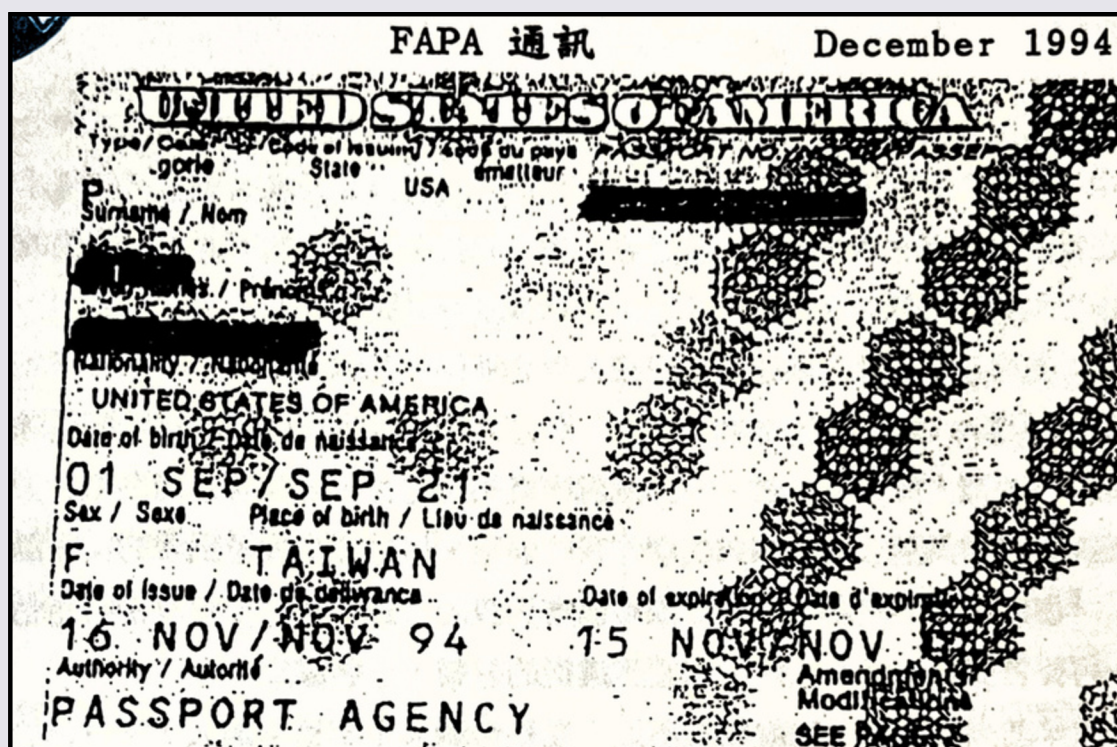




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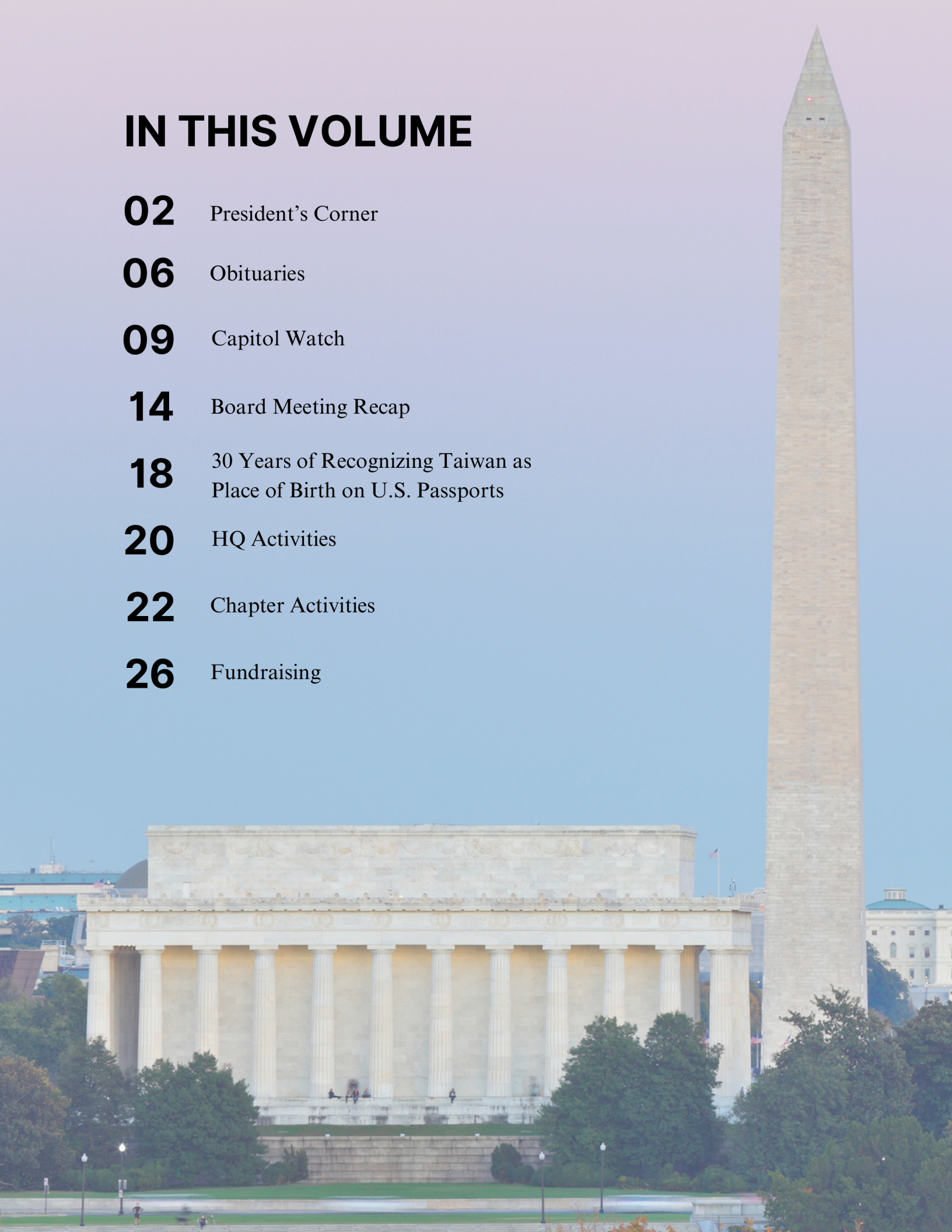
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear FAPA members and friends,

Happy New Year.

It is fitting to reflect on the platform I ran on for the position, now that one year has passed since I took the helm as FAPA President.

My goal was to build FAPA into a modern, robust, and high-performing organization well-prepared to carry out its mission. To that end, Chia-Chun Chung, the Vice President, and I laid out the following areas that we would focus on -

1. Strengthen organizational structure
2. Leverage the Board of Directors as a talent pool
3. Safeguard long-term financial health
4. Ensure operation effectiveness and efficiency
5. Empower members in grassroots advocacy
6. Partner with Taiwanese diaspora organizations to advocate for Taiwan

What has been done, one might ask?

A sound and solid organizational structure is key to our success in carrying out our mission and vision. With the hard work of the Executive Director Search Committee and the approval of the Standing Committee, we hired Chiao-Yun Anny Hsiao as the Executive Director in late March 2024 to oversee all aspects of Headquarters operations.

Anny is no stranger to FAPA. She was one of the Young Professional Group (YPG) of FAPA beginning in 2014 and served in many FAPA leadership roles in subsequent years. With her dedication to Taiwan and commitment to FAPA, the headquarters has undergone many transformations under her leadership. A few examples include the modernization and standardization of financial management, improvements in information and data security, enhancements in digital communication, increased chapter engagement and advocacy training, and strengthened research and action in congressional advocacy.

None of this would have been possible, however, without the invaluable contributions of our board members. The following committees worked side-by-side with Headquarters:

- Finance Committee – Strengthened financial oversight, modernized financial management system
- Technology Committee – Enhanced information security, data protection, and digital communications within FAPA, among other improvements
- Membership Committee – Fine-tuned membership database and revamped processing flow
- Rules Committee – Overhauled bylaws and operational guidelines

The Rules Committee systematically reviewed the FAPA Bylaws, proposed revisions to wordings that caused confusion or inconsistencies, and clearly defined the Bylaws and Operational Guidelines. These proposed changes were presented and approved by the Board at the annual board meeting in December 2024.

The Board of Directors approved the creation of a Governance Committee to improve Board oversight and leadership function. It will also ensure FAPA complies with federal, state, and local laws. With the help of this committee, FAPA is headed toward a stronger position where we operate based on the institutional wisdom and knowledge our fore-bearers handed over to us.

In terms of financial health, I want to point out that thanks to the steps we have already taken in financial management improvement and board leadership training, GuideStar has upgraded FAPA's rating from Bronze to Silver, a status that can help us expand our horizon in obtaining endowments and legacies donations, better D&O Insurance coverage, and more.

In dealing with finance, my rule of thumb is increasing revenue while reducing expenditure. Headquarters systematically scrutinized spending, making sure all expenditures were valid. I am very grateful that 14 chapters rolled up their sleeves to help raise a historical record of \$210,000 during the speech tour.

I am especially indebted to the Standing Committee members for their dedication throughout the entire year. They carried out the responsibilities and duties of the Board of Directors when the board was not in session – overseeing finances, reviewing the annual budget, assisting with fundraising, and enhancing board governance. Their steadfast stewardship of FAPA warrants special recognition. Thank you for serving alongside VP Chia-Chun Chung and me.

