chapters in California. It was so wonderful to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. In particular, it was such an honor meeting two legendary figures — Mr. Chung-Chin Chen (陳仲欽), who wrote a letter to then-Senator Joe Biden for the unjust treatment of Kaohsiung Incident victims in 1979, and Mr. Chen Hsu (許辰沼), who was one of the founding fathers of FAPA who met with then-Congressman Steve Solarz in 1981 advocating for a separate 20,000 annual immigration quota for Taiwan. I was thrilled and deeply moved by our FAPA members’ tremendous support and enthusiasm.

Our engagement with the Taiwanese American community is also a major agenda. To that end, our HQ team attended the Taiwanese American Conferences in July. On the East Coast, FAPA Executive Director Anny Hsiao delivered a top-notch keynote speech at the TACEC, talking about Taiwanese American grassroots activism and FAPA's continued advocacy efforts. We also conducted a workshop at Taiwanese American Next Generation (TANG), sharing the stories of FAPA's early and current advocacy efforts with the 2nd and 3rd generations of Taiwanese Americans.

On the West Coast, at the TAC-WC held in Los Angeles, Anny Hsiao delivered another inspiring speech in which she reflected on FAPA's founding in the city in 1982. We also had the chance to speak with some of the earliest advocates for Taiwan in the United States, and participated in a panel with Emerging Leaders Workshop alumni and Southern California chapter presidents. These events provided valuable opportunities to strengthen our ties with the Taiwanese American community and honor our shared history.

In early July, we launched a petition campaign urging the U.S. Senators to support and pass the "Taiwan International Solidarity Act," which aims to counter China's distortion of U.N. General Assembly Resolution 2758 and its fabricated claim of sovereignty over Taiwan. If you haven't signed this petition, please do so on FAPA's website — it is easy and only takes 3 minutes.

On the opening day and near the end of the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics, we issued respectively a FAPA statement and a joint letter by 24 overseas Taiwanese organizations, calling on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to let Taiwanese athletes compete under the name "Taiwan" instead of forcing Taiwan's team to use the discriminatory misnomer "Chinese Taipei." The FAPA statement and joint letter were huge successes and have been reported across multiple media outlets. I commend and thank HQ staff for working round the clock to release the statement and the joint letter in a timely fashion to bring the world's attention to this important issue.

Lastly, I want to invite you all to the upcoming National Advocacy Conference on September 7-9, 2024. You will learn about grassroots advocacy strategies, U.S.-Taiwan policy, and FAPA's issues of concern. After the two-day workshop, we will all go to Capitol Hill on the following Monday and put into action what we learned at the workshop.

Thank you for your continued support for and dedication to FAPA. Together, we can make a difference and create a brighter future!

Warm regards,



Su-Mei Kao, Ph.D.
FAPA National President
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會長的話

親愛的FAPA會員及朋友：

大家好！自3月底以來，已有許多值得報告的事。容我與您分享。

首先，各位可能已經知道，台灣的主要反對黨「中國國民黨」和較小的「台灣民眾黨」在5月共同推動了一系列高度爭議且違憲的所謂「國會改革」法案，企圖大幅擴張立法院的權力。正如包括我在內的30名國際學者專家於5月20日所發表的連署聲明中所批評，這些法案不僅超越了國際各憲政民主國家的規範，更嚴重破壞了法治理念及議會程序正義。

藍白陣營的立法委員在極短時間內，且在未經充分討論的情況下，強行通過了這些法案，導致台灣民眾（尤其是青年族群）的強烈不滿，進而引發了「青鳥行動」的大規模抗議。隨著海外台灣青年紛紛組織起來聲援，該運動也受到國際社會的廣泛關注。

5月底，FAPA與世界台灣同鄉會聯合會（WFTA）共同發起一份連署聲明，表達對「青鳥行動」抗議者的堅定聲援，並支持台灣人民捍衛民主的決心。這份由美國、歐洲、中南美洲、日本、澳洲等地60多個海外台灣人社團所共同簽署的聲明，彰顯了世界各地台商社群對於守護台灣民主的同心協力與團結一致。

2024年「台灣年輕世代領袖培訓營」（ELW）於6月23日至28日成功舉行，本次營隊主題為「不確定年代下的美台關係」。來自台灣及美國各地的29位優秀年輕領袖齊聚華盛頓特區，學習並深入了解美台關係、華府與美國國會的觀點、以及為何與如何「維護台灣自由（Keep Taiwan Free）」。

我們很高興能得到ELW學員的正面反饋與高度肯定，他們將成為下一代台灣籍及台商美籍的美台關係專家及倡議者。

在過去的幾個月裡，我共拜訪了7個FAPA地方分會，包括紐約上州的Albany、Syracuse、Rochester分會，位於巴爾的摩的Maryland分會，在奧斯汀的Texas-Central分會，以及加州的Orange County與Sacramento分會。能與各地的老朋友重聚及結識新朋友，並親身見證我們FAPA會員們的熱情支持與鼓勵，令我感到無比開心並深受感動。特別是很榮幸能見到兩位傳奇人物：一位是陳仲欽先生，他為1979年高雄事件（美麗島事件）受害者所受的不公正待遇而致信當時的美國聯邦參議員拜登（Joe Biden）；另一位是許辰沼先生，他是FAPA的創始會員之一，他們曾於1981年拜會時任美國聯邦眾議員索拉茲（Steve Solarz），倡議為台灣提供每年二萬名的單獨移民配額。

持續深耕台美人社群，也是我們關注的重點之一。今年7月，我們總部團隊積極參與了美國東岸及西岸的台美人夏令會。FAPA執行長蕭喬勻（Anny Hsiao）在美東台灣人夏令會（TACEC）發表了精彩的主題演講，談論台美人的草根運動和FAPA長年的倡議努力。我們也在Taiwanese American Next Generation（TANG）舉辦了一場研討會，與年輕的第二代、第三代台美人分享FAPA早期與當前倡議工作的故事。

在洛杉磯舉行的美西台美人夏令會（TAC-WC）上，蕭喬勻執行長發表了另一場激勵人心的演講，並回顧了FAPA於1982年在該市成立的歷史。我們也趁此難得機會與美國最早期的一些台灣倡議者進行了交流，並與「台灣年輕世代領袖培訓營」的前學員及南加州各FAPA分會的會長們共同舉辦了一場座談會。這些活動提供了寶貴的機會，讓我們加強與台美人社群的連繫，並一起緬懷與分享我們的共同歷史。

7月初，我們發起了一項請願活動，敦促美國聯邦參議員支持並儘速通過《台灣國際團結法》（Taiwan International Solidarity Act），以反制中國歪曲聯大第2758號決議及對台灣主權的虛假主張。如果您尚未參與此請願，請至FAPA官網簽署請願書 — 這非常簡單，只需花您3分鐘的時間即可完成。

在2024年巴黎夏季奧運的開幕日及其尾聲，我們分別發表了一項FAPA聲明、以及由24個海外台灣人組織連署的信函，呼籲國際奧委會（IOC）讓台灣的運動員得以「台灣」的名義參賽，而非強迫台灣代表隊使用「中華台北」這個帶有歧視性的誤稱。此FAPA聲明與連署信函皆相當成功，並被許多家媒體所報導。我要讚揚並感謝總部員工的辛勤工作，及時發布此聲明與連署信，提升世界對此重要議題的關注。

最後，我誠摯邀請各位參加我們即將到來的2024年全國倡議大會，時間為9月7日（星期六）至9月9日（星期一）。與會者將學習草根倡議策略、美台政策、以及FAPA關注的議題。在為期兩天的研討會後，我們將在緊接的週一前往國會山莊，共同為友台法案及政策發聲，應用所學、爭取美國國會議員們的支持。

我也要感謝您長期以來對FAPA的堅定支持與貢獻。只要齊心齊力，我們必能攜手帶來改變，共創更美好的未來！

致以最真誠的祝福與感謝。

FAPA總會長
林素梅博士 謹上



與太陽花學運領袖之一王雲祥(左二)和前FAPA員工Chris Lin(右二)
攝於2024年5月21日，台北青島運動現場

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REP. BERGMAN LEADS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO TAIWAN

A U.S. Congressional delegation led by Representative Jack Bergman (R-MI) arrived in Taiwan on March 27 for a three-day visit. Other members of the delegation include Representatives Donald Norcross (D-NJ) and Jimmy Panetta (D-CA).

During their meeting with President Tsai Ing-wen on March 28, Chairman Bergman stated that “Taiwan is a key U.S. partner in the Indo-Pacific, both through strong security cooperation and economic ties,” adding that their delegation is here to show U.S. Congress’s continued support for Taiwan amid China’s increasingly aggressive actions in the region.

President Tsai thanked the U.S. Congress and government for helping bolster Taiwan’s self-defense and further strengthening the Taiwan-U.S. partnership through various legislation and concrete actions. She also called on the visiting U.S. lawmakers to help resolve the Taiwan-U.S. double taxation issue at the earliest possible juncture.

PRESIDENT BIDEN SIGNS SPENDING BILL INTO LAW, PROVIDING MILITARY AID AND OTHER MEASURES TO SUPPORT TAIWAN

On March 23, U.S. President Joe Biden signed into law a US\$1.2 trillion spending package that includes US\$300 million in military aid to Taiwan, as well as funding for U.S.-Taiwan cooperative projects.

The “Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024” in the spending package prioritizes funding for U.S. national security interests in the Indo-Pacific and strengthening the defense needs of Taiwan, including not less than US\$300 million in “Foreign Military Financing” (FMF) for Taiwan, and US\$400 million for the “Countering PRC Influence Fund.”

The act also provides that “none of the funds made available by this Act should be used to create, procure, or display any map that inaccurately depicts the territory and social and economic system of Taiwan and the islands or island groups administered by Taiwan authorities.”

BIDEN REITERATES IMPORTANCE OF CROSS-TAIWAN STRAIT PEACE DURING PHONE CALL WITH XI

U.S. President Joe Biden reiterated the importance of maintaining peace across the Taiwan Strait, in a phone call with Chinese President Xi Jinping on April 2. The phone discussion was their first direct communication since an in-person meeting in Woodside, California in November 2023.

Biden “emphasized the importance of maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and the rule of law and freedom of navigation in the South China Sea,” according to a White House readout released after the call.

REP. TOM TIFFANY: TAIWAN IS ALREADY INDEPENDENT!

In response to White House National Security Communications Adviser John Kirby stating that “We don’t support independence for Taiwan,” U.S. Representative Tom Tiffany (R-WI) tweeted on April 4: “Fact: Taiwan is already independent. Fact: Taiwan has never been part of Communist China - even for one day. That’s the real ‘status quo.’”

BIDEN, KISHIDA AFFIRM IMPORTANCE OF CROSS-TAIWAN STRAIT PEACE

U.S. President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida affirmed the importance of maintaining peace across the Taiwan Strait, during their meeting in Washington D.C. on April 10.

At a press conference after the meeting, Biden commended Kishida for “standing strong with the United States as we stand up for freedom of navigation, including in the South China Sea, and as we maintain peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.”

In a joint statement issued after their meeting, Biden and Kishida expressed a common stance on Taiwan: “We emphasize that our basic positions on Taiwan remain unchanged and reiterate the importance of maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait as an indispensable element of global security and prosperity. We encourage the peaceful resolution of cross-Strait issues.”

PRESIDENT BIDEN SIGNS SECURITY SUPPLEMENTAL BILL INTO LAW, INCLUDING BILLIONS IN MILITARY AID FOR TAIWAN AND POTENTIAL TIKTOK BAN

On April 24, U.S. President Joe Biden signed into law a national security supplemental appropriations package, which would provide billions in military aid to Taiwan and includes the provision to “divest or ban” TikTok.

The package provides US\$8.1 billion for Indo-Pacific security, including US\$1.9 billion to replenish defense equipment and provide military services and personnel training to Taiwan, as well as US\$2 billion in foreign military financing (FMF) for Taiwan and other key allies in the region.

The provision to “divest or ban” TikTok would ban TikTok in the U.S. unless its parent company, the Chinese Communist Party-controlled ByteDance, sells the TikTok app.

Referring to the military aid to Taiwan, FAPA Executive Director Chiao-Yun Anny Hsiao said in a press release: “We Taiwanese Americans wholeheartedly welcome and thank both houses of Congress and the President for their willingness to invest in American capabilities to ensure peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait. As a key partner of the United States in the Indo-Pacific, Taiwan must remain free, sovereign, and independent.”

Regarding the TikTok ban, Hsiao noted: “We should be cognizant of the threats that TikTok, in its current form, imposes on our national security. The Chinese Communist Party can capitalize on data from American users, and information that young Americans consume is manipulated in some way to favor Beijing’s propaganda. We welcome Congress’s and the President’s support for the divestment and look forward to building a safer information space for all Americans.”

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES URGE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO USE “TAIWAN” INSTEAD OF “CHINESE TAIPEI”

On May 2, three U.S. House Republicans urged the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to stop requiring Taiwan’s athletes to compete under the name “Chinese Taipei,” accusing the committee of capitulating to “bullying” from the People’s Republic of China.

The IOC is discriminating against Taiwan by requiring it to use the “Chinese Taipei” name as well as barring the display of Taiwan’s national flag and the playing of its national anthem during the games, U.S. Representatives Tom Tiffany (R-WI), Andy Ogles (R-TN), and Chris Smith (R-NJ) said in their letter to IOC President Thomas Bach.

“This is not just unfair, it violates the core tenets of the Olympic Charter, which declares that ‘[e]very individual must have the possibility of practicing sport, without discrimination’ and that ‘the Olympic Movement shall apply political neutrality,’” they said.

U.S. LAWMAKERS CALL UPON D.C. MAYOR TO ESTABLISH SISTER CITY RELATIONS WITH TAIPEI

Congressional Taiwan Caucus Co-Chair Representative Andy Barr (R-KY), Chairman John Moolenaar (R-MI) of the House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party, alongside U.S. Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Pete Ricketts (R-NE), wrote to Washington D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, calling on her administration to establish sister city ties with Taipei, Taiwan.

The lawmakers write, “We write to urge you and your administration to establish sister city ties with Taipei. Congress, and the city of Washington, D.C., have long played a leading role in U.S.-Taiwan relations, and the greater Washington metropolitan area is home to one of the largest Taiwanese American populations in the country.”

SENATORS MARKEY, RUBIO, COLLEAGUES URGE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TO FINALIZE AGREEMENT WITH TAIWAN TO IMPLEMENT TAIWAN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

On May 15, Senators Edward J. Markey (D-MA) and Marco Rubio (R-FL), along with a bipartisan group of their Senate colleagues, wrote to Secretary of State Antony Blinken, urging the U.S. Department of State to swiftly finalize an agreement with Taiwan to implement the Taiwan Fellowship program to allow its first fellows to arrive in Taiwan by the end of 2024.

The Taiwan Fellowship Act, introduced by Sens. Markey and Rubio in 2021 and passed into law in 2022 as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 2023 NDAA), will establish a fellowship exchange program for U.S. federal government employees to live in Taiwan and work for Taiwan ministries, agencies, or parliamentary offices or other organizations related to their home agency work. Fellows will also learn Mandarin Chinese language in Taiwan.

U.S. IS “DEEPLY CONCERNED” ABOUT CHINA’S MILITARY DRILLS AROUND TAIWAN

On May 23 and 24, China conducted large-scale military exercises, codenamed “Joint Sword-2024A,” around Taiwan in what they described as “punishment” for the inauguration of President Lai Ching-te. The drills sparked concern and condemnation among the international community.

“The United States is deeply concerned over the People’s Liberation Army joint military drills in the Taiwan Strait and around Taiwan,” U.S. Department of State Spokesman Matthew Miller said on May 25. “We are monitoring PRC activities closely and coordinating with allies and partners regarding our shared concerns,” he added.

BIDEN WILLING TO USE FORCE TO HELP ALLIES

On May 25, U.S. President Joe Biden affirmed his willingness to protect the U.S.’ allies and reiterated that peace in the Taiwan Strait should be upheld, as Washington again called on Beijing to restrain itself after it conducted two-day military drills around Taiwan.

“I’ve always been willing to use force when required to protect our nation, our allies, our core interests. When anyone targets American troops, we will deliver justice to them,” Biden said in a speech to cadets graduating from the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York.

“We’re standing up for peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait,” he added.

REP. MCCAUL LEADS BIPARTISAN HOUSE DELEGATION TO TAIWAN, GIFTING PRESIDENT LAI FAPA AD

On May 26, a bipartisan group of U.S. Representatives from the House Foreign Affairs Committee, led by Chairman Michael McCaul (R-TX), landed Taipei to meet with the newly inaugurated Taiwan administration and demonstrate support for Taiwan amid China’s relentless coercion.

The delegation also included Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA), Subcommittee on the Indo-Pacific Chairwoman Young Kim (R-CA), Subcommittee on Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia Chairman Joe Wilson (R-SC), Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA), and Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY).

“Taiwan is a thriving democracy. The U.S. will continue to stand by our steadfast partner and work to maintain the status quo across the Taiwan Strait. I look forward to meeting with Taiwan officials to better understand what America can do to preserve peace in Asia and build upon our shared democratic values,” Chairman McCaul remarked.

