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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear FAPA members and friends,

Greetings. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready for the beautiful fall coming in our way.

July was a busy month for many people, including HQ staff. FAPA Executive Director Anny Hsiao delivered speeches at the Taiwanese American Conference-East Coast (TAC-EC) and the Taiwanese American Conference-West Coast (TAC-WC). In addition, two separate workshops were conducted on both coasts. On the East Coast, FAPA VP Chia-Chun Chung, then FAPA staff Jenny Li, and I conducted a workshop at Taiwanese American Next Generation (TANG). Anny, FAPA Board members Tony Lee, Alex Hung, Najee Woods, young leaders in the community, and I held another one on the West Coast.

I was delighted that these activities resulted in positive feedback, new FAPA members, and a new intern at the HQ. It is also worth noting that both TAC-EC and TAC-WC were organized by FAPA Board members, Meng-Chun Chiang on the East and Ken Wu on the West. It goes to show that at FAPA we strive to build communities.

I am especially thrilled to report to you that a number of our founding fathers' and pioneers' descendants, such as Strong Chuang's son Tim Chng, Mark Chen's son Felix Chen, have joined FAPA. "As a member of the Taiwanese American community, I am joining because I am excited about FAPA taking on a new/fresh direction," another new member wrote.

The fundraising speech tours were put on hold in the spring due to schedule conflicts of the speakers. To accommodate their schedules, the HQ arranged two fundraising speech tours, Wu Cheng on the East Coast in late August and Miao Po-Ya on the West Coast in the first half of September. Both were very well received. The fundraising efforts were very successful because of thoughtful planning and coordination between the HQ and hosting chapters. Kudos to those chapters, 14 in all.

Amidst coordinating fundraising speech tours, the HQ also hosted our 3-day National Advocacy Conference (NAC) from September 7 to 9, with more than 80 FAPA members attending from all over the nation. I applaud the HQ staff for their meticulous planning to make it a very fruitful event for all participants. Case in point — I invited HQ staff to join me for dinner after the event concluded. One staff member was so exhausted that he fell asleep while having dinner, dedication in plain sight.

This past May, our beloved FAPA member Song Yea Lee passed away. He was the driving force behind FAPA's successful effort to allow Taiwanese Americans to list "Taiwan" as their birthplace on their U.S. passports. During the discussion on how best to carry on Song Yea's dream of promoting Taiwan independence, I pointed out that FAPA has trained a lot of interns, who went on to become scholars at Think Tank, congressional staffer, FAPA staffers, and even VP of Taiwan. This led Dr. Ming-Lon Yang to conceive the idea of the Song Yea Lee Memorial Fund to support the FAPA internship program.

I am grateful to announce that we have raised more than \$255,000 thus far (as of November 12, 2024) for the fund, largely due to the generous donations from Dr. Jane Hsiao, Dr. Tzu Shong Yang and Maysing Huang. With your help, we hope we can reach \$500,000 by the year's end. Why do we need that much? you might ask. This fund will serve as a basis for long-term funding to ensure that our internship program can continue to nurture young advocates and leaders like current Taiwan VP Bi-Khim Hsiao and many others to come.

As I continue to visit chapters, I am overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and the passion our members exhibited. It was inspiring and invigorating to have the opportunity to meet FAPA pioneers, Mr. Chung-Chin Chen, Mr. Chen Hsu, Dr. Hwa Lin Lee, to name a few. Their FAPA stories are the ones that remind me why I decided to run for President in the first place.

Membership is the foundation of FAPA's grassroots power. I fully recognize the difficulties in the past in processing membership applications and donations promptly and accurately. Since August, we have systemically combed through the management system, identified problems behind the issues, created a clear workflow, and streamlined processes — thanks to the efforts led by FAPA national VP Chia-Chun Chung working with our Membership Committee, Technology Committee, and the HQ staff. Moving forward, they will work with the Rules Committee to clarify our membership criteria, requirements, and the like for clearer guidelines.

In addition to managing the day-to-day operations, Executive Director Anny Hsiao has led the HQ team to accomplish tremendous work on the policy front, such as issuing joint letters and press releases for our advocacy campaigns to the IOC and the UN in a timely fashion, meeting with Congressional members and staffers, and pushing for bills that are our priority on the Hill. She was also busy engaging with chapter Presidents, meeting with various Board committees to improve technology, operations, finance matters, in addition to working with like-minded organizations. Taking FAPA HQ to a new level is an ongoing process. I commend her for a job well done to date!

With warmest appreciation,



Su-Mei Kao, Ph.D.
FAPA National President
2024.10.1



National President Su-Mei (center), Vice President Chia-Chun (left), and Executive Director Anny (right) at the Hill.

會長的話

親愛的FAPA會員及朋友：

大家好！我希望您度過了一個美好的夏天，並為即將到來的美麗秋天做好準備。

對許多人來說，7月是個繁忙的月份；對總部團隊來說，亦是如此。FAPA執行長蕭喬勻（Anny Hsiao）在美東台灣人夏令會（TAC-EC）及美西台美人夏令會（TAC-WC）上發表了演講。此外，我們還在東西兩岸舉辦了兩場座談會。在美東，FAPA副會長鍾佳君（Chia-Chun Chung）、當時的總部員工李愛錚（Jenny Li）、與我本人，共同在Taiwanese American Next Generation (TANG) 舉辦了一場研討會。在美西，蕭執行長、FAPA理事李賢群（Tony Lee）、洪克璿（Alex Hung）、葉忠正（Najee Woods）、幾位年輕的社群領袖、以及我本人，一同舉辦了另一座談會。

我很開心這些活動獲得了正面反饋，吸引到FAPA新會員，並帶來一名總部實習生。此外，值得一提的是，TAC-EC和TAC-WC都是由FAPA理事所主辦，分別是美東的江孟純（Meng-Chun Chiang）以及美西的吳兆峯（Ken Wu）。這充分體現了FAPA在經營建構社群的努力。

我很高興地向您報告，我們許多創始元老和先驅的後代，例如莊秋雄（Strong Chuang）前輩的兒子莊騰程（Tim Chng）、陳唐山（Mark Chen）前會長之子Felix Chen，已經加入FAPA。此外，另一位新會員寫道：「作為一名台裔美國人，我加入FAPA，是因為我很興奮看到FAPA朝著新的方向前進。」

由於與所邀請者的行程安排衝突，募款巡迴演講在春季被擱置。重新配合講者的行程，總部安排了吳崢於8月底在美東、以及苗博雅於9月上半在美西，為FAPA進行了兩系列的募款巡迴演講。兩位講者都受到熱烈的歡迎與迴響。由於總部和主辦分會之間的周密規劃與協調，募款工作做得非常成功。在此要特別感謝本次參與的14個分會。

在協調募款巡迴演講的同時，總部也於9月7日至9日舉行了為期三天的全國倡議大會（NAC），共有來自全美各地的80多名FAPA會員參加。我要讚揚總部團隊的精心策劃，讓這次倡議大會的所有參與者都收穫滿滿。舉個例子，我在活動結束後邀請總部員工們共進晚餐，有位員工竟累到在用餐時睡著，他與整個團隊的敬業精神，可見一斑。

今年5月，我們敬愛的FAPA會員李嵩義（Song Yea Lee）先生過世了。他是FAPA成功推動讓台裔美國人能選擇將「台灣」列為美國護照上出生地的重要推手。在討論如何更好地延續嵩義兄推動台獨的夢想時，我指出FAPA培訓了許多實習生，他們後來有些成為智庫學者、美國國會助理、FAPA員工、甚至是台灣副總統。這促使楊明倫（Ming-Lon Yang）博士提出設立李嵩義紀念基金的構想，用以支持FAPA的實習生計畫。

我充滿感恩地宣布，到2024年11月12日為止，我們已經為該基金募資超過25.5萬美元，這很大部分要歸功於許照惠（Jane Hsiao）博士、楊次雄（Tzu Shong Yang）醫師及楊黃美幸（Maysing Huang）女士的慷慨捐贈。在您的持續幫助下，我們希望在年底能籌到50萬美元。您可能會問，為什麼我們需要如此多經費。該基金將成為FAPA實習生計畫的長期資金基礎，以確保我們能繼續培訓出像現任台灣副總統蕭美琴這般的許多未來年輕領袖與倡議者。

隨著我繼續拜訪各分會，我被我們會員們展現出的熱情與活力所深深感動。能有機會當面見到FAPA的先驅與前輩們，例如陳仲欽（Chung-Chin Chen）先生、許辰沼（Chen Hsu）先生、李華林（Hwalin Lee）博士等，亦令我感到萬分鼓舞和振奮。他們的FAPA故事，讓我回想起我當初決定參選會長的原因。

會員是FAPA草根力量的基礎。我充分了解過去在及時準確地處理會員申請和捐款管理方面的困難。從8月起，我們系統性地梳理了管理系統，找出問題背後的因素，建立清晰的工作流程，簡化處理程序，並完成了許多堆積的工作。在此要感謝FAPA副會長鍾佳君的主導，以及會員委員會（Membership Committee）、科技委員會（Technology Committee）與總部員工的共同努力。展望未來，他們將與規則委員會（Rules Committee）合作，闡明我們的會員標準、要求等，以提供更清晰的處理方針。

除了管理日常運作外，蕭喬勻執行長還帶領總部團隊在政策方面完成了眾多工作，例如就我們的倡議運動及時寄發連署信給國際奧委會和聯合國並發布新聞稿，與美國國會議員和助理見面會談，並極力推動我們的優先法案。她還忙於與各分會會長互動，與諸多委員會開會商議以改善技術、運作、財務等各方面事務，並與志同道合的其他組織推進合作。將FAPA總部提升到一個新的水平，是個持續努力的過程。我要藉此機會，讚揚她迄今為止的優異工作成果與表現！

致以最誠摯的感謝與祝福。

FAPA總會長



林素梅博士 謹上
2024年10月1日



Group photo of National President and FAPA HQ Staff.

From left: Vincent Tsai, Anny Hsiao, Vanessa Chen,
Su-Mei Kao, Henry Tsai, Kat Chueh

CAPITOL WATCH

July 18- September 30, 2024

by Chih-Jung Huang

SENATORS SULLIVAN, DUCKWORTH INTRODUCE BILL TO SANCTION CHINA IF TAIWAN ATTACKED

On July 25, U.S. Senators Dan Sullivan (R-AK) and Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), both members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, introduced the “Sanctions Targeting Aggressors of Neighboring Democracies with Taiwan Act of 2024” or the “STAND with Taiwan Act of 2024” (S.4789), which would levy a wide range of sanctions on China should it initiate “a military invasion of Taiwan.”

The term “military invasion” is defined in the bill to include amphibious landings, airborne operations, aerial bombardments or blockades, missile attacks, naval bombardments or blockades, or an attack on any territory controlled or administered by the Government of Taiwan, including offshore islands.

The proposed bill “would impose devastating, comprehensive economic, energy, financial, and other sanctions on China” if “the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) initiates military aggression against Taiwan,” according to a press release issued by Sen. Sullivan’s office on July 26.

The sanctions would include the targeting of “Chinese Communist Party [CCP] members and Chinese financial institutions and industrial sectors, as well as prohibiting U.S. financial institutions, including investment companies, from making any investments in a Chinese entity that benefits or is affiliated with the CCP,” the release said.

BLINKEN CONVEYS CONCERN TO WANG YI ABOUT TAIWAN

On July 27, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken talked extensively with Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi about Taiwan and

raised concerns about Beijing’s recent “provocative actions,” a senior U.S. Department of State official said. Those actions included a simulated blockade during the inauguration of Taiwan’s President Lai Ching-te, the official added.

Blinken and Wang talked for 1 hour, 20 minutes on the sidelines of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in Laos, in their sixth meeting since June 2023. Blinken conveyed to Wang that U.S. President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris both believed in the importance of stability in the U.S.-China relationship, and that a rules-based order must be upheld, the official said.

IPAC ADOPTS “MODEL RESOLUTION ON 2758”

The Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China (IPAC) held its annual summit in Taipei on July 30. It adopted an IPAC “model resolution” on the 1971 United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution 2758 that could serve as reference for IPAC members and facilitate the introduction of related resolutions in their respective parliaments.

In the “IPAC Model Resolution on 2758,” IPAC expressed concern over sustained efforts by Chinese officials to distort the meaning of UNGA Resolution 2758, which, in fact, did not mention Taiwan, address Taiwan’s political status, or establish China’s sovereignty over Taiwan.

The IPAC asserted that UN Resolution 2758 “does not establish the ‘One China Principle’ as a matter of international law” and that “nothing in law prevents the participation of Taiwan in international organizations.”



In addition, the IPAC said the UN document had “no bearing on the sovereign choices of other countries with respect to their relationship with Taiwan,” while voicing support for Taiwan’s meaningful participation in the UN agencies.

U.S., AUSTRALIA REAFFIRM IMPORTANCE OF TAIWAN STRAIT PEACE

On August 6, the United States and Australian governments issued a joint statement, which in part “reaffirmed the importance of maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and their shared opposition to unilateral changes to the status quo” and “called for the peaceful resolution of cross-Strait issues through dialogue, without the threat or use of force or coercion.”

The statement followed the 34th Australia-U.S. Ministerial Consultations (AUSMIN) in Annapolis, Maryland, on August 6 attended by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs Penny Wong, and Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defense Richard Marles.

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

On August 9, the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) led a joint letter urging the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to allow Taiwan’s Olympic team to compete under the name “Taiwan” rather than the discriminatory misnomer “Chinese Taipei,” and stop infringing on the spectators’ freedom of speech and allow them to display Taiwan signage at the Olympic Games.

The letter, addressed to IOC President Thomas Bach and members of the IOC Executive Board, was led by FAPA, along with 23 other overseas Taiwanese organizations.

“Taiwan is an independent, sovereign country,” which is a long-established “status quo,” FAPA President Su-Mei Kao said in a press release, arguing that Taiwan’s Olympic team is “fully entitled to compete proudly under the name ‘Taiwan.’”

VISITING U.S. LAWMAKER STRESSES DETERRENCE TO COMBAT CHINESE AGGRESSION

Visiting U.S. Representative Marilyn Strickland (D-WA), a member of the House Committee on Armed Services, underscored the importance of deterrence in preventing potential Chinese aggression during a meeting with Taiwan’s President Lai Ching-te in Taipei on August 13.

As ties between Taiwan and the U.S. have in part “evolved because of potential aggression” from the other side of the Taiwan Strait, “we want to deter anything that will come across the Strait and create a situation where we have to get involved in a conflict,” Rep. Strickland said.

Strickland, who is leading a delegation of Democrats from the House of Representatives, arrived in Taiwan on August 11 and left on August 15. She was accompanied at the meeting by three other U.S. House members, Julia Brownley (D-CA), Jill Tokuda (D-HI) and Jasmine Crockett (D-TX), as well as their aides.