Numerous FAPA pioneers and several ex-Presidents had the foresight to purchase our Headquarters buildings in DC, giving FAPA a permanent home. FAPA is also indebted to Dr. Hwa-Lin Lee, who provided us with the security blanket by having initiated, funded (completed with matching donations), and managed the Taiwan Democracy and Freedom Fund. (TDAF). The investment income provides a steady stream of financial resources needed to run youth and advocacy programs.

Building on the same idea, in 2024 we launched the Song Yea Lee Memorial Fund (SYL Fund) initiative to support the FAPA internship program for the years to come. FAPA interns have gone on to become FAPA staff, Taiwan's Vice President, GTI Executive Director, RAND Corporation Director, U.S. Congressional staff, and officials in both the Taiwan government and non-government sectors. This program nurtures talents to help FAPA advance U.S.-Taiwan relations both directly and indirectly.

Our fundraising goal for the SYL Fund is to reach \$500,000. I am happy to report that we reached \$309,500 in 2024 and continue to receive donations. For retirees, a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) distribution designated to this program is a great way to help sustain this project. We need everyone's support!

Throughout the year, I have visited 14 chapters, participated in virtual chapter engagements and workshops, routinely visited Headquarters, attended meetings with various FAPA committees and with congressional members and staffers, as well as collaborated with 23 Taiwanese diaspora organizations on issues that we all care about. This effort will continue in 2025.

I would like to end with a remark by our New York Hudson Chapter President, O'Young Chi-Lin, when he received the "2024 Chapter of the Year" award, "We are a small chapter, but I told our members that number is not an issue. If you have the will, you can do anything you want to do."

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." — Margaret Mead

With warmest appreciation,



Su-Mei Kao, Ph.D.
FAPA National President
2025.02.20

會長的話

親愛的FAPA會員及朋友：

祝福大家新年快樂。

如今我擔任FAPA總會長已滿一年，正適合回顧我當初競選此職位時所提出的政見，並檢視過去一年來執行的成果。

我當時設下的目標是將FAPA打造成一個現代化、強大且高效的組織，確保FAPA能更好地執行其使命。為此，我與副會長鍾佳君（Chia-Chun Chung）訂定了以下重點發展方向：

1. 強化組織架構
2. 善用理事會（Board of Directors）的專業人才資源
3. 確保長期的財務穩健
4. 提升組織運作效能與效率
5. 強化會員的草根倡議能力
6. 與台灣僑社組織合作，共同為台灣發聲

或許大家會想問，我們實際完成了哪些事項？

健全與穩固的組織架構是我們成功推動並達成FAPA宗旨與願景的關鍵。透過「執行長遴選委員會」（Executive Director Search Committee）的努力，並經由常務委員會（Standing Committee）的批准，我們在去年3月底聘請了蕭喬勻（Chiao-Yun Hsiao）擔任執行長，負責總部的全面運作。

蕭喬勻與FAPA的關係深厚，她早在2014年起即是FAPA Young Professional Group（YPG）的成員，並在隨後多年擔任多項FAPA領導職務。憑藉她對台灣的衷心熱愛與對FAPA的全心投入，總部在她的領導下已進行許多轉型與改革，其中包括：財務管理的現代化和標準化、資訊和數據安全的提升、數位溝通的改善、分會參與和草根倡議訓練的強化，以及國會倡議之政策研究與行動的加強。

然而，若沒有我們理事會成員的寶貴付出，這一切都無法實現。感謝以下委員會與總部並肩合作：

- 財務委員會（Finance Committee）：加強財務監督，現代化財務管理系統。
- 科技委員會（Technology Committee）：提升資訊安全、數據保護與數位溝通。
- 會籍委員會（Membership Committee）：優化會員資料庫與處理流程。
- 規則委員會（Rules Committee）：全面檢討組織章程與運作準則。

規則委員會有系統地檢視了FAPA章程，針對引起混淆或不一致的措辭提出修正建議，並明確定義了章程與運作準則。這些修正提議已於2024年12月的年度理事會議上通過。

此外，理事會批准成立「治理委員會」（Governance Committee），以加強理事會的監督與領導功能，並確保FAPA符合聯邦、州及地方法規。在該委員會的協助下，FAPA將依循前輩們累積的智慧與知識，更有效地運作並穩步發展。

在財務健全方面，得益於我們持續改善財務管理並強化理事會的領導功能，GuideStar已將FAPA的評等從銅級（Bronze）提升至銀級（Silver）。此評等提升有助於我們爭取基金與遺產捐贈的機會，獲得更好的理事及高級職員責任保險（D&O Insurance）的保障，並開創更多發展的可能性。

在財務管理上，我的基本原則是「開源節流」。總部已系統性地審查了所有支出，以確保所有開銷均合理且必要。我也要特別感謝14個分會的齊心協力，使我們在去年的FAPA巡迴演講活動中募得共21萬美元，創下歷史新高。

此外，我也要特別感謝常務委員會成員在整年中的辛勤付出。在理事會未開會期間，他們承擔並履行監督財務、審查年度預算、協助募款、以及加強理事會治理等關鍵職責。他們對FAPA的堅定守護與管理值得特別表揚，感謝各位與我及副會長鍾佳君攜手並肩服務，為FAPA付出心力。

許多年前，FAPA的先驅們和幾位前任會長有遠見地購置了我們在華盛頓特區的總部大樓，為FAPA提供了一個永久的家。此外，FAPA也非常感謝李華林博士（Dr. Hwa-Lin Lee），他為我們提供了重要的財務保障——發起、捐款、透過配對募資、並管理「台灣民主與自由基金」（Taiwan Democracy and Freedom Fund, TDAF）。該基金的投資收益為我們的青年與倡議計畫提供了穩定的財源。

秉持相同理念，我們於2024年創立了「李嵩義紀念基金」（Song Yea Lee Memorial Fund），以長期支持FAPA的實習生計畫。我們的實習生計畫培育了眾多傑出人才，他們有的後來成為FAPA員工、台灣的副總統、GTI執行長、RAND公司的主管、美國國會助理，以及台灣政府官員以及民間組織的職員。這項計畫直接或間接地培養人才，協助FAPA推動美台關係的發展。

我們目標是為李嵩義紀念基金籌募50萬美元。截至2024年底，我們已募得30萬9,500美元，並持續獲得捐款支持。對於退休人士而言，指定將「合格慈善分配」（Qualified Charitable Distribution, QCD）用於此計畫，是支持這個基金的絕佳方式。我們需要大家的支持，一起確保FAPA的實習生計畫能永續發展！

在過去一年中，我走訪了14個FAPA分會，參與了多場線上分會交流與工作坊，定期造訪總部，出席各個FAPA委員會的會議，並與美國國會議員及其幕僚進行會談。此外，我還與23個台僑組織合作，共同推動我們關心的議題。在2025年，我們也會繼續朝此方向努力。

最後，我想分享紐約州哈德遜（NY-Hudson）分會會長歐陽吉林在獲頒「2024年最佳分會獎」時所說的一段話：「我們雖然是個小分會，但我告訴我們的成員，人數並不是問題。只要有決心，我們能攜手實現任何事情。」

「永遠不要懷疑一小群有理想、肯奉獻的公民能夠改變世界。事實上，世界的改變向來全靠這群人。」
——瑪格麗特·米德（Margaret Mead）



FAPA總會長
林素梅博士 謹上
2025年2月20日



FAPA Standing Committee 2024

From Left to Right: Chiao-Yun Anny Hsiao (蕭喬勻), Kevin Chien-Yu Chou (周建佑), Rita Ho (何心瑜), Chieh-Ting Yeh (葉介庭), Su-Mei Kao (林素梅), Chia-Chun Chung (鍾佳君), Nancy Ho (何玉時), C.P. Huang (黃澄波), Richard Wu (吳俊德), Tony Lee (李賢群)

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Farewell to Former FAPA President C.T. Lee, M.D.

C.T. Lee (李青泰), MD, passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 9, 2025, at the age of 82. A distinguished Taiwanese American, he was also a passionate and influential advocate for stronger U.S.-Taiwan relations. From 2006 to 2007, he served as the National President of the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA), working to reinforce U.S. support for Taiwan and actively promoting the normalization of U.S.-Taiwan relations.

As a dedicated FAPA member, C.T. tirelessly engaged with Cincinnati-area members of Congress for decades, building relationships and advocating for our causes of “Taiwan Independence” and “Keeping Taiwan Free.” His efforts helped garner the support of key legislators, including then Senator Rob Portman (R-OH), Congressman Steve Stivers (R-OH), and, most notably, Congressman Steve Chabot (R-OH).

During his tenure as FAPA president, C.T. championed the Taiwanese people’s right to self-determination and worked to strengthen U.S. support for Taiwan. In a 2007 interview, he outlined FAPA’s key objectives at the time: normalizing U.S.-Taiwan relations by lifting all restrictions on high-level visits, advocating for Taiwan’s membership in international organizations such as the United Nations (UN) and the World Health Organization (WHO), and countering China’s unfounded claims of sovereignty over Taiwan.

One of C.T.’s most significant contributions to FAPA came in early 1994 when he reached out to Steve Chabot, then a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from Ohio’s first district. This pivotal move secured a steadfast ally for Taiwan in Congress. Chabot went on to become one of Taiwan’s strongest supporters in the House, shaping U.S.-Taiwan relations through numerous legislative initiatives over the next three decades.

Chabot consistently sponsored and co-sponsored nearly every pro-Taiwan legislative effort. Notably, he introduced the Taiwan Travel Act alongside then-Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), now the U.S. Secretary of State, to facilitate high-level visits between U.S. and Taiwanese officials and strengthen bilateral ties. Signed into law in March 2018, this landmark legislation was a historic achievement for FAPA, opening the floodgates for numerous Congressional initiatives and actions in support of Taiwan.