On May 27, the delegation gifted President Lai Ching-te a copy of the Washington Times of May 20, showcasing a FAPA ad congratulating President Lai and Vice President Hsiao Bi-khim on their inauguration.

SENS. DUCKWORTH, SULLIVAN LEAD BIPARTISAN SENATE DELEGATION TO TAIWAN

On May 29, Taiwan President Lai Ching-te welcomed a bipartisan U.S. Senate delegation, calling the visit a demonstration of the solid partnership between Taiwan and the United States.

Led by U.S. Senators Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and Dan Sullivan (R-AK), both members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the delegation also included Senators Laphonza Butler (D-CA) and Chris Coons (D-DE).

“I’ve always believed that if America wants to remain a global leader, we have to show up and support our friends like Taiwan . . . who are facing escalating threats from the PRC as they work to strengthen their own democracy,” said Sen. Duckworth.

“We’re here in Taiwan to demonstrate to the world that the United States stands firm with the island democracy of Taiwan and to congratulate the Taiwanese people on another successful election and transfer of power,” said Sen. Sullivan.

Sens. Duckworth, Sullivan, and Coons had previously traveled to Taiwan in 2021 to announce a U.S. donation of vaccines to Taiwan during the COVID-19 pandemic.

BIDEN REAFFIRMS POSSIBILITY OF USING U.S. MILITARY TO DEFEND TAIWAN

U.S. President Joe Biden said he won’t rule out use of U.S. military force to defend Taiwan in response to a potential Chinese invasion.

In an interview with Time magazine published on June 4, Biden said whether the U.S. would use military force to help protect Taiwan will depend on whether “China unilaterally tries to change the status [quo]” across the Taiwan Strait.

If China tries to change the status quo unilaterally, “we’re continuing to supply capacity [to Taiwan],” Biden said. “We’ve been in consultation with our allies in the region.”

In the case of a Chinese invasion, Biden said he is “not ruling out using U.S. military force” to defend Taiwan, adding that there’s “a distinction between deploying on the ground, air power and naval power, etc.”

Prior to the interview, Biden had said on at least four separate occasions that the U.S. would defend Taiwan in the event of attacks by China, since taking office in 2021.

U.S. APPROVES US\$300 MILLION SALES OF F-16 PARTS TO TAIWAN

The U.S. Department of State has approved two potential sales to Taiwan of F-16 parts and related equipment worth a total of US\$300 million, the Pentagon announced on June 5. The deals represented the 14th U.S. arms sale to Taiwan since President Joe Biden took office in 2021.

In two press releases, the Pentagon's Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) said the packages would include standard (US\$220 million) and non-standard (US\$80 million) spare and repair parts, components, consumables, and accessories for F-16 aircraft, as well as other technical and logistics support services.

The proposed sales would improve Taiwan's ability to "meet current and future threats by maintaining the operational readiness of [Taiwan's] fleet of F-16 aircraft," the DSCA said.

They would also help improve the security of Taiwan and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region, the DSCA added.

U.S. ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMEMORATE TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK (TAHW) 2024

The year of 2024 marks the 25th anniversary of the first proclamation of Taiwanese American Heritage Week (TAHW) signed by President Bill Clinton in 1999.

From Mother's Day May 12 to May 19, 2024, we Taiwanese Americans celebrated our annual TAHW across the nation, and joined hands to reach out to the general American public to share our heritage.

This year, 23 U.S. elected officials issued proclamations or letters to honor the contributions that we Taiwanese Americans have made to the diversity and prosperity of American society over the past decades, and our contributions to the promotion of democracy and security of Taiwan.

U.S. APPROVES \$360 MILLION SALES OF SUICIDE DRONES TO TAIWAN

The U.S. Department of State has approved the sales of two types of loitering munitions, also known as suicide or kamikaze drones, to Taiwan for US\$360 million, the U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) said on June 18. The deals represented the 15th round of U.S. arms sales to Taiwan announced by the Biden administration since 2021.

Included in the two separate packages are 720 Switchblade 300 loitering munition systems and related equipment for an estimated cost of US\$60.2 million, and 291 ALTIUS 600M-V suicide drone systems and related equipment for an estimated cost of US\$300 million, the DSCA said.

Loitering munitions fly around an area until a target is located, then attack by crashing into it.

U.S. STRONGLY CONDEMNS CHINA'S NEW GUIDELINES TARGETING TAIWAN INDEPENDENCE ADVOCATES

The United States strongly condemned China's "escalatory and destabilizing language and actions" toward Taiwan after Beijing announced new judicial guidelines to punish supporters of Taiwan independence.

During a press briefing on June 24, U.S. Department of State Spokesman Matthew Miller was asked about the People's Republic of China's (PRC) guidelines released on June 21 that included the death sentence for people deemed as "diehard" advocates of Taiwan independence.

“We strongly condemn the escalatory and destabilizing language and actions from PRC officials,” Miller said. “We continue to urge restraint and no unilateral change to the status quo.”

The U.S. urges the PRC to “engage in meaningful dialogue with Taiwan,” Miller said, adding that “threats and legal warfare will not achieve peaceful resolution to cross-strait differences.”

U.S. “DEEPLY CONCERNED” ABOUT CHINA’S LATEST LEGAL WARFARE AGAINST TAIWAN: STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL

During a Congressional hearing on June 27, Daniel Kritenbrink, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, said that the United States is “deeply concerned” about China’s new legal guidelines targeting advocates of Taiwan independence, and “if passed as prologue, we’re concerned that China could apply these regulations to others overseas as well.”

The guidelines may not only be used for extraterritorial application of Chinese law in ways that are deeply disturbing but could also have a chilling effect on cross-Taiwan Strait dialogue and interaction, Kritenbrink said.

China’s move was clearly designed to intimidate people and prevent them from candidly expressing their opinions about the situation across the Taiwan Strait, he added.

U.S. DELEGATION VOWS TO SUPPORT TAIWAN AGAINST “MORE AGGRESSIVE CHINA”

On June 25, a visiting delegation from the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission (USCC) met with Taiwan President Lai Ching-te in Taipei and pledged to support Taiwan as it faces “a more aggressive China.”

“We are here to learn . . . how we can deepen [the bilateral] relationship” and “support you and your effort . . . as you take on a more aggressive China,” the United States agency’s Chairperson Robin Cleveland told Lai at the Presidential Office.

“I don’t think China is just aggressive in this region, it’s globally,” Cleveland said, underlining the need to “consider the broader context of how China is behaving in the world.”

Meanwhile, Lai criticized China for escalating tensions across the Taiwan Strait and in the South China Sea through military and diplomatic actions. He called on the international community to “not let China draw red lines arbitrarily.”

HOUSE PASSES REP. TIFFANY'S TAIWAN AMENDMENT SEEKING TO LIFT RESTRICTIONS ON U.S.-TAIWAN EXCHANGES

On June 27, U.S. Representative Tom Tiffany's (R-WI) Taiwan amendment passed the House as part of the "Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2025." The amendment seeks to lift the State Department's self-imposed restrictions on high-level U.S.-Taiwan visits and communications as outlined in the "Revised Guidelines on Interacting with Taiwan."

During his House floor remarks, Tiffany stated "my amendment would prevent the enforcement of arbitrary, self-imposed State Department rules that limit communication between U.S. officials and their counterparts in Taiwan."

"In essence, these guidelines are designed to prevent high-level coordination between our two countries. That isn't just bad policy, it is in direct conflict with existing laws that call for expanding bilateral cooperation, such as the Taiwan Travel Act."

The guidelines "even police language, warning American officials not to refer to Taiwan as a country or its elected leaders as a government," Tiffany said, adding that these directives "do not help the United States and they do not help Taiwan, but they do help the Chinese Communist Party."

"America should not have to ask China for a permission slip to talk to our friends and allies in Taiwan or anywhere else," he added.

U.S. HOUSE PASSES BILL WITH US\$500 MILLION IN MILITARY AID FOR TAIWAN

On June 28, the U.S. House of Representatives approved an appropriations bill for fiscal year 2025 that includes US\$500 million in military aid for Taiwan.

The appropriations bill, which authorizes funding for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for 2025, passed 212-200 in the Republican-led House.

The bill stipulates that the U.S. would provide no less than US\$500 million in foreign military financing for Taiwan to strengthen deterrence across the Taiwan Strait, and offer Taiwan up to US\$2 billion in loans and loan guarantees for the same purpose.

Apart from military financing, the appropriations bill also states that no funding should be used to "create, procure, or display any map that inaccurately depicts the territory and social and economic system of Taiwan and the islands or island groups administered by Taiwan authorities."

CONGRESSIONAL TAIWAN CAUCUS CO-CHAIRS CONDEMN CHINA'S NEW GUIDELINES TARGETING PEOPLE OF TAIWAN

On July 12, U.S. Representatives Andy Barr (R-KY), Ami Bera (D-CA), Gerry Connolly (D-VA), and Mario Díaz-Balart (R-FL), Co-Chairs of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, issued a statement condemning China's new guidelines targeting Taiwanese as an act that severely threatens regional stability and peace.

“As Taiwan Caucus Co-Chairs and strong advocates for robust U.S.-Taiwan relations, we strongly condemn the recent guidelines by the People’s Republic of China [PRC], which include allowing the death penalty for individuals deemed advocates of Taiwan independence and finding them guilty in absentia.”

“This escalatory move by Beijing represents a significant threat to peace and stability in the region,” they said, adding that the “Congressional Taiwan Caucus will continue to stand with our key democratic partner, Taiwan, as it faces an increasingly belligerent and dangerous PRC.”

TAIWAN HAS BEEN PAYING FOR ITS DEFENSE: U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT

Taiwan has been paying for its own defense, State Department Spokesman Matthew Miller emphasized on July 17, adding that Taiwan’s purchases of U.S. military equipment are important to the U.S. economy and for ensuring regional security.

Miller was asked at a news conference about recent comments by former U.S. president Donald Trump, the Republican nominee in November’s U.S. presidential election, who said that Taiwan should pay the U.S. for its defense during an interview with Bloomberg Businessweek.

“Taiwan has been purchasing military equipment from the United States to the tune of billions of dollars,” Miller responded, adding that the purchases that Taiwan have made “not only are important . . . to regional security, but are important to the United States economy.”

Citing the security cooperation that the U.S. has provided over the decades, Miller said Taiwan has purchased necessary military equipment and that “it has not been in any way charity from the United States.”

TAIWAN IS ONE OF THE LARGEST BUYERS OF U.S. ARMS: REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS

Two Republican lawmakers on July 17 said Taiwan is one of the biggest buyers of U.S. defense equipment and reiterated U.S. support for Taiwan.

U.S. Congressman Michael McCaul (R-TX), who chairs the House Foreign Affairs Committee, made the comments via email after he was asked by the Central News Agency (CNA) about Donald Trump’s recent interview in which the former U.S. president said that Taiwan should pay the U.S. for its defense.

Trump “is right that U.S. allies should always play a significant role in their own defense,” McCaul said. “Taiwan is a perfect example of what we want all our allies to do. They have consistently been one of the biggest buyers of U.S. weapons for its defense,” he added.

U.S. Representative Mario Díaz-Balart (R-FL), Co-Chair of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, and also Chairman of the House of Representatives State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee, told CNA in a separate email that Taiwan has been “one of the largest buyers of U.S. defense equipment, purchased with Taiwan’s own funding, supporting American businesses and jobs.”

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FAPA SIGNATURE PROGRAM

Emerging Leaders Workshop

Another Highly-Praised Emerging Leaders Workshop!

On June 23, 2024, the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) launched its annual Emerging Leaders Workshop, a five-day conference in Washington, D.C., aimed at training future Taiwanese and Taiwanese American experts and advocates on U.S.-Taiwan relations.

This year's theme, **"U.S.-Taiwan Relations in an Age of Uncertainty,"** focused on inspiring political involvement for Taiwan's freedom, educating participants on U.S.-Taiwan relations, and providing insights into Washington's perspective on Taiwan.

Twenty-nine Emerging Leaders from diverse backgrounds—entrepreneurs, non-profit professionals, students, activists, and political organizers—participated, all passionate about Taiwan's sovereignty, democracy, and international status.

Notable participants this year include:

- Yu-Hsin: Chief of Staff from Office of Taipei City Councilor Miao-Po Ya
- Angela, Isaac, and Yu-Wen: Political staffers, Office of Taiwanese Legislator Puma Shen, Taiwanese Legislator Chen Kuan-Ting, Office of Taiwanese Legislator Hong Sun-Han





- Tzu-Ting: Program Office of Doublethink Lab, a nonprofit organization using computational tools to track and analyze influence operations conducted by non-democratic regimes

The workshop began with a reception and banquet in Arlington, Virginia, featuring inspiring speeches by Dr. Pauline Chen and Dr. Raymond Kuo.



The program included but not limited to discussions with experts such as Rupert Hammond-Chambers, President of the US-Taiwan Business Council; Brian Davis, Director of Political and Security Affairs at the American Institute in Taiwan; Ivan Kanapathy, Senior Non-resident Associate in China Studies at CSIS; security analyst Ben Lewis; and Congressional aides.



Jenny Li, FAPA's Associate Policy Director, led a strategic crisis simulation on a hypothetical Taiwan Strait crisis.

The program also included visits to Capitol Hill, George Washington's Mount Vernon residence, and the historic Twin Oaks estate.

FAPA remains dedicated to strengthening U.S.-Taiwan relations, and this year's workshop highlights our commitment to fostering the next generation of advocates for Taiwan's freedom and democracy.



Emerging Leaders' Testimonials

Q: How has the ELW experience changed or added to your perspectives on U.S.-Taiwan relations?

"This experience has broadened my perspective on US-Taiwan relations, revealing that Taiwan holds more international influence than I had previously believed. It underscores the importance of embracing our identities with confidence while navigating global dynamics with caution and strategy. It's crucial for Taiwanese non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, and think tanks to foster deeper collaboration and alignment among themselves. This unity will strengthen our collective voice and effectiveness on the global stage."

- Tzu-Ting Hsu, Program Officer at Doublethink Lab



"It was fascinating to see how much work has been done to bolster U.S.-Taiwan relations in D.C., whether from FAPA, civil society, or congressional efforts. Before participating in the ELW, there were times of doubt and lacking confidence in witnessing the divided society we live in. Yet, this ELW was an uplifting experience, showcasing the solidarity within the Taiwanese community and between Americans and Taiwanese. This is something I would never have had the chance to experience if I hadn't participated in ELW!"

- Anonymous Emerging Leader

"The Taiwan lobby group (FAPA) in US is way more powerful and influential than I expected, which motivates me to devote into this field."

- Anonymous Emerging Leader



"Before joining ELW, it was really hard for me to understand why the government in the U.S. made some decisions. But now I can realize the U.S. opinions easier than before."

**- Yu-Hsin Yeh, Chief of Staff,
Office of Taipei City Councilor Miao Po-Ya**

Q: Evaluating the overall program, what part of the ELW did you find most valuable? Why?

“Crisis Simulation. It allowed us to put ourselves in the shoes of decision makers, and forced us to make choices under time pressure and uncertainty from other two parties. To do that my teammate and I had spent quite some time before hand to come up with our best strategy(though it failed). Apart from the fruits we gained from discussion, I would say that we really immersed ourselves in the simulation and wire our brains into the roles we were given; and that experience is highly valuable for someone who wish to be making or helping the making of decisions.”

- Jia-Bao Yen, MOFA

“I think the part that we all came from different backgrounds but shared similar values and support each other is the most valuable part of the ELW.”

- Anonymous Emerging Leader



“For me, I believe is how people belove Taiwan. Without anyone working on Taiwan issues, we are unable to achieve this. Thus, we’ve gotta knew that we have the responsibility to be the ones working on Taiwan issues!!”

- Ian Su, Student, Activist

“I believe the most valuable part was getting to know partners from various backgrounds and fields, all of whom are striving for Taiwan’s future.”

- Tovia Huang, Former Political Aide

“The friendship with all the participants, lecturers and FAPA members. I cried when saying goodbye to the president of FAPA!”

- Anonymous Emerging Leader





Q: Any words for FAPA staff?

"Wholeheartedly appreciate FAPA members, you guys are awesome and thoughtful ;)"

- **Anonymous Emerging Leader**

"Tks all for holding this event, I've learned a lot. Most importantly, I am so sure rn to protect Taiwan, and everything we have."

- **Ian Su, Student, Activist**

"Thank you all soooooo much. You should all be very very proud of yourselves. Love you all, hope we can meet again!"

- **Anonymous Emerging Leader**

"Thank you for organizing the wonderful event!"

- **Chao-Ting Cheng, Air and Space Lawyer**

"Thank you for all the hard work you've put into ELW over this period. I deeply felt everyone's dedication during these past few days, and I am very grateful to the staff and everyone for celebrating my birthday🥳 I have participated in many [workshops], I must say this experience was the best! Everyone, including the staff, volunteers, president, and former president, was extremely friendly. I really hope I can participate again, haha!"