DEMOCRATS INCLUDE U.S.’ “SIX ASSURANCES” IN POLICY PLATFORM FOR FIRST TIME

On August 19, the Democratic National Convention in Chicago approved the party’s 92-page policy platform, including an unprecedented commitment to the U.S.’ “Six Assurances” to Taiwan.

The policy document reaffirmed the Democrats’ firm commitment to safeguarding peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, its opposition to unilateral changes to the cross-strait status quo, and its adherence to the U.S.’ “One China policy.”

“President Biden will also remain steadfast in America’s commitment to peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait consistent with the U.S. One China policy — guided by the Taiwan Relations Act, the three Joint Communiques, and the Six Assurances — in order to continue to ensure that there are no unilateral changes to the status quo from either side,” the 2024 Democratic Party Platform said.

TAIWAN SHOULD BE FULL MEMBER OF UNITED NATIONS: NIKKI HALEY

On August 21, the former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations (UN), Nikki Haley, called for Taiwan's full UN membership, more international backing for Taiwan, and a coordinated pushback against China's false claims over Taiwan.

In her keynote address at the Ketagalan Forum held in Taipei, Haley, who served as the U.S.' top envoy to the UN from January 2017 to December 2018, said she was visiting Taiwan for the first time but has "proudly stood with Taiwan for years."

"Taiwan should be a full member in the United Nations. You [Taiwan] have every right to sit at the same table with the world's countries," Haley told the audience at the conference.

U.S. ENCOURAGES INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT WITH TAIWAN AFTER CHINA'S PALAU COERCION

A U.S. State Department spokesperson said on August 24 that the United States encourages "all countries to expand engagement with Taiwan," after Palau's president recently warned that the Micronesian nation has faced economic coercion from China over its diplomatic ties to Taiwan.

"Taiwan is a reliable, like-minded, and democratic partner, and its partnerships — official and unofficial — around the world provide significant and sustainable benefits to the citizens of those countries," the spokesperson added.

JAKE SULLIVAN STRESSES TAIWAN STRAIT PEACE IN TALKS WITH WANG YI

U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan arrived in Beijing on August 27, the first U.S. national security adviser to visit China since 2016, for three days of talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and other high-ranking officials.

A White House readout issued on August 28 pointed out that Sullivan had "underscored the importance of maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait" during the talks with Wang.

Sullivan also reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to defending its Indo-Pacific allies and expressed concern about China's "destabilizing actions" in the South China Sea.

FAPA CONDEMNS CHINA'S INFILTRATION INTO U.S. GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AS EXPOSED BY THE INDICTMENT OF LINDA SUN

On September 6, the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) issued a statement strongly condemning China's ongoing political infiltration into and espionage efforts within the U.S. government institutions as exposed by the indictment of Linda Sun, a former aide to two New York governors.

Sun, who acted as an unregistered foreign agent for the People's Republic of China (PRC) for more than a decade, covertly advanced China's interests and undermined U.S.-Taiwan relations.

The Linda Sun case exemplifies a broader, long-standing strategy by the CCP's United Front Work Department (UFD), which has been covertly targeting U.S. political systems to erode and oppose support for Taiwan.

U.S. HOUSE PASSES "TAIWAN CONFLICT DETERRENCE ACT" AS WARNING TO CCP

On September 9, the U.S. House passed the "Taiwan Conflict Deterrence Act" ([H.R.554](#)), which aims to deter Chinese aggression toward Taiwan by publishing the assets of top People's Republic of China (PRC) officials, as well as cutting them and their immediate family off from the U.S. financial system, if China attacks Taiwan.

If the U.S. President determines that a Chinese threat against Taiwan exists, the bill requires the U.S. Department of the Treasury to report to Congress on funds held by senior Chinese Communist Party (CCP) officials, including how they were acquired.

The treasury must then prohibit significant transactions between U.S. financial institutions and those top CCP officials, and potentially their immediate family members, with allowance for exceptions.

U.S. HOUSE PASSES “PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP ACT” TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH TAIWAN AND OTHER PACIFIC PARTNERS

On September 9, the U.S. House unanimously passed the “Pacific Partnership Act” ([H.R.7159](#)), which aims to strengthen U.S. engagement with Taiwan, other Pacific partners, and regional institutions like the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF).

The Act emphasizes the importance of U.S. collaboration with key allies and partners in the Pacific Islands region, including Australia, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, and Taiwan, as well as regional organizations, such as the PIF.

The Act requires the U.S. President and the U.S. Secretary of State to develop a Pacific partnership strategy, focusing on the region’s vulnerabilities to threats such as foreign military actions, economic coercion, corruption, and natural disasters.

U.S.-EU JOINT STATEMENT BACKS TAIWAN, CALLS FOR CHINA TO SHOW RESTRAINT

The United States and the European Union (EU) on September 11 issued a joint statement supporting Taiwan’s international participation, notably omitting the “One China policy” in a departure from previous similar statements, following high-level talks on China and the Indo-Pacific region. The statement also urged China to show restraint in the Taiwan Strait.

Since the U.S.-EU Indo-Pacific Consultations were launched in 2021, references to the “One China policy” have appeared in every statement apart from the one released in April 2022, and another just issued on September 11, 2024.

In the latest statement, the U.S. and EU emphasized the need for peace in the Taiwan Strait, rejecting unilateral changes to the “status quo,” particularly through force.

U.S. HOUSE PASSES BILL SUPPORTING “TAIWAN’S FULL PARTICIPATION” AT WHO

On September 12, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill with an amendment supporting “Taiwan’s full participation” in the World Health Organization (WHO).

The bill ([H.R.1425](#)) was introduced by Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-WI) in March 2023 to limit the WHO’s influence after the world health body received strong criticism for its close ties to the Chinese Communist Party and its poor handling of the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill passed the House by a vote of 219-199 on September 12, 2024.

Also included in the bill is an amendment proposed by Rep. Andy Ogles (R-TN) that offers a statement of U.S. policy in support of “Taiwan’s full participation” at the WHO. Ogle’s amendment passed unanimously with a vote of 403-0, with 34 abstentions.

U.S. HOUSE PASSES 25 BILLS DURING “CHINA WEEK” TO COMBAT CCP THREATS

The U.S. House of Representatives passed 25 crucial bills during the so-called “China Week” (September 9 to 13) to protect Americans against the military, economic, ideological, and technological threats posed by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

This includes key legislation endorsed by the House Select Committee on the CCP, with 12 bills coming directly from or aligned with policy recommendations in the Select Committee’s May 2023 “[Ten for Taiwan Report](#)” and December 2023 “[Economic Report](#).”

The 25 bills passed by the House during the “China Week” included the BIOSECURE Act ([H.R.8333](#)), the Countering CCP Drones Act ([H.R.2864](#)), the DHS Restrictions on Confucius Institutes and Chinese Entities of Concern Act ([H.R.1516](#)), the End Chinese Dominance of Electric Vehicles in America Act ([H.R.7980](#)), the Protecting American Agriculture from Foreign Adversaries Act ([H.R.9456](#)), the Countering the PRC Malign Influence Fund Authorization Act ([H.R.1157](#)), among others, such the Taiwan Conflict Deterrence Act ([H.R.554](#)), and the Pacific Partnership Act ([H.R.7159](#)).

JOINT STATEMENT ON THE U.S.-U.K. STRATEGIC DIALOGUE RESTATES THE IMPORTANCE OF TAIWAN STRAIT PEACE AND STABILITY

Following the U.S.-U.K. Strategic Dialogue held in London on September 10-11, a joint statement summarizing the two countries' geopolitical viewpoints was released on September 14, reiterating that peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait are "indispensable" to international security. The statement also called for a "peaceful resolution of cross-Strait issues."

Regarding the Indo-Pacific region, the joint statement said the U.S. and the U.K. "pledged to explore new opportunities to coordinate approaches, work with others to support a free and open region, and oppose any unilateral attempts to change the status quo by force or coercion."

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The aviation-related goods and services "will help maintain the combat readiness and safety of various types of aircraft equipment of our [Taiwan's] air force," the ministry added.

U.S. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE CRITICIZES CHINA'S MISUSE OF UNGA RESOLUTION 2758

During a Congressional hearing on September 18, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell criticized China's distortion and misuse of UN General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution 2758 to delegitimize Taiwan's international status, marking the latest stance from the Biden administration on this issue.

Campbell said that China has used UN Resolution 2758 as "a tool" to support its interpretation of a "One China principle" and "make the argument that somehow Taiwan's status is illegitimate."

Campbell also reiterated U.S. commitment to Taiwan based on the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) and the Six Assurances. He pointed out that the TRA gives the U.S. the capacity to help resist aggression in the Western Pacific.

FAPA INITIATES A JOINT LETTER TO UN SECRETARY-GENERAL, CALLING FOR FULL UNITED NATIONS MEMBERSHIP FOR "TAIWAN"

On September 24, the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA), together with 26 other overseas Taiwanese organizations, sent a joint letter to the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General António Guterres, calling for Taiwan's admission to the UN as a "full Member State" under the name "Taiwan," an end of incorrect UN references to Taiwan as a "province" or "part" of China, and allowing Taiwanese passport holders and journalists to enter the UN premises.

Taiwan has been excluded from the UN and many other international organizations for more than five decades. This grave injustice is mainly due to China's persistent distortion and misuse of the UN General Assembly Resolution 2758, misleading the international community and the UN Secretariat

into conflating Resolution 2758 with Beijing's fictitious "One China principle," which falsely claims that Taiwan is "an inalienable part of China."

"It is our shared aspiration to see Taiwan join the United Nations and all its specialized agencies as a 'full Member State,' under the name 'Taiwan' and as the newest 194th member of this august body," the joint letter says.

BIDEN DELIVERS HIS FINAL UN SPEECH, STRESSING TAIWAN STRAIT PEACE

On September 24, U.S. President Joe Biden delivered his final UN speech at the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, emphasizing U.S. support for peace and stability across the Taiwan Straits, condemning military aggression in the South China Sea, and committing to deepening security cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

Biden said the U.S. is "unabashed" in its pursuit of its goals, including protecting its lead in advanced technologies. "At the same time, we're going to continue to strengthen our network of alliances and partnerships across the Indo-Pacific," Biden said.

"These partnerships are not against any nation. They are building blocks for a free, open, secure, and peaceful Indo-Pacific."

JAPAN SENDS WARSHIP THROUGH TAIWAN STRAIT FOR FIRST TIME

The Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) on September 25 made its first-ever warship transit through the Taiwan Strait in response to the intrusion by a Chinese reconnaissance aircraft into Japan's sovereign airspace on August 26.

The JMSDF destroyer JS Sazanami sailed south through the Taiwan Strait on September 25, accompanied by naval ships from Australia and New Zealand. The ships were headed to the South China Sea to conduct a joint exercise there.

U.S. and Canadian warships have sailed through the Taiwan Strait regularly to assert freedom of navigation in international waters.

Earlier on September 13, a German frigate and a supply ship sailed through the Taiwan Strait, marking the first such transit in 22 years.

U.S. HOUSE PASSES "STOP CCP ACT" TO SANCTION TOP CCP MEMBERS

On September 25, the U.S. House passed the "STOP CCP Act" ([H.R.3334](#)), which sanctions top Chinese Communist Party (CCP) officials responsible for increasing aggression against Taiwan, undermining Hong Kong's autonomy, and violating human rights in China.

The text of the proposed law states that if the U.S. President decides that "sanctionable conduct" has taken place, then members of the CCP's central committee — the party's main leadership organization composed of about 200 permanent and 160 alternating members — shall be prohibited from buying or selling property in the U.S.

Furthermore, those leading CCP cadres would be ineligible to receive an entry visa to the U.S. or would have their current visas revoked. The sanctions outlined in the Act may also be applied to any "adult family members" of the top-ranking party member and their spouse.

U.S. ANNOUNCES LARGEST-EVER US\$567 MILLION MILITARY AID PACKAGE FOR TAIWAN

On September 29, the United States announced the largest-ever military aid package worth \$567 million for Taiwan, issued under the Presidential Drawdown Authority (PDA). The PDA enables the U.S. to swiftly deliver defense articles and services from U.S. Department of Defense stocks to allied nations and international organizations in crisis situations.

According to a Defense News report published on September 21, an unnamed U.S. official said the package will "fund training, stockpiles, anti-armor weapons, air defense and multi-domain awareness." It will also include drones, which are key to America and Taiwan's "asymmetric" strategy to defend Taiwan against China's much larger military, the report said.

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Summary

FAPA has been leading efforts to advocate for Taiwan in both the U.S. and on the international stage. Below is a list of the FAPA press releases and joint statements from July to September. These statements address a variety of issues, including:

- Advocating for Taiwan to compete under its own name, “Taiwan,” at the Olympics.
- Raising concerns about China's political infiltration and espionage in the U.S.
- Celebrating the successful conclusion of our annual National Advocacy Conference.
- Calling for Taiwan's full membership in the United Nations (UN).

We are witnessing an unprecedented level of interest and attention toward Taiwan, as reflected in the widespread media coverage FAPA has received. FAPA is regularly mentioned in major outlets such as Taiwan’s Central News Agency (CNA), Focus Taiwan, Liberty Times, Taipei Times, Yahoo News, FTV News, and Voice of America on matters concerning Taiwan and U.S.-Taiwan relations.

This increased visibility highlights the growing significance of our work in shaping the conversation around Taiwan's future on the global stage.

LET TAIWAN BE “TAIWAN” AT THE OLYMPICS

On July 26, 2024, FAPA issued a press release (QR1) marking the opening of the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics with a powerful call for justice for Taiwan. FAPA urged the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to allow Taiwanese athletes to compete under the name "Taiwan" instead of the politically imposed misnomer "Chinese Taipei." We emphasized that the forced use of "Chinese Taipei" undermines Taiwan’s sovereignty and national dignity, a discriminatory act fueled by China’s pressure.

The same press release also mentions a resolution introduced by Rep. Bil Huizenga (R-MI), 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.**

On August 9, 2024, as the 2024 Paris Olympics comes to an end, FAPA sent a joint letter (QR2) to the IOC President Thomas Bach and all members of its Executive Committee, supported by 23 other overseas Taiwanese organizations. We also wrote a press release on this initiative (QR3).

In the letter, FAPA demanded for Taiwanese athletes to be allowed to compete under the name "Taiwan." The joint letter also strongly condemned the IOC's long-standing requirement for Taiwan to use the name "Chinese Taipei," a clear violation of the Olympic Charter's principles of non-discrimination and political neutrality.

The letter also called out the unfair restrictions on supporters of Taiwan, who were prevented from displaying signs or symbols supporting Taiwan at Olympic venues. FAPA and its co-signatories urged the IOC to resist Chinese political pressure and to act in line with the Olympic ideals by allowing Taiwan to compete proudly under its own name.



