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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear FAPA members and friends,

Greetings!

Over the past couple of months, the seemingly desolate garden in my backyard has quietly rejuvenated itself. Snowdrops, crocuses, and daffodils are now eagerly competing for attention. At the FAPA headquarters, a similar energy is beginning to bloom.

On the membership front, after streamlining internal processes, donation receipts are now sent via available email within days, rather than weeks. If you need to update your email address, please contact headquarters at Membership@fapa.org.

The internship program has had a great start. Within just a couple of weeks, 40 outstanding applicants vied for the two initially offered positions, making the application process as competitive as Ivy League admissions. FAPA is well-positioned to be the leading voice for Taiwan in the United States. I commend the thoughtful planning put forth by headquarters to bring this effort to fruition under the leadership of Executive Director Anny Chiao-Yun Hsiao.

The headquarters building has recently undergone much-needed repairs and renovations. The work addressed broken gutters, leaking roof, damaged walls, moldy carpets, rotted wood floors, broken furniture, and a weed overgrown yard. In addition to building strong relationships in Congress, it is also important for FAPA to be a good neighbor and maintain a good reputation in the community where our headquarters is located.

On the policy front, while the 119th Congress was initially focused on committee assignments and cabinet appointment confirmations under the new administration, FAPA headquarters systematically analyzed Taiwan-related legislation from the 118th Congress and identified key bills and resolutions to prioritize. Once the initial "waiting" period ended, we immediately began working with key committee members on our priority issues for this year. Thanks to the efforts of our policy team, I have made several trips to D.C. to engage with key congressional offices.

Headquarters is also actively working on ways to strengthen grassroots advocacy efforts, with the goal of sustaining them year-round — not just during the National Advocacy Conference.

As you can see, many pro-Taiwan bills and resolutions have begun to roll out. Headquarters is carefully evaluating them to strategically focus our efforts and maximize impact while advancing FAPA's mission.

I appreciate your continued patience and urge you to take action when new initiatives and petitions are announced.

Warm regards,

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

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會長的話

親愛的 FAPA 會員與朋友們,

您好!

過去幾個月來,我家後院那片原本看似荒蕪的花園,已悄悄恢復生機。雪花蓮、番紅花和水仙花紛紛綻放,爭奇鬥艷。而在 FAPA 總部,也正醞釀著一股相似的活力。

在會員事務方面,總部已簡化內部流程,使捐款收據能在數日內透過您提供的電子郵件寄出,而無須再像以往那樣等待數週。如果您需要更新電子郵件地址,請儘速透過 Membership@fapa.org 與總部聯繫。

實習生計畫也有了良好的開端。在短短幾週內,就有 40 位優秀申請者角逐最初開放的兩個實習名額,競爭相當激烈,堪比常春藤名校的入學申請。FAPA 如今已成為在美國推動台灣倡議的領導者。我要肯定總部在執行長蕭喬勻(Anny Hsiao)領導下所展現的縝密規劃與積極努力,讓這項計畫得以順利推動並實現。

FAPA 總部大樓近期也進行了多項必要的修繕與翻新工程,包括破損的排水管、積水漏水的屋頂、損壞的牆面、發霉的地毯、腐爛的木地板、破損的家具,以及雜草叢生的庭院。除了在美國國會建立穩固的關係外,FAPA 也應致力於成為總部所在地社區的良好鄰居,並維持良好的聲譽。

在政策方面,第 119 屆國會在開議初期聚焦於委員會職務分配及新政府內閣人事任命的確認,與此同時,FAPA 總部也對第 118 屆國會期間的台灣相關法案進行了系統性分析,並選定將優先推動的重點法案與決議案。待此初期的「等待期」結束,我們隨即與關鍵委員會成員展開合作,推動本年度的優先議題。感謝政策團隊的努力,我已多次前往華府,與國會的重要辦公室進行接觸與交流。

總部也同時積極致力於強化草根倡議,期盼將其發展為全年持續推動的重要工作,而不僅限於全國倡議大會 (National Advocacy Conference) 期間的短期行動而已。

正如您所見,本屆國會已陸續提出多項友台法案與決議 案。總部將持續審慎評估各項提案,並策略性整合與集中 資源,以發揮最大影響力,有效推進 FAPA 的使命。

感謝您一如既往的耐心與支持,也懇請您在我們推出新倡 議與連署行動時,踴躍參與、積極響應!

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FAPA總會長 林素梅博士 謹上 2025年3月25日



FAPA HQ Staff

VOTING PREFERENCE SURVEY & CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey.

The 2025 Board of Directors At-Large Election is around the corner. We need your input on 2 things:

- 1) Indicate your voting preference,
- 2) Update your contact information

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January 1 – March 31, 2025 *by* Chih-Jung Huang

CHINA'S DISINFORMATION AGAINST TAIWAN DOUBLED IN 2024: NSB REPORT

China's disinformation campaign, as part of the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) "united front work," against Taiwan doubled in 2024, with much of the increase focused on media outlets used predominantly by younger people, Taiwan's National Security Bureau (NSB) said in a report released on January 3, 2025.

China's campaign primarily focused on spreading skepticism about U.S. support for Taiwan, Taiwan's military, and President Lai Ching-te, aiming to "undermine public confidence in the [Taiwan] government and heighten social divisions," according to the NSB report.

The report revealed that China spread 2.16 million pieces of "controversial information" in 2024, nearly double the 1.33 million recorded in 2023.

The CCP exploits Taiwan's democratic systems to wage cognitive warfare through Internet platforms and artificial intelligence technologies, the NSB said, adding that this is an international concern.

POMPEO: TRUMP TO KEEP TAIWAN-FOCUSED POLICY

At a forum in Taipei on January 6, former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo stated that the United States should abandon its policy of "strategic ambiguity" on defending Taiwan, as the island nation plays a key role in Washington's model of deterrence against China.

"Free nations, especially those in this Indo-Pacific area, must send an unambiguous message to Beijing that Taiwan is free and independent and is going to stay that way... It is imperative that we speak with that clarity," he said.