The Chabot/Rubio team also introduced a concurrent resolution reaffirming the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act and the 1982 Six Assurances as cornerstones of U.S.-Taiwan relations. Passed by both the House and Senate in 2016, this resolution reinforced the United States’ long-standing commitment to Taiwan. During his Senate Foreign Relations Committee confirmation hearing on January 15, 2025, then-Senator and Secretary of State-designate Marco Rubio emphasized that U.S. policy toward Taiwan is based not only on the Taiwan Relations Act but also on the Six Assurances, a position consistently upheld by consecutive presidential administrations from both parties.

As we honor C.T.’s legacy at FAPA, we reflect on one deep regret: he did not live to see the fulfillment of our shared dream — Taiwan gaining universal international recognition and becoming a fully independent and normal country. Yet, he would be heartened to know that we will carry his torch forward and continue the fight.

C.T.’s unwavering dedication and tireless advocacy have left a lasting impact on the movement for Taiwan’s independence and international recognition. May his legacy continue to inspire, and may the memories of C.T. bring comfort and strength to his wife, Cindy, his extended family, and all of us who share his vision.

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悼念 FAPA 前會長李青泰醫師



李青泰 (C.T. Lee) 醫師於 2025 年 1 月 9 日安詳辭世，享壽 82 歲。他不僅是一位傑出的台灣裔美國人，也是一名熱情且極具影響力的美台關係倡議者。2006 至 2007 年間，他擔任台灣人公共事務會 (FAPA) 總會長，致力於確保美國對台支持，並積極推動美台關係正常化。

作為一名盡心竭力的 FAPA 會員，青泰兄數十年來不懈地與辛辛那提地區的美國國會議員接觸，建立深厚關係，並積極宣揚我們所倡導的「台灣獨立」與「維護台灣自由」(Keeping Taiwan Free) 的理念。他的努力為 FAPA 贏得了多位關鍵聯邦參眾議員的支持，包括當時的參議員波特曼 (Rob Portman, R-OH)、眾議員史戴福斯 (Steve Stivers, R-OH)，以及最著名的台灣之友——眾議員夏波 (Steve Chabot, R-OH)。

在擔任 FAPA 會長期間，李青泰醫師積極倡導台灣人民的自決權，並致力於加強美國對台灣的支持。在 2007 年的一次採訪中，他闡述了 FAPA 當時的核心目標，包括：解除美台高層官員互訪的所有限制，以促進雙邊關係正常化；推動台灣加入聯合國 (UN) 和世界衛生組織 (WHO) 等國際組織；以及反駁中國對台灣的不實領土主權主張。

青泰兄對 FAPA 最重要的貢獻之一發生在 1994 年初，當時他主動聯繫正初次競選美國聯邦眾議院俄亥俄州第一選區席位的夏波。這一關鍵舉動為台灣在美國國會贏得了一位堅定的盟友。夏波在當選後，成為美國眾議院中最強力支持台灣的議員之一，並在接下來的 30 年間透過多項立法倡議，積極推動美台關係的發展。

夏波眾議員長期積極提案或連署幾乎所有支持台灣的立法倡議。其中值得一提的是，他與時任聯邦參議員盧比歐 (Marco Rubio, R-FL) (現任美國國務卿) 合作，分別於眾議院及參議院提案並推動《台灣旅行法》，以促進美台高層官員互訪並強化雙邊關係。這項具有里程碑意義的立法於 2018 年 3 月正式生效成為法律，這不僅是 FAPA 的重大歷史性成就，也為美國國會隨後推動更多友台立法與行動開啟了大門。

此外，夏波與盧比歐還合作提出了一項共同決議案，重申 1979 年的《台灣關係法》與 1982 年的「六項保證」為美台關係的基石。該決議案於 2016 年獲得美國參、眾兩院通過，進一步強化了美國對台灣的長期承諾。在 2025 年 1 月 15 日的參議院外交關係委員會的人事任命聽證會上，時任參議員及國務卿被提名人魯比歐強調，美國對台政策不僅基於《台灣關係法》，也同時建立在「六項保證」之上，這一立場始終獲得兩黨歷屆政府的堅持與遵守。

在我們緬懷李青泰醫師對 FAPA 的貢獻時，心中難免有一絲遺憾：他未能親眼見證我們共同夢想的實現——台灣獲得普遍的國際承認，成為一個完全獨立且正常的國家。然而，我們將承接他的遺志，持續奮鬥不懈，相信這必能讓他感到些許慰藉。

青泰兄無私的奉獻與不懈的倡議，對台灣獨立與爭取國際承認的運動留下了深遠的影響。願他的精神繼續激勵並啟發後人，也願他摯愛的夫人 Cindy、家人，以及所有志同道合之人，能在緬懷他的同時獲得安慰與力量。



圖左：前會長李青泰醫師於白宮外抗議
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賴明堂博士一生致力
促進台美關係

FAPA Mourns the Passing of Dr. Carl Lai

The Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) deeply mourns the passing of Dr. Carl Lai (賴明堂) on January 15, 2025. A founding member of the FAPA California-Sacramento Chapter, established in 1992, Dr. Lai served as its first chapter president from 1992 to 1996. During his tenure, he played a vital role in the chapter's operations and growth, actively strengthening Taiwan-U.S. relations and advocating for Taiwan's international status and rights.

In 2008, the Sacramento Chapter undertook the FAPA Polo Shirts and Jackets Fundraising Project at the request of the Standing Committee. This initiative not only provided financial support to the headquarters but also

strengthened FAPA's sense of identity and outreach. Dr. Carl Lai, along with Dr. Wen Pen Liu and other chapter members, took the lead in donating a portion of the production costs, demonstrating their strong support for FAPA. Dr. Lai's selfless dedication was evident in these efforts.

Additionally, Dr. Lai was the founder of the Sacramento Taiwanese Culture Foundation and the Sacramento Area Formosan Association. He was deeply committed to preserving Taiwanese culture and fostering the development of the Taiwanese American community in the region.

Dr. Carl Lai's passing is a tremendous loss to FAPA and the Taiwanese American community. We deeply honor his contributions and unwavering dedication, and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family. His passion and legacy will live on in our hearts forever.

FAPA 悼念賴明堂博士辭世

台灣人公共事務會（FAPA）深切哀悼賴明堂博士於 2025 年 1 月 15 日辭世。賴博士是 1992 年所成立的 FAPA 加州沙加緬度（California-Sacramento）分會的創始會員之一，並擔任首任分會會長。他自 1992 年至 1996 年擔任該職，對分會會務貢獻卓著，並致力促進台美關係，為台灣的國際地位與權益發聲。



圖為2008年的FAPA委員們，人人一件賴明堂博士設計的綠色夾克，為FAPA募款

2008 年，沙加緬度分會接受常務委員會委託，承接 FAPA Polo 衫與夾克的募款專案，不僅為總部提供財務支持，也提升了 FAPA 的認同感與宣傳效果。賴明堂博士與劉文彬醫師等分會會員率先認捐部分製作成本，展現對 FAPA 的熱忱支持。賴博士的無私奉獻，從這些行動中可見一斑。

此外，賴博士亦為沙加緬度台灣文化基金會（Sacramento Taiwanese Culture Foundation）及沙加緬度地區台灣同鄉會（Sacramento Area Formosan Association）的創辦人，長期致力於推動台灣文化的保存與當地台美人社群的發展。

賴明堂博士的辭世是 FAPA 與台美人社群的一大損失。我們深切緬懷他的付出與貢獻，並向他的家人致以最誠摯的慰問。賴博士的熱忱與努力，將永遠銘記在我們心中。

CAPITOL WATCH

October 1 – December 31, 2024

by Chih-Jung Huang

U.S., TAIWAN “WELL-POSITIONED” TO COOPERATE ON DRONES, CHIPS: AIT DIRECTOR GREENE

On September 26, the new U.S. de facto ambassador to Taiwan, American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) Director Raymond Greene, stated that Taiwan and the U.S. are “well-positioned” to build drones of the future. He also emphasized that ongoing U.S.-Taiwan cooperation in the semiconductor sector is mutually beneficial and not a “zero-sum” game.

Greene highlighted the growing global recognition of drones’ critical role in defense, disaster response, and environmental monitoring while expressing concerns about the world’s heavy reliance on a single producer — China — which manufactures over 90% of consumer drones worldwide.

He stressed the need to diversify supply chains and underscored that Taiwan and the U.S. are particularly “well-positioned” to collaborate in drone production, given their dynamic drone technology sectors and the increasing integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in the field.

Additionally, Greene reiterated that U.S.-Taiwan semiconductor cooperation is mutually beneficial, with the U.S. leading in chip design and Taiwan producing the world’s most advanced chips.

However, he noted that Taiwan’s limited land, workforce, and renewable energy capacity present challenges in meeting future demand, especially with the rise of AI. As a result, more semiconductor manufacturing is expected to shift to the U.S. and other partners — a transition that will strengthen market resilience and create mutual benefits for both the U.S. and Taiwan, rather than a zero-sum competition.

VISITING U.S. LAWMAKERS REAFFIRM BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN

On October 7, a visiting U.S. Congressional delegation — led by U.S. Representative Debbi Lesko (R-AZ) and including Representatives Andy Biggs (R-AZ) and Carol Miller (R-WV) — reaffirmed bipartisan U.S. support for Taiwan and emphasized the Taiwan Strait’s critical role in regional and global peace.

During a meeting with Taiwan’s National Security Council Secretary-General Joseph Wu, the delegation underscored Taiwan’s strategic importance. Wu called for stronger U.S.-Taiwan cooperation in areas such as signing a double-taxation agreement, strengthening democratic resilience, and deepening economic ties.

The delegation, visiting Taiwan from October 6 to 11, voiced concern over China’s repeated incursions near Taiwan and stressed the need for the U.S. to work with allies and like-minded nations to counter China’s aggressive actions.