QR1: Scan to read press release 1



QR2: Scan to read joint letter



QR3: Scan to read press release 2

CHINA'S INFILTRATION AND ESPIONAGE – THE INDICTMENT OF LINDA SUN

On September 6, 2024, FAPA strongly condemned China's infiltration into U.S. government institutions, as revealed by the indictment of Linda Sun, a former aide to two New York governors. Sun, acting as an unregistered foreign agent for the PRC, covertly advanced China's interests and systematically undermined U.S.-Taiwan relations for over a decade. The press release (QR4) emphasized how Sun's actions obstructed Taiwanese American representation in New York and manipulated the state government's messaging to align with PRC narratives. Sun's activities directly blocked initiatives promoting U.S.-Taiwan relations, including FAPA's longstanding efforts to secure proclamations for Taiwanese American Heritage Week (TAHW), a grassroots effort that celebrates the contributions of Taiwanese Americans to the diversity and prosperity of American society.

FAPA urges federal, state, and local governments across the nation to thoroughly investigate Chinese influence operations and take decisive measures to prevent further infiltration by the PRC. The Linda Sun case highlights a broader, long-standing strategy by the CCP's United Front Work Department (UFD), which has covertly targeted U.S. political systems to weaken support for Taiwan.

FAPA remains committed to safeguarding U.S.-Taiwan relations and ensuring that Taiwanese American voices are not silenced.



QR4: Scan to read Linda Sun
Press Release



QR5: Scan to read UN Membership for
Taiwan Joint Letter



QR6: Scan to read UN Membership for
Taiwan Press Release

JOINT LETTER TO THE UN SECRETARY- GENERAL

On September 24, 2024, FAPA, along with 26 overseas Taiwanese organizations, sent a joint letter (QR5) to United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, calling for Taiwan's admission to the UN as a "full Member State" under the name "Taiwan," an end of incorrect UN references to Taiwan as a "province" or "part" of China, and allowing Taiwanese passport holders and journalists to enter the UN premises. We also wrote a press release on this initiative (QR6).

The letter, sent on the opening day of the 79th session of the UN General Assembly, emphasized that Taiwan meets all criteria for statehood as outlined in the 1933 Montevideo Convention. It condemned China's persistent distortion of UN Resolution 2758, which does not address Taiwan's international status at all, and criticized the UN for allowing China to block Taiwan's rightful membership.

The letter also addressed the discriminatory treatment of Taiwanese passport holders and journalists, who are banned from entering UN premises. FAPA's demand was clear: the UN must correct these injustices, allow Taiwan to join as the 194th member state, and stand up to China's diplomatic bullying. This call to action underscored the importance of Taiwan's inclusion in international institutions. The UN and the rest of the world must stand together with democratic Taiwan to deter increasing threats and military aggression by an authoritarian China. Only then can peace be truly secured.

FAPA's efforts reflect our unwavering commitment to strengthening U.S.-Taiwan relations, advancing Taiwan's sovereignty, and increasing its international recognition. From advocating for Taiwan's representation at the Olympics to pushing for full UN membership, FAPA continues to challenge unjust treatment and promote Taiwan's rightful place on the global stage. We remain dedicated to elevating Taiwan's international standing and empowering our members to engage in advocacy, championing democracy and freedom in the face of growing authoritarian pressure.

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.

URGENT PETITION! ASK YOUR SENATORS TO SUPPORT THE TAIWAN INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY ACT!

The 1971 United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution 2758 says nothing about Taiwan. Nevertheless, the People’s Republic of China (PRC) continues to distort and widely misuse UNGA Res. 2758 to “justify” its fictitious “One China principle” and its aggression against Taiwan.

On September 28, 2023, the Taiwan International Solidarity Act (S.2995) was introduced in the Senate, aiming to counter China’s fabricated claim of sovereignty over Taiwan through its mischaracterization of UNGA Res. 2758, and Beijing’s growing efforts to suppress Taiwan’s international status and space.

If passed into law, this Act would clarify that the UNGA Res. 2758 did not address the issues of Taiwan’s territorial sovereignty and international representation, nor did the resolution determine the relationship between Taiwan and the PRC.

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 follow suit and swiftly pass the Taiwan International Solidarity Act (S.2995).

FAPA launched a petition for this bill in early July 2024. As of August 12, over 1,100 of our supporters have sent more than 2,200 petition letters to Senators nationwide, urging them to support and pass S.2995. We’re deeply grateful for your support and remain committed to pushing the bill forward.

In the current U.S. Congress, FAPA’s top legislative priority is for the passage of the Taiwan International Solidarity Act, a bicameral, bipartisan bill which seeks to clarify that UNGA 2758 does not preclude the United States to use its influence on the international stage to resist PRC’s malign campaign against Taiwan. Earlier this month, at FAPA’s annual National Advocacy Conference, more than 80 FAPA members from across the United States visited over 100 congressional offices on the Hill advocating for Taiwan, including the Taiwan International Solidarity Act consistently receiving support from both houses of Congress and both sides of the aisle.

If you haven’t signed this petition, please scan the QR Code to do so. It is easy and can be done in 3 minutes. Please spread the words and share this post. We need a louder advocacy voice to make this happen!



NATIONAL

ADVOCACY

CONFERENCE

The 2024 National Advocacy Conference (NAC), FAPA's annual flagship program, took place from September 7 to September 9 in Washington, D.C., our nation's capital. This year, we had over eighty participants, with more than half attending for the first time. The group was primarily composed of young professionals and students, which created a vibrant and energetic cohort eager to learn about congressional advocacy.



Through expert panels, presentations, and mock Congressional meetings, we offered FAPA members the 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.



Group photo of 2024 NAC attendees in front of the U.S. Capitol Building.

We invited Mr. Michael Fonte, the former FAPA Senior Policy Analyst and Director of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) Mission in the U.S., as our keynote speaker. His speech, titled “Taiwanese Fight for a Gold Medal,” provided an overview of U.S.-Taiwan relations and his years of experience working for Taiwan in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Fonte also shared key lessons for NAC participants to remember when advocating for Taiwan on Capitol Hill. Reflecting on the tenacity of FAPA's first president, Dr. Trong Chai (Chai Trong-rong), he noted that while humility is traditionally valued in Taiwan, it may not always be the most effective approach in Washington, D.C. Referencing the Taiwanese proverb “kheh-khi tsiáh-bô-p̄ng” (客氣沒飯吃 in Mandarin), he emphasized the importance of adopting an assertive and proactive attitude to effectively communicate our message and inspire others to take action.

To honor Mr. Fonte for his lifelong service to Taiwan, FAPA President Dr. Su-Mei Kao presented him with the “FAPA Legend Award.” Only five other individuals had previously received this prestigious award, including the second FAPA President Dr. Mark Chen (陳唐山); Dr. Lee Hwalin, the founder and long-time manager of the FAPA “Taiwan Democracy and Freedom Fund”; former U.S. Congressman Steve Chabot (R-OH), who strongly supported Taiwan and sponsored the Taiwan Travel Act; Dr. John Hsieh, a staunch FAPA advocate and former FAPA TX-N Chapter President; and Mr. Coen Blaauw, who recently retired after 35 years of service to FAPA and FAPR.



Rep. Brad Sherman (center left) awarded Mike Fonte (left) a U.S. flag that was once flown over the Capitol for his efforts in promoting U.S.-Taiwan relations. Photo with FAPA President Su-Mei Kao (center right) and Executive Director Anny Hsiao (right).

We were honored to have remarks provided by U.S. Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA), U.S. Rep. Young Kim (D-CA) and U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL), as well as Taiwan’s Vice President Hsiao Bi-khim, a former FAPA intern, and Director of the DPP Mission in the U.S. Iris Shaw. Each honored guest welcomed our NAC attendees, praised FAPA’s advocacy for Taiwan, and highlighted Taiwan’s importance to the U.S. and the global community in security, economic stability, and democratic values.

“Keeping Taiwan free from aggression and coercion is a key pillar of the U.S.-Taiwan relationship. I want to thank you all for your advocacy for a stronger U.S.-Taiwan relationship and for Taiwan’s role on the international stage. Congress cannot do it alone,” said Rep. Young Kim, Chair of the Indo-Pacific Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The guests’ remarks reinforced the critical need for continued support and advocacy for Taiwan.

NAC participants had a fruitful weekend here in the U.S. national capital. On Sunday, we hosted guest speakers such as Ben Lewis, Co-Founder of PLA Tracker; Dr. Robert Wang, a senior associate with the Asia Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and former deputy director of the American Institute in Taiwan; and Dr. Yao-Yuan Yeh, a tenured professor and Chair of International Studies and Modern Languages, Political Science at the University of St. Thomas. We also hosted a discussion with a Congressional aide and conducted mock Congressional meetings led by FAPA headquarters staff.

Left: U.S. Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA) delivered his remarks at the Banquet.



On Monday, September 9, 2024, all NAC participants travelled together to Capitol Hill to conduct meetings with Congressional members and aides. Our powerful cohort of advocates immediately applied their trainings from the weekend at these hill visits urging members of Congress to support and pass crucial pro-Taiwan bills, including the Taiwan International Solidarity Act, the TAIWAN Security Act, a bill with double taxation relief for Taiwan, the Taiwan Representative Office Act, the Taiwan Allies Fund Act, the Taiwan Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act, and a resolution calling for U.S.-Taiwan diplomatic relations. Collectively we visited 100 congressional offices across 15 states, held 80 meetings in the House and 20 meetings in the Senate, and spoke with 7 Members of Congress directly.

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The FAPA Advocacy day coincided with the U.S. House of Representative's **China Week**, where there were numerous discussions on the Hill about Chinese military aggression and grey zone activities. Our presence provided a key pro-Taiwan perspective.

FAPA Members met with Congressional staffers and members from both sides of the aisle in both chambers. Notable members we engaged with include Congresswoman **Young Kim** (R-CA-40), Chair of the Indo-Pacific Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee; Congressman **Raja Krishnamoorthi** (D-IL-8), Ranking Member of the House Select Committee on the CCP; Congressman **Tom Suozzi** (D-NY-3); Congressman **Greg Landsman** (D-OH-1); Congressman **David Joyce** (R-OH-14); Congressman **Mike Carey** (R-OH-15); and Congressman **Brian Fitzpatrick** (R-PA-1). The meetings demonstrated strong, consistent, bipartisan support for Taiwan, with members across the board expressing their commitment to strengthening U.S.-Taiwan relations.

We have already begun to see positive impacts from our NAC conference. Our PA team reported that since the event, Congressman **Brian Fitzpatrick** (R-PA-1) and Congressman **Chris Deluzio** (D-PA-17) have both become new co-sponsors of the Taiwan Allies Fund Act. Additionally, Congressman **Fitzpatrick** has also co-sponsored the Taiwan Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act. On the Senate side, Senator **John Fetterman** (D-PA) became the first co-sponsor of the Taiwan Representative Office Act, supporting the renaming of TECRO to TRO as of September 24, 2024. These developments highlight the significant and immediate impact of our advocacy efforts, demonstrating how we can truly make a difference in strengthening U.S.-Taiwan relations.

As we conclude our 2024 National Advocacy Conference (NAC), we extend our deepest gratitude to all members of the FAPA community who made this year's conference such a success. The dedication and passion each FAPA member brings to the cause of strengthening U.S.-Taiwan relations is what makes our advocacy strong and effective.

We especially want to thank those of you who took time off from your busy schedules to travel to Washington, D.C. and join us in this important effort. Your commitment—some of you flying across the country to be here—has not gone unnoticed, and it is this level of dedication that continues to drive FAPA’s mission forward.

A special thank you also goes out to our NAC team captains, who embraced leadership roles and arranged meetings with congressional offices. Your hard work, leadership, and organizational skills ensured that all attendees could meet with key lawmakers to advocate for Taiwan. We deeply appreciate the time and energy you dedicated to this effort, and we recognize that your leadership was essential in the smooth running of the conference.

Once again, thank you to everyone who played a part in this year’s NAC. We look forward to continuing our work together, stronger and more united than ever, as we advocate for Taiwan.



From left: Chiao-Yun Hsiao, Mark Kao, Tim Chng, Su-Mei Kao, Henry Tsai at Office of Sen. Cardin (D-MD).



From left: Ming-Yuan Lu, Kelly Ko, Rep. Suozzi (D-NY), Ming Chiang, Shu-Min Hsieh, and Po-Wang Shih.



From left: Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL), Clark Chen, Henry Tsai, Cheng-Han Lee, and Ming-Chen Wu.



[ABOVE] FAPA staff and President Su-Mei Kao visiting the office of Speaker Emerita Pelosi (D-CA). [RIGHT] Meeting with the House Foreign Affairs Committee. [FAR RIGHT] NY-M Chapter meeting with the Office of Rep. Garbarino (R-NY).



Cultivating New Talent is Essential

Najee Woods, OH-S Board at Large

This is my fifth year attending FAPA's prestigious National Advocacy Conference and the first time for me being selected as leader of the Ohio Delegation. I must say this is the best NAC I've attended by a mile. I've learned more from this year's session compared to year's prior, in particularly Taiwan's urgent defense needs. What I enjoyed the most was seeing newer and younger faces partaking in NAC. I've always believed that cultivating new talent is essential for any organization and I'm very pleased to see FAPA has allowed younger talents, such as Vanessa, Ms. Chueh and Mr. Henry Tsai, to take leadership roles and grooming them into future leaders in our community.

I would like to express my gratitude to Madame Su-mei, my Taiwanese sister Anny Hsiao from Oregon and Chia-Chun for thinking outside of the box and rebranding NAC for us advocates.



From left: Boren Lin, Rep. Mike Carey (R-OH), Najee Woods, and Janice Liu.

Why I am Returning to FAPA after Decades of Hiatus

Tim Chng, MD Chapter Vice President

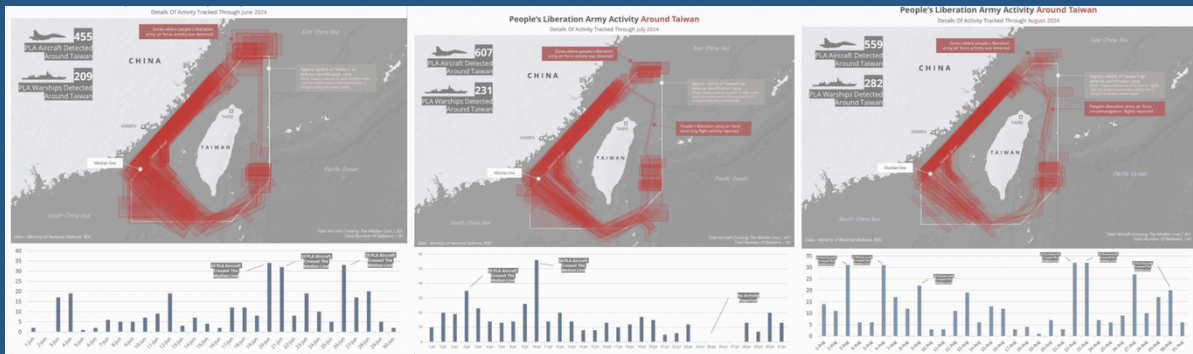
This year's FAPA NAC was my first FAPA activity in decades. I have been involved with our Taiwanese American community throughout my entire life. In the 1990's I served on the FAPA board and participated in the overseas movement to democratize and end martial law in Taiwan. After Taiwan democratized, it was my view that Taiwan advocacy should be led by people living in Taiwan. My activism then focused on staying informed through existing local and international grassroots networks, participating in initiatives to support Taiwan's future, and nurturing the next generation of Taiwanese Americans.