"Chinese President Xi Jinping will not determine the future of Asia or of Taiwan — we will. We'll do it alongside Japan, Australia,

Vietnam, the Philippines, Indonesia, and India," Pompeo added.

He emphasized that maintaining ambiguity on whether the U.S. would help defend Taiwan in the event of an invasion by China "creates risk," could "mislead the international community," and "increases aggression in the region."

TAIWAN EXEMPT FROM U.S. NEW RESTRICTIONS ON AI CHIP EXPORTS

On January 13, the outgoing Biden administration announced new regulations to further restrict the exports of advanced computing chips used to develop artificial intelligence (AI). Taiwan is among the United States' 18 allies exempt from these restrictions.

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo emphasized that it is "critical" to preserve the U.S.' leadership in AI and the development of AI-related computer chips, stating that the new regulatory framework "is designed to safeguard the most advanced AI technology and ensure that it stays out of the hands of our foreign adversaries."

AI chip exports will be regulated under a threetiered control system outlined in the proposed "<u>Interim Final Rule on Artificial Intelligence</u> <u>Diffusion</u>." The rule provides a 120-day public comment period and allows industries a year to adapt to the new security requirements.

Because the framework includes a 120-day comment period, the incoming Trump administration could ultimately determine the rules governing the exports of advanced computing chips and powerful closed AI model weights.

HOUSE PASSES U.S.-TAIWAN DOUBLE TAXATION RELIEF LEGISLATION

On January 15, the U.S. House overwhelmingly passed the U.S.-Taiwan Expedited Double-Tax Relief Act (H.R.33) by a 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.

The existing double taxation scheme imposes financial burdens and higher tax rates on American and Taiwanese workers and businesses operating across our borders. These barriers discourage investment and trade between the two countries.

This bill provides double-tax relief on U.S.-Taiwan cross-border investment and authorizes the President to negotiate a tax agreement with Taiwan to ensure broader bilateral tax relief and benefits.

The legislation will bolster U.S.-Taiwan trade and economic ties while supporting American and Taiwanese workers and businesses operating in each other's markets. By eliminating double-taxation disincentives, it will also encourage greater Taiwanese investment in the United States.

RUBIO, TRUMP'S SECRETARY OF STATE NOMINEE: DEFENDING TAIWAN "CRITICAL"

On January 15, U.S. Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's nominee for secretary of state, stated that defending Taiwan against China is "critical" for the United States.

"We are going to do everything when we reject any effort to coerce, intimidate, and or forcibly drive Taiwan to do whatever China wants them to do," Rubio said during his Senate Foreign Relations Committee confirmation hearing.

Rubio emphasized that U.S. policy toward Taiwan — based on the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances — means that the United States would "make no commitment to not helping" Taiwan in its national defense.

He voiced strong support for Taiwan to adopt a "porcupine strategy," arguing that making "the cost of invading Taiwan higher than the benefit" could effectively deter Chinese aggression. "That's critical, not just to defending Taiwan," Rubio said, "[but] to preventing a cataclysmic military intervention in the Indo-Pacific."

In broader remarks on the U.S.-China relationship, **Rubio** described China as "the most potent and dangerous near-peer adversary this nation has ever confronted," warning of severe consequences if the U.S. fails to take decisive action.

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS TIKTOK BAN IN THE U.S.

On January 17, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision in *TikTok Inc. v. Garland* (No. 24-656), affirming the

federal government's authority to regulate or ban applications tied to foreign adversaries. The ruling upheld the TikTok divest-or-ban law, formally the "Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act."

The Supreme Court supported Congress's findings that TikTok's data practices and ties to its parent company, the Chinese Communist Party-controlled ByteDance, pose a legitimate national security threat.

It concluded that the government's actions, including potential divestiture or restrictions, did not violate TikTok or its users' First Amendment rights, as the measures were carefully designed to address security concerns. While recognizing the value of free expression, the Court affirmed that national security could justify well-crafted restrictions.

TAIWAN, U.S. SIGN SPECIALIZED NAVAL TRAINING PROGRAM

Taiwan and the United States have signed a two-year specialized training program for the Taiwanese Navy, Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense (MND) said on January 17. The unexpected announcement marks a rare confirmation of U.S. military training in Taiwan.

While the U.S. has a long history of quietly deploying military instructors and special operations teams to Taiwan for training purposes, such arrangements have typically remained classified.

According to the MND, a Taiwanese military delegation signed an agreement with the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) on January 2 for a two-year, U.S.-led naval training program in Zuoying, Kaohsiung. With a budget of nearly NT\$50 million (US\$1.5 million), the program is expected to focus on amphibious combat training with Taiwan's Navy and Marine Corps.

Although the program's budget is not high, it marks the first official announcement of such a "specialized training program" with the U.S., a military source said. The U.S. has shifted from a low-key, confidential training approach to a semi-public one to test both political and public reactions, the source added.

SENATE CONFIRMS RUBIO AS U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE

On January 20, the U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed one of its members, 53-year-old Republican Senator Marco Rubio of Florida, 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 dedication to strengthening the U.S.-Taiwan Capitol Watch 07

partnership, countering China's aggression, and promoting Taiwan's international presence.

During his tenure in the Senate, Rubio championed numerous pro-Taiwan bills, such as the Taiwan Travel Act (enacted on March 16, 2018), the Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act (enacted on March 26, 2020), the Taiwan Peace Through Strength Act, the Taiwan Relations Reinforcement Act, and the Taiwan Representative Office Act.

TAIWAN WELCOMES RUBIO'S STATEMENT EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER CHINA'S COERCION OF TAIWAN

In a press release on January 25, Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) welcomed U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio's remarks expressing the United States' "serious concern over China's coercive actions against Taiwan."

The comments came after a phone call on January 24 between Secretary Rubio and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, during which the two clashed over the issue of Taiwan.