The U.S. lawmakers also highlighted the bipartisan consensus on continued U.S. support for Taiwan, pledging to advocate for Taiwan’s defense capabilities and to strengthen U.S.-Taiwan trade and economic relations upon their return to the United States.

CHINA HAS “NO RIGHT TO REPRESENT TAIWAN”: PRESIDENT LAI

On October 10, Taiwan President Lai Ching-te reaffirmed that the People’s Republic of China (PRC) has “no right to represent Taiwan” while expressing Taiwan’s willingness to engage with China on issues of mutual interest.

In his first Double Ten Day address, President Lai emphasized that Taiwan and the PRC “are not subordinate to each other” and reiterated his mission to ensure Taiwan’s continued existence and progress while resisting any attempts at annexation or encroachment.



Lai also reaffirmed his administration's commitment to defending Taiwan's national sovereignty and upholding peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait through his "four pillars of peace" plan. The plan focuses on strengthening Taiwan's defense capabilities, enhancing economic security, deepening partnerships with other democracies, and maintaining a consistent cross-strait policy.

Taiwanese officials anticipated a military response from China following Lai's speech, a move the U.S. has condemned as unjustified.

U.S., EU, U.K., JAPAN EXPRESS CONCERN OVER CHINA'S MILITARY DRILLS AROUND TAIWAN

The United States, European Union (EU), United Kingdom (U.K.), and Japan have voiced concerns over China's large-scale military drills, code-named "Joint Sword-2024B," conducted around Taiwan on October 14. The exercises took place just days after Taiwan President Lai Ching-te delivered his October 10 speech defending Taiwan's sovereignty, democracy, and free way of life.

"The United States is seriously concerned by the [Chinese] People's Liberation Army joint military drills in the Taiwan Strait and around Taiwan," U.S. Department of State spokesman Matthew Miller said in a statement issued late October 13 (U.S. local time), emphasizing that **the U.S. considers peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait "essential to regional peace and prosperity and a matter of international concern."**

In a statement issued on October 14, the European External Action Service (EEAS) warned that China's joint military activities around Taiwan "further increase cross-strait tensions." **The EU reaffirmed its direct interest in preserving the status quo in the Taiwan Strait, stating, "We oppose any unilateral actions that change the status quo by force or coercion."**

Echoing these concerns, the U.K.'s Foreign Ministry said in a press statement on October 14 that China's military exercises around Taiwan "increase tensions and risk dangerous escalation in the Taiwan Strait." The statement further emphasized that **the U.K. does not support "any unilateral attempts to change the status quo."**

On October 14, Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba stressed, "Peace and security in and around the Taiwan Strait are an extremely important issue for the region." He stated that Japan would carefully monitor the situation and "prepare to respond to any development" as necessary.

The coordinated responses from the U.S., EU, U.K., and Japan highlight growing international alarm over China's military actions near Taiwan and their potential impact on regional stability.

U.S., CANADIAN WARSHIPS TRANSIT TAIWAN STRAIT

A U.S. and a Canadian warship transited the Taiwan Strait together on October 20, less than a week after China conducted large-scale drills around Taiwan on October 14.

The U.S. Navy's 7th Fleet stated that the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Higgins (DDG 76) and the Royal Canadian Navy Halifax-class frigate HMCS Vancouver (FFH 331) conducted a **"routine" transit through the Taiwan Strait.**

"Higgins and Vancouver's transit through the Taiwan Strait demonstrated the United States' and Canada's commitment to upholding freedom of navigation for all nations as a principle," the statement read.

"The international community's navigational rights and freedoms in the Taiwan Strait should not be limited. The United States rejects any assertion of sovereignty or jurisdiction that is inconsistent with freedoms of navigations, overflight, and other lawful uses of the sea and air," it added.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PASSES PRO-TAIWAN RESOLUTION CONDEMNING CHINA'S DISTORTION OF UN RESOLUTION 2758

On October 24, the European Parliament (EP) passed a resolution condemning the People's Republic of China (PRC) for distorting and misusing UN General Assembly Resolution 2758 to block Taiwan's participation in international organizations.

The EP resolution stated that **UN Resolution 2758 does not affirm the PRC's sovereignty over Taiwan,** nor does it make any judgment on Taiwan's inclusion in the UN or any other international organizations.

The EP strongly rejected the PRC's attempts to distort history and international rules. It also condemned China's continuous military provocations around Taiwan, emphasizing its firm opposition to any unilateral change to the status quo in the Taiwan Strait.

U.S. TREASURY ANNOUNCES TALKS WITH TAIWAN ON DOUBLE TAXATION DEAL

The United States and Taiwan are set to begin negotiations on a double taxation agreement in the coming weeks, the U.S. Treasury Department announced in a statement on October 29.

The launch of the "negotiations on a comprehensive agreement to address double taxation issues" resulted from U.S. Congress' efforts to push progress in this area through draft legislation, including the proposed "United States-Taiwan Expedited Double-Tax Relief Act" and the "United States-Taiwan Tax Agreement Authorization Act," the Treasury Department said.

A comprehensive tax agreement would benefit both the U.S. and Taiwan by reducing double taxation barriers and facilitating greater investment between the two sides. Such an agreement is particularly crucial for the small and medium-sized enterprises that play a key role in the semiconductor ecosystem, the department noted.

The text of the agreement is expected to be based on the U.S. Model Income Tax Convention and will address issues such as “reduction of withholding taxes on cross-border payments of dividends, interest and royalties” and “provisions governing permanent establishments and tax treatment of temporary cross-border workers,” according to the statement.

U.S. APPROVES US\$1.988 BILLION ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN

On October 25, the U.S. government announced its decision to approve potential sales of radar turnkey and surface-to-air missile systems to Taiwan, valued at approximately US\$1.988 billion.

It was the 17th time that President Joe Biden’s administration had approved arms sales to Taiwan.

The package includes the AN/TPS-77 and AN/TPS-78 Radar Turnkey Systems and related equipment, with an estimated cost of US\$828 million, according to the Pentagon’s Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA).

Additionally, the sale includes the National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System and related equipment, valued at approximately US\$1.16 billion, the DSCA added.

TAIWAN RECEIVES 11 HIMARS ROCKET SYSTEMS

The first batch of M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) purchased from the U.S. arrived in Taiwan ahead of schedule in October, Taiwan’s Ministry of Defense confirmed on November 6.

Taiwan’s military purchased 29 HIMARS units in two procurements, with the first 11 sets now delivered. The remaining 18 units are expected to arrive by 2026. Along with the HIMARS, the procurement also included 84 MGM-140 Army Tactical Missile Systems (ATACMS), 864 precision rockets, two sets of training simulators, and other ancillary equipment. The sale of the 300km-range missiles to Taiwan reflects strong mutual trust between Taiwan and the U.S.

U.S.-ROK JOINT STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTS CROSS-TAIWAN STRAIT STABILITY

The U.S. and South Korean governments reaffirmed the importance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait in a joint statement released on November 1 following their “2+2 ministerial meeting.”

On October 31, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin hosted a joint foreign and defense ministerial meeting with South Korean Minister of Foreign Affairs Cho Tae-yul and South Korean Minister of National Defense Kim Yong-hyun.

The officials “expressed concern over [China’s] provocative actions, particularly the recent military drills around Taiwan that escalate tension,” the statement said. “Both sides emphasized the importance of maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait as an indispensable element of security and prosperity for the international community,” it added.

TAIWAN RECEIVES FIRST BATCH OF LONG-RANGE ATACMS MISSILES FROM U.S.

Taiwan has received its first batch of U.S.-made MGM-140 Army Tactical Missile Systems (ATACMS), which have a maximum range of 300 kilometers, an unnamed military source told CNA on November 9, without disclosing the number of units delivered.

The ATACMS is a supersonic tactical ballistic missile whose longest-range variant can fly up to 300 kilometers (190 miles). It can be launched from the wheeled M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) and the tracked M270 Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS).

USCC REPORT: ADD TAIWAN TO “NATO PLUS” GROUP

The United States should amend a law to add Taiwan to the list of “NATO Plus” allies and streamline future arms sales, the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission (USCC) said on November 19 in its [annual report to Congress](#).

In the report’s chapter on Taiwan, the commission urged Congress to “amend the Arms Export Control Act of 1976 to include Taiwan on the list of ‘NATO Plus’ recipients,” referring to a designation held by Israel, Japan, South Korea, Australia, and New Zealand.

At a congressional hearing on November 19, USCC member and former Pentagon official Randall Schriver said **Taiwan's inclusion in NATO Plus would add it to "the most elite category of security assistance partners" and "ease the process of export control review on potential transfers to Taiwan."**

The commission also recommended that Congress create a **"Taiwan Allies Fund" to provide foreign assistance to countries with an official diplomatic relationship with Taiwan.** "Countries that no longer have a diplomatic relationship with Taiwan would immediately be ineligible for this funding," the commission said.

FAPA CALLS ON PRESIDENT BIDEN AND SECRETARY BLINKEN TO MEET WITH TAIWAN PRESIDENT LAI

In a letter dated November 22, U.S. Representatives Tom Tiffany (R-WI), Andy Ogles (R-TN), Chris Smith (R-NJ), Scott Perry (R-PA), and Lance Gooden (R-TX), urged U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken not to impose any conditions on Taiwan President Lai Ching-te should he make a stopover in U.S. territory during his then-upcoming trip to the South Pacific. They also called on President Joe Biden to consider meeting with Lai personally during his visit.