FAPA is the most established Washington DC organization that can pressure the US government to support Taiwan. Upon its founding, FAPA helped end martial law in Taiwan when facing the internal threat of the Kuomintang (KMT).

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From left: Congressional Advocacy Team Captain Tim Chng of Maryland and his team members Leon Wang of Minnesota, and Paul Cordon of Florida.



Red highlights People's Liberation Army Aircraft and Warship Activity Around Taiwan. Details of Activity Tracked Through July 2024. Source: ©Damien Symon on X.

These are critical times for Taiwan's security. In recent months, open source intelligence maps display an unprecedented increase of PRC military activity around Taiwan.

Given the Russian invasion of Ukraine and above images, It is clear that a real military invasion of Taiwan from the PRC is no longer empty talk. News of PRC espionage in the United States threatens our Taiwanese American identity and existence.

A recent [CATO report](#) stated that Taiwan purchased over 20 billion USD worth of weapons from the United States, yet the US has only delivered roughly 1 billion USD of weapons to Taiwan. As US citizens, Taiwanese Americans have an important role to support Taiwan. We can do this by joining FAPA and participating in the actions that FAPA leads in pressuring the US to be an effective ally to Taiwan.

At this year's FAPA NAC 2024, it was empowering to see many young Taiwanese Americans recognizing the urgency of the PRC threat to Taiwan. Participants flew in from all over the United States. Many had never approached their US elected representative offices. FAPA HQ brought in speakers who presented important talking points on how to support Taiwan diplomatically, economically, and militarily. FAPA Legend award winner, Michael Fonte presented a detailed yet concise diplomatic history on how Taiwan ended in the current diplomatic status it is today. A retired foreign service worker (Dr. Robert Wang) shared his personal experience of current and past diplomatic challenges of Taiwan. Another

speaker, a director on the congressional executive commission on China (Dr. Scott Flipse) coached our participants on the effective way to talk to aides and elected representatives. What he stressed the most was to be informed about the details of the issues we were seeking to push.

That Sunday night before visiting their House and Senate office representatives on Monday, the participants were in the conference room late at night practicing their elevator speeches and discussing the most effective way to present the bills that FAPA was hoping to push through congress.

The next day, 15 teams went out in force to the Capital. This year, a total of 80 participants pushed for Taiwan's diplomatic, economic and military security. It was inspiring to see this level of activism. As encouraging as this weekend went, this kind of advocacy is a year round endeavor for all FAPA members. Here in the US, we are in a unique position to advocate for Taiwan as US citizens. Let us not waste this opportunity!



From left: Chiao-Yun Hsiao, Sen. Rick Scott's (R-FL) staffer, Paul Cordon, Tim Chng, Henry Tsai, Leon Wang.

在華府一起為台灣努力

Hsiao-Wen Lo, MI Chapter Member

這周末在華盛頓DC參加台灣人公共事務會的倡議訓練。和一群台美人一起學習台灣美國關係史和了解前輩如何在美國國會進行遊說，他們經歷的成功與挑戰。禮拜一我們會到國會裏跟國會議員討論台灣議題。這個當下是承先啟後的當下，能跟這麼一群人為台灣努力，真的感到很榮幸。

Part I

如果三年前有人跟我說2024年我會在美國國會山莊跟參眾議員們提倡臺灣議題，我應該會認為根本不可能。一來，我不懂法律，不懂法案，不懂程序，不要說英文，連用中文理解都有困難。二來，國會跟參眾議員這些概念對我來說跟土星一樣遙遠。心理上打從根本認定那種地方不是我出現的地方。光想到要跟參眾議員說話，大腦就直接進入當機狀態。要我去跟他們倡議臺灣議題跟友台法案？根本不可能。

結果，我以為根本不可能的事，竟然發生了。上週六，我跟三位也是密西根的夥伴一起在華盛頓DC參加由台灣人公共事務會主辦為期兩天的密集訓練。原來，眾志真的會成城。訓練還真的有效。

在聽過台灣人公共事務會的歷史與重要里程碑之後，在聽過加州議員薛曼先生（Brad Sherman）分享他在眾議院裏的奔走（禮拜一剛通過的「臺灣衝突法」就是他提的），在聽過現年86歲的彭光理先生（Michael Fonte）四十年來見證台灣民主歷程的故事，在聽到他接受榮譽頒獎時，用台語謙虛地說：我擔未起。我像是被打了強心劑一樣。我不再去想「我可不可以？」了。我想的是：我要怎麼可以？我想的是：我要怎麼承先？就這樣結束了第一天的訓練。我們這四個菜鳥，期待著明天的part two。

Part II

早上9:00 我們準時開始第二天的訓練。上午學習美台政策、法案討論過程的複雜性、跟如何在國會中進行倡議。下午了解我們這次要推的法案，跟如何把握20-30分鐘的時間跟參眾議員建立關係介紹法案。大會給我們的訓練是不打馬虎眼的：從敲門開始。對，我們要決定由誰敲門，如何跟祕書報上我們的團隊、等候助理出來跟我們見面。然後記得要準時。準時是提早十五分鐘。助理出現後，誰開頭、怎麼自我介紹、我們今天約談的目的、如何介紹我們要提倡的法案、法案的重要性、如何謝謝他們、誰要拿名片、拍照、會議後誰發謝函。每一步驟誰負責，彼此如何支援，通通都在討論範圍內。

各州的團隊都由一位資深老鳥帶領。我們的領隊是Nancy，帶著我們四個菜的不能再菜的菜鳥：Mandy, Max, Sandy, 還有我。三個世代，素昧平生，單純因為想為臺灣做點事，我們聚在一起。

Nancy 分享她的經驗和建議，我們根據自己擅長的部分，分工合作，反覆討論，查資料，給意見，推翻意見，再給意見，再查資料。不懂，就問，知道的人回答，大家都不知道的，上網查。

手機沒電？有人拿出行動電池支援，沒帶充電線？充電線馬上送上。五個人圍在一起一下午，全心全意地想著明天要怎麼把台灣的議題有效地、清楚地傳達給參眾議員。

最好還能給他們留下深刻的好印象。已經挺台的參議員，要怎麼謝謝他，還不太挺的眾議員，要怎麼說服他。約不到appointment的，還是去敲門，留下我們的資料，拿名片再follow up。什麼要說要做的，什麼不要說不要做的，大家筆記勤勞做，勤勞複誦。

最後，大會還請兩個團隊上台演練，讓大家更進一步的體驗實境。就這樣一位又一位的講者、一個又一個的主題、一條一條的法案，兩天的訓練一步一步地帶著我們接近國會。沙盤演練直到傍晚7點多，我們才帶著再想也想不動了的大腦跟飢腸轆轆的身體吃飯去了。

國會山莊，明天我們來了。

Part III

昨晚和我的室友聊到凌晨1:37。不睡不行，兩個人才趕快去睡。能這樣無所不談地談台灣的現在過去和未來，真的是很幸福的事。早上6:45起床，梳洗好後，拉著行李下樓吃早餐，就去搭地鐵前往國會山莊。

拍完團體照後，各州團體分別向該州的參眾議員辦公室移動。我們五個人排隊通過安檢後，因為離第一個會談還有一段時間，我們就再一次沙盤推演（別組的也都一桌一桌地在準備，那一幕我這輩子應該都不會忘記）把今天的流程再走過一遍。我們就開始去敲門了。

每敲完一次門，結束一場會談，我們都會做一次檢討，讓下一次可以更好。在往下一個會議去的路上碰到其他的團隊，還會給彼此加油打氣。

兩點半，我們圓滿的結束所有的會談。全部的人鬆了一口氣。大家是累到只要有空檔就可以睡著的狀態，可是那種累是身體的累。心，是滿滿的。

你問我：為什麼要跟你說這些？因為我想要讓你們知道：海外的台僑有多愛你們，有多愛這個島。我們每一個人拿出自己的時間，掏腰包，開車、坐飛機，去到國會山莊跟議員們說台灣的重要性、法案的重要性、和平的重要性。我們希望民主自由的生活在曾經生養我們的土地上能世代延續。我要拉近你們跟美國國會的距離，即使是拉近一公分都好。

我要你知道，你想替台灣做點什麼的話，你也可以。什麼「不要挑釁」、「不會贏」、「沒有用啦」，唱衰的，絕對不要聽。因為，在這三天裏，我見證到了每一個法案的通過，是一群人花了很長一段時間，棄而不捨的結果。民主自由，從來就不是天上掉下來的。

「在這三天裏，我看到了一群人四十多年來不分種族、前仆後繼地在為臺灣奔走。從來沒停。只要有一天台灣需要我們，我們就不會停。我們繼續。」

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台美關係深化的見證與成就

Carol Hsu, NY-R Chapter President

FAPA National Advocacy Conference 2024: 台美關係深化的見證與成就

作為住在美國的台灣人，每年參加 FAPA National Advocacy Conference (NAC) 是一個我參與公民社會的機會，更是一次深刻感受台美關係如何隨著我們的努力而強化的體驗。我是在 2019 香港國安法動亂最盛的九月搬到美國，隔年 1 月帶著出生一個月的小兒子回台灣投完總統票當天就搭上回美的班機，這一天也已經從 PTT 耳聞來自中國的傳染病，我們買了幾盒口罩回到紐約，隨之而來的就是 COVID 的封城，所以三年的時間不曾回台灣，也不曾有機會真正參與在美國的公民社會運作。

疫情之後，住在我家旁邊的鄰居許根旺教授原來是 FAPA 的早期永久會員，我們在疫情期間其實已經很熟悉了，他在搬家到 DC 之後才推薦我參加 FAPA，參加 NAC 倡議活動。(我感覺我本人應該很容易就可以被看出來很適合參加像是 FAPA 這樣的組織不是嗎？要觀察我足足三年是真的很仔細欸) 而那一年我其實都還孤陋寡聞沒有聽過 FAPA，也不知道 NAC 是在做什麼，不過看了官網的敘述就覺得聽起來很棒啊不如參加看看吧，從那一年開始



Hsiao-wen and other teammates from MI and OH-C Chapters preparing for Advocacy Day.

就讓我知道我會每一年都繼續倡議下去，而這就是我接下來想要跟各位分享的，每一年的 NAC 都發生的事情。無論如何，無論我以直接參加或間接支持的方式參與這場活動，都令我一次又一次感到我們的聲音正在被聽見，而我們為台灣發聲的倡議力量，無論大小，都在產生切實的影響。

三天的挑戰與收穫： 學習、友誼與永不言棄的精神

如果你心裡有開始一點點好奇 NAC 是在做什麼，首先你可以預期你的三天行程極其密集而充實。

從首日晚宴開始，讓我有機會見到來自全美各地的台灣人與那些為台灣奮鬥了一輩子的戰士，大家都為共同的目標而聚集在一起。隨後的第二天，則是最具挑戰性的一天，這一天我們從清晨開始，一直投入到漫長的講習與自我練習中。

今年的法案比以往更有組織性，這卻沒有讓我感覺準備一共八個法案的倡議更加容易，學習的過程依然需要大量的時間與精力。我們許多人在深夜還在準備與練習，模擬對方可能會問出的問題

題，只為在第三天能夠以最佳狀態面對國會議員與助理。因為議員都是自己約的，我們這組準備的策略就是先各自研究自己的議員們的生平與注重的議題，然後讓自己主要負責倡議的法案可以連結到對方重視的議題上。以此為基礎，在心裡模擬議員助理可能會問出的問題就可以花上一整夜的時間，我敢說每次 NAC 第二晚都是最刺激的……（笑）

每年的倡議都讓我結識到許多志同道合的夥伴。作為住在紐約上州的居民，我被分配到與同一地區的其他會員們一起合作，我們相互支持、協作聯繫我們選區的議員，這過程中，我們不僅僅是戰友，更理所當然的成為了長期的朋友。這些人來自不同的背景，但每一個人人都對台灣懷有深厚的情感與責任感，我感覺像我們這樣的人似乎大部分性格裡面就自動包含的一種忠誠感，這種忠誠感與熱情會使我們這些參加者之間的友誼更加深厚。我相信，這些友誼會延續許多年，無論在我們的倡議旅程中，還是在日常生活中，這些友誼都會成為我們強大的支柱。

從理想到現實的轉變：國會山莊的寶貴經驗

NAC 的核心，就是在國會山莊的草根倡議過程。作為台美關係的草根倡議者，我們每年都準備著面對議員和他們的助理，推動一系列重要法案。每一年的草根倡議都是基於每一位參加者熱情的投注了自己的金錢與時間從全美各地飛往同一個地方站在一起，於是最重要的儀式莫過於開始之前，先在國會山莊最大的地標拍一張團體合照，也就是每個人都會在 FAPA 首頁上面看到的那張，每年一更。

這畢竟是一件多麼珍貴不得了的事情。

今年，我最特別的印象是向一位議員助理倡議了總是在我們的法案大禮包中的，台北經濟文化辦事處改名為「台灣代表處」的法案。這個法案長期以來被我認為是最棘手的，許多人也認為這是一項最難達成共識的議題之一。然而，令我驚喜的是，這位助理直率地表示支持，這瞬間讓我對我們所有人的努力感到無比自豪與欣慰。這一刻，我深刻地感受到，當我們以真誠的方式與立法者交流時，改變真的可以發生。

為台灣發聲，行動與支持並行不悖

國會山莊的草根倡議經歷，無論是對於經驗豐富的草根倡議者，還是第一次參與的新人，都是無比珍貴的。這不是在新聞上看到的政治運作，而是我們親身經歷的，有在地連結感的，每一句話、每一次握手，都是將台灣的未來與美國的政策緊密連結的機會。站在國會大廈的走廊裡，與來自各地的同伴一起，我們為台灣的聲音而努力，每一次敲門都意義深遠。

對於我和我的家庭來說，參加 NAC 已經成為每年的傳統。由於我們有年幼的孩子需要照顧，我和先生每年輪流參加這個活動，這讓我們都能繼續支持台美關係的重要工作。我們從未錯過一次會議，因為我們知道，這是一次無比重要的機會，讓我們為台灣的未來作出貢獻。

「我也深知，並不是每個人都能抽出時間參與這樣的活動。對於那些無法親自參加的朋友來說，我誠摯地邀請你們考慮捐款支持 FAPA 的活動。這些資金可以用來推動更多的倡議活動，確保台灣的聲音持續被美國政界聽見。無論是親自參與，還是透過經濟支持，每一份力量都在幫助我們為台灣的未來鋪路。」

作為一名住在美國的台美人，我深信，我們能做的事情很多，甚至有機會多過住在台灣的台灣人，而且每一份努力都會產生深遠的影響。讓我們攜手並肩，無論是站在國會山莊的走廊上，還是透過支持這些活動，我們都能為台灣的未來創造更多可能。期待在未來的某一天，能夠在 NAC 見到更多熱情的面孔，一起為台灣發聲、一起為未來而前行。



我們小隊與我的選區那位最挺台灣的 Rep. Morelle 助理們



在我去國會山莊的同時，我先生 David 帶著我們兩個兒子在北加跟苗博雅說哈囉，我覺得他超強



ISSUES OF CONCERN (HOUSE)

Taiwan Allies Fund Act

The People's Republic of China (PRC) uses economic coercion to pressure Taiwan's official and unofficial allies. On May 10, 2024, Chairman John Moolenaar (R-MI) and Ranking Member Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) of the House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) introduced the bipartisan "Taiwan Allies Fund Act" (H.R.8358) to support Taiwan's international space and counter CCP coercion on Taiwan's allies. The Act would strengthen Taiwan's global network of friends by authorizing \$120 million over three years for the State Department and USAID to provide foreign assistance to Taiwan's official and unofficial partners subjected to China's coercion and pressure. To co-sponsor H.R.8358, please contact Jason.Li@mail.house.gov at the Select Committee on the CPP.