According to a U.S. Department of State readout, Rubio "stressed the United States' commitment to our allies in the region and serious concern over China's coercive actions against Taiwan and in the South China Sea."

In contrast, China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs claimed in its own readout that Rubio stated the U.S. does not support Taiwanese independence — a statement notably absent from the U.S. version.

Taiwan's MOFA condemned China's account of the call, stating that it once again contained multiple false statements about Taiwan. MOFA firmly rejected Wang's claim that Taiwan "has been an integral part of Chinese territory since ancient times."

"Our country [Taiwan] and the People's Republic of China are not subordinate to each other," MOFA emphasized, adding that "it has been an objective fact for a long time."

TAIWAN TO ESTABLISH FIRST U.S. INVESTMENT AND TRADE CENTER IN TEXAS

Taiwan's Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) announced on February 3 that Taiwan plans to establish investment and trade centers in the United States, starting with Texas as the first location. These centers will serve as a bridge between Taiwanese companies and U.S. state governments, offering necessary assistance for business operations and investment opportunities.

An MOEA official noted that priority for selecting locations for these investment and trade centers will be given to U.S. states that have signed memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with Taiwan for investment cooperation.

According to the MOEA, these centers will assist Taiwanese investors in identifying potential American partners and facilitating collaboration as they relocate production within the global supply chain to the U.S. market, particularly from countries impacted by Trump's massive tariffs.

REP. KIM LEADS BILL ADVOCATING TAIWAN'S IMF MEMBERSHIP

On February 4, U.S. Representatives Young Kim (R-CA) and Al Green (D-TX) reintroduced the bipartisan "Taiwan Non-Discrimination Act" (H.R.910) urging the United States to support Taiwan's admission into the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as a member.

The bill also advocates for Taiwan's participation in the IMF's regular surveillance activities, employment opportunities at the IMF for Taiwan nationals, and access to IMF technical assistance and training.

"We cannot allow the CCP [Chinese Communist Party] to silence Taiwan's voice and suppress Taiwan's freedoms any longer," Congresswoman Young Kim said in a press release, condemning China's increasing efforts to exclude Taiwan from international organizations.

Congressman Al Green echoed this sentiment, stating, "Taiwan was once a member of the IMF, and I strongly believe it deserves to rejoin this vital organization." He added, "As one of the most dynamic economies in the world, Taiwan's participation would benefit all members of the IMF."

Taiwan lost its seat at the United Nations in 1971 but remained a member of the IMF until 1980.

SENS. CRUZ AND BLACKBURN CONDEMN SOUTH AFRICA'S DEMAND TO RELOCATE TAIWAN'S REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE

U.S. Senators Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) have strongly criticized South Africa's renewed demand that Taiwan relocate its representative office from Pretoria,

the nation's capital.

On February 4, Sen. Cruz denounced the move on X, saying South Africa was "going out of its way to alienate the United States and our allies." He called the relocation timeline "deeply troubling," warming that it undermines U.S. national security interests and increases tensions between Washington and Pretoria.

Echoing similar concerns the day before, Sen. Blackburn urged the U.S. to "stand with Taiwan and stand up to South Africa." She accused South Africa of working with China to "bully Taiwan."

24 U.S. LAWMAKERS, LED BY REP. TIFFANY, INTRODUCE RESOLUTION TO END "ONE CHINA POLICY" AND RESTORE DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH TAIWAN

On February 6, U.S. Representatives Tom Tiffany (R-WI) and Scott Perry (R-PA), along with 22 other members of Congress, introduced House Concurrent Resolution 8 (H.Con.Res.8). The resolution urges the U.S. government to resume formal diplomatic ties with Taiwan, abandon the antiquated "One China Policy," support Taiwan's membership in international organizations, and begin negotiations on a bilateral Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Taiwan.

"[Taiwan] is a free, democratic, and independent nation, and it is past time for U.S. policy to reflect this undeniable objective truth," said Congressman Tiffanyin a press release, calling the "One China" policy "outdated, counter-productive, and dishonest."

The resolution states that the "so-called 'One China Policy' is obsolete, does not serve the people of Taiwan or the United States, and fails to reflect the obvious reality that Taiwan has been a sovereign and independent country for over 70 years."

It calls on U.S. President Donald Trump to normalize diplomatic relations with Taiwan and rescind arbitrary agency guidelines that restrict normal communication and interaction between U.S. and Taiwanese officials.

Additionally, the resolution urges U.S. officials to advocate for Taiwan's full membership in the United Nations and other international organizations. It also calls on the U.S. Trade Representative to negotiate a bilateral FTA with Taiwan.

PRESIDENT TRUMP AND PRIME MINISTER ISHIBA REAFFIRM COMMITMENT TO PEACE IN TAIWAN STRAIT

U.S. President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister

Shigeru Ishiba reaffirmed the importance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait in the <u>U.S.-Japan Joint Leaders'</u> Statement issued following their summit in Washington on February 7.

Calling cross-Taiwan Strait peace and stability "an indispensable element of security and prosperity for the international community," the two leaders "encouraged the peaceful resolution of cross-strait issues, and opposed any attempts to unilaterally change the status quo by force or coercion," the joint statement said.

Trump and Ishiba also voiced support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations and "expressed their determination to continuously cooperate to realize a free and open Indo-Pacific."

U.S. NAVY VESSELS MAKE FIRST TAIWAN STRAIT TRANSIT OF TRUMP'S SECOND TERM

Two U.S. military vessels transited the Taiwan Strait from February 9 through early February 12, Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense (MND) said in a statement. This marked the U.S. Navy's first transit of the Taiwan Strait since President Donald Trump began his second term in January.

The two vessels sailed southward through the strait. While the MND did not name the vessels, the U.S. Navy identified them as the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Ralph Johnson and the Pathfinder-class survey ship USNS Bowditch.

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT REMOVES WEBSITE WORDING ON NOT SUPPORTING TAIWAN INDEPENDENCE

On February 13, the U.S. State Department updated its website's fact sheet on U.S.-Taiwan relations, removing language that stated the U.S. does not support Taiwan independence.