On November 27, FAPA issued [a statement](#) supporting the letter sent by the five Congressmen and **urging President Biden and Secretary Blinken to meet with Taiwan's democratically elected President Lai Ching-te, whether in person or virtually.**

FAPA President Su-Mei Kao emphasized: **"High-level [U.S.] meetings with President Lai would send a clear message that authoritarian China cannot dictate the terms of U.S. partnership and alliance with democratic Taiwan. Moreover, such actions would reaffirm the United States' steadfast commitment to Taiwan's democracy and foster further normalization of U.S. relations with this vital Indo-Pacific partner."**

UK HOUSE CONDEMNS CHINA'S DISTORTION OF UN RESOLUTION 2758

On November 28, the United Kingdom (UK) House of Commons unanimously voted to condemn China's mischaracterization of UN General Assembly Resolution 2758 in an effort to undermine Taiwan's political status and its participation in international organizations, including the United Nations (UN).

The UK House became the fifth legislative body to take action on an Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China (IPAC) initiative condemning China's distortion of UN Resolution 2758, following similar resolutions by the Australian Senate, the Dutch House, the European Parliament, and the Canadian House.

FIRST AGREEMENT UNDER U.S.-TAIWAN TRADE INITIATIVE TAKES EFFECT

The first agreement under the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade officially came into effect on December 10, marking a **"significant milestone" in bilateral trade relations**, according to Taiwan's Office of Trade Negotiations.

The agreement between the United States and Taiwan covers commitments to customs administration and trade facilitation, regulatory practices, rules for running domestic service industries, anti-corruption, and small and medium-sized enterprises.

U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai expressed appreciation for Taiwan's cooperation, stating: **"We thank our Taiwan partners for helping us reach this important milestone. The entry into force of the first agreement under our 21st Century Trade Initiative represents an important step forward in strengthening the U.S.-Taiwan economic and trade relationship."**

The U.S. and Taiwan have been making progress on a second agreement under the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade. That agreement will address areas including labor, the environment, and agriculture, and negotiations are ongoing.

TAIWAN RECEIVES FIRST BATCH OF M1A2T ABRAMS TANKS TO STRENGTHEN DEFENSE AGAINST PLA LANDINGS

Taiwan received a shipment of 38 M1A2T Abrams tanks on December 15. According to Taiwanese defense experts, the addition of these U.S.-made tanks **will enhance Taiwan's ability to counter amphibious landing operations by the People's Liberation Army (PLA).**

This shipment marks the first delivery of the 108 M1A2T tanks approved for sale to Taiwan in 2019 under the first Donald Trump administration. The "T" in M1A2T designates a special variant of the M1 Abrams tank tailored for Taiwan.

The M1A2T tanks are equipped with 120-millimeter smoothbore guns capable of penetrating 850-millimeter-thick armor and can withstand shells fired from most battle tanks. Their average speed is significantly faster than that of Taiwan's current tanks.

PRESIDENT LAI MEETS WITH VISITING U.S. SENATOR JEFF MERKLEY

On November 26, Taiwan President Lai Ching-te said his administration would continue to enhance Taiwan's defense capabilities and demonstrate its determination to safeguard the country during a meeting with visiting U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and co-chair of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China.

President Lai thanked Senator Merkley for his long-term support of Taiwan, highlighting the Taiwan Relations Reinforcement Act (S.3110), co-sponsored by Merkley and then-Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), whom President-elect Donald Trump had nominated at the time to serve as the next Secretary of State. Lai also referenced a resolution (S.Res.633) introduced by Merkley and Rubio, which reaffirms the U.S. commitment to Taiwan and commemorates the 45th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act.

Senator Merkley praised Taiwan's democracy and pledged to strengthen U.S.-Taiwan bilateral collaboration across various areas, including military security, climate change, and other global issues. He also **reaffirmed Congressional support for Taiwan** during the U.S. administration transition.

PRESIDENT LAI THANKS U.S. FOR HIS HAWAII TRANSIT

On November 30, Taiwan President Lai Ching-te expressed gratitude to the United States for facilitating his transit stop in Hawaii. While there, lai spoke by phone with several senior pro-Taiwan U.S. politicians. Pro-Taiwan U.S. politicians, whom he described as "old friends.

On December 1, former U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) spoke with President Lai over the phone, expressing her strong support for Taiwan. Pelosi emphasized the bipartisan backing for Taiwan in the U.S. Congress. She underscored the importance of addressing the double-taxation issue between the U.S. and Taiwan, pledging to work toward passing legislation to resolve the matter.

RESIDENT LAI HAS PHONE CALL WITH U.S. HOUSE SPEAKER JOHNSON DURING GUAM STOPOVER

During his stopover in Guam, Taiwan President Lai Ching-te spoke by phone with U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) on December 5, marking his first direct conversation with Johnson since taking office in May 2024. While in Guam, Lai also had a phone call with U.S. House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) and participated in a video conference with U.S. Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS).

Speaker Johnson reaffirmed Congress' recognition of Taiwan as a key element of the U.S. Indo-Pacific strategy, emphasizing concerns over challenges and threats posed by China. He noted that Congress continues to pass legislation aimed at strengthening the U.S. response to China and enhancing Taiwan's defense capabilities.

U.S. APPROVES US\$387 MILLION ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN

On November 29, the U.S. government announced US\$387 million in arms sales to Taiwan, including spare parts and support for F-16 fighter aircraft and follow-up support for Improved Mobile Subscriber Equipment (IMSE).

This marked the 18th arms sale to Taiwan approved by President Joe Biden's administration.

U.S. APPROVES US\$295 MILLION ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN

On December 20, the U.S. government announced **the potential sale of upgraded tactical data link systems and gun mounts for ships to Taiwan**, valued at around US\$295 million.

This marked the 19th arms sale to Taiwan approved by President Joe Biden's administration.

According to the Pentagon's Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), the proposed package includes 309 units of the Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio Systems (MIDS JTRS) Variant 5 (V5) — an enhancement to the Link-16 tactical data link system — for an estimated cost of US\$265 million. The system will enhance Taiwan's "communications and network security for its command, control, communications, and computers (C4) capabilities," the agency stated.

Additionally, the sale includes 16 MK 75 76 mm gun mounts and related equipment for an estimated cost of US\$30 million, the DSCA said. The gun mounts will improve Taiwan's "capability to meet current and future threats by providing surface and air defenses onboard various ships in inventory," the agency added.

FAPA APPLAUDS ENACTMENT OF 2025 NDAA, URGING CONTINUED REJECTION OF CHINA'S BASELESS SOVEREIGNTY CLAIMS OVER TAIWAN

On December 23, U.S. President Joe Biden signed into law the **National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY2025 NDAA) (H.R.5009)**, following its passage by the U.S. House on December 11 and the Senate on December 18.

This critical legislation reinforces the U.S. commitment and support for Taiwan, authorizing up to \$300 million in military aid and incorporating the BOLSTER Act, which urges the U.S. and its European allies to publicly refute China's fabricated "One China principle" and its distortion of U.N. Resolution 2758.



2024 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

On December 6-8, 2024 FAPA held its Annual Board Meeting in Houston Texas with the support of the TX-S chapter. The opening session began with a heartfelt welcome from National President Dr. Su-Mei Kao. In her remarks, she expressed sincere gratitude to all board members and HQ staff for their dedication over the past year. She also thanked TX-S chapter for hosting and organizing the event with HQ. **Looking ahead, she hopes to continue strengthening FAPA, building it into a modern, resilient, and high-performing organization, fully prepared to fulfill its mission.**

More than 50 board members participated in the meeting. Over the three-day intensive schedule, participants engaged in a series of discussion on evaluating ongoing initiatives, assessing financial health, optimizing resources, driving organizational development, and exploring opportunities for growth and sustainability.

Board Passed the FAPA 2025-2027 Strategic Action Plan
The 2025-2027 Strategic Action Plan is designed to guide HQ in building toward our vision of advocating for U.S.-Taiwan relations through creating a sound foundation for FAPA and building pipelines of leaders. FAPA Board of Directors approved to adopt the plan presented by Executive Director Chiao-Yun Anny Hsiao.

2025-2027 Strategic Action Plan - 8 Areas of Focus:

- Congressional Engagement & Policy Advocacy
- Capacity Building through FAPA Programs
- Communications
- Fundraising and Development
- Membership Recruitment and Retention
- Financial Management and Accounting

- Organizational Effectiveness and Operations
- Infrastructure
- Chapter President Support

Policy & Advocacy Recap

Policy Fellow Henry Tsai introduced the broader trends and developments in Taiwan policy during the 118th Congress (2023-2024), highlighting Taiwan-related bills across various thematic areas such as defense, international support, diplomatic engagement, and economic partnership. Some outstanding policy and advocacy efforts include:

Congressional visits:

- 43 Meetings with Congressional Members Personal Offices
- 8 Meetings with Committee Offices

Legislative Agenda (Issues of Concern):

- International Support:
 - Taiwan Allies Fund Act
 - Taiwan International Solidarity Act
- Strengthening Security:
 - Taiwan Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act
 - TAIWAN Security Act
 - *BOLSTER Act
- Economic Partnership:
 - U.S.-Taiwan Expedited Double Tax Relief Act
 - U.S.-Taiwan Tax Agreement Authorization Act
- Normalization and Name Rectification
 - Taiwan Representative Office (TRO) Act
 - U.S. Recognition of Taiwan and Official Diplomatic Relations

National Advocacy Conference Impact Highlights:

- 4 new cosponsors for the Taiwan Allies Fund Act
- 2 new cosponsors for the Taiwan Democracy Lend-Lease Act
- 1 new cosponsor for the concurrent resolution (H.Con.Res.10) urging the U.S. to establish official diplomatic relations with Taiwan
- Making the Taiwan Representative Office (TRO) Act a bipartisan bill by gaining democratic sponsorship.
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- Henry Tsai's policy analysis of the 118th Congress helped strategize FAPA's advocacy efforts in the 119th Congress (2025-2026). He also mentioned that HQ is seeking to extend some of its past advocacy initiatives. Examples of FAPA's legislative priorities include bills to clarify China's distortion of United Nations General Assembly Resolution (UNGA) 2758, provide U.S.-Taiwan double taxation relief, enhance security-industrial cooperation, among others.