Taiwan Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act

The PRC's increased military aggression in the Taiwan strait is a threat to America's national security. On March 1, 2023, Reps. Michelle Steel (R-CA) and Jimmy Panetta (D-CA) introduced the "Taiwan Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2023" (H.R.1330), which authorizes the U.S. President to lend or lease defense articles to the Government of Taiwan to bolster Taiwan's defensive capabilities against potential Chinese military aggression. The bill also requires the President to establish expedited procedures for delivering loaned or leased defense articles to Taiwan. If passed into law, this Act will send an unmistakable message to authoritarian China that the United States stands with its allies and is prepared to arm democratic Taiwan with the tools needed to defend itself. To co-sponsor H.R.1330, please contact Jonathan.Kupperman@mail.house.gov in Rep. Steel's office.

TECRO Name Change to "Taiwan Representative Office" (TRO)

The current name of Taiwan's de facto embassy in the U.S., the "Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office" (TECRO), does not reflect the national identity and dignity of Taiwan. Referring to Taiwan as "Taiwan" is consistent with longstanding U.S. policy. The U.S. thus has the Taiwan Relations Act, the Taiwan Travel Act, and the American Institute in Taiwan. We ask that you support renaming TECRO by passing the "Taiwan Representative Office Act" (H.R.3171). On May 10, 2023, Reps. John Curtis (R-UT) and Chris Pappas (D-NH) introduced the bipartisan bill to rectify the name of Taiwan's de facto embassy. To co-sponsor this important piece of legislation, please contact Troy.Dougall@mail.house.gov in Rep. Curtis' office.

U.S. Recognition of Taiwan & U.S.-Taiwan Diplomatic Relations

The U.S. should recognize the objective reality and long-established status quo that Taiwan is already a sovereign independent country sharing similar values of democracy, freedom, and human rights. The U.S. maintains diplomatic ties with almost every country in the world, except for Syria, North Korea, Iran, Bhutan, and Taiwan. Considering that Taiwan is a key U.S. geopolitical ally in the first island chain, a full-fledged democratic country, and one of the most important trading economies in the world, the U.S. should conduct another Taiwan Policy Review and normalize its relations with Taiwan. H.Con.Res.10 urges the U.S. to resume normal diplomatic relations with Taiwan, support Taiwan's "full membership" in all international organizations, and abandon the antiquated U.S. "One China policy." To co-sponsor H.Con.Res.10, please contact Mac.Zimmerman@mail.house.gov in Rep. Tom Tiffany's (R-WI) office.

House Taiwan Caucus

Established in 2002, the bipartisan Congressional Taiwan Caucus (CTC), with more than 150 members, is the largest country caucus in the House. To join the CTC, please contact Matthew.McLaughlin@mail.house.gov in Rep. Gerry Connolly's (D-VA) office.

The goals of FAPA are: (1) To promote international support for the right of the people of Taiwan to establish an independent and democratic country and to join the international community; (2) To promote relations and cooperation between Taiwan and the United States; (3) To protect the right of self-determination for the people of Taiwan; (4) To promote peace and security for Taiwan; and (5) To advance the rights and interests of Taiwanese communities throughout the world.



ISSUES OF CONCERN (SENATE)

Countering China's Distortion of UNGA Res. 2758 & Fictitious "One China Principle"

The 1971 United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) **Resolution 2758** says **nothing about Taiwan**. Nevertheless, the **People's Republic of China (PRC) distorts and widely misuses UNGA Resolution 2758** to "justify" its fictitious "One China principle" and its growing aggression against Taiwan. On September 28, 2023, Sens. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Mitt Romney (R-UT) introduced the "Taiwan International Solidarity Act" (S.2995), aiming to **counter the PRC's fabricated claim of sovereignty over Taiwan through the mischaracterization of UNGA Res. 2758**, and Beijing's increasing efforts to suppress Taiwan's international status and space. If passed into law, this Act would clarify that the UN Resolution 2758 did not address the issues of Taiwan's territorial sovereignty and international representation, nor did it determine the relationship between Taiwan and the PRC. On July 25, 2023, the House unanimously passed an identical bill (H.R.1176). We urge you to support this crucial legislation. To co-sponsor S.2995, please contact Sarah_Schenning@vanhollen.senate.gov, or Sarah_Stone@romney.senate.gov.

U.S.-Taiwan Double Taxation Relief and Tax Agreement

Taiwan is a significant economic partner for the United States. The current scheme of **double taxation unnecessarily hinders investment opportunities between Taiwan and the U.S.** The "Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024" (H.R.7024) includes provisions to **relieve double taxation** on U.S.-Taiwan cross border investments and **strengthen economic partnership with Taiwan**. The bill also grants the U.S. President authority to negotiate and enter into a U.S.-Taiwan tax agreement with provisions customarily contained in U.S. tax treaties, under which residents of foreign countries may be eligible to be taxed at a reduced rate or exempt from U.S. income taxes on certain items of income from U.S. sources. Among the U.S.' top 10 trading partners, only Taiwan does not have a bilateral tax agreement with the U.S. The relief of U.S.-Taiwan double taxation benefits both American and Taiwanese businesses and helps promote more bilateral investments and trade between the U.S. and Taiwan. The House passed H.R.7024 on January 31, 2024. We look forward to the swift passage of the bill in the Senate and enactment into law.

Bolstering U.S.-Taiwan Defense Ties and Cooperation

To deepen U.S.-Taiwan defense ties and increase Taiwan's military readiness, the TAIWAN Security Act (H.R.8238 & S.4241) requires the U.S. Secretary of Defense to **enhance defense industrial base cooperation** between the U.S. and Taiwan and **promote defense supply chain security**. This bill passed the House through the FY 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (H.R.8070) on June 14, 2024. We urge you to support the Senate version of the FY 2025 NDAA (S.4638) and ensure the TAIWAN Security Act remains part of it when passed into law.

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Senate Taiwan Caucus

Established in 2003, the bipartisan Senate Taiwan Caucus (STC) currently has more than 30 members. To join the STC, please contact Nancy_Beaujeu-Dufour@tillis.senate.gov in Sen. Thom Tillis' (R-NC) office.

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We have successfully wrapped up our FAPA Sustaining Supporters Drive which ran from April to the end of August. We extend our sincerest gratitude to our Sustaining Supporters new and old. Your contribution enables us to continue advocating for Taiwan on the Hill and across the United States. During our Sustaining Supporter Drive, the program has grown from 4 to 40 active FAPA sustaining supporters, surpassing our original goal of 25 new supporters. **Thank you for your unwavering support to those who joined during the drive:**

AL, Su-Chen Chang, FAPA-50
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 CA-LA, Zi-Shun Huang, FAPA-100
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 CA-N, Daphne Pi-Han Lin, FAPA-100
 CA-SD, Chih-Chung Cheng, FAPA-50
 CA-SD, Yuan-Sheng Cheng & Hui Yi Chu, FAPA-100
 CA-SD, Evelyn Wang, FAPA-50
 CA-SD, Lu-An Young, FAPA-50
 CT, Rita Ho, FAPA-100
 CT, Chung-Yu Hsiao, FAPA-100
 FL-N, Carol Kavalan, FAPA-100
 FL-N, Yao-Chin Wang & Tom Chang-Wei Lin, FAPA-100
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 MA, Ho-Chou Tu & Tony Wu, FAPA-100
 MI, Bor-Dong Chen, FAPA-100
 MI, Susan Chang, FAPA-100
 NY-Hudson, Su Huang, FAPA-200
 NY-M, Chiu Hsiang Kuo, FAPA-50
 NY-R, Carol Hsu, FAPA-100
 NY-R, Ching Jen Hsu, FAPA-50
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 NJ, Megan Kao, FAPA-50
 NJ, Christine Su, FAPA-50
 OH-C, Tsung Chen, FAPA-50
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Song Yea Lee Memorial Fund 李嵩義紀念基金

In memory of our beloved FAPA member, former President of Florida-South Chapter and a tireless advocate for Taiwan, Song Yea Lee, who passed away this past May, we established the **Song Yea Lee Memorial Fund**. Song Yea Lee was a pivotal figure in advocating for the right of Taiwanese Americans to list “Taiwan” as their place of birth on U.S. passports. His passion for promoting Taiwan’s independence and his contribution left an indelible mark on our community.

To carry on his legacy, FAPA has created the Song Yea Lee Memorial Fund to support our internship program for the long-term. The Song Yea Lee Memorial Fund will nurture the next generation of advocates and leaders dedicated to advocating Taiwan’s independence and strengthening U.S.-Taiwan relations.

Total Donation to Date (As of November 12, 2024)

We have received a total of \$255,000 in donations. Thanks to the generosity of the donors listed below, your contribution will help sustain FAPA’s internship program, ensuring the young advocates and future leaders continue to be inspired.

Dr. Jane Hsiao	\$ 100,000
Mrs. Esther Hsu	\$ 10,000
Dr. Long-rong and Dr. Su-Mei Kao	\$ 10,000
Ying and Liling Su	\$ 5,000
Nicholas and Su-syin Wu	\$ 10,000
Dr. Ming and Mrs. Sue Young	\$ 10,000
Dr. Tzu Shong Yang and Maysing Huang	\$100,000
Dr. Monica Hsieh	\$10,000
Total	\$255,000



[From left] President William Clinton and Song Yea Lee.

Song Yea Lee (center left) visiting Senator Sherrod Brown (center).

Song Yea Lee (right) and Congresswoman Debbie Wassermann-Shultz (center).

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Lee Teng-hui Memorial Fund 李登輝紀念基金

Taiwanese American community organizations in DC area have been holding the Annual President Lee Teng-hui Memorial Service for three years. It has been supported by the generosity of Dr. Charles Ou who has donated \$10,000 to FAPA each year to financially sponsor the annual event. In Summer of 2024, Dr. Ou proposed that a memorial fund be established to provide long-term financial support for the annual memorial event. He has pledged to match 100% of donations up to \$75,000. In other words, if the community raises \$20,000 in a year, he will donate the same amount of \$20,000 for that year, up to \$75,000. Intended total of this fund is \$150,000. Dr. Ou will continue to match on a rolling basis until March 31, 2025.

The committee of local TA community organizations met this year in July and agreed to Dr. Ou's proposal. The committee also agreed to designate July 30th as the President Lee Teng-hui Day to commemorate his contributions to Taiwan.

It is agreed and recommended that the following be implemented:

1. The donations will go to a special donation category/account for this memorial fund to be set up by FAPA HQ.
2. All donations to this category will be treated as regular general FAPA donations.
3. All local organizations will help promote this fundraising to publicize the fund and the event.
4. FAPA will place the fund in an interest earning account. (Ideally to have around 4% or more annual increase of the fund.)
5. Initially the budget for the annual memorial service event is within \$4000 unless otherwise decided and agreed upon by the TA committee and FAPA HQ in advance.
6. Initial plan is to run the annual event for at least 10 years. The TA committee will evaluate this every year.
7. If the community decides to end the annual event, the fund will stay at FAPA.

Taiwanese American community organizations include:

TAAGWC, TAAGBC, TCC, FAPA HQ & DC chapter, NATPA Baltimore/DC chapter, TPC - Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Washington.



President Lee Teng-hui (left) and former FAPA President Wen Yen Chen 陳文彥 (right).

President Lee Teng-hui (center) at the FAPA 20th anniversary celebration event.

President Lee Teng-hui visiting DC in 2005.

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FUNDRAISING SPEECH TOUR

Unity in Action: Wu Cheng and Miao Poya Ignite Passion for FAPA Chapters Across the Nation

*Written by CA-N Regional Director Chieh-Ting Yeh
Edited by National Vice President Chia-Chun Chung and Executive Director Chiao-Yun Hsiao*

Two speakers, 20 days, 14 cities, more than 1,000 conversations amongst four generations of Taiwanese and Taiwanese Americans; whether it was at the local Taiwan Center, a church with stained glass windows, or an open-air airport terminal, large crowds came to see the speakers during FAPA's fundraising speech tour this year.

On the east coast, FAPA invited Democratic Progressive Party spokesperson Wu Cheng (吳崢) to Columbus, Chicago, Boston, DC, New Brunswick, and New York. On the west coast and in south central U.S., Taipei City Council Member Miao Poya (苗博雅) spoke in Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, San Francisco Bay Area, Dallas, Houston, Portland, and Seattle.

The speaker tours capped off a whirlwind of activity for FAPA this summer. Starting with the Emerging Leaders Workshop, then the Taiwanese American Conferences throughout the country, culminating in both speakers touring at the same time as our annual capstone event, the National Advocacy Conference.

Things felt different this year. Young faces from each city came out to see our invited speakers, with many of them hearing about FAPA for the first time. Each event pulsed with fresh energy, as new faces blended seamlessly with familiar ones, each gathering a spark that reignited a shared passion. We reached further, stirring the hearts of many—new and old—breathing life into FAPA's mission and weaving a renewed tapestry of voices ready to stand with us.

Our events brought in twice as much financial support for FAPA as we expected, a testament to the strength of our community. Most of all, the energy radiating from every single one of Wu and Miao's speeches was fresh and electrifying sparking inspiration and rallying everyone in the room.

We laughed, we shared stories, and we cried as our speakers reminded us why we do what we do - **to protect our roots and our home.** Hearing first-hand perspectives from Taiwan brought us closer together. It also reminded us that overseas Taiwanese and Taiwanese Americans have a unique role in shaping Taiwan's future - it is up to us to connect Taiwan to the rest of the world and to help fellow Americans understand why Taiwan and her democracy deserves to be protected.