The previous version, dated May 28, 2022, included the sentence: "We oppose any unilateral changes to the status quo from either side; we do not support Taiwan independence; and we expect cross-Strait differences to be resolved by peaceful means."

However, in <u>the updated version released on February 13,</u> <u>2025</u>, the phrase "we do not support Taiwan independence" was removed.

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The updated paragraph now reads: "We oppose any unilateral changes to the status quo from either side. We expect cross-Strait differences to be resolved by peaceful means, free from coercion, in a manner acceptable to the people on both sides of the [Taiwan] Strait."

The new fact sheet also updated the U.S. approach to supporting Taiwan's international participation, stating that the U.S. "will continue to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations, including membership where applicable."

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION UNFREEZES US\$870 MILLION IN SECURITY AID FOR TAIWAN

U.S. President Donald Trump's administration released US\$5.3 billion in previously frozen foreign aid, including US\$870 million in security-related exemptions for programs in Taiwan.

Reuters obtained a list of 243 exceptions approved as of February 13, totaling US\$5.3 billion. This list provides the most comprehensive accounting of exempted funds since Trump ordered the aid freeze and reflects the White House's desire to cut aid for programs it does not consider essential to U.S. national security.

The majority of released funds — more than US\$4.1 billion — were for programs administered by the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, which oversees arms sales and military assistance to other countries and groups. Security-related exemptions included US\$870 million for programs in Taiwan, according to the list.

PRESIDENT LAI PLEDGES TO RAISE TAIWAN'S DEFENSE SPENDING TO OVER 3% OF GDP

On February 14, President Lai Ching-te announced that his administration would propose a special budget to raise Taiwan's defense spending to at least 3 percent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) this year.

"Taiwan must firmly safeguard its national sovereignty, strengthen its resolve for self-defense, and bolster defense capabilities," Lai said at a news conference. He also pledged to accelerate defense reforms and strengthen civil protections in response to growing threats from authoritarian regimes.

Over the past eight years under former President Tsai Ing-wen, Taiwan's defense budget steadily rose from NT\$365.8 billion

(US\$11.16 billion) in 2016 to NT\$606.8 billion in 2024. However, it still fell short of Tsai's stated goal of reaching 3 percent of GDP.

It remains uncertain whether President Lai's pledged defense spending hike — which still needs legislative approval — will materialize.

U.S., JAPAN, S. KOREA HIGHLIGHT TAIWAN STRAIT PEACE AT MUNICH MEETING

On February 15, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Japanese Foreign Minister Takeshi Iwaya, and South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Tae-yul reaffirmed their support for peace across the Taiwan Strait following a trilateral meeting on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference.

This marked their first meeting since U.S. President Donald Trump returned to the White House. Following the meeting, the U.S. Department of State released the "Joint Statement on the Trilateral United States – Japan – Republic of Korea Meeting in Munich."

The statement noted that the Secretary and Foreign Ministers "emphasized the importance of maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait as an indispensable element of security and prosperity for the international community."

"They encouraged the peaceful resolution of cross-Strait issues and opposed any attempts to unilaterally force or coerce changes to the status quo," the statement continued, adding that they "expressed support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in appropriate international organizations."

BICAMERAL RESOLUTION INTRODUCED TO COUNTER CHINA'S MISUSE OF UN RESOLUTION 2758

On February 20 in the Senate and February 21 in the House, a bipartisan group of U.S. lawmakers introduced a bicameral resolution (S.Res.86 & H.Res.148) to counter China's weaponization of UNGA Resolution 2758 and its exploitation of the U.S. "One China policy" to falsely assert sovereignty over Taiwan and isolate Taiwan internationally.

The resolution clarifies that United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution 2758 and the United States' "One China policy" — along with similar policies of its partners — are not equivalent and do not endorse the People's Republic of China's (PRC) "One China principle," which falsely claims that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China.

The leadership of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and the House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is leading this bipartisan, bicameral resolution. In the Senate, this endeavor is led by Senators Jim Risch (R-ID), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Pete Ricketts (R-NE), and Chris Coons (D-DE). In the House, Representatives Young Kim (R-CA), Ami Bera (D-CA), John Moolenaar (R-MI), and Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) are championing this effort.

"Let me make one thing very clear: America does not recognize China's claim over Taiwan," said Sen. Jim Risch in a news release.

"To be clear, UNGA Resolution 2758 does not define Taiwan's political status, does not dictate how countries can engage with Taiwan and should not prevent Taiwan from meaningfully participating in UN bodies," said Sen. Jeanne Shaheen.

"The United States does not recognize the 'One China Principle' and will not allow the CCP to silence Taiwan's voice and suppress Taiwan's freedoms," said Rep. Young Kim.

"This resolution sends a strong bipartisan message to the PRC: we oppose its efforts to distort history and isolate Taiwan," said Rep. Ami Bera.

U.S. LAWMAKERS REINTRODUCE BILL TO REVIEW STATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDELINES ON TAIWAN ENGAGEMENT

On February 21, U.S. Representatives Ann Wagner (R-MO), Gerry Connolly (D-VA), and Ted Lieu (D-CA) reintroduced the bipartisan "Taiwan Assurance Implementation Act" (H.R.1512), requiring the Department of State to review its guidelines on U.S. engagement with Taiwan.

The bill would require the Department of State to conduct periodic reviews of its guidelines for engagement with Taiwan and Taiwanese officials, the three lawmakers said in a statement issued on February 25.

These regular reviews and updates must explain how the guidance deepens and expands U.S.-Taiwan relations and should also "identify opportunities to lift any remaining self-imposed limitations on U.S.-Taiwan engagement and articulate a plan to do so," the statement said.

"The Taiwan Assurance Implementation Act will deepen the relationship between our countries and will signal to the world that the United States will never kowtow to Communist China," said Rep. Ann Wagner.

"Now more than ever, it is imperative for the United States to demonstrate its unwavering support for our friend and ally, Taiwan," stated Rep. Gerry Connolly.