- **Tovia Huang, Former Political Aide**



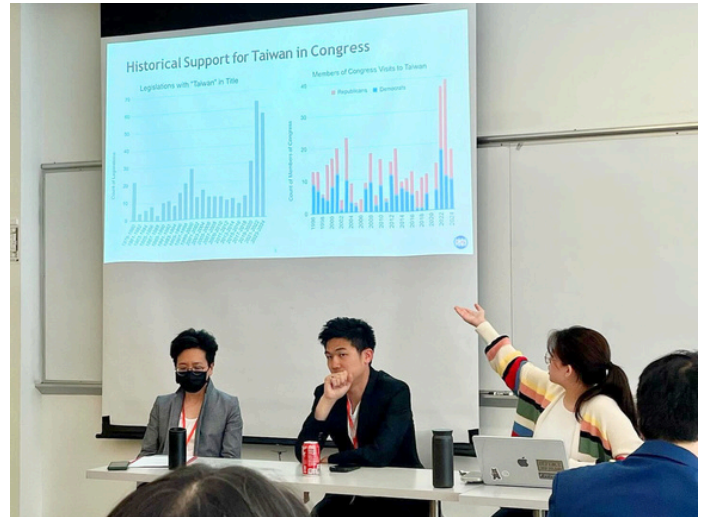
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

North American Taiwan Studies Association 29th Annual Conference

FAPA Panel at NATSA Conference

The North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA), established in 1994, is an organization that facilitates scholarly exchange among researchers and students from different disciplines interested in Taiwan.

This year's conference took place from June 11 to June 13, 2024, at CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice. FAPA is proud to sponsor this year's conference and thankful for the opportunity to present on a panel titled "Advocating for Taiwan in an Age of Uncertainty: Observations, Aspirations, and What You Can Do."



FAPA Emerging Leaders Workshop (ELW) alumna and current Stanford Ph.D. student Yi-Ting Chung moderated the discussion. Panelists included Chi-An Wang, Regional Director of FAPA New York Metro Chapter; Jenny Li, FAPA HQ's Associate Policy Director; and Chia-Chun Chung, National Vice President of FAPA. They shared high-level insights and first-hand anecdotes from the NY-Metro area, Capitol Hill, and Massachusetts, respectively.

It was a joy and honor to have this conversation with a roomful of kindred spirits and engaged scholars!



Taiwanese American Conference - East Coast

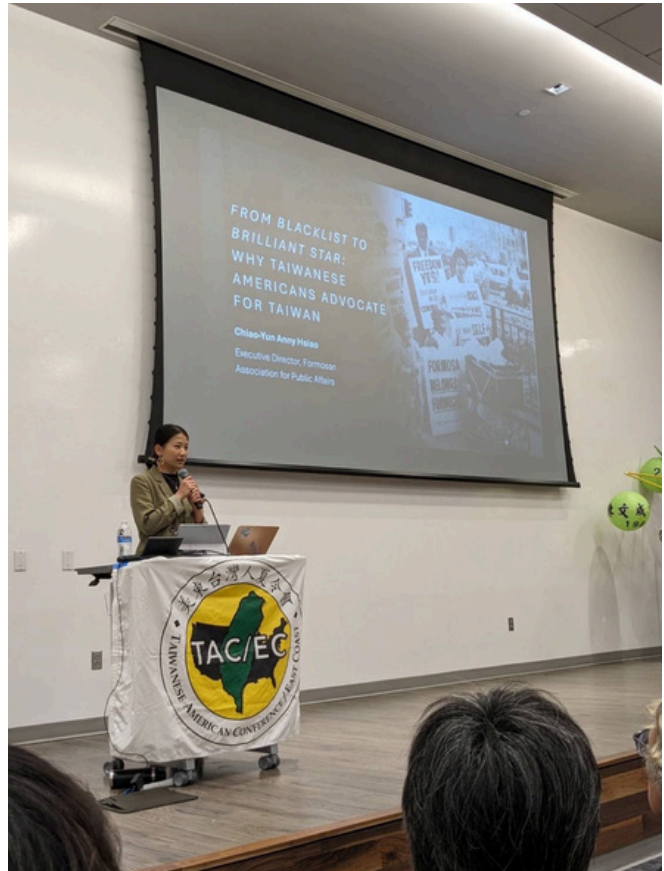
FAPA Tells Stories of Taiwanese American Advocacy at the 53rd Annual TACEC in West Chester University, Pennsylvania

On July 6, FAPA delivered a keynote presentation at the Taiwanese American Conference - East Coast (TACEC). Shoutout to Mengchun of FAPA PA-W chapter as the ED of TACEC for putting on an incredible conference!

TACEC is an annual conference with a rich history of over 50 years, organized by the Taiwanese American community. Notable speakers this year include Former Vice President of Taiwan Chen Chien-Jen and Taiwanese politician, musician and activist Freddy Lim.

FAPA was honored to present at TACEC and contribute to this year's theme— Collective Memory: Shared History and Community Action for Diverse Taiwanese and Taiwanese Americans. In her keynote speech, Executive Director Chiao-Yun Anny Hsiao alluded to the theme with stories of grassroots Taiwanese American activism and FAPA's continued advocacy efforts.

FAPA's presentation shared an image of a historic 1980 letter from then-Senator Joseph Biden to Taiwanese American advocate Mr. Chung-Chin Chen (陳仲欽) affirming the severity of the Kaohsiung Incident. In a remarkable moment, the audience gave Mr. Chen, who was recognized, a heartfelt round of applause.





During the presentation, Anny mobilized the audience to sign the FAPA petition urging the Senate to pass the Taiwan International Solidarity Act (S.2995), which immediately resulted in over 100 petition letters sent to different members of Congress.

FAPA's former intern Sophia Chang, is also instrumental in making the screening of the movie Invisible Nation at TACEC and TANG possible.



The day concluded with the Taiwan Night Event, where FAPA President Su-Mei Kao, VP Chia-Chun Chung, ED Anny Hsiao, and other team members from headquarters and local chapters sang the song "晚安台灣" (Good Night Taiwan) by Fire EX.

FAPA is humbled by the overwhelmingly positive feedback from the Taiwanese American community and remains committed to carrying on our work to be a champion of Taiwan on Capitol Hill.

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Taiwanese American Next Generation

“A History of Taiwanese American Advocacy” at TANG

TANG’s (Taiwanese American Next Generation) 2024 theme is “chiáh-pá-buē,” an expression of endearment and kindness among our community. Its origin brings us back to the past when many Taiwanese fought hard to survive and take care of others despite many odds.

Echoing this theme, FAPA is honored to present a session titled “A History of Taiwanese American Advocacy Through FAPA” to the TANG Young Adults and Parents and Adults groups.

Jenny Li, FAPA Associate Policy Director; Su-Mei Kao, FAPA National President; Chia-Chun Chung, Vice President; and Chiao-Yun Anny Hsiao, Executive Director, had a lively discussion with the attendees.

The FAPA Team was inspired by the breadth and depth of the questions that arose. Reflecting on our collective history helps our community find and use our voice. Thank you, TANG, for this wonderful dialogue!



Taiwanese American Conference - West Coast

FAPA HQ joins the Annual TAC-WC in Los Angeles, Celebrating Taiwanese American Advocacy

This year's TAC-WC (Taiwanese American Conference - West Coast), chaired by longtime FAPA leader Ken Wu, was a tremendous success, with crucial contributions from CA-LA Chapter president Tony Lee and other CA-LA members.

Notable speakers included U.S. Congressmen Brad Sherman and Ted Lieu, Taipei City Councilors Poya Miao and Sabrina Lim, New Taipei City Councilor Kuan-ting Cho and Evalyn Chen, and former legislator and musician Freddy Lim.

The theme, “投資台美人，增值挺台美,” emphasized empowering the Taiwanese American community to enhance bilateral relations via civic diplomacy.

FAPA's Executive Director Anny Hsiao gave a keynote speech titled "From Blacklist to the Global Stage: Why Taiwanese Americans Advocate for Taiwan," noting Los Angeles as the birthplace of FAPA in 1982 to an engaged audience recounting the history of Taiwanese American advocacy and key events that led to the creation of FAPA.

In the afternoon, TAC-WC organizers Ken and Sharon set aside time for Taiwanese American organizations to have caucus time at the conference. During FAPA's session, Anny organized the Southern California FAPA Chapter presidents, Tony Lee and Alex Hung to provide updates to the TAC-WC audience on their chapter activities and ways to get involved locally.



After the chapter presidents' presentations, past participants of FAPA signature programs NAC and ELW, Najee Woods, Cosette Wu, and MimiQ Sung provided overviews of the programs and how TAC-WC attendees could join. The panel was well attended by a lively and engaging crowd of TAC-WC participants, many of whom are also FAPA members. The event drew inquiry about joining FAPA as member and interest in internship program.



PETITION

Taiwan International Solidarity Act

The “Taiwan International Solidarity Act” aims to counter China’s distortion of UNGA Resolution 2758, fabricated claim of sovereignty over Taiwan, and growing efforts to exclude Taiwan from international organizations.

Ask Your Senators to Support S. 2995 to Counter China’s Distortion of UNGA Res. 2758!

On September 28, 2023, U.S. Senators Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Mitt Romney (R-UT) introduced the Taiwan International Solidarity Act (S. 2995), which aims to counter China’s distortion of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution 2758 and its fabricated claim of sovereignty over Taiwan.

While resolving the question of “China’s representation” in the UN, the 1971 UNGA Resolution 2758 said nothing about Taiwan being “an integral part of China,” nor did it give the Chinese government any right to represent Taiwan internationally. However, this UN resolution is still widely misused by China to “justify” its fictitious “One China principle,” aimed at suppressing Taiwan’s international status and space.

If passed into law, the Taiwan International Solidarity Act would help clarify that the UNGA Res. 2758 did not address the issues of Taiwan’s territorial sovereignty and international representation. The Act would also require the United States to more proactively challenge China’s fabricated sovereignty claim over Taiwan, and encourage the U.S. and its allies to oppose China’s efforts to undermine Taiwan’s diplomatic and international relations.

On July 25, 2023, the U.S. House unanimously passed an identical bill (H.R. 1176). We ask you to contact your Senators immediately, urging them to support and pass the Taiwan International Solidarity Act (S. 2995).

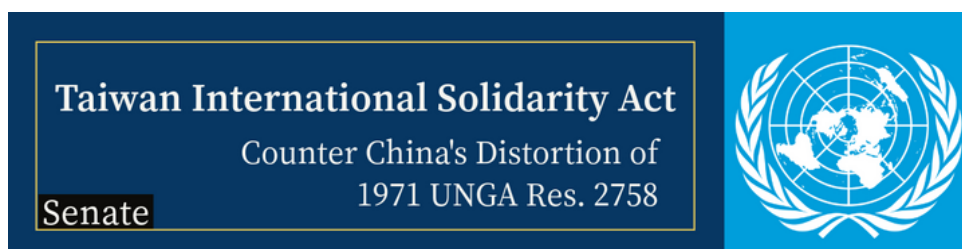
請敦促您的參議員支持 S. 2995，以反制中國嚴重歪曲聯大第2758 號決議！

2023年9月28日，美國參議員 CHRIS VAN HOLLEN (D-MD) 及 MITT ROMNEY (R-UT) 提出《台灣國際團結法》S. 2995，旨在反制中國對聯合國大會第2758號決議的扭曲及對台灣主權的虛假主張。

1971年的聯大第2758號決議僅解決了在聯合國之內的「中國代表權」問題，但未提及台灣是「中國不可分割的一部分」，也未賦予中國政府任何權利在國際上代表台灣。然而，中國卻經常濫用該聯大決議來推動其「一個中國原則」，打壓台灣的國際地位與空間。

若《台灣國際團結法》能順利通過生效，將有助於澄清聯大第2758號決議根本未涉及台灣的領土主權及國際代表權問題。該法並要求美國更積極地挑戰中國對台灣主權的虛構謊言，並鼓勵美國及其盟友反對中國削弱台灣的外交與國際關係。2023年7月25日，美國眾議院已一致通過內容相同的法案 H.R. 1176。請大家立即聯繫您的參議員，敦促他們共同支持並儘速通過《台灣國際團結法》S. 2995！

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FAPA CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT LAI CHING-TE AND VICE PRESIDENT HSIAO BI-KHIM ON THEIR INAUGURATION

Washington, D.C. (May 20) The Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) is proud to announce the publication of a full-page advertisement in today's Washington Times newspaper, celebrating the May 20 inauguration of President Lai Ching-te and Vice President Hsiao Bi-khim of Taiwan. FAPA congratulates the newly inaugurated leaders and reaffirms its commitment to supporting Taiwan's freedom and democracy.

In his inaugural speech, Lai remarked that he would work to further advance Taiwan's democratic values and deepen ties with the United States as a critical ally, expressing gratitude for the passage of the 2024 Indo-Pacific Security Supplemental Appropriations Act. He similarly thanked countries around the world for their consideration and support for Taiwan.

Call to Action: Congress Act NOW

In a full-page ad published in the Washington Times, FAPA also calls on Congress to take decisive action by inviting Taiwan's democratically elected President, Lai Ching-te, to Washington, D.C. There are no legal restrictions on such a visit. In 2018, the Taiwan Travel Act was unanimously passed in Congress and was signed into U.S. law, effectively lifting all restrictions on high-level official visits between the U.S. and Taiwan.

FAPA Executive Director Chiao-Yun Anny Hsiao states: "We have witnessed the gradual normalization in U.S.-Taiwan relations in the past eight years. This year, we also celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, a key milestone in U.S.-Taiwan relations. We are delighted that Lai is committed to securing Taiwan's vibrant democracy, peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region, and global prosperity.

"Taiwan has shown the United States that it is a country that warrants diplomatic recognition. It is time to change the outdated policy and move towards formal U.S.-Taiwan diplomatic relations. The United States can begin by inviting President Lai for an official visit to Washington, D.C."

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May 20, 2024 TAIWAN PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

Congratulations to Taiwan President Lai Ching-te and Vice President Hsiao Bi-khim on their Inauguration!

Taiwan's democracy remains in full force, despite China's relentless bullying and attempts at election interference. This past January, 71.9% of eligible voters went to the election booths to elect their next president — one of the highest voter turnout rates in the world.

On May 20, Lai Ching-te and his running mate Hsiao Bi-khim were inaugurated as President and Vice President of Taiwan.



Taiwan Vice President Hsiao Bi-khim was most recently the Taiwan Ambassador to the United States. Prior to her position as Ambassador, she was a member of the Legislative Yuan, Taiwan's Parliament, and a strong supporter of many social issues like women's rights.

Taiwan President Lai Ching-te, also known as William Lai, was formerly Vice President of Taiwan under Tsai Ing-Wen's administration. Throughout his campaign, he has vowed to protect Taiwan while maintaining democracy, peace, and prosperity. Lai is also a medical doctor by training.

CONGRESS ACT NOW: INVITE TAIWAN'S DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED PRESIDENT LAI CHING-TE TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

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← Taiwan Presidential Inauguration Ad in The Washington Times

A copy of The Washington Times was gifted to President Lai during the House delegation's visit to Taiwan on May 26, 2024. →





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IN SUPPORT OF THE 528 BLUEBIRD MOVEMENT, WFTA AND FAPA INITIATE JOINT STATEMENT BY OVERSEAS TAIWANESE ORGANIZATIONS**Co-Initiators:**

- World Federation of Taiwanese Associations (WFTA)
- Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA)

(Full Text of the Statement)**The Bluebirds Spread Their Wings and Set out to Protect the Homeland – We Join Hands Together to Safeguard the Defense Line of Taiwan’s Democracy!**

Since the beginning of the 11th Legislative Yuan in February 2024, Taiwan’s parliament, dominated by the main opposition Chinese Nationalist Party or Kuomintang (KMT) and the smaller Taiwan People’s Party (TPP), has proposed a set of controversial “legislative reform” bills, many of whose contents directly contradict the Constitution. The quality of those bills is sloppy and poor, and the legislative process seriously violates procedural justice. Taiwan’s democratic system is facing the most severe damage since the lifting of martial law.

The bills to expand the Legislature’s powers, which were forcibly passed the third reading, eventually spurred massive protests by the Taiwanese people at the end of this May. Not only in front of the Legislative Yuan, but many people across the country also stood up like rising bluebirds. They would not allow abusive politicians to invade their privacy, violate the constitutional order, and harm the people’s fundamental rights.

Most overseas Taiwanese cannot fly back to the homeland in time like bluebirds. Nevertheless, even in distant foreign lands, we still deeply care about Taiwan and support the determination of the Taiwanese people to defend democracy.

We condemn the KMT, the TPP, and those independent legislators who worked with the KMT for:

- Forcing the third reading: The bills that arbitrarily expand the Legislature’s powers were passed without any substantive consideration and proper discussion as their passages failed to implement committee review, safeguard the minority parties’ rights to propose, and honor legislators’ rights to speak, all in violation of procedural justice.

We also urge the KMT, the TPP, and those independent legislators who worked with the KMT to withdraw the bills after the Executive Yuan requests a reconsideration, and instead:

- Eliminate the unconstitutional power expansion clauses and strictly adhere to the separation of powers: The exercise of legislative power should not infringe on judicial power, supervisory power, or usurp administrative power;
- Remove the abuse of legislative power clauses and protect fundamental human rights: The Legislative Yuan must not exercise any power without limits. Any provisions involving or restricting the rights of the people must strictly abide by the principles of the rule of law, clearly set out the purpose, scope, and requirements, firmly adhere to the principle of proportionality, and unambiguously stipulate procedural safeguards, in particular, shall not deprive the people of their right to assistance of counsel;
- Add penalties for breach of duty by legislators: Any state power must be commensurate with its authorities and responsibilities. Greater power entails greater responsibility. The five “legislative reform” bills proposed by the KMT and TPP parties unidirectionally expand the Legislature’s power without limits, but there are no sanctions or penalties for legislators who violate the code of conduct and obligations. The parliamentary monster seems to be about to break out of the fence!