We were also reminded of FAPA's proud history, our history. The members of this 42-year-old organization have **successfully advocated for Taiwan to have its own immigration quota separate from China; we sounded the clarion call for Taiwan to end martial law and democratize; we won Taiwanese Americans the right to list "Taiwan" as place of birth on their U.S. passports.** FAPA continues to elevate Taiwan and honor our community through the recognition of Taiwanese American Heritage Week, the affirmation of the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances, and legislative efforts strengthening US-Taiwan diplomatic, economic, military, and technological ties. Our mission is clear - we will not rest until our free, democratic, independent, and sovereign Taiwan is safe, prosperous, fully embraced by the international community, and afforded the dignity it deserves.

We still have a lot of work ahead of us. But with this renewed energy from our speakers, we can continue walking the path ahead. As Miao Poya said:

"We are here to make sure we, and our children, will always have a home to go back to."

And we will not rest until we have achieved just that.

"THE REASON WHY WE ARE ALL HERE, THE REASON WHY WE ARE WORKING SO HARD FOR TAIWAN EVEN WHILE WE'RE OVERSEAS, IS BECAUSE—TAIWAN IS OUR HOME.

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吳崢

從太陽花到青鳥—
民間力量如何改變國家



From the Sunflower Movement to the Green Bird: How Grassroots Power Transforms a Nation - East Tour, Wu Cheng

We invited Wu Cheng, DPP Spokesperson and FAPA Emerging Leaders Workshop Alumnus for the East portion of the FAPA Annual Fundraising Speech Tour. Starting from Columbus, Ohio, Wu Cheng (吳崢), toured Chicago, Boston, DC, New Brunswick, and New York, 6 cities in 8 days....

In his speech, he shared his first-hand experience in Taiwan's Sunflower Movement, and how it has become a cornerstone for the younger generation participating in politics.

“We could see changing dynamics of Taiwan's political movements. From the Sunflower Movement to the Bluebird Movement, citizens, especially the youth, have come to play a crucial role in holding the government accountable and advocating for transparency and democracy,” he said.

His speech highlighted the growing importance of civil society in shaping governmental decisions, and how grassroots advocacy could bring positive changes to the society and the nation, as well as strengthen U.S.- Taiwan relations.

In the end of his speech, he encouraged the audience to actively participate in politics, whether through voting, joining social movements, or any other means available to them. Because everyone has the power to make a difference and because “all politics is local.”

Resilient and Confident: Moving Taiwan and the U.S. Forward - West Tour, Miao Poya

We invited Taipei City Council Member Miao Poya (苗博雅) as our 2024 Fundraising Speech Tour West speaker. Miao gave inspiring speeches in major cities across the U.S., including Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, San Francisco Bay Area, Dallas, Houston, Portland, and Seattle.

Councilor Miao talked about the complexity of Taiwanese identity from her personal experience growing up. She reflected on the unique challenges people usually faced in navigating their identity because of Taiwan's distinct history and political landscape. She also highlighted the broader difficulties Taiwan encounters on the global stage, particularly the obstacles of participating in international organizations.

Facing all these challenges, Miao emphasized the importance of promoting Taiwan in the international stage through public diplomacy. “It is a critical moment for all Taiwanese people to unite, make impacts, and let the world hear the voice of Taiwan.” she said.

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Miao talked about Speech Tour in her YouTube video as well as the podcast she hosts with Wu Cheng. Listen here:



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Ohio-C Chapter Kicks Off the Speech Tour in Columbus

Nancy Ho 何玉時, OH-C Chapter President

OH-C was proud to host the first stop of the FAPA 2024 Fundraising Speech Tour East Coast held at Worthington Park Library, Columbus, Ohio on 8/24/24 11:00 am. We collected a total of \$10,600 donation which was far beyond the \$6,000 goal. Two of the three Sustainable Supporters were thrilled to receive the FAPA 40th Anniversary Limited Edition jackets. We also had 3 new members joining FAPA. The number of members has increased about 200% since 2019.

More than 40 people attended the event including folks from Ann Arbor, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Dayton. Every attendee received a lovely sachet with a FAPA logo that had a buckeye candy and a real buckeye tree nut representing Ohioan and good luck. It was well received! Members who attended also received a FAPA lapel pin.

Prior to the speech event day, we had dinner (8/22, 8/23) with Director Wu Cheng each night. The second dinner on 8/23 was a special occasion to invite 12 donors who had pledged from \$100 (Silver seat) to \$1,000 (Diamond seat). In order to give our honorable guest speaker and prospective donors a feeling of royal treatment, Susan, Tinging and I took two days to make chair covers and matching tablecloths for the dining room. **We ended up having 4 donors for Diamond Seats that enabled us to have a good start and feel confident to reach our goal.**

On August 24th, the big event day, Director Wu's charisma definitely drew in everyone's heart while delivering his speech! The audience was so enthusiastic and did not want to quit during the Q&A. We ran 1 hour overtime. At the end, I presented Director Wu with a certificate of appreciation along with some specially made souvenirs. He was very happy to see his name embroidered on the bag. In return, Director Wu passed around his famous "fans" while we lined up to get his autograph. It was a beautiful scene! We had to adjourn the event at around 2:30 pm to allow Director Wu to have a quick view of Columbus before he headed for the next stop in Chicago.

At the beginning after I committed to carry out this task I was not sure if we could make it. **After all, I felt so blessed with the arrangement and assistance from the HQ team along with the FAPA intro slides that helped me to tell the FAPA story like a breeze.** The participation and donations from this event were much better than I anticipated! Many thanks to the total support I received from our team, several guests driving hours from other towns to join, and all of our members and friends coming to participate, all of these had ensured a great success!



OH-C Chapter hosted a special fundraising dinner with Wu Cheng.



Group photo of Wu Cheng Fundraising Speech Tour event in Columbus Ohio.

Stronger Together - CT and MA Joining Forces to Organize

Rita Ho, CT Chapter President

As part of the FAPA 2024 Speech Tour, Wu Cheng, spokesperson for Taiwan's Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), delivered a powerful address at a local venue in suburban Boston on August 28. **His speech focused on the evolution of Taiwan's democratic movements, tracing a compelling narrative from the Sunflower Movement of 2014 to the emerging Bluebird Movement in 2024.**

Wu opened his address by recalling the Sunflower Movement, which mobilized thousands of young Taiwanese to occupy the Legislative Yuan in response to a controversial trade pact with China. This pivotal moment, he argued, ignited a nationwide dialogue about democracy, sovereignty, and the importance of civic engagement. Wu highlighted how this movement influenced Taiwan's political landscape and inspired a new generation of activists committed to defending democratic values.

Transitioning to the present, Wu introduced the Bluebird Movement, which has emerged due to growing concerns over authoritarianism and external pressures. This movement, he explained, symbolizes a renewed commitment to democratic ideals and a collective response to the challenges Taiwan faces today. Wu emphasized that the Bluebird Movement is characterized by its focus on social justice, environmental sustainability, and inclusive governance, aiming to unite diverse voices within Taiwan.

In front of a captivated audience, Wu urged attendees to recognize the significance of Taiwan's journey in the broader context of global democracy. He expressed gratitude for the international support that Taiwan has received, particularly from the United States, and called for continued solidarity in the fight for democratic freedoms.

The event concluded with a lively Q&A session, during which students and community members engaged with Wu, seeking insights into Taiwan's future and the role of young activists in shaping it. As the FAPA Speech Tour continued, Wu Cheng's message resonated deeply, reminding everyone of the enduring power of grassroots movements in the quest for democracy.



Wu Cheng delivered a powerful speech about the evolution of Taiwan's democratic movements.



Participants getting Wu Cheng's autograph after the speech.



MA and CT's Speech Tour event in Boston.

Historic Turnout in FAPA Oregon / Southwest Washington

Sylvia Lin, OR-SWWA Chapter President

On September 14, our chapter hosted the 2024 FAPA Fundraising Speech Tour, welcoming Taipei City Council Member Miao Po-Ya as our special guest and keynote speaker.

The day began with our team greeting Miao at Portland International Airport, followed by a casual visit to the Vancouver Farmers Market and a picnic at the Vancouver Waterfront. It was a warm and personal start to the event.

With over 70 attendees, including special guest Yi-Kang Hu, Tigard City Council President, this was our largest turnout in years. Chapter President Sylvia Lin opened the event by thanking everyone and sharing the story of FAPA's founding and its accomplishments over the past four decades. Miao's keynote speech focused on the importance of supporting Taiwan and FAPA's critical work in the U.S., inspiring the audience.

After her speech, attendees eagerly lined up to meet Miao, take photos, and share their own stories. The event concluded with a group dinner, where Miao continued to engage with our community until she departed for Seattle.

The event was a great success, with many attendees expressing their appreciation. It was a day of connection, inspiration, and renewed commitment to supporting Taiwan and FAPA's mission.



More than 70 attendees participated in Miao's Speech.

透過阿苗認識FAPA

Ming Lanley, OR-SWWA Chapter Member

九月的某個週六（九月十四日），我臨時聽說苗博雅會來波特蘭參加演講活動，心裡的小鹿亂撞啊，完全不管活動主題是什麼，反正衝著阿苗的名氣就去了。到了現場才發現，這竟然是一場為FAPA募款的活動！FAPA是蝦蜜吶？老實說，我也是一頭霧水，但在分會會長主持人Sylvia和阿苗耐心的解說下，我才恍然大悟，哦～原來在美國居然有這麼一個組織在替咱們台灣人發聲！瞬間覺得自己不來還真對不起這麼重要的場合呢！

台灣人公共事務會 - Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) 自1982年在美國成立以來，就像是一股溫暖的力量為台灣發聲。這個非營利組織的初衷，就是希望台灣能夠擁有自決權和獨立的夢想。FAPA的使命不僅是推動台灣的國際認同，還像守護星一樣，支持台灣的民主改革，並守護在美國的台灣的人權。這些年來，FAPA一直在美國積極影響對台政策，鼓勵美國支持台灣參與國際組織，讓美台之間的關係更加緊密。他們關注的議題則堅定為台灣在世界舞台上爭取到更多的掌聲和認可。

能跟阿苗合照，還跟他同桌吃飯，這真的是我人生中的高光時刻，心裡的粉絲魂簡直要爆棚了！能跟阿苗聊聊我對台灣這個可愛國家的想法，真的超級開心，我當然也不會錯過機會告訴他，我準備好要熱衷加入FAPA行列，還要在美國幫忙大肆宣傳，走到哪兒都要喊「FAPA一級棒！」

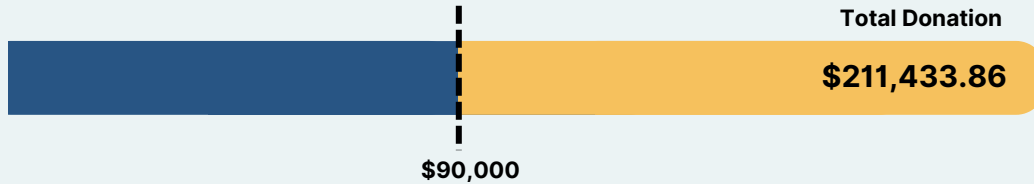
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Ming Langley (left) and Miao (right) at the Speech Tour event in Oregon.

2024 Fundraising Speech Tour Results

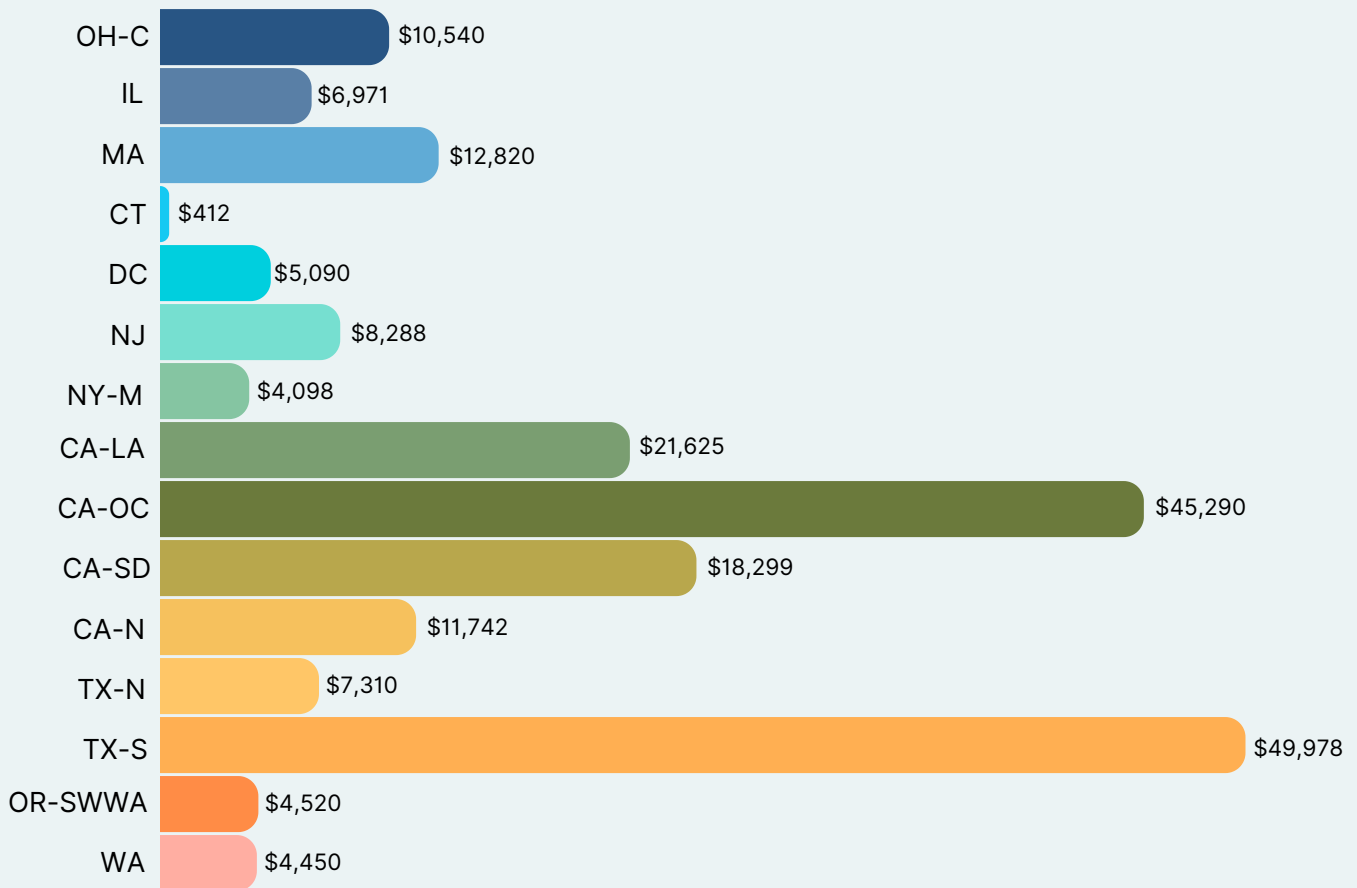
To all those who participated or donated to a speech tour event, thank you for making the 2024 FAPA Fundraising Speech Tour a huge success! We appreciate the incredible efforts each chapter put into organizing these events and the participation from our communities across the country. HQ continues to tabulate all the donations from the Speech Tour. To date, we have received a total donation of **\$211,433.86**, well beyond our initial target of **\$90,000**.