Communications

In 2024, HQ has published 6 public statements, 16 press releases, 5 joint letters with over 20 overseas Taiwanese organizations, and 2 op-eds. FAPA was mentioned or quoted in more than 86 news reports

Chapter engagement

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance chapter support and engagement, HQ made significant efforts in connecting with our chapters nationwide, such as:

- HQ engaged with 24 out of our 45 chapters nationwide
- HQ trained 28 captains representing 15 states at the NAC
- HQ conducted an Advocacy Training for WA Chapter

Chapter Operations Panel

HQ staff and the chairs of the Technology and Membership committee presented the updates and modernizations recently implemented. Kat Chueh, Special Projects Coordinator, presented a key milestone which is the improvements to modernizing the membership form and approval process. Clark Chen, Chair of the Technology Committee, introduced the new online membership roster, which enables each chapter to access the most up-to-date membership information.

Financial management

To ensure FAPA remains a financially healthy organization, HQ and the Finance Committee have been focused on several key initiatives:

- Streamlining and consolidating financial services
- Modernizing and optimizing tools and technologies
- Shortening processing time for donations and issuing receipt

On December 7, 2024 TX-South Chapter hosted a banquet for the FAPA Board of Directors and the local chapter members to meet and greet one another. At the banquet, they also invited distinguished guest and a staunch Taiwan supporter Congressman Al Green (D-TX) to provide remarks. US Representatives Al Green and Young Kim introduced the bipartisan "Taiwan Non-Discrimination Act," advocating for Taiwan's inclusion in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the 118th Congress. He also warmly welcomed FAPA Board of Directors from across the country to a weekend in Houston!

As a strong advocate for Taiwan in Congress, he pledged to continue supporting policies that strengthen US-Taiwan relations. Drawing on his own Black heritage, he emphasized that standing up for justice is a shared responsibility and that it is important to build allyship.

Congressman Al Green honored TX-S Chapter with an award in recognition of its exemplary service to the community. Chapter President Ronald Hong accepted the award on behalf of the chapter. The evening concluded on a high note, as attendees joined together in a spirited sing-along of 台灣尚勇.

Congressman Al Green



Board of Directors from TX-S Chapter Kevin Chou, Mike Kuo, Ronald Hong, Minly Sung, Mary Yang, and Jian-Yuan Li receiving the award from Congressman Al Green



Congressman Al Green with Vice President Chia-Chun Chung, Executive Director Anny Hsiao, and President Su-Mei Kao

Chapter Awards

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR : NY-HUDSON

Chapter President: Chi-Lin O'Young



NY-Hudson Chapter President Chi-Lin O'Young (center) receiving the award from National President Su-Mei Kao (left).

The NY-Hudson Chapter has demonstrated exceptional performance and leadership in all areas, including Congressional advocacy, grassroots organizing, membership growth, fundraising, and administration. The chapter has fostered strong relationships with members of Congress while actively engaging with the community and its members.

EXCELLENT CHAPTER AWARD: OH-C & NY-M

Chapter Presidents: Nancy Ho & Chi-An Wang



OH-C Chapter President Nancy Ho (center) receiving the award from National President Su-Mei Kao (left).

These two chapters have demonstrated overall excellent performance and leadership across all categories. The NY-M Chapter successfully recruited a significant number of new members over the past year, while the OH-C Chapter has strengthened relationships with both its members and the broader community.

MEMBERSHIP AWARD: WA

Chapter President: Ying-Po Liao



WA Chapter President Ying-Po Liao (center) receiving the award from National President Su-Mei Kao (left).

The WA Chapter has done an amazing job recruiting and managing its membership, reaching an impressive 41% growth in 2024.

CONGRESSIONAL ADVOCACY AWARD: OR-SWWA

Chapter President: Sylvia Chen



OR-SWWA Chapter President Sylvia Chen (center) receiving the award from National President Su-Mei Kao (left).

The OR-SWWA Chapter worked tirelessly to lobby Members of Congress to co-sponsor bills, issue statements, and support Taiwan-related resolutions. They convinced the newly elected Congresswoman Andrea Salinas to join the Taiwan caucus, took on new initiatives to secure Taiwanese American Heritage Week (TAHW) proclamations from the two Oregon Senators and one Representative, and built good relations with the staffers of Oregon Reps and Senators.



GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING AWARD: MA

Chapter President: Sonya Huang

MA Chapter has shown outstanding performance in coalition building. They actively engaged with the community and on social media over the past year, hosting and co-hosting events like anti-CCP protests, book talks, and chapter meetings.

New MA Chapter President Chia-Tai Chi (center) receiving the award from National President Su-Mei Kao (left).

FUNDRAISING AWARD: TX-S, FL-S, NJ & CA-N

Chapter Presidents: Kevin Chou, Ming Young, Pei-Ming Chen, Kevin Tu

These four chapters have made outstanding contributions to FAPA's fundraising efforts. The TX-S Chapter achieved the highest results in the Fundraising Speech Tour, while the FL-S Chapter launched the Song-Yea Lee Memorial Fund to establish an endowment for the internship program. The NJ Chapter recruited the highest number of sustaining supporters, and the CA-N Chapter has been actively engaged in various ongoing fundraising initiatives.



Left to right:
National President Su-Mei Kao giving the awards to Kevin Tu (CA-N), Pei-Ming Chen (NJ), Paul Cordon (FL-S), Kevin Chou (TX-S).

30 YEARS OF RECOGNIZING TAIWAN AS PLACE OF BIRTH ON U.S. PASSPORTS

慶祝台美人護照出生地正名「台灣」30週年

On October 25, FAPA issued a [statement](#) celebrating the 30th anniversary of the successful campaign to allow “Taiwan” to be listed as a place of birth on U.S. passports.

Before 1994, Taiwanese Americans born in Taiwan were forced to list “China” as their place of birth on their U.S. passports, which incorrectly implied that “Taiwan is part of China” and offensively suggested that “Taiwanese Americans” were also “Chinese.”

This misrepresentation fueled a policy campaign launched by the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) in 1991, advocating to correct this oversight and affirm the rightful identity of Taiwanese Americans.

After initial pushback from the State Department wrongly citing the U.S. “One-China policy,” FAPA shifted its strategy in early 1993 to correct Taiwanese Americans’ birthplace designation through congressional legislation.

Eventually, on October 25, 1994, FAPA successfully championed a crucial policy change allowing U.S. citizens born in Taiwan to rightfully designate “Taiwan” instead of “China” as their place of birth on U.S. passports and other official documents.

The 1994 enactment and continued implementation of this birthplace “Taiwan” amendment reaffirmed the U.S. stance that “Taiwan is not part of China” and marked an important step for the U.S. government to gradually move toward implicitly recognizing the independence of Taiwan.

On this 30th anniversary of enacting the amendment, FAPA celebrates this victory and calls on the U.S. to end its confusing “One China policy” in favor of a more realistic “One China, One Taiwan policy” that recognizes the reality that Taiwan is an independent sovereign country and that Taiwan and China are not subordinate to each other.

在1994年之前，台裔美國人被迫在美國護照上將「中國」列為其出生地，這不僅加深了「台灣是中國一部分」的誤解，並且冒犯地暗示台美人亦是「中國人」。此強制性的虛構表述促使「台灣人公共事務會」（FAPA）於1991年發起一項政策倡議運動，以糾正此荒謬錯誤，並保障台美人應有的正當合理身分。

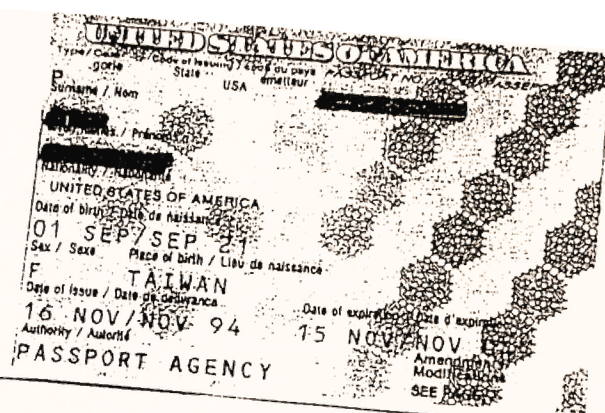
在最初遭到美國國務院錯誤引用「一中政策」而拒絕做出此更正後，FAPA於1993年初轉變策略，尋求透過國會修法來為台美人出生地正名。最終，FAPA在1994年10月25日成功推動了此關鍵的政策改變與修法。自此，所有在台灣出生的美國公民都能依法要求將其美國護照及其他官方文件上的出生地正確地列為「台灣」，而非「中國」。

1994年台美人出生地正名「台灣」的修法及其持續施行，重申了美國堅持「台灣不是中國一部分」的立場，並象徵著美國政府朝向默示承認台灣獨立的重要一步。

在此台美人護照出生地正名「台灣」30周年之際，我們慶祝此歷史性的勝利，並呼籲美國應早日放棄那極易誤導且有害的「一中政策」，轉而採納更符合現實的「一台一中政策」，承認台灣是個主權獨立的國家，並正視台灣與中國互不隸屬的事實。



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TAIWAN TIMES

By adding President Clinton's signature to the State Department Technical Corrections Bill on October 25, 1994, the United States Government finally righted a terrible wrong. For the past 20 years, American citizens born in Taiwan had to suffer humiliation by the U.S. Government in the face of the rest of the world for having to list "Birthplace: China" in their American passports instead of "Birthplace: Taiwan." The issue stirred up great emotions amongst Taiwanese and Taiwanese Americans - especially amongst those supporting Taiwan's independence movement. But Taiwanese Americans are now indeed able to list "Taiwan" as place of birth in their American passports instead of "China." In the late evening of October 7, the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate passed the Technical Corrections Bill (H.R. 5034) with President Clinton's signature.