"I'm pleased to join my colleagues on this bipartisan bill to ensure the Administration consults Congress as it develops its Taiwan guidance," said Rep. Ted Lieu. "This will allow for a more unified approach in coordinating U.S.-Taiwan relations and strengthen our essential partnership."

SENS. BLACKBURN AND SCHATZ INTRODUCE BILL TO BOOST U.S.-TAIWAN TRAVEL AND ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

On February 25, U.S. Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and Brian Schatz (D-HI) introduced the "Taiwan Travel and Tourism Coordination Act" (<u>S.733</u>) to strengthen U.S.-Taiwan bilateral travel and economic cooperation.

"Travel and tourism play a crucial role in a nation's economic security," the senators said in <u>a statement</u>, noting that Taiwan faces pressure and coercion from the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in this sector.

Sen. Marsha Blackburn warned that Communist China not only threatens Taiwan but also poses "a clear threat to U.S. interests" through its campaign for global dominance. She said the bill would assist in "achieving enhanced security at foreign airports," as it requires the federal government to study the feasibility of establishing a "pre-clearance" facility in Taiwan.

Pre-clearance refers to "the strategic stationing of [U.S.] Customs and Border Protection personnel at designated foreign airports to inspect travelers prior to boarding U.S.-bound flights," the statement explained.

RUBIO: U.S. OPPOSES ANY FORCED OR COERCIVE CHANGE TO TAIWAN'S STATUS

On February 26, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio reaffirmed the United States' opposition to any attempt to alter Taiwan's status through force or coercion, echoing his February 20 statement.

In a February 26 interview with Fox News, Rubio stated, "We have a longstanding position on Taiwan that we're not going to abandon, and that is: We are against any forced, compelled, coercive change in the status of Taiwan."

When asked how the U.S. would respond to a Chinese invasion of Taiwan, Rubio reaffirmed that the U.S. has "existing commitments that it has made to prevent that from happening and to react to it, and that would be executed on," adding that "the Chinese are aware of this as well."

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He emphasized the importance of maintaining a strong U.S. presence in the Indo-Pacific to counter China's efforts to push the U.S. out of the region, stressing that the best way to deter a Chinese invasion of Taiwan is to ensure a robust U.S. "military capability" to respond decisively.

In <u>his earlier February 20 interview</u>, Rubio also reaffirmed long-standing U.S. policy toward Taiwan — based on the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances — stating, "We are against any sort of change in [Taiwan's] status by force or by threat or by coercion."

TRUMP, TSMC ANNOUNCE ADDITIONAL \$100 BILLION INVESTMENT IN U.S. SEMICONDUCTOR EXPANSION

On March 3, U.S. President Donald Trump and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. (TSMC) Chairman C.C. Wei jointly announced that the company will invest an additional US\$100 billion over the next few years to expand its semiconductor manufacturing operations in the United States.

TSMC Chairman Wei stated that the US\$100 billion investment will fund the construction of three new chip fabrication plants, two advanced packaging facilities, and a research and development center.

This investment is in addition to the US\$65 billion TSMC has already committed to invest in three foundries, one of which has begun operations. TSMC's total investment in the U.S. is expected to reach US\$165 billion, solidifying this project as the largest single foreign direct investment in U.S. history.

COLBY, TRUMP'S PICK TO LEAD PENTAGON POLICY, WARNS TAIWAN'S FALL WOULD BE "A DISASTER" FOR THE U.S.

Taiwan's fall to China would be a disaster for the U.S., and Taiwan must raise its defense spending to deter a war, Elbridge Colby, President Donald Trump's nominee for undersecretary of defense for policy, said during his Senate confirmation hearing before the Armed Services Committee on March 4.

A China hawk who previously served in the Pentagon in President Trump's first term, Colby said he is "profoundly disturbed" by Taiwan's perceived reluctance to increase defense spending closer to 10 percent of its GDP.

The military balance vis-à-vis China from Taiwan's perspective has "deteriorated dramatically," Colby said, adding that "Taiwan's fall [to China] would be a disaster for American interests." "What I have been trying to do is shoot a signal flare that it is vital to enable U.S. forces for an 'effective and reasonable' defense of Taiwan, and for the Taiwanese and Japanese to do more," he said.

Colby noted that Taiwan's current level of defense spending is "well below 3 percent" of its GDP, calling it far too low. "They should be more like 10 percent, or at least something in that ballpark, really focused on their defense," he added.

U.S. SLAMS CHINA'S MISUSE OF UN RESOLUTION 2758 AS COERCION AGAINST TAIWAN

On March 7, the U.S. Department of State condemned China's "intentional misuse and mischaracterization of UNGA Resolution 2758," calling it part of "China's broader coercive efforts to isolate Taiwan from the international community."

A State Department spokesperson emphasized that United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution 2758 "puts no limits on any country's sovereign choice to engage substantively with Taiwan" and "does not preclude Taiwan's meaningful participation in the United Nations system and other multilateral fora."

The remarks came in response to Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who earlier that day cited Resolution 2758 to assert Beijing's territorial claims over Taiwan. During a news conference, Wang claimed that the UN resolution had "addressed the issue of representation for all of China, including Taiwan, in the United Nations."

In recent years, academics, the U.S. State Department, and U.S. Congress have repeatedly stated that China is distorting and misusing UNGA Resolution 2758 to falsely claim sovereignty over Taiwan and further isolate Taiwan from the international community.

SENS. CURTIS AND MERKLEY INTRODUCE BILL TO RENAME TECRO AS THE "TAIWAN REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE"

On March 12, U.S. Senators John Curtis (R-UT) and Jeff Merkley (D-OR) introduced the bipartisan "Taiwan Representative Office Act" (S.974), which seeks to rename Taiwan's de facto embassy in the U.S. from the "Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office" (TECRO) to the "Taiwan Representative Office" (TRO) to better reflect the reality that it represents Taiwan.