As a completely grassroots nonprofit organization, FAPA is driven by individual donations by members like yourselves. Your donation supports all the work we do to defend democracy in Taiwan.

Total Donation by Chapter

We have received such remarkable fundraising results from each chapter. The graph below shows a detailed breakdown of the donations contributed by each chapter. The order is based on the chronological event dates.

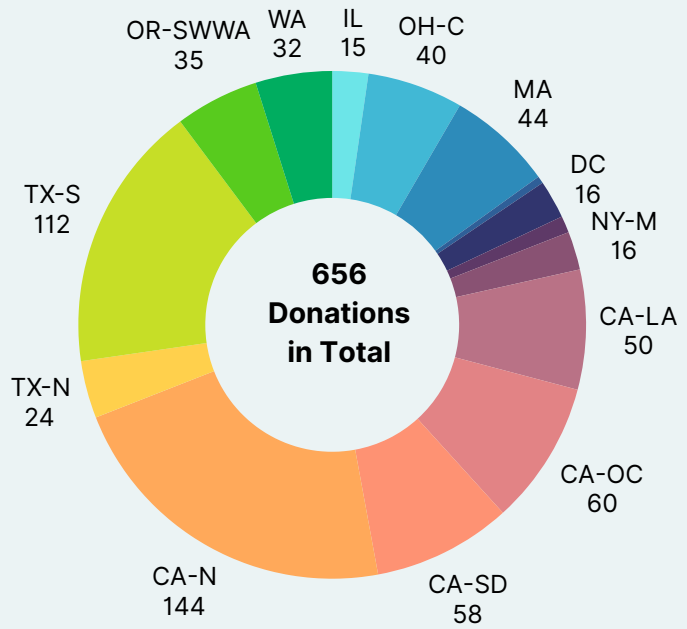


Total Number of Donations by Chapter

We are also happy to announce that we have received a total of **655** donations. These contributions have come from our loyal members, both old and new, as well as from friends and new faces who have just joined us on our journey.

Event Planning & Format

To optimize the fundraising results, each chapter utilized its own creative ways to organize the Speech Tour events. Some chapters opted for a direct approach, charging at the door. Others host fundraising dinners or organized auctions, raising funds in an interactive way. See the statistics below.



	OH-C	IL	MA/CT	DC	NJ	NY-M	CA-LA	CA-OC	CA-SD	CA-N	TX-N	TX-S	OR-SWWA	WA
Charged at the Door	X	X	V	X	X	X	X	X	V	V	X	V	V	V
Fundraising Dinner	V	V	X	X	V	X	V	V	X	X	X	X	X	X
Auction	V	X	V	X	X	V	X	X	X	X	X	V	X	X



14 incredible speech tour hosts. Top row from left: Chieh-Ting Yeh, Ying-Po Liao, Alex Hung, Sylvia Lin, Nancy Ho, Clark Chen, Nick Chen. Second row from left: Cindy Liu, Tony Lee, Kevin Chou, Nick Wu, Rita Ho and Sonya Huang, Kevin Huang, Chi-An Wang.



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ADVOCATING FOR TAIWAN IN AN AGE OF UNCERTAINTY: OBSERVATIONS, ASPIRATIONS, AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

Written by Yi-Ting Chung.

Taiwan stands at the frontier of a turbulent world. In 2020, a deadly global pandemic revealed the world's vulnerabilities to health crises, dependency on China's supply chains, and reliance on Taiwan-produced advanced semiconductor chips. Russia's invasion of Ukraine became a wake-up call for Western democracies and Taiwan, a solemn reminder that the threat of authoritarian expansionism is never too far from home.

Today, US-Taiwan relations are at their historical best. However, as events of the past few years demonstrate, Taiwan cannot afford to be complacent. China's territorial ambitions toward Taiwan and the East and South China Seas have not diminished. As advocates of Taiwan, we also cannot afford to be silent. Therefore, at the 2024 NATSA conference, we collaborated with the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) to discuss how they

conduct grassroots advocacy to effect policy change. The staff and members of FAPA also share their observations of recent political trends and explain how anyone can help strengthen US-Taiwan relations and expand Taiwan's international space.

The three presenters, representing both FAPA headquarters and its regional divisions, were Jenny Li (Policy Associate, FAPA), Chi-An Wang (Regional Director, FAPA New York Metro Chapter), and Chia-Chun Chung (National Vice President, FAPA). Also in the audience were other FAPA staff, including its current Executive Director, Chiao-Yun Anny Hsiao and President Su-Mei Kao. Together, we focused on how to advocate for Taiwan in an increasingly polarised domestic political environment.

Building Community and Enhancing US-Taiwan Friendship

Jenny began by sharing her observations on historical developments in US-Taiwan relations. In contrast to the common belief that it is usually the Republican Party that shows support for Taiwan, Jenny clarified that the US congressional support for Taiwan has long been bipartisan. In fact, if we look at recent history, she pointed out, it was mostly the Democrat members of Congress voicing for Taiwanese democracy during the White Terror period. Through the chart that documented the number of Taiwan-related bills and Congressional delegations to Taiwan over the past four decades, it is clear that US support for Taiwan has not only been stable but has experienced a recent surge since 2020. But many factors, Jenny remarked, such as domestic politics in Taiwan and the US, misaligned interests and priorities on both sides, and American scepticism theory, pose challenges to the strength of the US-Taiwan friendship.

While Jenny delineated FAPA's effort to clarify some common misconceptions, Chi-An, as the regional director, turned the focus to the importance of community building and connecting with local elected officials as ways to enforce community ties. Chi-An shared his recent experiences in community building in New York City, where this year's NATSA conference was held. Tapping into the energy of Taiwanese youth in NYC, he focused his efforts on hosting social events such as happy hours and a FAPA booth at the annual Passport to Taiwan event. In addition to community building, he also shared some of his experiences in congressional advocacy, including meeting US Senator Chuck Schumer of New York. He concluded by outlining their future goals, which include strengthening relationships not only with US senators and representatives, but also with Ukraine and Hong Kong advocacy groups to build more robust connections to diverse members of the NYC community and strengthen solidarity.

Finally, Chia-Chun, as the current Vice President of FAPA, elaborated on Jenny's observations and resonated with Chi-An to share some of her aspirations for the future of US-Taiwan relations and Taiwanese American advocacy. To ensure high impact, grassroots advocacy must be effective, efficient, and scalable. Effectiveness requires tailored advocacy and adjustments on the level of symbolic vs. practical items that we advocate for.

Efficiency means prioritising advocacy toward members of Congress according to their committee assignments, connections with Taiwan, and the amount of engagement that FAPA chapters have had with them. Scalable means increasing cooperation between chapters and headquarters, replicating the models of successful chapters, and building long-term relationships with other interest groups (e.g., AAPI) and organisations.

Following the discussion of the coalition that both Chi-An and Chia-Chun had mentioned, a member of the audience asked during the Q&A session about FAPA's approaches to left-leaning communities, to which Chia-Chun responded by mentioning the use of various channels to highlight Taiwan's progressiveness.

Challenges

When asked about the challenges they encountered during advocacy, the panel discussed the difficulty of addressing the demands and priorities of different groups. Chia-Chun, in particular, highlighted the challenge of raising awareness about Taiwan's issues within the AAPI community. One example was House members voting against a bipartisan committee focused on US-CCP competition, stating that it could

“further embolden anti-Asian rhetoric and hate, putting lives at risk.” This narrative, which frames initiatives addressing malign PRC influence in the US as anti-Asian, risks homogenising Asian experiences and overlooking the oppression inflicted by China on other Asian communities.

An audience member, Victor Chin, also brought into the discussion about the potential confusion and problems created by the Kuomintang (KMT) campaign in the US, noting the presence of a KMT representative in the country during the QA session. The panellists reiterated the importance of building relations with delegations from the same state and establishing interpersonal ties between congressional staff.

Another audience member, Sasha, questioned how FAPA’s policy priorities and agenda differ from those of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). The panellists, along with the current President Su-Mei Kao, responded that FAPA’s mission has always been centered on promoting Taiwan’s democracy and democratic values, rather than supporting specific political parties. As a non-profit organisation, their agenda does not always align with that of the Taiwan government.

Jenny and the former FAPA President Mark Kao, who was in attendance, further emphasised that FAPA is not an anti-China organisation, reiterating that FAPA’s focus is on human rights and the people of Taiwan, not the government. Referencing the case in which Members of Congress, citing anti-Asian hate concerns, voted to oppose the establishment of the House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition between the US and CCP that was mentioned earlier.

Mission and Vision for Advocacy

FAPA has been promoting relations and cooperation between Taiwan and the United States since its inauguration. Its staff and members have also been actively advocating for democracy, freedom and human rights. During the panel, the moderator, Yi-Ting Chung (PhD Candidate in History, Stanford University), invited the panellists to elaborate on the advocacy activities FAPA had taken recently. Jenny shared the recent statements of support issued by FAPA, including the one on Taiwan’s Blue Bird protest. Chia-Chun reiterated that while FAPA avoids interfering in other countries’ domestic politics, it actively informs US representatives about Taiwan-related issues, which is consistent with FAPA’s mission to bring knowledge about Taiwan to the US public and to underscore Taiwan as a vital member of the international community.

The panel discussions highlighted that the advocacy journey requires long-term commitment and sustained effort, as there will always be challenges beyond those mentioned above that the group will need to navigate and negotiate. For example, Mark explained that while representatives might support Taiwan in general, they often reserve their support for certain acts and thus require more effort and commitment from groups like FAPA.

Chi-An, adding to their vision for advocacy, emphasised the importance of getting people to believe in the advocacy process as a crucial but difficult first step since the process to success may be long and may not be seen as significant for the general public. As a response, Chia-Chun further stressed the need for a long-term commitment, citing the example of Senator Ed Markey from Massachusetts.

Finally, the moderator invited the panellists to conclude on a hopeful note by providing examples of FAPA’s past success. They cited the Taiwan Travel Act, which encourages visits between the United States and Taiwan, as a significant recent win in 2018. Additionally, in 2016, FAPA successfully urged Congress to pass a concurrent resolution reaffirming the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances as cornerstones of US-Taiwan relations. The success strengthened the US-Taiwan tie at all levels and made Taiwan visible on the international stage.

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Chapter Activities

Activity reports from FAPA chapters across the nation

CA-LA

President Tony Lee

2024 美西夏令會

2024 年美西夏令會 (圖1)由FAPA 洛杉磯分會副會長吳兆峯擔任總召，整個FAPA 洛杉磯分會團隊全部動員支持總召，邀請美國國會議員Ted Lieu, Torrance 市市長陳光豪及40 多位的台灣及美國政界及網路的政治人物及網紅，針對台灣社會政治、文化、歷史、經濟及各領域的問題。提出看法及精闢的分析及評論，三天密集的研討，讓參與的觀眾受益不淺，增加對台灣社會問題更深入的了解。

拜會南加州地方政府及洛杉磯郡政府

洛杉磯分會副會長吳兆峯跟新北市民進黨黨團的議員們一起拜會美國南加州的當地市府及。吳兆峯副會長把握機會好好在南加州大洛杉磯地區進行城市交流。新北市民進黨團張維倩 總召這次帶領多名傑出的黨團市議員 陳乃瑜 美人瑜媽媽 戴瑋姍 翁震州 新北市議員張錦豪副總召為你衝第一。彭一書 李宇翔和邱婷蔚《咱自己ㄟ查某子》。吳兆峯也在當地安排拜會行程，了解新北市的姐妹市洛杉磯郡政府，拜訪西柯汶納市府及吳桐淮副市長，以及與橙郡的約博琳達 (Yorba Linda) 市前市長黃瑞雅在市府見面交流。

與多位國會議員會面

洛杉磯FAPA分會長李賢群、會員林本晃、賴英慧、胡維剛及陳照媛等參加國會議員Ted Lieu 的聚會，和Ted Lieu 交流。八月中，洛杉磯分會會長李賢群、副會長吳兆峯、分會理事陳俊言及會員溫玉玲，以個人名譽參加美國國會議員Brad Sherman 募款餐會 (圖2)，和Brad Sherman 議員交流，強化雙方緊密的合作關係。九月初，FAPA洛杉磯分會會長李賢群、副會長吳兆峯及理事陳俊言和加州第47區共和黨國會議員候選人Scott Baugh早餐聚會 (圖4)，了解Scott Baugh對台灣的看法，會談一個小時，Scott Baugh 認同台灣和美國站在一起，強烈支持台灣。九月中，FAPA洛杉磯分會會長李賢群、副會長吳兆峯及會員和加州第45區民主黨國會議員候選人Derek Tran 及時加州第47區民主黨國會議員David Min 午餐聚會，了解二位候選人對台灣的看法，和二位國會議員候選人各談一個多小時，二位民主黨候選人都保證承諾當選後加入台灣連線 (Taiwan Caucus)。

苗博雅巡迴演講洛杉磯站

台北市議員苗博雅 (阿苗) 應FAPA 總部的邀請來美國八大城市做FAPA 的募款巡迴演講 (圖3)。她於9/6 (拜五) 晚上6:00在洛杉磯Rosemead 市的台灣會館演講，苗議員口才無礙、思路清晰，吸引一百多人，座無虛席，全場爆滿，整場演講，妙語連珠，分析精闢，整場演講沒有一分鐘冷場，聽眾聚精會神聆聽苗議員的演講，苗議員真不愧深受選民愛戴。

聯合國2758決議文研討會

FAPA 洛杉磯分會和洛杉磯台灣會館共同舉辦「聯合國2758決議文」研討會，向參加的觀眾講解聯合國的「2758決議文」，只是解決中國代表權的問題，決議文並沒有也沒有權利決定台灣主權，台灣的主權是屬於台灣二千三百多萬人，台灣人經過1996 年直接選舉自己的台灣總統，決定台灣人自己的前途，台灣人加入聯合國的權利不容被剝奪。

參與網路安全和人工智慧活動

FAPA 洛杉磯分會理事陳俊言Alex Chen與包括網路安全和基礎設施安全域性 (CISA) 和聯邦調查局 (FBI)在內的小組一起參加了一個關於駭客使用人工智慧進行社會工程駭客攻擊 (深度偽造、虛擬機器網路釣魚) 的工作活動。這些使用人工駭客的國家有伊朗、北朝鮮、俄羅斯、中國..... 等等聽起來都很嚇人。因為他們在社會工程駭客方面越來越大膽、越來越複雜。一家私營公司損失了數百萬美元，因為執行長正在與所有高階員工進行zoom會議，這些員工都是深度偽造的。他們還使用人工智慧來定製他們的駭客，使其難以判斷其是否真實。



圖1: 2024 美西夏令會



圖 2: 參加美國國會議員Brad Sherman 募款餐會



圖 3: 苗博雅巡迴演講洛杉磯站



圖 4: 共和黨國會議員候選人Scott Baugh早餐聚會

CA-OC

President Harrison Cheng

今年 7/1, 我們在 Laguna Woods 歡迎總會會長 Su-Mei Kao 蒞臨。Su-Mei 給了一個演講，關於 FAPA 在台美關係的角色，大家受益良多。台美關係快速深化，影響重大，大家應多注意。

苗博雅議員 9/7 前來 Orange County 募款演講，地點也在 Laguna Woods。當天希望參與的聽眾幾乎擠爆了。我們沒有收門票，但自動捐款者眾多，同時與苗議員共桌晚餐者，每人規定至少捐 \$500。募款結果輝煌，這樣一次event, 幾等於去年全年的會費與捐款。



CA-OC's Speech Tour event with Miao Poya.