PUBLIC LAW 103-236—APR. 30, 1994
FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION
ACT, FISCAL YEARS 1994 AND 1995
103d CONGRESS
2d Session
H. R. 5034

In 1994, Taiwan Times (left) and FAPA News (above) reported on the enactment and implementation of the birthplace "Taiwan" amendment.

HQ ACTIVITIES

Press Releases & Statements

Summary

FAPA has been at the forefront of advocating for Taiwan's interests in the U.S. and on the global stage. Below is a summary of the latest FAPA press releases and statements from October 2024 to January 2025, highlighting our key advocacy efforts:

- **Commemorating the 30th anniversary of the "Place of Birth: Taiwan" amendment**, reaffirming Taiwan's distinct identity and calling for an end to the outdated U.S. "One China Policy."
- **Urging President Biden and Secretary Blinken to meet with Taiwan's President Lai Ching-te**, emphasizing the importance of high-level U.S.-Taiwan engagement amid growing Chinese aggression.
- **Applauding the enactment of the 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)**, which strengthens U.S. security cooperation with Taiwan and counters China's distortion of U.N. Resolution 2758.
- **Mourning the passing of former U.S. Congressman Jim Leach**, recognizing his enduring contributions to Taiwan's democracy and human rights.
- **Celebrating the House's passage of the U.S.-Taiwan Expedited Double-Tax Relief Act**, a landmark bill to eliminate double taxation and deepen U.S.-Taiwan economic ties.
- **Congratulating Marco Rubio on his confirmation as U.S. Secretary of State**, highlighting his strong commitment to countering China's aggression and enhancing U.S.-Taiwan relations.

As we move forward, FAPA remains steadfast in our mission to advocate for Taiwan's dignity, democracy, and security. With each legislative victory and strengthened alliance, we take another step toward a future where Taiwan's voice is heard, respected, and empowered in both the U.S. and on the global stage.

FAPA CALLS ON PRESIDENT BIDEN AND SECRETARY BLINKEN TO MEET WITH TAIWAN'S PRESIDENT LAI

In a letter dated November 22, 2024, five U.S. Congressmen, including Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-WI), urged U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken not to impose any conditions on Taiwan's President Lai Ching-te should he make a stopover in U.S. territory during his overseas trip. They also called on President Joe Biden to consider meeting with Lai personally during his visit.

In a statement on November 27, 2024, FAPA President Su-Mei Kao noted: "We fully support the letter sent by the five Congressmen and strongly urge President Joe Biden and Secretary of State Antony Blinken to meet with Taiwan's democratically elected President Lai Ching-te, whether in person or virtually." "High-level [U.S.] meetings with President Lai would send a clear message that authoritarian China cannot dictate the terms of U.S. partnership and alliance with democratic Taiwan."



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FAPA APPLAUDS ENACTMENT OF 2025 NDAA

In December 2024, the U.S. Congress passed the 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which was signed into law by President Biden on December 23. This critical legislation strengthens the U.S. commitment and support for Taiwan, authorizing up to \$300 million in military aid and incorporating the BOLSTER Act, which calls on the U.S. and its European allies to publicly refute China's fabricated "One China principle" and its distortion of U.N. Resolution 2758.

In a statement released on December 24, FAPA commended the enactment of the NDAA and urged the incoming Trump administration to prioritize and intensify efforts to counter China's baseless territorial claims and escalating aggression toward Taiwan.



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FAPA MOURNS THE PASSING OF FORMER U.S. CONGRESSMAN JIM LEACH, HONORING HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO TAIWAN'S DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) mourns the passing of former U.S. Congressman Jim Leach (R-IA), who passed away on December 11, 2024. Serving in the U.S. Congress from 1977 to 2007, Congressman Leach is fondly remembered by FAPA for his pivotal contributions to advancing Taiwan's democracy, freedom, and human rights.

In 1979, Congressman Leach coauthored the Taiwan Relations Act's human rights clause, providing a legal foundation for U.S. support of human rights in Taiwan. Following the December 1979 Kaohsiung Incident, during which the authoritarian one-party Kuomintang (KMT) regime violently suppressed tens of thousands of protestors and imprisoned opposition leaders, Congressman Leach played a key role in securing reduced sentences for Taiwan's opposition leaders.

During the 1980s, Congressman Leach, alongside Congressman Stephen Solarz (D-NY) and Senators Claiborne Pell (D-RI) and Ted Kennedy (D-MA) — known as the “Gang of Four” — collaborated with FAPA to advocate for democracy, freedom, and human rights in Taiwan.

FAPA President Dr. Su-Mei Kao states: “We deeply mourn the passing of Congressman Jim Leach, a true champion of Taiwan's freedom. His unwavering dedication to democracy and human rights not only strengthened Taiwan's resolve but also inspired countless advocates around the globe. Taiwan stands freer and more democratic today because of his tireless efforts. His legacy will endure, even as his presence is profoundly missed.”



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HOUSE PASSAGE OF THE U.S.-TAIWAN EXPEDITED DOUBLE-TAX RELIEF ACT

In a statement released on January 15, 2025, FAPA applauds the U.S. House for passing the “United States-Taiwan Expedited Double-Tax Relief Act” (H.R.33), with an overwhelming vote of 423-1. This bipartisan landmark legislation represents a pivotal step toward deepening the economic partnership between the U.S. and Taiwan by addressing the critical issue of double taxation.



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RUBIO CONFIRMED AS SECRETARY OF STATE

In a statement released on January 21, 2025, FAPA extends its congratulations to Marco Rubio for his unanimous confirmation by the U.S. Senate as the 72nd U.S. Secretary of State. A resolute supporter of Taiwan and a staunch China hawk, Secretary Rubio is widely recognized and deeply appreciated for his unwavering commitment to strengthening the U.S.-Taiwan partnership, countering China's aggression toward Taiwan, and promoting Taiwan's international presence.



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Former U.S. Congressman Jim Leach passed away in December, 2024. (Photo Credit: National Endowment for the Humanities)

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

DC

President Kevin Huang

2024 FAPA Annual Board Meeting in Houston, TX

The FAPA DC Chapter Board of Directors—Minze Chien, Richard Wu, and Kevin Huang—participated in the 2024 FAPA Annual Board Meeting. During this meeting, the DC Chapter was involved in reviewing key programs and expenditures for 2024, developing strategic priorities, examining and approving the 2025 budget, and addressing other matters related to board governance.

美台關係的挑戰與機會：美國大選後情勢分析

The challenges and opportunities for US-TW relations post-election

The primary purpose of this virtual event, hosted by the FAPA DC and Maryland Chapters, is to ensure that Taiwanese-American voters gain a clear understanding of how the 2024 U.S. presidential and congressional elections will reshape the American political landscape, presenting both challenges and opportunities for U.S.-Taiwan relations. To offer valuable insights, we are pleased to co-host this event with Peter Su, a distinguished international consultant with extensive experience working with the U.S. Department of Defense, the Department of State, and Congress. Join us as we explore the post-election dynamics and discuss how Taiwan can adapt its strategy to navigate this evolving landscape.

Farewell Party for Coen Blaauw (former FAPR Exective Director), hosted by DC Chapter & Members

On October 26, 2024, the FAPA DC Chapter hosted a farewell party to honor **Mr. Coen Blaauw**, a dedicated advocate for Taiwan-US relations, as he retired. Since 1989, Coen has worked tirelessly in support of Taiwan, guiding FAPA through both challenges and triumphs, and playing a pivotal role in amplifying Taiwan's voice and influence in the United States. Coen, we sincerely thank you for your unwavering commitment and partnership. As you embark on this next chapter of your life, we wish you all the best in your retirement. Please remember, FAPA will always be your home—feel free to visit anytime for a cup of tea and a chat.



Left to right: Clark Chen, Richard Wu, Minly Sung, Kevin Huang, Leo Lee at the Annual Board Meeting.



Post-election online panel discussion on U.S.-Taiwan relations hosted by DC and MD Chapter.



Farewell party to Mr. Coen Blaauw

NY-Hudson

President Chi-Lin O'Young

Chapter Meeting

The Chapter Meeting was held at the East Fishkill Community Library in Hopewell Junction, NY. Two distinguished speakers were invited: Dr. Xiaoxu Sean Lin (林曉旭) of Fei Tian College in Middletown, NY, and Ms. Anny Chiao-Yun Hsiao, the Executive Director of FAPA. Dr. Lin delivered an insightful presentation titled "CCP's Unrestricted Warfare and the New Generation of Weapons of Mass Destruction." Ms. Hsiao traveled from the FAPA headquarters in Washington, D.C., to greet attendees and share her speech, "FAPA & Taiwanese American Activism."

Chapter President Chi-Lin O'Young presented an update on the Chapter's state and advocacy activities. During the meeting, it was announced that Chi-Lin O'Young was re-elected as Chapter President for the 2025-2026 term. Later, in December, Dan Neal was elected as the Chapter Vice President. Congratulations and gratitude to both for their dedication to the Chapter.

2024 Annual Board Meeting

The Board of Directors Meeting took place in Houston, TX, with an agenda covering the HQ Report, committee updates, budget planning, the 2025-2027 Strategic Action Plan, resolutions, SC elections, and an award ceremony. **The Hudson Chapter was honored to receive the "2024 Chapter of the Year" award**—the highest recognition for outstanding performance and leadership across congressional advocacy, grassroots organizing, membership growth, fundraising, and administration. This prestigious award acknowledges the efforts of all Chapter members.