We also call on all Taiwanese to continue to watch closely other KMT-TPP proposed bills that would endanger Taiwan, including bills that have already been put on the agenda or introduced:

- The three bills on Hualien-Taitung transportation, which lack environmental impact assessment and would cost as much as the Taiwan government’s total annual budget;
- Proposals to shorten the naturalization process for Chinese spouses and to enact an absentee voting law that do not take into account Taiwan’s political realities;
- Proposed amendments to the Anti-Infiltration Law that endanger Taiwan’s national security.

Taiwan’s democracy has never been the goodwill of the rulers, but has been guarded by the unremitting efforts of the Taiwanese people from generation to generation. The continuation of Taiwan’s democracy and rule of law must be defended by all Taiwanese together. We call on all overseas Taiwanese to speak out in support of our relatives, friends, and partners in Taiwan, so that Taiwan’s democracy can be sustained forever, and that the bluebirds can spread their wings freely and fly without fear.



**See Co-Signatory
Organizations [HERE](#)**



響應528青鳥行動，世台會與台灣人公共事務會共同發起 全球海外台灣人社團連署

連署發起人：

- 世界台灣同鄉會聯合會 (WFTA)
- 台灣人公共事務會 (FAPA)

《聲明全文》

青鳥展翅，動身護土－攜手捍衛民主的防線！

自今年2月22日第11屆立法院開議以來，藍白兩黨主導的國會發動了一連串的立法提案，許多提案內容直接牴觸憲法，立法品質草率粗糙，立法審查過程更嚴重違反程序正義，台灣的民主制度正經歷著解嚴以來最嚴重的斷傷。

強行三讀通過的國會擴權法案終於在五月天終結之際引發了台灣人民的集體抗議，不僅在立法院前，全國各地都有許多民眾站出來，猶如青鳥奮起，不容濫權政客侵門踏戶，違憲亂政，傷害人民權利。

身處海外的台灣人，不能如青鳥一般及時飛回家鄉，但我們仍然心繫台灣，在遙遠的異鄉支持台灣人民捍衛民主的決心。

我們譴責國民黨以及與之唱和的民眾黨、無黨籍立委：

強行通過三讀：未經實質審議的國會擴權法案，未落實委員會審查，未保障少數黨的提案權以及國會議員的發言權的法案違反程序正義

我們也呼籲國民黨以及與之唱和的民眾黨、無黨籍立委在行政院覆議案提出後，退回法案：

廢除違憲擴權條款，嚴守權力分立：立法權之行使不應侵犯司法權、監察權、架空行政權；

廢除國會濫權條款，保障基本人權：立院行使任何權力不得漫無分際，任何涉及、限制人民權利之條款必須嚴守法治國原則，明確訂立目的、範圍、要件，恪守比例原則，明定程序保障，尤其不得剝奪人民的律師協助權；

增訂立委違反義務罰則：任何國家權力必須權責相符。更大的權力必須負起更大的責任。藍白兩黨提出的國會五法單向無限擴權，卻對違反行為準則及義務的立委毫無制裁、罰則，國會怪獸彷彿即將破欄而出！

我們也呼籲所有台灣人繼續監督藍白兩黨的接下來的危台法案，包括已經排案或已拋出的提議：

未經環評、花費達台灣政府一年總預算的花東交通三法；

未考量台灣政治現實的縮短中籍配偶入籍年限提案以及不在籍投票法；

危害台灣國安的反滲透法修改提案。

台灣的民主從來不是統治者的善意，而是由一代又一代的台灣人民的不懈心力守護而成。民主法治的持續，也只能由所有台灣人一起攜手捍衛。我們呼籲所有海外台灣人發聲支持台灣的親友、夥伴，讓台灣的民主永續長久，青鳥可以自由展翅，無懼飛翔。



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U.S. ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMEMORATE TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK 2024

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the first proclamation of Taiwanese American Heritage Week (TAHW) signed by President Bill Clinton in 1999. Since then, Taiwanese Americans have annually joined hands to reach out to the general American public to share their heritage.

As we wrap up this year's Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month and TAHW celebrations, we recount the successes from Taiwanese American organizations seeking official proclamations from elected officials across the nation. This year, 23 U.S. elected officials issued proclamations or letters honoring the contributions that 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.

In her TAHW proclamation, Massachusetts Governor Maura T. Healey wrote: "Taiwanese Americans are proud of their roots and of their vital role in the growth of our nation."

Oregon Governor Tina Kotek wrote: "There are more than 500,000 Taiwanese Americans in the United States, with a significant Taiwanese American population in Oregon."

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine wrote: "The Taiwanese [American] community should be proud of their accomplishments that have helped make our state a welcoming place for people of all nationalities."

County Executive of Dutchess County, NY, Sue Serino wrote: "The year 2024 marks the 45th anniversary of the enactment into law of the 1979 'Taiwan Relations Act,' which along with the 1982 'Six Assurances' forms the cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan relations."

Mayor of Washington, DC, Muriel Elizabeth Bowser wrote: "During Taiwanese Heritage Week, District residents celebrate the contribution of Taiwanese Americans and the spirit of community that binds us together as one nation."

Mayor of the Village of Westmont, IL, Ronald J. Gunter wrote: "Taiwanese Americans have succeeded as successful and notable artists, Nobel Laureate scientists, researchers, scholars, professors, human rights activists, and business leaders."

TAHW Proclamations From:

Massachusetts Governor Maura T. Healey
Oregon Governor Tina Kotek
Ohio Governor Mike DeWine
County Executive of Dutchess County, NY, Sue Serino
Mayor of Washington, DC, Muriel Elizabeth Bowser
Mayor of the Village of Westmont, IL, Ronald J. Gunter
Mayor of City of Tigard, OR, Heidi Lueb
Mayor of City of Vancouver, WA, Anne McEnerny-Ogle
Mayor of City of Camas, WA, Steve Hogan
Mayor of Rockville, MD, Monique Ashton
Mayor of City of Malden, MA, Gary Christenson
Mayor of Portland, OR, Ted Wheeler
Mayor of City of Cincinnati, OH, Aftab Pureval
Mayor of City of Westerville, OH, Kenneth L. Wright
County Executive of County of Allegheny, PA, Sara Innamorato
Mayor of Austin City, TX, Kirk Watson
Mayor of Syracuse, NY, Ben Walsh
Mayor of Pittsburgh, PA, Ed Gainey
Mayor of Somerville, MA, Katjana Ballantyne
Chairman of Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, AZ, Jack Sellers

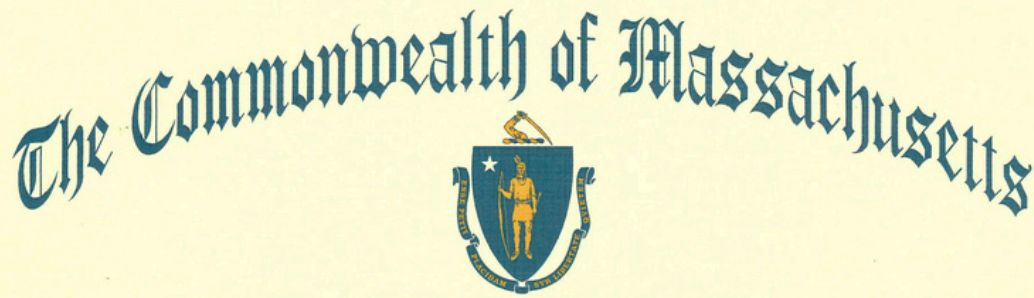
TAHW Congratulations Letters From:

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR)
U.S. Representative Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR)

FAPA President Su-Mei Kao adds: “Taiwanese Americans are proud to be citizens of this great nation of ours, which has a history of and believes in values such as democracy and independence through self-determination. Taiwanese Americans having their own Heritage Week to celebrate annually reinforces the understanding amongst the American public that Taiwan is not part of China, and that we need to recognize the reality that Taiwan is a free, sovereign, independent and democratic country that desires to stay that way and that needs to be accepted by the international community as a full and equal member.”



**See 2024 TAHW
Proclamations and
Congratulations Letters
[HERE](#)**



A Proclamation

Whereas, America has been continually renewed and enriched by the many different people who choose to come here and become our fellow citizens; and

Whereas, Each brought part of their own heritage, which over time became part of our common heritage; and

Whereas, Generations of Asian Americans have helped make America what it is today; and

Whereas, There are more than 500,000 Taiwanese Americans in the United States, with roughly 20,000 in Massachusetts; and

Whereas, Taiwanese Americans have made enormous contributions to the diversity and prosperity of American society, consistently contributing to the promotion of democracy and security of their homeland; and

Whereas, Taiwanese Americans have succeeded as successful and notable artists, Nobel Laureate scientists, researchers, scholars, professors, human rights activists, and business leaders; and

Whereas, Taiwanese Americans are proud of their roots and of their vital role in the growth of our nation; and

Whereas, This week recognizes the longstanding friendship between the United States and Taiwan; and

Whereas, During this special week, Taiwanese Americans can embrace America's diversity and celebrate the spirit of community that binds us together as one nation,

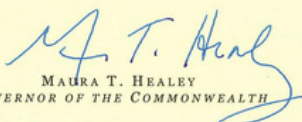
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 12th through May 19th, 2024, to be,

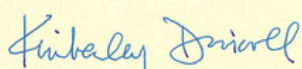
TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK

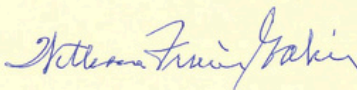
And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of May, in the year two thousand and twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-sixth.

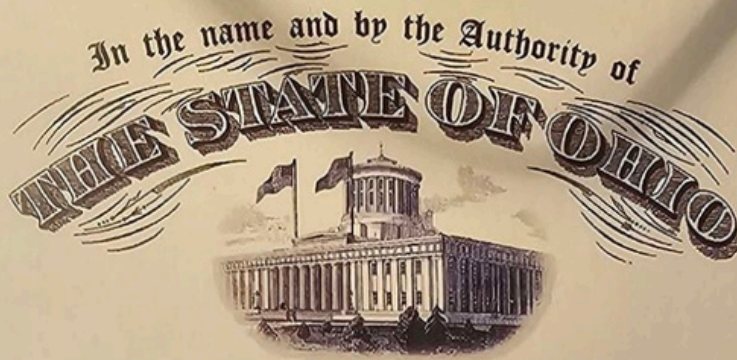
BY HER EXCELLENCY


MAURA T. HEALEY
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH


KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH


WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts



Mike DeWine and Jon Husted
Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Ohio
do hereby officially recognize

TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK

On behalf of the State of Ohio, we join the Taiwanese American community in celebrating May 12-19, 2024 as Taiwanese American Heritage Week. We extend our gratitude to the Taiwanese community for their efforts to showcase their heritage and to increase the awareness of Taiwanese Americans' historic past.

Ohio is a wonderfully diverse state with an exceptional community of ethnic organizations and businesses. The Taiwanese community should be proud of their accomplishments that have helped make our state a welcoming place for people of all nationalities. Best wishes for a memorable celebration.

On this 12th day of May 2024:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Mike DeWine".

Mike DeWine
Governor

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jon Husted".

Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor



STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** America has been continually renewed and enriched by the many people who choose to come here and become citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** Generations of Asian Americans have helped make America what it is today; and
- WHEREAS:** There are more than 500,000 Taiwanese Americans in the United States, with a significant Taiwanese American population in Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** Taiwanese Americans have made enormous contributions to the diversity and prosperity of American society, consistently contributing to the promotion of democracy and security of our homeland; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon recognizes the longstanding friendship between the United States and Taiwan; and
- WHEREAS:** This week, and always, Oregon celebrates Taiwanese Americans for their central role in our society and we honor the vibrant cultural tapestry and collective history they bring to our state.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 12 - 19, 2024** to be

TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, May 2, 2024.



Tina Kotek, Governor

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State



Dutchess County Executive
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Dutchess County recognizes and values the rich diversity of its residents and believes in celebrating the community's rich culture;
- WHEREAS,** the year 2024 marks the 45th anniversary of the enactment into law of the 1979 "Taiwan Relations Act," which along with the 1982 "Six Assurances" forms the cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan relations; and
- WHEREAS,** We applaud the Taiwanese Americans for their contributions our nation,
- WHEREAS,** This week, Taiwanese Americans are able to embrace our county's diversity and celebrate the spirit of community that brings us together as one; and
- WHEREAS,** Dutchess County recognizes the importance of this week and encourages our Taiwanese Americans to take time to celebrate their traditions, history and culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sue Serino, County Executive of Dutchess County, do hereby proclaim *May 12th through May 19th, 2024, as Taiwanese American Heritage Week in Dutchess County.*



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 12th day of May 2024

Sue Serino

Susan J. Serino
Dutchess County Executive



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**Village of Westmont
TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK
May 12-19, 2024**

WHEREAS America has been continually renewed and enriched by the many different people who choose to come here and become our fellow citizens; and,

WHEREAS each brought part of their own heritage, which over time became part of our common heritage; and,

WHEREAS generations of Asian Americans have helped make America what it is today; and,

WHEREAS there are more than 500,000 Taiwanese Americans in the United States, with a significant Taiwanese American population in the Village of Westmont; and,

WHEREAS Taiwanese Americans have made enormous contributions to the diversity and prosperity of American society, consistently contributing to the promotion of democracy and security of their homeland; and,

WHEREAS Taiwanese Americans have succeeded as successful and notable artists, Nobel Laureate scientists, researchers, scholars, professors, human rights activists, and business leaders; and,

WHEREAS Taiwanese Americans are proud of their roots and of their vital role in the growth of our nation; and,

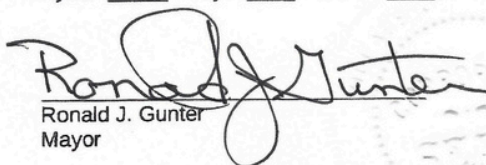
WHEREAS this week recognizes the longstanding friendship between the United States and Taiwan; and,

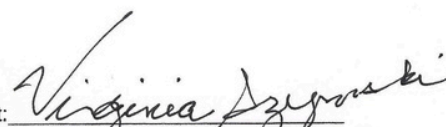
WHEREAS during this special week, Taiwanese Americans are able to embrace America's diversity and celebrate the spirit of community that binds us together as one nation; and,

THEREFORE, I, Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor of the Village of Westmont, do hereby proclaim May 12-19, 2024 as **Taiwanese American Heritage Month in the Village of Westmont**.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois, this 2nd day of May, 2024.

Ayes: 5 Nays: Absent: 2


Ronald J. Gunter
Mayor

Attest: 
Virginia Szymanski
Village Clerk

Proclamation



TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK

MAY 12-19, 2024

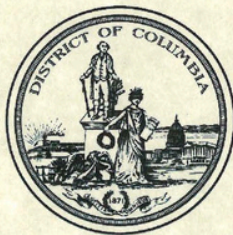
WHEREAS, over the course of many generations, Asian immigrants, including more 500,000 Taiwanese Americans, have played a pivotal role in shaping the America we know today; and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans have showcased their talents and excelled as Nobel Prize laureates, in the arts, law, medicine, engineering, human rights advocacy, finance, entrepreneurship, technology, and numerous other fields; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Taiwanese Americans reside in the District of Columbia, enriching our culture and strengthening our city's democratic values, diversity, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, during Taiwanese Heritage Week, District residents celebrate the contributions of Taiwanese Americans and the spirit of community that binds us together as one nation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim May 12-19, 2024, as "TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK" in Washington, DC.



Proclamation

City of Tigard

TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK MAY 12-19, 2024

WHEREAS, America has been continually renewed and enriched by the many different people who choose to come here and become our fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS: generations of Asian Americans have helped make America what it is today; and

WHEREAS: there are more than 500,000 Taiwanese Americans in the United States, with a significant Taiwanese American population in Tigard, OR; and

WHEREAS: Taiwanese Americans have made enormous contributions to the diversity and prosperity of American society, consistently contributing to the promotion of democracy and security of their homeland; and

WHEREAS: this week recognizes the longstanding friendship between the United States and Taiwan; and

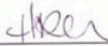
WHEREAS: during this special week, Taiwanese Americans are able to embrace America's diversity and celebrate the spirit of community that binds us together as one nation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Mayor Heidi Lueb of the City of Tigard, Oregon do hereby proclaim May 12-19, 2024 as,

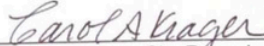
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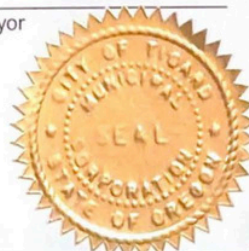
Dated this 14th day of May 2024

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tigard to be affixed.