DC

President Kevin Huang



Wu Cheng Fundraising Speech Tour in DC.



Giving an appreciation card to Mr. Mike Fonte for his retirement at the NAC Banquet.

(more DC photos on the next page.)



Visiting Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi's Office. From Left: Henry Tsai, Vanessa Chen, Wu Cheng, Chiao-Yun Hsiao, Kevin Huang, Richard Wu.



Participating in the "UN for Taiwan" Parade in New York City.



DC & MD Chapters participating in 2024 Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival in Rockville, collecting signatures to support Senate Resolution 2995.



DC Chapter participated the "Taiwan Yes" event for fundraising (hosted by TAAGWC).

DE

President Yi-Ju Chen

Chapter Meeting

DE members get together and hold the annual meeting. In the meeting, we discussed about the HQ Fundraising Speech Tour and the 2024 NAC. We also host the new treasurer election.

Cecilia Chi is elected and continues to serve as the DE Chapter's Treasurer to manage financial-related matters. Chapter President Yi-Ju very much appreciates Cecilia Chi's support.



DE Chapter Meeting.

NY-Hudson

President Chi-Lin O'Young

Fundraising Events in Taipei and Tainan

Chapter President O'Young traveled to Taiwan in July to host two fundraising events, one in Taipei and one in Tainan. This marked the Chapter's first fundraising effort in Taiwan. Chih-Jung Huang 黃致榮, and Charles Lee 李建畿 provided crucial logistical support for planning the events. We were honored to have former Vice President Chien-Jen Chen 陳建仁 attend the Taipei event and deliver a speech. The Taipei event attracted 20 attendees, while the Tainan event drew 10. Both events collectively raised donations from both Taiwan and the U.S. FAPA has established a strong reputation in Taiwan, and many individuals are eager to contribute to supporting FAPA and Taiwan. With careful planning, FAPA Chapters have significant opportunities to secure financial support from Taiwan.

Rep. Mike Lawler (R, NY 17) Fundraising Event at the Crystal Park, Holmes, NY

A group of local Taiwanese Americans attended a fundraising event for Rep. Mike Lawler, hosted by Thomas Chen, Chairman and owner of Crystal Windows Co. The event was exclusively for Taiwanese Americans. Rep. Lawler, members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House Taiwan Caucus, provided an update on the U.S.-Taiwan-China trilateral relationship. Since his election in 2022, he has strongly supported Taiwan. He has co-sponsored all four pieces of legislation that FAPA promotes: "Taiwan Allies Fund Act H.R. 8358," "Taiwan Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act H.R. 1330," "Taiwan Representative Office Act H.R. 3171," and "U.S.-Taiwan Diplomatic Relations H.Con.Res. 10."

2024 FAPA National Advocacy Conference

The annual conference took place in the D.C. area. The Hudson Chapter was represented by two members, Dan and Mike. As is tradition, we visited Congress on Capitol Hill on Monday, September 9. We had five scheduled appointments: two with Senators, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), and three with Representatives: Mike Lawler (R-NY 17), Pat Ryan (D-NY 18), and Marc Molinaro (R-NY 19). It was



Chapter President O'Young host Taipei Fundraising Event in July, Former Vice President Chien-Jen Chen (center) delivered a speech at the event.



Tainan Fundraising attracted around 10 attendees.



Rep. Lawler (R-NY) Fundraising Event.

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inspiring to see the NY Metro Chapter, led by Vice President Chi-An, with 15 young professionals attending the conference (photo). Each visit to the congressional offices was composed of two Chapters members (photos). Key issues discussed included the "Taiwan Allies Fund Act H.R. 8358," "Taiwan Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act H.R. 1330," "Taiwan Representative Office Act H.R. 3171/S.1513," "U.S.-Taiwan Diplomatic Relations H.Con.Res. 10," "Taiwan International Solidarity Act S.2995/H.R. 1176," and "Double Taxation Agreement S. 1457." These topics were presented to congressional aides, with requests for co-sponsorships. We learned that this was considered "China Week," during which over 20 counter-PRC and pro-Taiwan bills were under review for voting.

The congressional aides warmly welcomed our teams. Most listened attentively to our petitions and posed insightful questions. A shared observation was that there is bipartisan consensus in the U.S. Congress regarding support for Taiwan's defense against potential PRC aggression.

Our meetings were highly successful and productive. Following our advocacy, Rep. Lawler co-sponsored the Taiwan Representative Office Act (H.R. 3171), and Rep. Molinaro co-sponsored the Taiwan Allies Fund Act (H.R. 8358). We will continue to follow up with the aides on the bill sponsorship. A report on each visit was submitted to HQ as part of the Congressional Meeting Notes.

OH-C

President Nancy Ho

Receiving the Taiwanese American Heritage Week Proclamation

We were proud to receive the Taiwanese American Heritage Week Proclamation from the Ohio Governor Mike DeWine on March 23, 2024. Nancy Ho and 3 members attended the ceremony, received the TAHW proclamation from Westerville Mayor Kenneth Wright on May, 7, 2024.



New York members visiting Rep. Lawler's Office.



New York members visiting Rep. Ryan's Office.



Chapter President Nancy Ho receiving Taiwanese American Heritage Week Proclamation from the city of Westerville, OH.

OH-C Chapter, TAA Columbus and TWSA OSU 228 Memorial Joint Event

Collaborated with TAA Columbus and Ohio State University Taiwanese Student Association (TWSA OSU) in commemorating the 228 tragedy at Old Worthington Library. Mrs. Susan Lee and Dr. Chung Nan Shih shared their 228 experiences and thoughts. The Q and A session was pretty lively. We distributed Taiwanese lily pins made by NATWA. For those who were not able to attend the event, we sent the lily pins by mail. Over 20 signatures for TECRO name change petitions for both House and Senate were collected during the event.



228 memorial event with other Taiwanese organizations.

Invisible Nation Viewing Event

Collaborated with TAA Columbus and NATWA OK as Team Taiwan Columbus for the viewing of “Invisible Nation” at the Gateway Film Center. The Team went to Lucky Dragon for dinner and shared thoughts and feelings. The film was so moving that we did not want to stop talking until the store owner needed to close the shop. The spectator total in all 3 shows was close to 100. I personally watched the movie twice.



Invisible Nation viewing event.

2024 Midwest Legislative Conference & the Commemoration of TRA 45th Anniversary

Nancy Ho and several members/friends attended the breakfast meeting of the 2024 Midwest Legislative Conference & the Commemoration of Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) 45th Anniversary held in Columbus, Ohio. We were invited by TECO Chicago Director General Lei Yeng-Feng. State Senator Nicki Antonio, who I first met in 2022 during the opening ceremony of the Ohio Taiwan Taiwan Friendship Caucus, also attended among 30 others



Nancy and other members participated in 2024 Midwest Legislative Conference and the Commemoration of TRA 45th Anniversary.

2024 FAPA National Advocacy Conference

Nancy attended the 2024 NAC and led the OH-C and MI Team. Nancy coached 4 members from MI who were all first timers, accompanied them to visit some MI congressional offices, stopped by Ohio District 3 Joyce Beatty’s office, followed up with Rep. Greg Landsman’s office for a possible co-sponsorship for H.R.1330 - Taiwan Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2023 resulted from the office visit by Su-Mei Kao, Mark Kao and Ming Chiang on September 9, 2024.



OH-C team and MI team at the NAC.

OR-SWWA

President Sylvia Lin

2024 National Advocacy Conference

In early September, FAPA Oregon & SW Washington Chapter President Sylvia Lin traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the 2024 FAPA National Advocacy Conference. This year's event provided an excellent opportunity to collaborate with the team from the Washington (WA) chapter and FAPA HQ, including Anny Hsiao and Henry Tsai. Together, we conducted meetings with several key offices on both the House and Senate sides of Capitol Hill, as well as scheduled two virtual meetings with congressional aides.

We had productive discussions with the following offices in person and virtually:

Senator Ron Wyden (OR), Senator Jeff Merkley (OR), Senator Patty Murray (WA), Senator Maria Cantwell (WA), Rep Suzanne Bonamici (OR-1), Rep Cliff Bentz (OR-2), Rep Andrea Salinas (OR-6), Rep Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (WA-3).

During these meetings, we emphasized the critical importance of standing firm with Taiwan to ensure regional security and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific. Our team urged members of Congress to continue supporting Taiwan and to co-sponsor various Taiwan-related bills currently under consideration.

The feedback from these offices was overwhelmingly positive, with many aides highlighting the strong bipartisan belief that supporting Taiwan aligns with U.S. values and national interests. The shared understanding of Taiwan's role in maintaining stability in the region and the broader global community resonated strongly in our discussions.

TX-C

President Pearl Wu

與葉耀元教授夫婦及桃園市議員晚餐交流

很高興我們有機會認識到幾位貴賓：Houton St. Tomas University 國際研究系及政治系系主任葉耀元教授，與三位來自桃園的魏筠市議員、王珮毓市議員、黃瓊慧市議員。桃園有這樣優秀的市議員，是桃園人的福氣，也是台灣的支柱！

Overall, the 2024 National Advocacy Conference reinforced the vital relationship between the U.S. and Taiwan, and we look forward to continuing these efforts in the future.



Participants from Oregon and Southwest Washington visiting Rep. Bonamici's Office.



Group Photo of FAPA OR-SWWA and WA Chapter in front of the Capitol on Advocacy Day.



TX-C 分會與葉耀元教授夫婦及桃園市議員晚餐交流

TX-C 年中會

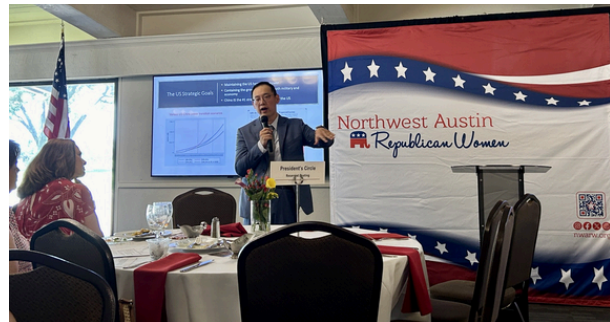
今年六月底，TX-C 分會於Great Hills Country Club 舉行年終會。參議員John Cornyn 特地錄影片表達對台灣的支持，並強調維持自由開放的印度太平洋地區的重要性。我們也邀請休斯頓辦事處教育組楊淑雅組長演講，談論台灣、美國在教育上的合作。總會長素梅和大家談談FAPA 的過去和未來。近日，台灣立法院無限制的國會聽證與調查權更可能危害憲法保障的言論自由，我們於活動現場支持青島活動，並反對台灣國會弄權。年終會當天，我們也邀請會員簽署辦事處正名請願書，會後我們將簽了名的請願書送至參議員 John Cornyn 與 Ted Cruz，及其他眾議員的辦公室。



TX-C 年中會大合照

葉耀元教授演講

熱心的 Cathy Coco 邀請葉耀元教授在 Balcony Country Club 對 Republican Women 演講 Why should the United States of America support Taiwan，吸引近百人參加。我們FAPA TX-C 分會有兩桌的參與者。謝謝葉教授的演說，讓在場各位對台灣有著進一步的了解。我們帶了辦事處正名請願書請在場的人士簽名，全數都被簽光了。九月聯合國將在紐約開會，我印製了傳單，正面是 Taiwan and United Nations，另一面是 Taiwan and United States，分發給各位。不少人向我表示感謝，很開心能夠多了解台灣。



葉耀元教授演講，討論美國為何需要支持台灣

WA

President Robin Liao

這個世代 x 島國記憶 華州分會年度募款活動

風和日麗的西雅圖夏天，WA分會在森林中搭起帳棚，舉辦募款餐會。FAPA總部執行長Anny Hsiao向鄉親分享FAPA的歷史、目標、以及豐碩的倡議成果。此外，前立委林昶佐 Freddy Lim、二二八基金會執行長藍士博、台北市議員林亮君分享台灣歷史記憶和當前台灣政治局勢，用「台灣人」認同看待FAPA最核心的國會倡議工作。



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FAPA四十二周年活動 Rising to the Challenge

FAPA四十二周年特別活動，FAPA副總會長鍾佳君分享當今FAPA的新舊挑戰。三位民進黨籍桃園市議員王珮毓、黃瓊慧、魏筠一同與會，反思太陽花十週年青年政治的變遷；『台灣人自救宣言』六十周年，發起人魏廷朝之女-魏筠，回顧這段歷史，在民主前輩奮鬥之下，台灣成為地理、科技、經濟上不可或缺的國家，美國議會重視的國際盟友。



FAPA四十二周年特別活動 Rising to the Challenge

(more WA photos on the next page.)

FAPA全國倡議大會 (NAC)

WA分會「國會倡議行動小組」(Congressional Advocacy Taskforce, CAT) 九位參與NAC, 與OR-SWWA分會合作, 拜訪Washington與Oregon兩州多位參眾議員, 倡議台美相關法案。今年六月分會舉辦倡議工作坊, 提前暖身, 八月CAT積極聯繫各區議員, 九月CAT在華府國會辦公室與議員建立互信關係, 會後, CAT詳細記錄拜訪成果, 制定長期追蹤計畫。



WA分會前往國會倡議台美相關法案

FAPA苗博雅巡迴演講-西雅圖站

FAPA巡迴演講超過150位朋友出席, 盛況空前! 苗博雅的內容深入淺出, 台風穩健, 論點精闢, 鄉親皆被她的演講深深激勵。她的魅力無法擋, 吸引許多年輕朋友第一次參與FAPA活動。阿苗分析, 台灣需要國際社會的支持, 才能持續在前線為世界阻止中國擴張, FAPA是爭取美國社會支持的最佳管道, 邀請鄉親向身邊朋友宣傳「出人、出錢、上網填寫petition。」



苗博雅巡迴演講「堅韌自信, 台美前行」西雅圖站



Amazing Congressional Advocacy Team Captains receiving FAPA challenge coins at the NAC.

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