NC

President Jessica Strickland

A members meeting was held on October 26th, 2024, to elect the new FAPA NC Chapter President. Jessica Hwang was elected. On the same day, FAPA US President Dr. Su-Mei Kao presented the 2024 accomplishments and provided an update on the progress of proposed bills in Congress.

On November 9, 2024, Dr. Chin-Shou Wang, visiting professor from National Cheng Kung University, delivered a speech on Taiwan's political climate and the evolution of US-Taiwan relations if Trump is re-elected.

2024 November General Election: Republican Trifecta

In the 2024 general election, Trump's Republican Party secured a trifecta, gaining control of the presidency, both chambers of Congress, and state governments. Locally, in New York Congressional Districts 17, 18, and 19, there was minimal turnover. Representatives Mike Lawler (R, NY-17) and Pat Ryan (D, NY-18) were re-elected for their second terms. In NY-19, Republican Congressman Marc Molinaro was defeated in a rematch by Democrat Josh Riley.

Representatives Lawler and Molinaro have been strong supporters of Taiwan and immediately joined the Congressional Taiwan Caucus (CTC). Although Representative Ryan has not yet joined the CTC, the Chapter has remained in contact with him, meeting with his staff several times. Efforts to encourage both Ryan and Riley to join the CTC will continue. Meanwhile, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D) won re-election easily, securing another six-year term. Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (R, NY-21) was also re-elected. A staunch supporter of Taiwan and a member of the CTC, she was appointed by President Trump as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. On behalf of the five NY Chapters, a congratulatory letter was sent to commend her new role and underscore the pressing challenges facing Taiwan at the UN.



NY-Hudson Chapter Meeting



NC Chapter Meeting

OR-SWWA

President Sylvia Lin

2024 FAPA OR-SWWA Chapter Annual Meeting

The 2024 FAPA Oregon & SW Washington Annual Meeting was a meaningful and engaging gathering that brought together members and friends to discuss Taiwanese American activism. Held on October 26 at Quality Inn & Suites in Vancouver, WA, the event provided an opportunity for attendees to connect, reflect on advocacy efforts, and explore new ways to support Taiwan.

Chapter President Sylvia Lin shared an overview of the activities and events our chapter participated in over the past year. She also introduced the newly elected Board Members who will lead the chapter for the next two years, ensuring the continuation of our advocacy efforts and community engagement.

We were honored to welcome back Anny Chiao-Yun Hsiao, FAPA's first Executive Director and our former chapter president, as our keynote speaker. Anny shared valuable insights on Taiwanese American activism, offering strategies for effective advocacy and engagement in the U.S. Her talk was both inspiring and thought-provoking, sparking meaningful discussions among attendees about the importance of grassroots efforts in supporting Taiwan's democracy.

Beyond the discussions, the event fostered a strong sense of community. Our members exchanged experiences, ideas, and aspirations for strengthening U.S.-Taiwan relations. The potluck gathering created a warm and welcoming atmosphere, with participants sharing a variety of delicious homemade and store-bought dishes.

Overall, the annual meeting was a great success, leaving us feeling empowered and motivated to continue their advocacy work. The event reinforced our collective commitment to supporting Taiwan and highlighted the importance of community-driven activism. We look forward to another impactful year ahead!

Invisible Nation Documentary Screening

The Invisible Nation documentary screening was a powerful and inspiring event hosted by many local Taiwanese American organizations including FAPA, bringing together a passionate group of Taiwanese

American organizations including FAPA, bringing together a passionate group of Taiwanese Americans and allies at Lincoln Hall, Portland State University. On a crisp autumn Saturday, attendees gathered to witness this moving film and engage in meaningful discussions about Taiwan's struggle for global recognition and sovereignty.

Through the film's lens, Taiwan emerges as a resilient yet vulnerable nation—rich in history, culture, and democratic values but still largely unrecognized on the world stage. Invisible Nation sheds light on the challenges faced by Taiwan and its people, including China's continued intimidation and suppression. The documentary delivers a powerful call for international solidarity, urging the global community to support Taiwan's self-determination and freedom.

The screening was followed by an engaging discussion, where attendees reflected on the film's impact. Our chapter president, Sylvia, and board member, Ruth, shared insights on FAPA's long-standing efforts in advocating for Taiwan's democracy in the U.S. They emphasized the importance of collective action, encouraging everyone to join FAPA and strengthen the movement for Taiwan's freedom and recognition.



OR-SWWA Chapter Meeting



Invisible Nation Documentary Screening in Portland, OR

TX-C

President Pearl Wu

送請願書給德州參議員和眾議員

美國聯邦眾議院於九月通過 H.R.554 「Taiwan Conflict Deterrence Act」(台灣衝突嚇阻法案)。旨在透過揭露中國高層領導人在全球的資產,還有切斷他們及家人使用美國金融體系權利、凍結資產等措施,遏止中國侵略台灣。這項法案現在等著參議院的通過,我們給我們德州的兩位參議員請願書,請他們能盡速通過 H.R.554 的參議院版本。

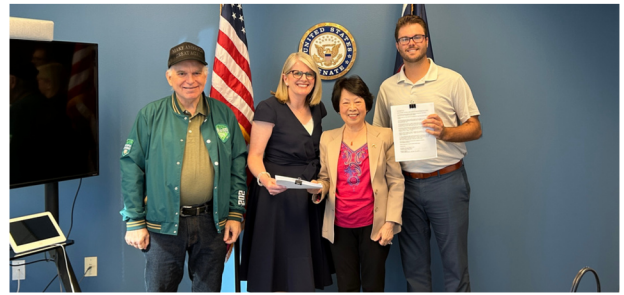
十一月, Tim, Tina, 和我一起送兩份請願書去參議員 John Cornyn 的辦公室。參議員 John Cornyn 很支持台灣, 是 Taiwan Caucus 的成員。當天, 接待我們的是 Director Jill Wyman and Deputy Director Dylan Bricker (圖一)。我們向他們解釋兩個請願書的內容, 請願書一: 正名「台北經濟文化辦事處」為「Taiwan Representative Office」。請願書二: 參議院版本的 H.R.554 台灣衝突嚇阻法案, 主要是為削弱中國高官對台灣的侵略行動的支持。他們兩位非常親切, 很認真的去了解, 且對我們的請願書有著共鳴。

後來, Tim, Angela, 和我 一起送同樣的兩份請願書去參議員 Ted Cruz 的辦公室。接待我們的是 Director Brandon Simon (圖二), 他對台灣非常清楚, 很熱心的聽我們解釋請願書, 並有著共鳴說: 今年國會議期只剩兩星期, 希望有機會提出討論。參議員 Ted Cruz 很支持台灣, 曾經親身去台灣參加雙十國慶, 也曾送他錄影的慶祝影片來我們 FAPA 中德州分會。

除此之外, 我們也一起送眾議員 Lloyd Doggett 選民簽署的正名請願書到他的辦公室。接待我們的是和我們算熟悉的 Director Jocelyn Tau (圖三)。對於正名的請願書, 我補充說: 當年兒子西北醫學院畢業, 住在芝加哥, 要去台灣看看, 居然在網站找不到台灣的辦事處去簽證, 可見正名的需要! Jocelyn 特別提到眾議員 Doggett 已經提出有關台美 double taxation(雙重課稅)議題。眾議員 Lloyd Doggett 非常支持台灣, 我們也爭取到他加入了 Taiwan Caucus, 他在討論 21st-century trade with Taiwan 的國會聽證會上還特別提到 FAPA TX-C 他也將我加入台美合作無人機來對抗中國的 email 和 House Select Committee on Chinese Communist Party 討論。

十二月, Tim, Cathy, Gerry 及 我送眾議員 John Carter 的選民簽的正名請願書去他在 Georgetown 的辦公室 (圖四)。當天下午我就收到接待我們的 Citlali Villarreal 的電話, 她說請願書已經送至 D.C. 給眾議員 Carter 了。

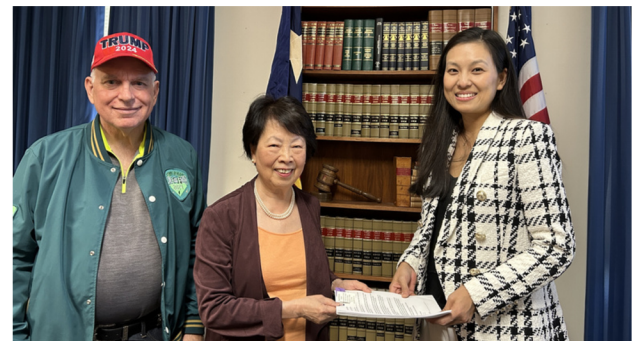
此外, 我們也送眾議員 Michael McCaul 的選民簽的正名請願書去 McCaul 在 Bee Cave 的辦公室, 接待我們的是 Officer Tamon Hamlett (圖五)。眾議員 Michael McCaul 非常支持台灣, 他是 Taiwan Caucus 的成員, 是眾議院外交委員會主席, 曾經兩次率團去台灣訪問, 被中國列入黑名單。



圖一: 送請願書給德州參議員 John Cornyn 辦公室



圖二: 送請願書給德州參議員 Ted Cruz 辦公室



圖三: 送請願書給德州眾議員 Lloyd Doggett 辦公室



圖四: 送請願書給德州眾議員 John Carter 辦公室



圖五: 送請願書給德州眾議員 Michael McCaul 辦公室

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 December 31, 2024)

We have received a total of \$309,500 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.

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[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).

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 in July, 2024 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.

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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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