Heidi Lueb, Mayor
City of Tigard

Attest:


Carol A. Krager, City Recorder



City of Vancouver, Washington

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, America has been continually renewed and enriched by the people from a diverse background; and
- WHEREAS, each brings their unique heritage, which over time becomes part of our common heritage; and
- WHEREAS, there are more than 500,000 Taiwanese Americans in the United States, with a significant Taiwanese American community in Vancouver, WA; and
- WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans have made indispensable contributions to the diversity and prosperity of American society as successful and notable artists, Nobel Laureate scientists, researchers, engineers, human rights activists, and business leaders; and
- WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans are proud of their roots and of their vital role strengthening our nation; and
- WHEREAS, the year of 2024 marks the 45th anniversary of the enactment into law of the 1979 "Taiwan Relations Act," which – together with the 1982 "Six Assurances" – forms the cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan relations; and
- WHEREAS, due to unwavering American support, Taiwan's voice is heard while it strives for participation in international organizations, such as the World Health Organization; and
- WHEREAS, this week recognizes the longstanding friendship between the United States and Taiwan; and
- WHEREAS, during this special week, Taiwanese Americans can embrace America's diversity and celebrate our shared traditions that make America a great nation; and
- WHEREAS, this year's celebration includes invited guests from Taiwan Acrobatic Troupe, who will perform at Lincoln Performance Hall at Portland State University in Portland on May 24, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim
May 12th-18th in May as:

"Taiwanese American Heritage Week"

in the City of Vancouver and encourage the people of Vancouver to join in celebrating the diverse character of our community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be
affixed this 13th day of May 2024.

Anne McEnerny-Ogle
ANNE MCENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR



Office of the Mayor

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, America has been continually renewed and enriched by people from diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, each brings their unique heritage, which over time becomes part of our shared heritage; and

WHEREAS, generations of Asian Americans have helped make America what it is today; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 500,000 Taiwanese Americans in the United States, with a significant Taiwanese American community in Camas, WA; and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans have made indispensable contributions to the diversity and prosperity of American society as successful and notable artists, Nobel Laureate scientists, researchers, human rights activists, and business leaders; and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans are proud of their roots and of their vital role in strengthening our nation; and

WHEREAS the year 2024 marks the 45th anniversary of the enactment into law of the 1979 "Taiwan Relations Act," which – together with the 1982 "Six Assurances" – forms the cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan relations; and

WHEREAS this week recognizes the longstanding friendship between the United States and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, during this special week, Taiwanese Americans can embrace America's diversity and celebrate our shared traditions that make America a great nation;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steve Hogan, Mayor of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim the week of May 14-21, 2024, as:

"Taiwanese American Heritage Week"

in the City of Camas, encourage all citizens to join in this observance.



In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Camas to be affixed this 6th day of May 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Steve Hogan".

Steve Hogan, Mayor

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, America has been continually renewed and enriched by the many different people who choose to come here and become our fellow citizens, each bringing part of his or her own heritage, which over time becomes part of our common heritage; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 500,000 Taiwanese Americans in the United States, with a significant Taiwanese American population in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans are proud of their roots and of their vital role in the growth of our nation, and generations of Asian Americans have helped make America what it is today; and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans have made many contributions to the diversity and prosperity of American society, consistently contributing to the promotion of democracy and security of their homeland; and

WHEREAS, the year 2024 marks the 45th anniversary of the enactment into law of the 1979 "Taiwan Relations Act" which - together with the 1982 "Six Assurances" - forms the cornerstone of United States-Taiwan relations; and

WHEREAS, the United States provides safety and security guarantees to Taiwan for the preservation of its democracy and due to American support, Taiwan's voice is heard while it strives for participation in international organizations, such as the World Health Organization and the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the country of Taiwan and Taiwanese Americans donated millions of masks and personal protective equipment to hospitals and organizations in the United States and around the world representing the spirit of generosity that the Taiwanese people and Taiwanese Americans are known for; and

WHEREAS, this week recognizes the longstanding friendship between the United States and Taiwan and during this special week, Taiwanese Americans are able to embrace America's diversity and celebrate the spirit of community that binds us together as one nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I Gary Christenson, Mayor do hereby proclaim **May 12-19, 2024** as Taiwanese American Heritage Week in Malden, Massachusetts and encourage all residents to observe this week.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the City of Malden this 9th day of May in the year two thousand twenty-four to be affixed.


GARY CHRISTENSON, Mayor



CITY OF
PORTLAND



Whereas

Whereas, America has been continually renewed and enriched by the many different people who choose to come here and become our fellow citizens; and

Whereas, each brought part of their own heritage, which over time became part of our common heritage; and

Whereas, generations of Asian Americans have helped make America what it is today; and

Whereas, there are more than 500,000 Taiwanese Americans in the United States, with a significant Taiwanese American population in Portland, Oregon; and

Whereas, Taiwanese Americans have made enormous contributions to the diversity and prosperity of American society, consistently contributing to the promotion of democracy and security of their homeland; and

Whereas, Taiwanese Americans are proud of their roots and of their vital role in the growth of our nation; and

Whereas, this week recognizes the longstanding friendship between the United States and Taiwan; and

Whereas, during this special week, Taiwanese Americans can embrace America's diversity and celebrate the spirit of community that binds us together as one nation.

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim May 12-19, 2024, to be

Taiwanese American Heritage Week

in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this week.

TED WHEELER



COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

SARA INNAMORATO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The celebration of Taiwanese American Heritage Week has been well received since the official designation by former President Bill Clinton in 1999, and we Taiwanese Americans look forward to another opportunity to observe and celebrate our Taiwanese heritage; and

WHEREAS, with more than 500,000 Taiwanese Americans in the United States, there is a significant Taiwanese American population in Allegheny County. These Taiwanese Americans have unique qualities: Taiwan and the United States share a common commitment to the ideals of democracy, freedom, and human rights; and

WHEREAS, the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, which together with the 1982 Six Assurances forms the cornerstone of U.S. Taiwan relations, continues to provide a strong foundation for the bond between the people of both countries. That bond is made stronger each day by the Taiwanese American community; and

WHEREAS, this Heritage Week observance provides us with an opportunity to learn more about the outstanding contributions men and women from Taiwan have made to our nation, and to the world. During this special week, we are able to embrace America's diversity and celebrate the spirit of community that binds us together as one nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, County Executive Sara Innamorato, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby designate May 12 - 19 as "Taiwanese American Heritage Week" in Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 12 day of May, 2024.

SARA INNAMORATO

Proclamation

Be it known that

Whereas,

There are more than 500,000 Taiwanese Americans in the United States, with a significant Taiwanese American population in Austin, Texas; and

Whereas,

Taiwanese Americans have succeeded as successful and notable artists, Nobel Laureate scientists, researchers, scholars, professors, human rights activists, and business leaders; and

Whereas,

Taiwanese Americans are proud of their roots and of their vital role in the growth of our nation; and

Whereas,

Taiwan is a sovereign independent country but continues to be illegitimately claimed by the People's Republic of China as a "renegade province;" and

Whereas,

The U.S. provides safety and security guarantees to Taiwan for the preservation of its freedom and democracy; and

Whereas,

Due to American support, Taiwan's voice is heard while it strives for membership in international organizations, such as the World Health Organization and the United Nations; and

Whereas,

During the corona virus pandemic, the country of Taiwan and Taiwanese Americans donated millions of masks and Personal Protective Equipment to hospitals and organizations in the U.S. and around the world, representing the spirit of generosity that the people of Taiwan and Taiwanese Americans are known for; and

Whereas,

This week recognizes the longstanding friendship between the United States and Taiwan; and

Now, Therefore,

I, Kirk Watson, Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas,
do hereby proclaim

May 12-19, 2024

as

Taiwanese American Heritage Week

in Austin.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the seal of the City
of Austin to be affixed this 18th Day of
May in the Year Two Thousand Twenty Four

Kirk Watson

Kirk Watson, Mayor, City of Austin



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR****Ben Walsh, Mayor****PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, America has historically served as a nation enriched by the diversity of cultures and peoples, each bringing a part of his or her own heritage, which over time becomes part of our common heritage; and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans have made great contributions to the diversity and prosperity of American society and democracy, and today there are over 500,000 Taiwanese Americans in the United States, many choosing to reside in Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, 2024 marks the 45th anniversary of the enactment into law of the 1979 "Taiwan Relations Act," which – together with the 1982 "Six Assurances" – forms the cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan relations; and

WHEREAS, the United States, through this Act, provides safety and security guarantees to Taiwan for the preservation of its democracy and, through its support, Taiwan's voice is heard while it strives for participation in international organizations; and

WHEREAS, this week recognizes the longstanding friendship between the United States and Taiwan during which Taiwanese Americans celebrate diversity in the U.S. and commemorate the spirit of community that binds us together as one nation.

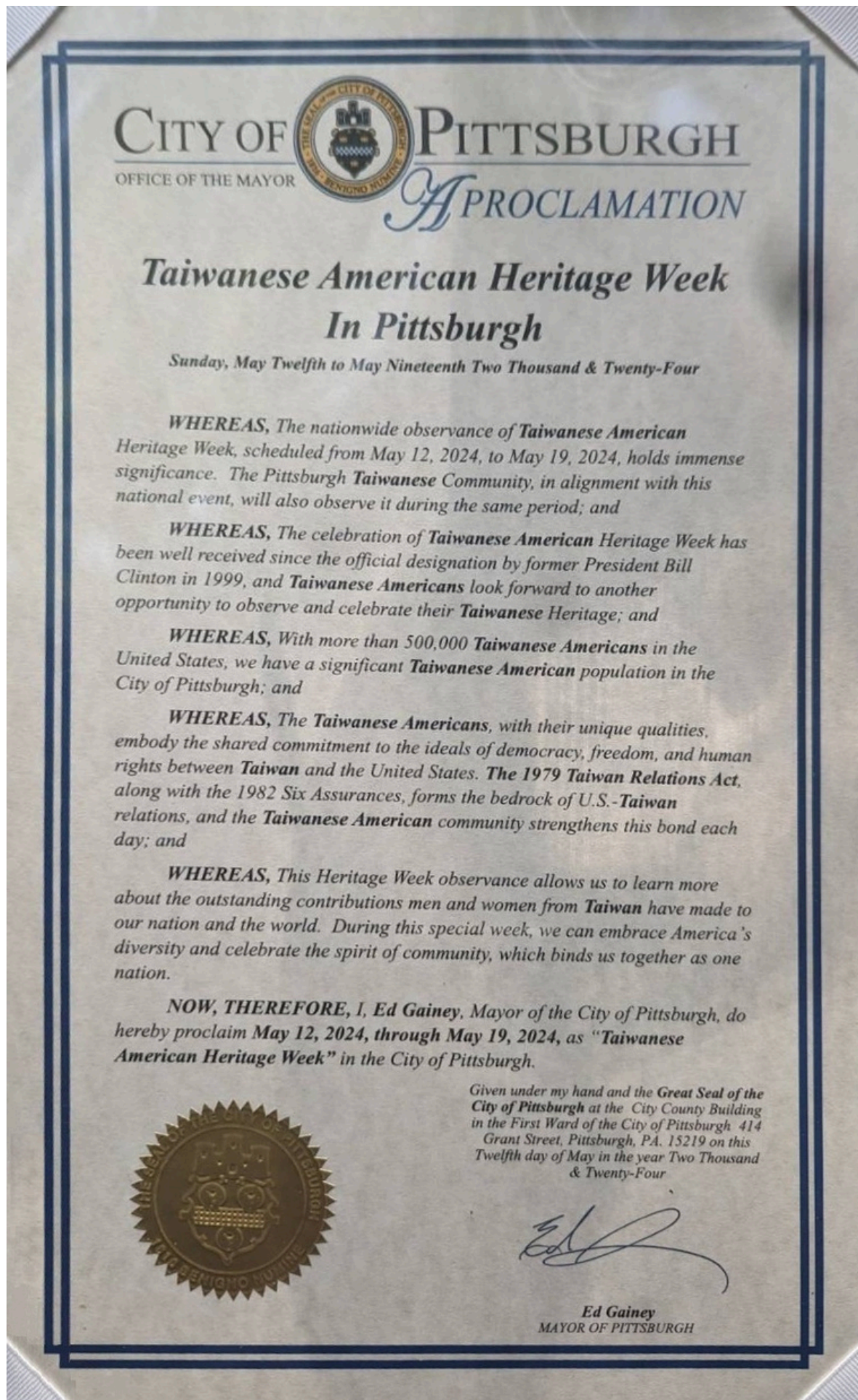
NOW, THEREFORE, I BEN WALSH, Mayor of the City of Syracuse, hereby proclaim the Twelfth Day to the Nineteenth Day of May, Two Thousand Twenty-Four to be

Taiwanese American Heritage Week**In the City of Syracuse**

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Syracuse to be imprinted on this Thirteenth Day of May, Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

Ben Walsh
Mayor







Proclamation

May 12 - May 19, 2024

TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK

City of Somerville, Massachusetts

WHEREAS: Taiwan is a stable, vibrant democracy with long history, rich and diverse cultures, and a highly advanced economy that has made enormous contributions to the world; and

WHEREAS: Taiwanese Americans have annually celebrated Taiwanese American Heritage Week (TAHW) since President Clinton dedicated the week after Mother's Day as TAHW in 1999; and

WHEREAS: With over 500,000 Taiwanese Americans nationwide, and approximately 20,000 residing in Massachusetts, including a vibrant community in Somerville; and

WHEREAS: Taiwanese Americans have played pivotal roles in shaping the cultural and economic landscape of Massachusetts, achieving excellence in academia, science, medicine, and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as the pioneering state in the United States to legalize same-sex marriage, shares a profound connection with Taiwan, the first country in Asia to make such strides in the pursuit of equality and freedom; and

WHEREAS: Taiwan stands as the eighth largest trading partner of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: The year 2024 marks the 45th anniversary of the enactment into law of the 1979 "Taiwan Relations Act," alongside the 1982 "Six Assurances," which together form the bedrock of U.S.-Taiwan relations; and

WHEREAS: Taiwanese Americans are proud of their roots and vital role in the continued growth of our nation and have embraced America's diversity and the spirit of community that binds us together as one nation; and

WHEREAS: This week recognizes the longstanding friendship between the United States and Taiwan, and the contributions of Taiwanese Americans to the promotion of freedom, democracy, and human rights in Taiwan and around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Ballantyne hereby proclaim May 12 - May 19, 2024, to be TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK. We encourage all residents to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Taiwanese Americans to American society, to learn more about the rich culture and history of Taiwan, and to renew our commitment to the values of freedom, democracy, and human rights that we share with Taiwan.



Katiana Ballantyne
KATIANA BALLANTYNE
MAYOR

Maricopa County PROCLAMATION

IN RECOGNITION OF TAIWANESE HERITAGE MONTH Presented to Formosan Association for Public Affairs Arizona Chapter

WHEREAS, Founded in 1982, the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) is a grassroots, non-profit organization that seeks to build up international support for Taiwan, and:

WHEREAS, Maricopa County recognizes how the Formosan Association for Public Affairs Arizona Chapter promotes international support for the right of the people of Taiwan to establish an independent and democratic country and to join the international community, and

WHEREAS, Maricopa County also recognizes your dedication to protect the right of self-determination for the people of Taiwan and to promote peace and security for Taiwan; and;

WHEREAS, The Formosan Association for Public Affairs Arizona Chapter also promotes the rights and interests of Taiwanese communities throughout the world; and

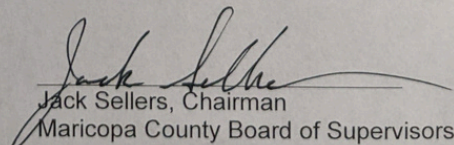
WHEREAS, In Recognition of Taiwanese Heritage Month 2024. Your unwavering dedication of the success and leading voice of Greater Phoenix and the Taiwanese-American Community is truly commendable and appreciated. Congratulations on your accomplishments!

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Jack Sellers, Chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, do hereby declare the month of May, 2024 as:

TAIWANESE HERITAGE MONTH

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2024.




Jack Sellers, Chairman
Maricopa County Board of Supervisors

JEFFREY A. MERKLEY
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May 12, 2024

Greetings,

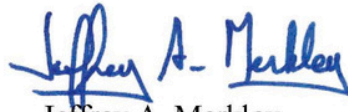
This week, we celebrate Taiwanese-American Heritage Week and all of the great contributions Taiwanese-Americans bring to communities across Oregon.

The Taiwan-U.S. relationship and friendship has grown over the years, and this connection is strengthened by our personal ties and shared commitments to democracy and inclusive economic prosperity.

Taiwanese-American Heritage Week serves as a reminder of the resilience and perseverance of the Taiwanese-American community. From the first immigrants who arrived seeking new opportunities to the generations who have built thriving businesses, pursued higher education, and contributed to every aspect of American society, your stories inspire us to embrace diversity and strive for a more inclusive future.

Let us continue to celebrate the rich tapestry of Taiwanese-American culture and heritage. Thank you all for celebrating the vibrant Taiwanese-American community and for the work you do to embrace and promote cultural diversity.

All my best,



Jeffrey A. Merkley
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UNITED STATES SENATE
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May 24, 2024

Dear Friends:

Though I cannot join you in person, I am honored to commemorate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and to recognize Oregon's vibrant Taiwanese community for its invaluable contributions to our state over the years.