If enacted, the bill requires all U.S. government documents, laws, maps, and records to replace references to TECRO with TRO.

"This legislation underscores the United States' commitment to Taiwan's democracy and enhances clarity in the U.S.-Taiwan relationship," according to a press release. The statement also noted that the original choice to use "Taipei" instead of "Taiwan" in TECRO's name was intended to avoid "offending" China.

"The United States shouldn't tolerate pressure from China to undermine the Taiwanese people," Sen. John Curtis said. "By renaming TECRO as the Taiwan Representative Office, our bill acknowledges the reality that this office represents the people of Taiwan, not just the economic interests of the city of Taipei."

Sen. Jeff Merkley added that "this bipartisan bill demonstrates the United States' longstanding commitment to supporting Taiwan by properly recognizing Taiwan's status."

FAPA President Su-Mei Kao stated: "For decades, FAPA has actively called for this change and worked closely with members of Congress to introduce legislation advancing this cause."

REP. DONALDS INTRODUCES BILL TO REFER TO TAIWAN AS "TAIWAN," NOT "CHINESE TAIPEI"

On March 14, U.S. Representative Byron Donalds (R-FL) introduced the America Supports Taiwan Act(<u>H.R.2113</u>), which would require all U.S. federal agencies to use the term "Taiwan" instead of "Chinese Taipei" to counter Chinese coercion and aggression that threaten Taiwan's sovereignty.

According to a press release, the legislation "reconfirms the U.S. Government's support of an independent Taiwan, even though Chinese coercion and persuasion continues to escalate." The bill has received support from Representatives Mike Collins (R-GA), Barry Moore (R-AL), and Tom Tiffany (R-WI).

While the United States rarely uses the term "Chinese Taipei," it has appeared in some government communications, The Hillreported. If enacted, the bill would require all federal agencies to update their websites within 14 days to reflect the use of "Taiwan" instead of "Chinese Taipei."

"The name 'Chinese Taipei' is nothing more than a tool of Beijing's strategy of diplomatic coercion," Rep. Donalds stated in the press release.

Rep. Collins said he was proud to co-sponsor the bill "to back Taiwan's fight for independence and recognize their official title as 'Taiwan,' not 'Chinese Taipei." He added that the U.S. should not allow Communist China "to dictate the name of one of our greatest international allies."

"It is time for the United States to show the people of Taiwan that we recognize their right to self-governance," Rep. Moore said, emphasizing that "the United States stands firm against Chinese aggression in the Indo-Pacific."

G7 FOREIGN MINISTERS' STATEMENT REAFFIRMS IMPORTANCE OF PEACE IN TAIWAN STRAIT

On March 14, the G7 foreign ministers reaffirmed their support for Taiwan and emphasized the importance of maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, according to a joint statement issued following the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Charlevoix, Canada.

"We [G7] encouraged the peaceful resolution of cross-Strait issues and reiterated our opposition to any unilateral attempts to change the status quo by force or coercion," the statement read.

According to a Reuters report, unlike previous G7 foreign ministers' statements, this year's statement notably omitted any conciliatory references or reassurances, such as the "One China policy," when mentioning Taiwan.

RUBIO REAFFIRMS TRUMP'S OPPOSITION TO ANY FORCED CHANGES TO TAIWAN'S STATUS

On March 19, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio stated that President Donald Trump would uphold the longstanding U.S. policy that "the status of Taiwan should not be changed by force or by extortion, or compelled in any way."

"That's the policy of the United States. That remains the policy of the United States," Rubio said in <u>an interview</u> with conservative TV host Hugh Hewitt. "That's been the policy of President Trump, and that will continue to be his policy. And when he makes policy decisions, he means them."

When asked whether the United States can deter Chinese President Xi Jinping from launching an attack on Taiwan, Rubio said the U.S. can delay and deter a Chinese attack by making the cost of taking Taiwan outweigh the benefits perceived by Xi.

However, Rubio cautioned that Xi wants the annexation of Taiwan to be the defining crown jewel of his time in power. "So, it's a very delicate situation there," Rubio said. "Our policy remains the same. We do not believe that there should be any violent and/or extortion-based change to the status."

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U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE PASSES BILL TO REVIEW TAIWAN ENGAGEMENT GUIDELINES

On March 27, the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations passed the bipartisan "Taiwan Assurance Implementation Act" (S.821), which would require the Department of State to review and update its guidelines on U.S. engagement with Taiwan at least every five years.

In 2023, a bill of the same name passed the U.S. House of Representatives with overwhelming bipartisan support. It requires the Secretary of State to conduct periodic reviews of the guidelines governing U.S. exchanges with Taiwan and to submit a report to Congress at least every two years. The bill was reintroduced in the House on February 21, 2025, by Representatives Ann Wagner (R-MO), Gerry Connolly (D-VA), and Ted Lieu (D-CA).

However, the Senate version, introduced on March 3 by Senators John Cornyn (R-TX) and Chris Coons (D-DE), includes more specific timelines and requirements. It mandates that the Secretary of State: (1) review the "Guidelines on Relations with Taiwan" and related documents at least once every five years and reissue such guidance to executive branch departments and agencies; and (2) submit a report to both the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs within 90 days of completing each review.

With staunch Taiwan supporter Marco Rubio now serving as Secretary of State, speculation is mounting that the U.S. may lift its self-imposed restrictions on engagement with Taiwan.

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES RESOLUTION TO COUNTER CHINA'S FALSE CLAIMS OVER TAIWAN

On March 27, the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations approved Senate Resolution 86 (S.Res.86) to counter China's mischaracterization of UN Resolution 2758 and its exploitation of the U.S. "One China policy" to falsely assert sovereignty over Taiwan and further isolate it internationally.

The resolution emphasizes that **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution 2758 did not decide Taiwan's ultimate political status**, but addressed only the question of which government would represent "China" at the UN.

It makes clear that UNGA Resolution 2758 and the U.S.' "One China policy" — along with similar policies of its partners —

are not equivalent and do not endorse the People's Republic of China's (PRC) "One China principle," which falsely claims that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China.