Oregon's Asian-American and Pacific Islander communities represent an essential part of the state's cultural heritage and comprise vital threads in our shared social fabric. Taiwan, in particular, is a critical trading partner and long-standing friend of the state of Oregon. There are deep ties between Oregon and Taiwan, rooted in decades of trade and a recognition of our shared values. Every year, Portland hosts delegates from its sister city of Kaohsiung. During the annual Portland Rose Festival, Taiwanese dragon boats race down the Willamette River in the heart of downtown. This symbolizes the strong, long-lasting bond our state has with Taiwan and Taiwanese-Americans.

Additionally, I want to acknowledge the Taiwanese Association of Greater Portland for its leadership and steadfast work on behalf of the state's Taiwanese-American community. I encourage all Oregonians to take some time this month to honor Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. If you ever need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Wyden".

Ron Wyden
United States Senator

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May 24, 2024

Dear Friends,

I am sorry that I am unable to attend today's performance, "Song of Land," which is being put on by the impressive Formosa Circus Art from Taiwan at the Lincoln Performance Hall at Portland State University (PSU). However, please accept my best wishes as you celebrate the 26th anniversary of Taiwanese American Heritage Week.

In 1999, U.S. Congress designated Taiwanese American Heritage Week to recognize and celebrate the heritage and culture of Taiwanese Americans across our great nation. I was pleased and excited to hear that my home state would be a part of this very special week through the acrobatic troupe's performance. While I am disappointed that I cannot be there in person to celebrate with you, I am thankful that we have such opportunities to recognize and appreciate Taiwan's rich and diverse culture, traditions, and achievements.

I want to thank everyone who continues to make Taiwanese American Heritage Week a growing success. I truly value the work you are doing to enrich our communities by celebrating culture, and I look forward to honoring and observing Taiwanese American Heritage Week in years to come.

Sincerely,



Lori Chavez-DeRemer
Member of Congress



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Washington, D.C. – July 26, 2024

LET TAIWAN BE “TAIWAN” AT THE OLYMPICS!

July 26th, 2024, is the opening day of the 2024 Summer Olympics – FAPA calls on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to let Taiwan’s athletes compete under the name “Taiwan” instead of forcing Taiwanese to use the discriminatory misnomer, “Chinese Taipei.”

Since 1984, under China’s pressure, the IOC has forced Taiwan to participate in Olympic Games under the name “Chinese Taipei,” using a non-national flag and anthem.

We want Taiwan to compete proudly as Taiwan!

As Reps. Tom Tiffany (R-WI), Andy Ogles (R-TN), and Chris Smith (R-NJ) noted in their open letter to the IOC in May 2024, even Puerto Rico and Bermuda are not forced to compete as “American San Juan” or “British Hamilton,” though both are overseas territories. It is even more ridiculous to make Taiwan participate under the name “Chinese Taipei,” for Taiwan has never been part of China, nor been controlled by the People’s Republic of China (PRC).

The IOC must no longer succumb to China’s pressure and bullying against Taiwan. The international community should support democracy and freedom by opposing China’s attempts to undermine Taiwan’s sovereignty and independent statehood through the imposition of the name “Chinese Taipei.”

On June 18, 2024, Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI) introduced a resolution calling for the IOC to allow Taiwan to participate in the Summer Olympics under the national name, flag, and anthem of its own choosing. The resolution is co-sponsored by 9 representatives including longtime Taiwan champions Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-WI) and Rep. Michelle Steel (R-CA).

FAPA provided comments during the drafting of this resolution and successfully urged Rep. Huizenga’s office to drop the phrase “Republic of China” and change the wording to allow Taiwan to compete under its chosen national name.

The Congressional resolution introduced expresses the sense of deep concern about the IOC’s discriminatory requirement for Taiwan to compete as “Chinese Taipei,” falsely implying Taiwan is part of China (PRC), even though Taiwan has never been ruled by the PRC for a single day.

On this day, FAPA calls on the IOC to stop its discriminatory and unfair practices and allow Taiwan to proudly compete as Taiwan!



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讓台灣以「台灣之名」參與奧運！

2024年7月26日是巴黎夏季奧運會的開幕日。台灣人公共事務會（FAPA）在此呼籲國際奧林匹克委員會（IOC）讓來自台灣的國手們得以「台灣」名義參賽，而非強迫台灣代表隊使用「中華台北」這個帶有歧視性的誤稱。

自1984年以來，在中國的蠻橫施壓下，國際奧委會強迫台灣隊以「中華台北」的名義參賽，並禁止使用具有國家意涵的旗幟與國歌。

我們要求台灣隊能以「台灣之名」驕傲地參賽！

正如美國聯邦眾議員蒂芬尼（Tom Tiffany, R-WI）、奧格茲（Andy Ogles, R-TN）以及史密斯（Chris Smith, R-NJ）在2024年5月致國際奧委會的聯名信中所言，即便是波多黎各（Puerto Rico）及百慕達群島（Bermuda）這兩個海外屬地，都能選擇以自身名義參賽，並未被迫稱為「美屬聖胡安」（American San Juan）或「英屬漢密爾頓」（British Hamilton）。相較之下，台灣從未成為中國的一部份，亦未曾受中華人民共和國統治，竟被迫矮化以「中華台北」之名參賽，簡直荒謬至極。

國際奧委會不應再屈從於中國的壓力與對台霸凌。國際社會應堅定捍衛民主與自由價值，公開反對中國將「中華台北」的誤稱加強給台灣，進而侵害台灣的國家主權尊嚴與獨立國格。

2024年6月18日，聯邦眾議員惠曾佳（Bill Huizenga, R-MI）於美國眾議院提出一項決議案，呼籲國際奧委會允許台灣以自己選擇的國名、旗幟與國歌，參加本次夏季奧運會。該決議案已獲9位美國眾議員連署，包括長期支持台灣的聯邦眾議員蒂芬尼（Tom Tiffany, R-WI）、以及朴銀珠（Michelle Steel, R-CA）。

台灣人公共事務會（FAPA）在此決議案的起草階段，應邀向美國眾議員惠曾佳辦公室提供意見，並成功敦促其將「中華民國」一詞從草案中刪除，以讓台灣能自行選擇以何國名參賽。

此決議案旨在表達美國國會對國際奧委會施加台灣歧視性待遇的嚴重關切。強迫台灣以「中華台北」的名義參賽，更是錯誤地暗示台灣屬於中國（亦即，中華人民共和國）的一部分，即便台灣連一分一秒都不曾受過中共政權的統治。

在巴黎奧運開幕的今日，我們台美人組織強烈呼籲國際奧委會，立即停止對台灣的歧視與不公待遇！讓台灣的運動員們能以「台灣之名」驕傲地站上奧運的國際舞台，為台灣爭光！



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**FAPA INITIATES A JOINT LETTER TO THE IOC, URGING TO
LET TAIWAN BE “TAIWAN” AT THE OLYMPICS**

As the 2024 Paris Olympics comes to an end, the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA), together with 23 other overseas Taiwanese organizations, sent a joint letter today (August 9) to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach and all members of its Executive Board, calling on the IOC to justly let Taiwanese athletes compete under the name “Taiwan” instead of forcing Taiwan’s team to use the discriminatory misnomer “Chinese Taipei,” and also stop infringing on the “freedom of speech and expression” of the spectators to display signs and symbols in support of Taiwan at the Olympics.

The initiator of the joint letter, FAPA President Su-Mei Kao noted: “Taiwan is an independent, sovereign country, and this is a long-established ‘status quo.’ Taiwan’s Olympic team is fully entitled to compete proudly under the name ‘Taiwan.’ It is only natural for Taiwanese fans to cheer for the team of their country ‘Taiwan’ at the Olympic Games. The IOC, in blatant disregard for the principles of ‘non-discrimination’ and ‘political neutrality’ enshrined in the Olympic Charter, has forced Taiwan’s team to use the derogatory name ‘Chinese Taipei,’ which undermines Taiwan’s independent statehood and national dignity. The reason behind this is obvious: China’s outrageous political pressure and its irrational and continued bullying against Taiwan.”

In the joint letter, we point out that since 1984, “capitulating to the political pressure from the People’s Republic of China (PRC),” the IOC has unjustly forced Taiwan to participate in the Olympics under the name “Chinese Taipei” and prohibit the display of its national flag and the playing of its national anthem during the games.

The letter criticizes that these “unfair practices violate the fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter,” which, among other things, declares that “[t]he practice of sport is a human right” and “[e]very individual must have access to the practice of sport, without discrimination,” that “sports organisations within the Olympic Movement shall apply political neutrality,” and that “[t]he enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in this Olympic Charter shall be secured without discrimination of any kind, such as race . . . political or other opinion, national or social origin . . . birth or other status.”

The letter says that the IOC’s unfair Taiwan-specific restrictions have been extended to fans supporting “Taiwan.” At the ongoing Summer Olympics, signs or items that have the word “Taiwan” on them, or include a semblance of Taiwan, have been unreasonably prohibited and forcefully snatched from Taiwanese fans by Olympic staff members or Chinese spectators. Fans holding signage in support of Taiwan have even been forcibly removed from the Olympic venues.

FAPA and other co-signatory organizations “strongly condemn these violent acts.” These actions “not only violated the Olympic spirit and principles set forth in the Olympic Charter” but also infringed on the “freedom of speech” of Taiwanese spectators at the Olympics to rightfully express support for the athletes from their country, “Taiwan.”

We jointly call on the IOC President Bach and the full Executive Board “not to succumb to China’s political pressure” and immediately stop its “discriminatory requirement” for athletes from Taiwan to compete under the fictitious name “Chinese Taipei.” The name “Chinese Taipei” “falsely implies that Taiwan is part of China (PRC), even though Taiwan has never been ruled by the PRC for a single day.”

We demand and hope that Taiwan’s team to compete proudly and properly under the name “Taiwan.” We urged that “[t]he international community ought to support democracy and freedom by opposing authoritarian China’s attempts to undermine Taiwan’s sovereignty and independent statehood through the forcible imposition of the humiliating name ‘Chinese Taipei’ on Taiwan.”

We praise that during this year’s Olympic Games in Paris, various news outlets from different countries have properly explained that the team participating under the confusing name “Chinese Taipei” is actually from “Taiwan” and correctly referred to it and its members as the “team of Taiwan” and “Taiwanese athletes.” We also encouraged more media outlets to follow suit and call Taiwan as “Taiwan.”

At the end of the letter, FAPA and all co-signatory overseas Taiwanese organizations jointly urge the IOC President and other Olympic officials to “resist China’s political bullying against Taiwan and begin sweeping away all discriminatory and unfair restraints on Taiwan’s athletes and supporters.”

We strongly call on “the IOC to live up to the ideals and principles of the Olympic Charter, allow Taiwan to proudly compete under its name, ‘Taiwan,’ and use the national flag and anthem that can truly represent Taiwan.”



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read the full text of the
joint letter



FAPA發起連署致函國際奧會 籲讓台灣選手以「台灣」之名參賽

隨著 2024 年巴黎奧運步入尾聲，台灣人公共事務會（FAPA）於今日（8月9日）協同其他 23 個海外台灣人組織，連署致函國際奧林匹克委員會（IOC）主席巴赫（Thomas Bach）及全體執行委員會委員，呼籲國際奧會應公正地允許台灣運動員得以「台灣」（Taiwan）之名義參賽，而非強迫台灣代表隊使用「中華台北」（Chinese Taipei）此歧視性的誤稱，並且應立即停止侵犯奧運場內觀眾高舉為「台灣」加油之標語或標誌的「言論與表意自由」。

發起連署信的FAPA會長林素梅表示：「台灣是個主權獨立的國家，這是長久以來所確立的『現狀』。台灣的奧運代表隊完全有資格以『台灣』之名驕傲地參賽。台灣觀眾在奧運場內為自己的國家『台灣』加油，乃是天經地義。國際奧會不惜違背《奧林匹克憲章》中的『非歧視』與『政治中立』等基本原則，強迫台灣代表隊使用有損國格與尊嚴的『中華台北』貶稱，其背後原因無他——亦即，中國的蠻橫政治壓力及其對台灣的無理持續霸凌。」

連署信函指出，自1984年以來，國際奧委會「屈服於中華人民共和國的政治壓力」，不公不義地強迫台灣隊以「中華台北」的名義參加奧運，並禁止於賽事期間展示其國旗及播放其國歌。

連署信批評，「這些不公正的做法違反了《奧林匹克憲章》的基本原則」，其中包括「體育運動是一項人權。每個人均須享有從事體育運動的機會，而不受任何形式的歧視」，「奧林匹克活動中的運動組織應保持政治中立」，以及「應確保享有本《奧林匹克憲章》所規定的權利和自由，不受諸如種族... 政治傾向或其他意見、國籍或社會出身... 出生或其他身分等任何形式的歧視」。

信中提到，國際奧會針對台灣的不公平限制，竟已延伸至支持「台灣」的奧運場內觀眾。正在巴黎舉行的夏季奧運會上，帶有「台灣」字樣或包含台灣意象之標語或物品被無理地禁止，並從台灣粉絲手中被奧會保全人員或中國籍人士蠻橫搶走。手持標語或標誌為「台灣」加油的觀眾，甚至被工作人員強制驅離奧運賽場。

FAPA及其他參與連署的組織「強烈譴責這些暴力行為」。這些行為「不僅違反了《奧林匹克憲章》中的奧運精神與基本原則」，並且侵犯了台灣觀眾在奧運場內正當表達支持其自身國家「台灣」運動員的「言論與表意自由」。

我們共同呼籲，國際奧會巴赫主席與整個執行委員會「不應再屈從於中國的蠻橫政治壓力」，且應立即停止強迫台灣運動員以「中華台北」此不實虛構名稱參賽的「歧視性要求」。「中華台北」此名稱「錯誤地暗示台灣是中國（亦即，中華人民共和國）的一部分，即便台灣從未被中共政權統治過一分一秒」。

我們要求並期盼台灣代表隊能以「台灣之名」合理且驕傲地參賽。我們呼籲，「國際社會應堅定捍衛民主與自由價值，公開反對威權中國強迫台灣使用『中華台北』此貶抑性的辱稱，企圖侵害台灣的國家主權尊嚴與獨立國格」。

我們要讚揚各國的多家新聞媒體在巴黎奧運期間，妥善解釋了使用「中華台北」此怪異名稱參賽之隊伍其實來自「台灣」，並正確地稱呼該隊及其隊員為「台灣隊」與「台灣運動員」。我們並鼓勵越來越多媒體僅以「台灣」來稱呼台灣。

在該信文末，FAPA及所有連署的海外台灣人組織共同呼籲，國際奧會主席與其他官員「能抵抗中國對台灣的政治霸凌，並著手消除所有對台灣運動員及支持者的歧視性待遇與不公平限制」。我們強烈要求，「國際奧委會能恪遵《奧林匹克憲章》的理想和原則，允許台灣以其真實的名稱『台灣』自豪地參賽，並讓其使用能真正代表台灣的國旗與國歌」。

Petition Initiator (連署發起人) :

Formosan Association for Public Affairs (台灣人公共事務會)

Co-Signatory Organizations (連署單位) :

World Federation of Taiwanese Associations (世界台灣同鄉會聯合會)

Asociación de Taiwán en Argentina (阿根廷台灣協會)

Taiwan Research Forum (台灣研究論壇)

Asociación de Taiwán en Costa Rica (哥斯大黎加台灣協會)

All Japan Taiwanese Union (全日本台灣連合會)

Associação Taiwanesa do Brasil (巴西台灣同鄉會)

Taiwan Association in Sweden (瑞典臺灣協會)

Australia Taiwan Culture Foundation Ltd. (澳台文化基金會)

North America Taiwanese Professors' Association (北美洲台灣人教授協會)

Taiwanese Association of America (全美台灣同鄉會)

Taiwanese Human Rights Association of Canada (加拿大台灣人權協會)

Taiwanese American Citizens League (台美公民協會)

TaiwaneseAmerican.org

North America Taiwanese Women's Association (北美洲台灣婦女會)

World United Formosans for Independence-USA (台灣獨立建國聯盟 - 美國本部)

Association Formose en France (法國台灣協會)

European Federation of Taiwanese Associations (歐洲台灣協會)

Taiwanese Hakka Association for Public Affairs in North America (北美台灣客家公共事務協會)

World Taiwanese Congress (世界台灣人大會)

North American Taiwanese Medical Association (北美洲台灣人醫師協會)

Formosan Association for Human Rights (全美台灣人權協會)

Taiwanese Association in Belgium (比利時台灣協會)

Taiwanese Association in Japan (在日台灣同鄉會)

FAPA NEW FACES



Henry Tsai
Policy Fellow

Henry Tsai is a policy fellow at the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA). His primary areas of interest are international economics, U.S.-China relations, and energy security. He previously held positions at FAPA and the Energy, Growth, and Security Program at the International Tax and Investment Center (EGS@ITIC). Henry received his B.S. in international affairs and economics from George Washington University, specializing in applied microeconomics, taxation, and game theory. He enjoys reading and writing about Buddhist philosophy and meditation in his free time.

New FAPA HQ Initiative!

FAPA SUSTAINING SUPPORTER DRIVE

APRIL 25, 2024 - AUGUST 31, 2024

To support FAPA's operations in carrying out its missions, we are launching a Sustaining Supporter Drive! The purpose of the drive is to recruit FAPA members and supporters who will make a pledge via the newly launched FAPA-50, FAPA-100, or FAPA-200.



For more information, please check the back cover of this FAPA News, or scan the QR code.

Announcement

2024 National Advocacy Conference

The FAPA National Advocacy Conference brings the voices of FAPA members around the U.S. to our nation's Capital. The NAC program is an opportunity to:

- Connect with U.S.-Taiwan policy experts, FAPA HQ staff, and members from other chapters.
- Learn about the inner workings of Capitol Hill, how U.S.-Taiwan policies are formulated, and grassroots advocacy strategy.
- Advocate for pro-Taiwan policies, speak about the issues you care about, and engage with your Congressional Representatives and Senators.

Program

Participants learn about grassroots advocacy strategies, U.S.-Taiwan policy, and FAPA's issues of concern. After the two-day workshop, participants will apply the knowledge and skills they have acquired to advocate for pro-Taiwan bills and initiatives on Capitol Hill on Monday, September 9.

Saturday - Keynote Speaker Mike Fonte and Banquet

Sunday - Panels, Grassroots Advocacy Strategies, and Team Practice

Monday - Congressional Advocacy Day!

Event Details

Event Dates: September 7th - September 9th, 2024

Event Check-in Time: 2pm, Saturday September 7

Location: To be announced closer to the date of the event. For your planning purposes, the event will be at a hotel in Arlington, Virginia.

Hotel Check-in Time: 4 p.m. (ET) on Sept. 6 or 7.

Airport Code: DCA (Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport)

The FAPA NAC is a unique opportunity to participate in grassroots advocacy. While it may seem daunting, we will prepare you to be the best possible advocate.

For more information, please visit fapa.org/2024-national-advocacy-conference/ or contact Vanessa Chen at vanessachen@fapa.org for questions.

We look forward to seeing you at NAC!

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

*FAPA Chapter Activity Reports from Across the Nation
Reporting Period - January to June, 2024*



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CA-LA

President Elizabeth Lin

2/17/24

FAPA Los Angeles Chapter Vice-President Ken Wu spoke with Brad Sherman. Ken Wu told Congressman Brad Sherman that President Lai will continue the Tsai direction and maybe fine tune it even more. So it will be good for US-Taiwan relations. Brad Sherman said he would like to see ex-President Tsai come and speak at the US congress.

2/25/24

在洛杉磯台灣會館舉辦「防止政府暴行研討會」，會中邀請圖博、香港、吾維爾人、法輪功及西班牙裔，討論政府對人民的暴行如何反應抗的過程，及現今各族裔的處境。



3/29/24

FAPA Los Angeles Chapter board members Meet with US Senator Candidate Allen Schiff assistant, Steven Park. Steven said Allen Schiff strongly supports Taiwan.

5/10/24

Ken Wu 受邀參加立場極為友台的美國聯邦眾議員金映玉 (Young Kim) 所舉辦的亞太裔圓桌會議，除了反映台美人民意和表示希望美國與台灣有更多合作來抵抗中共。

6/29/24

FAPA Los Angeles 分會會長李賢群 (Tony Lee), 副會長吳兆峯 (Ken Wu) 和 FAPA 會員溫玉玲參加國會議員 Ted Lieu 的募款餐會和 Ted Lieu 交流



DC

President Kevin Huang 黃凱峰

2024/02/03

FTSADC Lunar New Year Banquet

The FAPA DC Chapter co-sponsored and attended the annual Lunar New Year banquet hosted by the Federation of Taiwanese Student Associations in Washington DC (FTSADC). This event brought together over 320 international students, Taiwanese professionals, and representatives from TECRO.

During the event, our local board members took the stage to draw raffle prizes for Amazon gift cards, proudly displaying the FAPA flag. While conducting the raffle, we introduced FAPA, highlighting our mission and current policy initiatives. Several enthusiastic Taiwanese students approached us afterward to inquire about internship opportunities and how to join our organization.

Overall, the event was a success, providing valuable exposure for FAPA. We are grateful to our hosts and all the board members who attended the dinner and showed their support.



2024/04/20

Panel Discussion - Your Vote, Your Future: Evaluating Presidential Candidates and Their Policies

FAPA DC CHAPTER

YOUR VOTE, YOUR FUTURE
EVALUATING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

APRIL 20TH, SATURDAY, 10AM-12PM
AT TAIWANESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTON
7410 NEEDWOOD ROAD, DERWOOD, MD 20855

MD STATE DELEGATE (2011-2023) NEIL PARROTT
VA STATE SENATOR (2024-) SADDAM AZLAN SALIM

MODERATED BY
DR. GERRIT VAN DER WEES
MR. MICHAEL FONTE

FAPA DC hosted a panel discussion featuring speakers from both the Democratic and Republican sides. The discussion showcased their viewpoints on critical issues, ranging from immigration and economic policies to healthcare, national defense, and foreign policy. On the Republican side was Mr. Neil Parrott of Maryland, who served three terms (2011-2023) as a state delegate and is currently running for Congress in Maryland's 6th district. Representing the Democratic side was Virginia State Senator Saddam Azlan Salim, a first-generation immigrant from

Bangladesh who was just elected to the Virginia State Senate in 2023. The moderators for this discussion were our regional board member, Gerrit van der Wees, and former director of the DPP U.S. Mission, Mike Fonte.

The event was a success, filled with engaging discussions between current politicians and members of the Taiwanese American community. We are grateful to our speakers, moderators, and board members whose efforts made the event possible, as well as to the fellow Taiwanese Americans who came and showed support for the first-panel event since I became the Chapter President.



2024/06/18

Panel Discussion - Lai Ching-te: Shaping Taiwan's Political Landscape and Global Strategy

FAPA DC Chapter co-hosted a panel discussion with U.S. Taiwan Watch: 美國台灣觀測站 on President Lai Ching-te. The event sought to bring unique perspectives from Taiwan to the audience here in D.C. About 40 participants interested in Taiwan issues attended, including think tank experts, Congressional aides, scholars, and media professionals.

The event featured Iris Shaw, DPP's new director of the U.S. Mission, delivering the opening remarks. Moderated by FAPA's Executive Director, Chiao-Yun Anny Hsiao, our panelists included William Yang, a Taipei-based Freelance Correspondent for Voice of America (VoA), Russell Hsiao, Executive Director of the Global Taiwan Institute (GTI), and Michael Fonte, Senior Policy Advisor of the U.S. DPP Mission. The panelists discussed a wide range of topics, including the Legislative Yuan's recent turmoil, the Blue Bird Movement, and President Lai's economic and foreign policy priorities. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the panelists, participants, and sponsors for their invaluable contributions to making this event a success. It was a valuable opportunity to showcase Taiwan to professionals here in DC, and we look forward to organizing more events in the future.



DE

President Yi-Ju Chen

Oct 2023 - July 2024

2023 National Advocacy Conference event and Senator office visit

Chapter members Yi-Ju Chen and Chia-Yen Wu attended the 2023 FAPA National Advocacy Conference events in DC from September 30th to October 2nd, 2023. On October 2nd, Yi-Ju, Chia-Yen, and other senior members (Minze Chien, Mark Kao, Chih-Chin Kuo, Ming-Yuan Lu) visited DE senators Tom Carper and Chris Coons offices. During the visit, the “Issues of Concern to Taiwan Americans” were presented and the US-Taiwan-China relationship was further discussed. We followed up on October 6th to ask for the senator’s support on the bipartisan bill “Taiwan Representative Office Act” and shared the subscription link of “Taiwan This Week”, which contains the latest Taiwan-related news with FAPA insight, to the Senators’ office.

2023 FAPA Board Meeting

December 10th, 2023, Chapter members Yi-Ju and Chia-Yen served as Proxies on behalf of Cecilia Chi to attend the 2023 FAPA Board Meeting and joined the discussion.

Petition to support H.R. 7521 “Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Application Act”

On March 12, 2024, we requested our DE chapter members to sign the petition through the FAPA HQ website to ask the House of Representatives to support H.R. 7521 bill “Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Application Act “. We sent a letter to DE congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester and asked her to support H.R. 7521 bill. On March 20th, we received a response letter from Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester mentioning that she voted to pass the bill and that she will continue to put an effort into issues relating to data privacy and data-sharing practices.

美東夏令會

Chapter members, Chia-Yen 作為本年度美東台灣人夏令會財務長, 協同其他會員Yi-Ju, Cecillia Chi 與 劉麗雲熱情協助籌辦 53rd TACEC-TANG 美東台灣人夏令會, 其他的會員與他們的家人也踴躍參加這次的夏令會並互相聯絡感情。

KS

President Chun-Yen Liu (劉俊彥)

On May 25th, 2024, our FAPA Kansas Chapter had the honor of welcoming Professor Chen Shih-Fen 陳時奮 (pen name "Ontario" 翁達瑞) and his wife Hsieh Ming-Ling 謝銘鈴 to visit us for a lunch speech. The entire event lasted over 4 hours and everyone appeared to enjoy the time a lot. The speech title is "Adverse Outcomes in Taiwan's Elections: Causes and Solutions", which is in perfect sync with the on-going assembly with over 100,000 protestors outside Legislative Yuan in Taiwan. People of all ages from every walk of life gathered to voice their opinions, not allowing the absurd proposals to become laws for the newly elected legislators to expand their power in an excessive fashion. During the Q and A session, our members were very concerned with many current issues in Taiwan and Professor Chen offered his answers with educated reasoning. It turned out to be a successful chapter activity.

How did we first get started to have the thought of inviting Professor Chen to come to Kansas? Our weekend morning walk group began to pay attention to him through several social media reports and TV appearances. On heavily discussed topics and public figures, Professor Chen always provided very detailed analysis and trackable references. Besides, he has a longtime follower here - our own FAPA permanent member Jack Lin. Topics, ranging from Hsinchu Mayor Kao Hung-An's Ph.D. dissertation scandal to several highly publicized lawsuits, were brought to the public eyes under the spotlight. As of now, he won all of the court cases against him. The reason was simply because Professor Chen always supported his own remarks with verifiable data and accessible links. In 2023, I started reaching out to Professor Chen with the plan in mind to hold 2 chapter gatherings within the same year. He orally committed to giving a speech in Kansas, but due to the scheduling conflict between his and my various Taiwan trips, we had to postpone a couple of times. In early 2024, our chapter realized that we were excluded from FAPA's annual speech tour, so asking Professor Chen to come became a top priority since our local chapter really depends on someone to help make our annual member event successful. Meanwhile, I received a request from the Missouri chapter's President Albert Kueq showing the interest of cooperating with us to make Professor Chen's speech a 2-stop tour. Therefore, we communicated through some emails and video chats to eventually make this plan a reality.

After we confirmed he would be coming to our chapter. I did a little bit more research about Professor Chen and found he was truly a hard working but also interesting individual. In his early academic career, he taught a couple of years at Kansas State University and some of his friends also came to support our lunch speech event. That proved he got along with several people, so even after almost 25 years, they would still come to visit him to renew the friendship. In fact, Professor Chen and wife flew in one day before the event and then drove a rental car to see friends there and stay over for one night. They got up early the next morning and drove a couple of hours to our speech venue.

After the event was over, at 6:30pm, Dr. Fei-Tau Kung and wife Jane Kung personally invited Professor Chen and several guests to a restaurant "Jack's Stack BBQ". Barbecue sauces are what Kansas City has been famous for, so it was a very nice gesture by the Kungs to host the dinner the best way possible. We enjoyed the delicious food as well as insightful conversation again with Professor Chen and wife Ming-Ling. After a couple of hours, we bid farewell to them so that they could get some rest at the hotel before they headed out for a long drive to St. Louis the next morning.



MD

President Chen Hsu

The FAPA MD Chapter meeting was held on 6/22/2024. Chen Hsu appreciated all attending the meeting, especially, the FAPA National President Dr. Su-Mei Kao and her husband Dr. Mark Kao.



For strengthening MD Chapter operations, we elected two younger candidates Dr. Eu Min as the President and Dr. Tim Chng as the Vice President to carry on the MD Chapter's business. We wish both of them achieve even greater success in the future. Chen Hsu expressed his greatest appreciation for the Chapter members' unceasing support for more than four years! In addition, he especially appreciated MD Chapter's Treasurer Ms. Mei-Chi Yang to efficiently manage the financial related matters.

Since the last MD Chapter meeting in August 2023, we participated several important FAPA joint activities which are summarized below.

2023 FAPA Board Meeting, 8-10 December 2023, including the visit to the US Congress.

US Congress's campaign to bar Tik Tok proliferation in the US.

The drive for changing from the "Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO)" to Taiwan Representative Office (TRO).

The FAPA efforts to call the US recognition of Taiwan as an independent country and the establishment of diplomatic relations between the US and Taiwan.

The FAPA efforts to advocate for bolstering US-Taiwan Defense cooperation.

MD Chapter's members actively support FAPA advocacy at the US Congress to meet a part of main purposes of establishing FAPA.

We are especially grateful for the FAPA President Dr. Su-Mei Kao's elegant detailed presentation of FAPA's past significant milestones, mission, and vision, including 8 passed Congressional Acts, 20 additional milestones, US Military Aid to Taiwan, 21st Century Trade Agreement Implementation Act (became Law Aug 2023), Taiwanese right of self-determination, Taiwan Representative Office Act, and various campaigns on Taiwan related issues. Indeed, we are fortunate to have an insightful analysis of FAPA's future directions enabling us to focus our efforts to achieve the results. In addition, we are also fortunate to have her husband Dr. Mark Kao to augment her presentation.

MO

President Kueq Sernggi (郭勝義 Albert Kuo)

In collaboration with KSC chapter, we invited Professor Shih-fen Chen (pen name 翁達瑞) to give us a speech on May 26 and dinned together with all audiences. The title of the speech, “Adverse Outcomes in Taiwan’s Elections: Causes and Solutions” attracted 30 plus audiences for our small-size chapter. The eloquent speech is followed with intensive Q&A on the speech contents as well as questions on the concern of China’s military attack on Taiwan; it’s an about four-hours event. On the next day, the Memorial Day, three of our members accompany Prof Chen and his wife to tour St. Louis landmark spots, the Gateway Arch, St. Louis Cathedral which is famous of its mosaic art on the inside wall and arch ceiling, Forest Park which was the 1904 World Fair site and currently houses art museum, Missouri history Museum, zoo, Muni open-air music arena, science center, and golf course. After the tour, we had a three-hours late lunch with ten of our members for an Q&A on various topic related to Taiwan’s future.



NY-Hudson

President Chi-Lin (Mike) O'Young 歐陽吉林

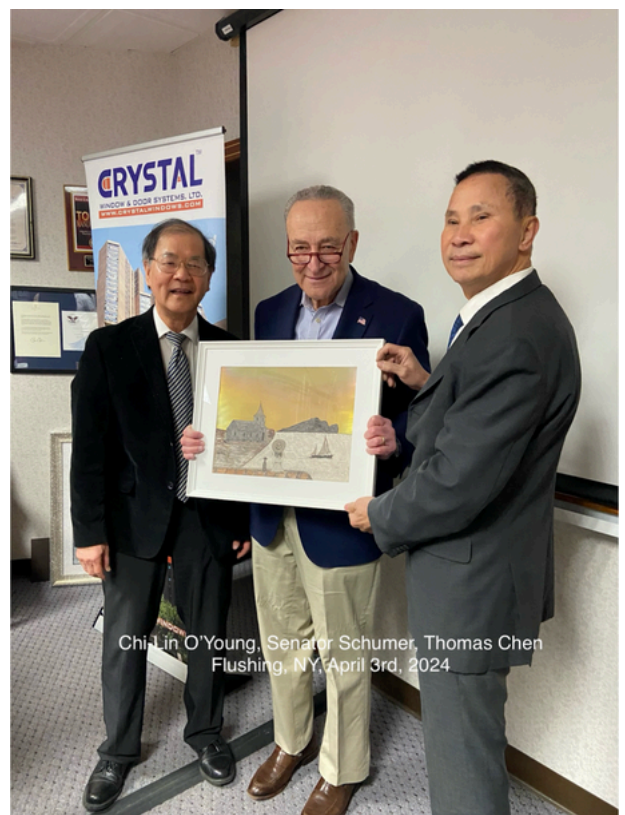
April 3, 2024

Meeting with Senator Schumer (D-NY, Majority Leader) and Former Congresswoman Mucarsell-Powell (D, FL-26, 2019-2021)

A group of over 20 Taiwanese Americans gathered at the office of Thomas Chen, CEO of Crystal Windows in Flushing, NY, where we met with Schumer and Mucarsell-Powell. The event, organized by Thomas Chen to support Mucarsell-Powell's 2024 Florida Senate campaign, featured Schumer as a special guest. Mucarsell-Powell is set to challenge incumbent Republican Senator Rick Scott, backed by Schumer's strong endorsement and fundraising support.

Schumer, a prominent Congressional leader, has long been a staunch supporter of Taiwan and joined the Senate Taiwan Caucus long ago. The NY-Hudson Chapter has fostered a close relationship with his office in DC, with members regularly engaging both in person and virtually with his aides.