TAIWAN INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY ACT REINTRODUCED

On March 27, U.S. Representatives Gerry Connolly (D-VA) and Young Kim (R-CA) reintroduced the bipartisan "Taiwan International Solidarity Act" (H.R.2416) to counter China's fabricated claims of sovereignty over Taiwan and its growing efforts to exclude Taiwan from international organizations. The legislation previously passed the House in July 2023 but stalled in the Senate.

The bill clarifies that United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution 2758, adopted in 1971, "did not address the issue of representation of Taiwan and its people in the United Nations or any related organizations, nor did the resolution . . . include any statement pertaining to Taiwan's sovereignty."

Additionally, the act "encourages the U.S. to work with allies and partners to oppose the People's Republic of China's [PRC] efforts to undermine Taiwan's diplomatic relationships and partnerships globally," according to <u>a press release</u> from Rep. Connolly's office.

TAIWAN ALLIES FUND ACT REINTRODUCED

On March 31 in the Senate and April 1 in the House, U.S. Senators Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), John Curtis (R-UT), and Andy Kim (D-NJ) joined U.S. Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) in reintroducing the bipartisan "Taiwan Allies Fund Act" (S.1216 & H.R.2559), aimed at countering coercion by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and supporting Taiwan's international participation.

The CCP has systematically pressured or enticed countries to switch diplomatic ties from Taiwan to the PRC through coercion, bribes, and economic incentives. **Between 2013 and 2024, Taiwan lost 11 diplomatic allies** — most recently Nauru in January 2024 — reducing its number of formal diplomatic partners to just 12.

The CCP has also increasingly "weaponized" trade and economic relations to pressure countries into adopting pro-China policies and to penalize those pursuing closer ties with Taiwan.

The Taiwan Allies Fund Act seeks to strengthen Taiwan's global network of partners by authorizing \$120 million over three years to provide foreign assistance to Taiwan's official and unofficial allies facing coercion and pressure from the CCP, according to a press release from Sen. Van Hollen's office.

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美國護照等官方文件可將「台灣」列為出生地,源於1994 年的歷史性修法

近期,網路流傳「美國公民及移民服務局」(USCIS)在其《政策手冊》中頒布新規定,允許申請歸化美國的台灣移民在申請表上填寫「Taiwan」(台灣)為其「出生國」與「國籍」,且其獲頒之「歸化證書」亦將顯示「原國籍」為「Taiwan」。但事實上,相關規定早已施行多年,並非近期才頒布之新政策。

在2025年3月5日發布的一份聲明中,台灣人公共事務會(FAPA)強調,美國護照等官方文件可將「台灣」列為出生地,源於1994年的歷史性修法。30多年前,FAPA發起了一項政策倡議運動,致力於糾正台裔美國人在美國護照及其他官方文件上,出生地被標註為「China」(中國)的錯誤。

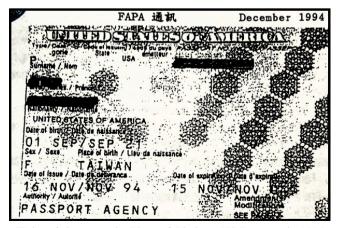
1994年4月30日,FAPA成功推動的一項修法正式生效,規定美國國務卿必須允許於台灣出生的美國公民,在其「出生登記」或「國籍證明」上,將「出生地」註記為「台灣」。隨後,FAPA進一步推動的技術性修正於1994年10月25日生效,明文規定「出生地:台灣」的新條款亦適用於「簽發護照」。



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'Taiwan' shown as the Place of Birth on US Passport in 1994

美參議院再推《台灣代表處法》 FAPA長年倡議正名,強化 美國對台承認

2025年3月12日,美國聯邦參議員匡希恆(John Curtis, R-UT)和莫克利(Jeff Merkley, D-OR)共同提出跨黨派的《台灣代表處法》(Taiwan Representative Office Act),呼籲將台灣駐美國的事實上大使館名稱從「台北經濟文化代表處」(Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office, TECRO)正名為「台灣代表處」(Taiwan Representative Office, TRO)。

在2025年3月5日的聲明中,台灣人公共事務會(FAPA)強調,FAPA長期推動這一正名運動,旨在深化台美關係,落實美國長期以「台灣」稱呼台灣的政策,並提升美國對台灣主權獨立的實質承認。

FAPA早在二十多年前就開始推動「台灣代表處正名」的倡議,並與美國國會議員密切合作,提出並推動相關立法。 2011年及2013年,FAPA與美國聯邦眾議員羅斯蕾緹南 (Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-FL) 合作,兩度在眾議院提出 《台灣政策法》,包括支持台灣駐美代表處改名為「台灣代表處」。

2020年12月,在FAPA的推動下,美國眾議院「國會台灣連線」共同主席眾議員夏波(Brad Sherman, D-CA)及迪馬里(Mario Diaz-Balart, R-FL)發起聯名信,共計78名眾議員連署,致函時任美國國務卿蓬佩奧(Mike Pompeo),敦促將「台北經濟文化代表處」更名為「台灣代表處」。

此後,FAPA與多位美國國會友台議員合作,將「台灣代表處正名」的倡議納入多項法案之中,例如2021年的《台灣外交檢討法》、2022年的《台灣政策法》、以及由參議員盧比歐(Marco Rubio, R-FL)與眾議員匡希恆於2022年及2023年兩度提出的《台灣代表處法》。如今,曾大力支持「台灣代表處正名」的前參議員盧比歐已成為現任美國國務卿,這使得該跨黨派法案通過的機會大幅提升。

FAPA將發起請願行動,全力推動《台灣代表處法》於當前 第119屆美國國會順利完成立法,並由美國總統簽署生效。



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Legislative Agenda in the 119th Congress

FAPA's legislative priorities are structured around four strategic pillars: economic cooperation, security and defense, international participation, and diplomatic engagement. The summary below outlines key legislation introduced in the current Congress and their current status in the legislative process.