During the event, a photo was taken as we presented Schumer with a painting gifted by Professor 黃建和 from Taiwan. I took the opportunity to raise important issues, including the Taiwan Representative Office Act and the TikTok Ban Act. The TikTok Ban Act, which the Senate passed in late April, was promptly signed into law by President Biden.



Chi-Lin O'Young, Senator Schumer, Thomas Chen
Flushing, NY, April 3rd, 2024

May 3, 2024

Rep. Mark Molinaro (R, NY-19) Fundraising Luncheon

A group of local Taiwanese Americans attended a fundraising luncheon to support Rep. Molinaro's re-election campaign in Kingston, NY (see attached photo). Since his first election in 2022, Rep. Molinaro has been a steadfast supporter of Taiwan. He joined the Congressional Taiwan Caucus in 2023 following our advocacy efforts. During the meeting, we presented him with a cover letter containing a list of petitions, including the renaming of TECRO to TRO, Senate confirmation of the AIT Director, and the establishment of a U.S.-Taiwan Free Trade Agreement.



May 8, 2024

Celebration of Taiwanese American Heritage Week May 12 – 19 in Dutchess County, NY

A group of Taiwanese Americans (photo attached) gathered at Susan Serino's office, Dutchess County Executive, to celebrate the 2024 Taiwanese American Heritage Week. She issued a Proclamation (photo attached) to honor and recognize our contributions. Additionally, a painting gifted by my friend Professor 黃建和 from Taiwan was presented to her.



May 26, 2024

Passport to Taiwan, Union Square Park, NYC

As in previous years, three chapters - NY-Met, NY-Hudson, and NJ - collaboratively sponsored an exhibition table at the event to promote FAPA's visibility and attract new members (photo attached). We had several volunteers on hand to greet visitors. Our booth was highly popular and received positive feedback. Over 20 individuals expressed interest in joining FAPA and provided their contact information for membership applications. Additionally, we successfully collected donations during the event.



June 15, 2024

Rep. Pat Ryan (D, NY 18) Fundraising Event in Gallatin, NY

Thomas Hwang and I (photo attached) attended a fundraising event in support of Rep. Ryan's re-election campaign. Rep. Ryan was initially elected in 2022 to represent NY's 18th district and previously served in NY's 19th district from 2022 to 2023 following a special election. Before his congressional tenure, he served as the county executive of Ulster County, NY. A West Point graduate and a veteran of the US Army with two tours in Iraq, Rep. Ryan currently serves on the Armed Services Committee.

Our Chapter engaged in a virtual conference with his aide last April and visited his office in DC during last year's NAC. Despite our efforts, we have yet to succeed in inviting him to join the

Congressional Taiwan Caucus. Nevertheless, his voting record demonstrates strong support for Taiwan, reflecting his background as a veteran. We are planning another visit to his DC office during September's NAC.



NY-Syracuse

President Elizabeth Lin

FAPA Syracuse Chapter Annual Picnic was held on Jun 16th at Pratt's Falls Park, Manlius, NY. The weather was perfect for the day. Our members, friends and a Syracuse University post doc joined us at this event. FAPA National President Su-Mei Kao and her husband Mark Kao presented us "What role does FAPA play when Taiwan is at a crossroads."

Syracuse Chapter has received proclamation from Syracuse Mayor Ben Wash with "Taiwanese-American Heritage Week" in May.



OR-SWWA

President Sylvia Lin

Taiwanese American Heritage Week Celebration & Support “Blue Birds Movement”

As part of the Taiwanese American Heritage Week celebrations, FAPA Oregon & SW Washington sponsored a performance by “Formosa Circus Art.”

Before the show, we set up a booth where we shared signs and posters in support of Taiwan’s “Blue Birds Movement.” This movement advocates for the Taiwanese legislature to uphold and respect the principles of democracy and freedom for the people of Taiwan.

The event provided an excellent platform to engage with the community and raise awareness about these important issues.



2024 Taiwanese American Heritage Week

FAPA Oregon & Southwest Washington collaborated with local associations to request proclamations for Taiwanese American Heritage Week (TAHW) from our elected officials.

This year, eight U.S. elected officials issued proclamations or letters recognizing the significant contributions of Taiwanese Americans in Oregon and Southwest Washington. These proclamations honor the role we have played in enriching the diversity and prosperity of American society, as well as our efforts to promote democracy and security in Taiwan, our country of birth. Our chapter received the most proclamations and congratulatory letters in the nation, a testament to our community’s impact.



Chapter President Sylvia Lin, along with other members and community representatives, attended council meetings in person to receive proclamations in Vancouver, WA; Camas, WA; and Tigard, OR.

Oregon Governor Tina Kotek highlighted the importance of our community, noting, "There are more than 500,000 Taiwanese Americans in the United States, with a significant Taiwanese American population in Oregon."

TAHW Proclamations From:

1. Oregon Governor Tina Kotek
2. Mayor Heidi Lueb, City of Tigard, OR
3. Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle, City of Vancouver, WA
4. Mayor Steve Hogan, City of Camas, WA
5. Mayor Ted Wheeler, City of Portland, OR

****TAHW Congratulations Letters From:****

1. U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
2. U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR)
3. U.S. Representative Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR)

This year's achievements underscore the growing recognition of the Taiwanese American community's contributions to both American and Taiwanese society.



Taiwanese Movie “BIG” Screening Event

In April, FAPA Oregon & Southwest Washington, in collaboration with local associations, hosted a screening of the Taiwanese movie “BIG” in Portland, OR. The event drew over 80 attendees, who not only enjoyed the film but also had the unique opportunity to engage in a Q&A session with the movie's director, Wei Te-Sheng.



228 Taiwan Lily Pin Commemoration Event

On February 24, 2024, the North America Taiwanese Women's Association (NATWA), in collaboration with the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) Oregon & SW Washington Chapter, hosted a heartfelt event to commemorate the 228 Incident, a significant moment in Taiwan's history.

During the event, limited edition Taiwan Lily paper pins, designed by renowned Taiwanese paper artist Chen Guang-Lin, were distributed to attendees. Participants were encouraged to wear these pins as a symbol of remembrance and solidarity. The event successfully brought together community members to honor the memory of those affected by the 228 Incident, fostering a sense of unity and shared history among participants.



TX-C

President Pearl Wu 楊碧珠

Rep. Doggett 讚成通過 U.S.- Taiwan on the 21st-Century Trade First Agreement Implementation Act.11c (台美21世紀貿易倡議協定)

House representative Lloyd Doggett 在 6/13/2023 House Ways & Means committee hearing 討論 US-Taiwan Initiative on Trade First Agreement 時, 提到:

<<Thank Pearl Wu, the president of FAPA TEXAS CENTRAL CHAPTER, provided good counsel on this issue.... >>

Rep. Doggett's director Jocelyn Tau 6/10/2023 來參加我們 TX-C 的年中會後, 徵求 FAPA 對 Taiwan Trade Agreement 的意見. 謝謝 FAPA HQ Coen Blaauw 即時給於 Rep. Doggett for talking points for House Committee Hearing.

這是 Coen 給我的 email:

I asked the three FAPA summer interns to go and attend the hearing in the House Ways and Means Committee early this morning.

When they came back to the office they said that Rep. Doggett had mentioned FAPA in his hearing remarks.

Intern Sophia wrote in her hearing report:

<< Congressman Lloyd Doggett (D-TX) mentioned his support of FAPA and his presence in the Taiwan caucus. He also emphasized how American economic support of Taiwan is just as vital as military support. >>

So, again, excellent work, Pearl and all! That is the ideal version of FAPA's grassroots/HQ work...



↩️ Rep. Doggett 送來他在國會Hearing提到 FAPA的 YouTube



成功的邀請了 House Representative John Carter rejoined House Taiwan Caucus

Rep. Carter 在 2013,2014 是 House Taiwan Caucus 台灣連線 的 Co-Chair. 後來離開了. 去年五月我們去他的 Round Rock Office 拜訪, 我們邀請他再加入 House Taiwan Caucus. 很快的, 收到他很正式的信函, 表達他現在是 Taiwan Caucus 的成員.

這是信函的其中一部分 ➡

Congressman John Carter joined House Taiwan Caucus



Dear Pearl Wu,

As Former chair and current member of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, I value Taiwan as a key economic and strong strategic U.S. partner in the Indo-Pacific.

I have long supported robust trade with the island as well as making defense articles and services available as necessary to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability.

Sincerely,
John R. Carter
Member of congress

House Taiwan Caucus (國會台灣連線)
117th Congress (2021-2022)

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Tony Gonzalez (TX-29)
Michael Burgess (TX-26)
Michael Cloud (TX-27)
John R. Carter (TX-11)
John R. Curtis (TX-1)
Glenn Grothman (TX-4)
Tom Tiffany (TX-13)
Alma Moore (TX-10)

Establishing U.S. and Taiwan joint ventures to produce drones to defend against China

我 1 月在台南採訪羅正方, 台灣國家無人機協會主席. 3 月初送這 email 給德州兩位 Senators, 3 位 Representatives.

馬上收到 Senator John Cornyn's Director Jill Wyman 的回函:

<< ..I'll be sure our National Security team has this information... >>

Senator Ted Cruz's Director Brandon Simon 的回函:

<<... I have gotten this up to the Senator and our legislative team dealing with foreign affairs... >>

Representative Lloyd Doggett 特地和 House Select Committee on Chinese Communist Party (衆議院美中戰略競爭特委會) 討論我的 email "Establishing U.S. and Taiwan joint ventures to produce drones to defend against China". 他們討論的結果, Committee 決定請 Rep. Doggett connect Dr. Lo(羅正方) to the committee staff.

讓我們期待著台美雙方能在無人機合作上有著進一步的發展.

Why Taiwan is part of the TX GOP Republican Party Platform

3/22, 熱心的 Cathy Cocco 受邀在 North Austin Republican Club meeting 演講: "Why Taiwan is part of the TX GOP Republican Party Platform".

她用許多美麗的 slides 來介紹台灣的風景, 歷史, 和中國的關係, 民主過程, 選舉, 半導體相關議題, 重要的地理位置, 美國國會的 Taiwan Caucus, 台美中關係, 及 TX GOP Plank #272-Support the Country of Taiwan-----等等. 非常詳細, 很成功的介紹台灣, 支持台灣!

她介紹我是 FAPA TX-C President. 我簡單的介紹 FAPA, 及目前 Rep. Curtis 的提案 HR#3171: 將 TECO 正名為 [Taiwan Representative Office], 我們 FAPA 會員們寫 petition letters 請德州國會議員們支持這條文. 也分發我準備的 'Taiwan and U.S.A.' 傳單給聽眾們.

FAPA TX-C 副會長 Angela 負責回答 Q & A.



↑ Pearl Wu 簡單的介紹 FAPA

↓ Cathy Cocco在 North Austin Republican Club演講



↓ 參加的 FAPA TX-C 會員



Proclaim the week of May 12-19 as "Taiwanese American Heritage Week"

我經過了2個多月努力與奧斯汀(Austin, Texas)市政府的連繫溝通後，5月16日在市政廳，由市議員 Paige Ellis 宣讀及頒發市長 Kirk Watson 簽署的一份宣告，將5月12日至19日訂為「台美人傳統週」，即是母親節的那一週，也呼應了亞裔傳統月的慶祝精神。我也當場向市政府及市議員 Ellis 答謝！



Council Ellis Proclaim the week of May 12-19 as Taiwanese American Heritage Week



WA

President Ying-Po Liao 廖英博 (香菇)

2024-01-12總統大選開票Party

2024年初，牽動全球政局的台灣總統大選舉行投票，當天晚上，華州分會邀請FAPA會員一同參與開票過程，見證台灣新國會與新總統的誕生，雖然身在美國無法回台投票，大家齊聚一堂，密切關注台美關係最新動向。



2024-05-19 西雅圖520總統就職典禮慶祝會

賴清德總統於5/20就職，華州分會和西雅圖信賴後援會、西雅圖台灣同鄉會共同舉辦活動，邀請台灣鄉親遠程參與就職典禮，透過電視轉播，慶祝賴總統上任，瞭解台灣的施政方針、國內外新政佈局。除此之外，鄉親也提出對國會亂象的憂慮與看法。



2024-05-27 FAPA-WA 青島活動串聯

台灣特技團蒞臨西雅圖慶祝「台灣傳統週」，華州分會在表演廳入口處擺攤，串聯青島活動。透過海報和手板，邀請民眾關心「國會擴權法案」，向美國社會傳達台灣人的擔憂，此法案除了傷害台灣民主，無限制的國會聽證與調查權更可能危害憲法保障的言論自由。



2024-06-01 『我要參與美國政治！』系列活動：國會倡議培訓工作坊

華州分會創立『國會倡議行動小組』（Congressional Advocacy Taskforce, CAT），行動代號『貓』🐱，投入華州台美倡議工作。第一次培訓活動，由總部執行長Anny和分會副會長Albert共同主持，分享和國會議員打交道的心態與技巧，為九月NAC全國倡議活動提前暖身。



In Memory of Former FL-S Chapter President Song-Yea Lee

Chapter President Ming-Lon Young 楊明倫 arranged a memorial service and funeral for the beloved ex-FAPA South Florida Chapter President Song Yea Lee 李嵩義前會長.



李嵩義

11/19/1940 - 5/24/2024

李嵩義兄於台灣草屯出生，1968年來到美國，是一位傑出的生物化學家，他於2018年退休。在七十年代，所有台美人都對國民黨加諸台灣的長期戒嚴都非常關注。為了挑戰當時的局勢，在共同理念之下南佛州二十幾個家庭成立了台灣人公共事務會南佛州分會，寫信給國會議員並不時與他們見面，講述台灣的歷史與現況，分享台灣人的理念與願望，推動議員們在國會提出可以加強台灣民主、自由、安全的法案。經過這數十年，南佛州公共事務會的成員都凝聚了兄弟姊妹一般的友情。

嵩義大約1994到2004做過南佛州FAPA十年的會長。同時並任全美八位standing committee的總召集人。任內經常安排與美國國會議員見面，包括前國會議長Dick Gephardt, 前俄亥俄州國會議員Sherrod Brown (現任參議員)，以及佛州眾議員Peter Deutsch等，這些議員因此更了解台灣及台美人的意願。這些議員並由FAPA總部Follow-up，在國會提出有利台灣的法案，成為美國國會內支持台灣的重磅級議員。

在與布羅瓦郡眾議員Peter Deutch言談中，嵩義兄讓他知道當時台美人最痛苦的事之一就是護照出生地要被寫成Taiwan, China，因此Peter Deutsch為台灣推出的法案中，最重要的是，讓美國護照上可以寫台灣為出生地，而不用寫中國、台灣。結果法案成功獲得通過，這我們第一得感謝嵩義兄的貢獻，第二也讓我們了解到FAPA與各地分會的力量，不容小覷。那年克林頓總統來佛州訪問，嵩義兄更獲得邀請，與總統一起在沙灘慢跑。為此，他也在台僑月刊8/25/1994寫下一篇詳細的報導：[FAPA南佛州分會長 李嵩義會見克林頓總統](#)。



President Clinton and Song Yea Lee

那段時間每次有聚會都在他的家中。有一次總部昆不老來南佛州演講，住在他家。聽到他從小養的兩隻鸚鵡會講很多台灣話，嚇了一跳，因為他以為美國的鸚鵡只會講英語呢！在嵩義離世前一星期，這兩隻鸚鵡雙雙離奇的死於非命，享年33歲，月華嫂即感受到這是不祥之兆。

當年FAPA財務困難，嵩義想要到並推出一項FAPA-100 membership計劃（每人每月捐一百為期兩年），因此穩定了FAPA財務。南佛州幾乎所有FAPA會員都是FAPA 100成員。南佛州分會在他領導之下，也三次獲頒（1996，1997，2002）最佳分會獎。

時至今日，嵩義兄還是南佛州FAPA五位理事之一。

在過世一星期前我問他，他的人生有什麼遺憾。他說：「遺憾的是，還沒有看到台灣獨立，（成為一個正常的國家）」。現在每個人都會說「愛台灣」，但是你就會感受到李嵩義畢生對台灣的愛護是如此真實、明顯，其他人是難以超越的。



Congressman Peter Deutsch and SF FAPA members



為此，在李嵩義的葬禮中，FAPA副會長鍾佳君特地從Boston趕來致詞（會長人在台灣）。我們南佛州FAPA四位現存理事更是以FAPA旗覆棺之禮恭送嵩義兄最後一程。

FAPA 旗覆棺之禮後合照：南佛州五位理事：邱永順、許清政、林晉裕、楊明倫、FAPA副會長鍾佳君以及過世的李嵩義理事遺像。

雖然嵩義兄美好的仗已經打過，他擎起的火炬我們還得要繼續傳承下去，讓他生前最後的遺憾變成我們加倍努力的動力。但願台美人能在FAPA的組織中，成立一個Song Yea Lee Memorial Fund，用來培養下一代年輕人，同時讓李嵩義的名字留傳、被後世台美人永遠紀念。



楊美娥、Congresswoman Debbie Wassermann-Shultz、李嵩義



月華嫂、李嵩義，Senator Sherrod Brown、楊美娥、吳俊德



許請正、楊明倫、林阿義，邱永順、吳俊德、李嵩義、黃秀鶯、Congressman Ted Yoho (retired)、楊美娥、林素芬及議員助理。





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