U.S. House of Representatives

Passed House

 H.R.33 - U.S.-Taiwan Expedited Double-Tax Relief Legislation

Introduced

- H.Res.148 A Resolution to Counter China's False Sovereignty Claims over Taiwan
- H.R.1512 Taiwan Assurance
 Implementation Act
- H.R.2559 Taiwan Allies Fund Act
- H.R.2416 Taiwan International Solidarity Act
- H.Con.Res.8 A Resolution Calling for U.S.-Taiwan Diplomatic Ties

U.S. Senate

Passed Committee

- S.Res.86 A Resolution to Counter China's False Sovereignty Claims over Taiwan
- S.821 Taiwan Assurance
 Implementation Act

Introduced

- S.199 U.S.-Taiwan Expedited
 Double-Tax Relief Legislation
- S.1216 Taiwan Allies Fund Act
- S.974 Taiwan Representative Office Act



From Left: Henry Tsai, Anny Hsiao, Mark Kao, Su-Mei Kao, and Mac Zimmerman, Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director for Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-WI)



From Left: Henry Tsai, Mark Kao, Su-Mei Kao, and Jonathan Rose, Foreign Affairs Fellow for Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI)



From Left: Anny Hsiao, Su-Mei Kao, Henry Tsai, and Mark Kao after a meeting with Rep. Ann Wagner's Office (R-MO).

CALL TO ACTION!

Petitions - we currently have three active petitions, and **your support is critical**. By signing, you help send a strong, unified message to Congress that these bills matter to our community and deserve action.



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petition.

PASS U.S.-TAIWAN EXPEDITED DOUBLE TAXATION RELIEF!

Taiwan is the only top-ten U.S. trading partner without a bilateral tax agreement, hindering cross-border trade and investment. Double taxation relief will support American and Taiwanese workers and businesses, while encouraging greater Taiwanese investment in the U.S.

S.199 provides expedited double-tax relief on U.S.-Taiwan investments and authorizes the President to negotiate a tax agreement with Taiwan. This bipartisan legislation is the Senate companion to H.R.33, which passed the House by an overwhelming 423-1 vote. We look forward to its swift passage in the Senate.



COUNTER CHINA'S DISTORTION OF UNGA RESOLUTION 2758 AND MISUSE OF THE U.S. "ONE CHINA POLICY"!

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Senate Resolution 86 (S.Res.86) and House Resolution 148 (H.Res.148) clarify that UNGA Resolution 2758 and the U.S. "One China policy" are not equivalent and do not endorse Beijing's "One China principle," which falsely asserts that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China. It is crucial for Congress to affirm that the U.S. has never recognized Communist China's territorial claims over Taiwan and to oppose China's efforts to isolate Taiwan on the international stage.



RESTORE U.S.-TAIWAN DIPLOMATIC TIES, END THE "ONE CHINA POLICY," AND NEGOTIATE A BILATERAL FTA WITH TAIWAN!

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The outdated "One China policy" no longer aligns with America's current economic and security needs. Normalizing U.S.-Taiwan relations and establishing a U.S.-Taiwan Free Trade Agreement will protect American interests and strengthen our strategic position in the Indo-Pacific. Taiwan, a key U.S. ally and top trading partner, deserves formal recognition and diplomatic relations.

Community Engagements

FAPA staff participated in events to highlight our programs to student groups, engage with like-minded and diaspora organizations to raise awareness of our mission, and connect with Members of Congress to strengthen partnerships on Capitol Hill. These efforts are essential to increasing our visibility, broadening our base, and deepening support for U.S. Taiwan policy advocacy.

The Federation of Taiwanese Student Associations in Washington DC (FTSADC) Lunar New Year Banquet

February 8th, 2025

Held by FTSADC, the Lunar New Year Banquet is the biggest event of the year among DMV Taiwanese students, with over 300 attendees participating in the celebration. Students from schools like George Washington University, Johns Hopkins University, University of Maryland, George Mason University, etc. There were also Alumni from National Taiwan University, National Cheng Kung University, Taipei First Girls' High School, and other Taiwanese schools.

FAPA staff Vanessa Chen, Kat Chueh, Henry Tsai, and Vincent Tsai attended to network with the local area students (Photo 1). They went on the stage to introduce FAPA's important vision and work at the Hill, and announce our internship opportunities.

As part of the Taiwanese New Year cultural celebration, the banquet concluded with an exciting raffle with prizes donated by sponsors. FAPA sponsored two gift cards for the event, and the students were thrilled to be selected as winners (Photo 2).

FAPA staff and guests had a delightful night at the banquet, where they enjoyed the opportunity to connect with students and young professionals from the DMV area while celebrating the Lunar New Year. (Photo 3).



Photo 1: FAPA Staff at the Lunar New Year Banquet.



Photo 2: FAPA Staff and the lucky students who received the gift cards sponsored by FAPA.



Photo 3: FAPA Staff and guests

Princeton Taiwan Speaker Panel

March 20th, 2025

The Princeton Taiwan Speaker Panel was host by Sophia Chang, a former FAPA Intern and a current student at the Public School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) at Princeton University (Photo 4). Though the panel, she hoped to inspire Princeton underclassmen to engage with Taiwan and explore their Taiwanese American identity.

The Executive Director of FAPA Chiao-Yun Anny Hsiao was honored to be invited as one of the panelists, with other distinguished Taiwanese American professionals, including Raymond Kuo, the Director of the Taiwan Policy Initiative at Rand, Chris Fan, the Associate Professor of English at UC Irvine, Kim Liao, the author of *Where Every Ghost Has a Name: A Memoir of Taiwanese Independence* (Photo 6).

The panelists shared their personal and professional journeys as Taiwanese American professionals and discussed how their work shed light on Taiwan's role in the global landscape and contributes to shaping the understanding of Taiwanese American identity.

In the panel, Anny Hsiao introduced FAPA's mission and its vital advocacy work, which emphasized the organization's role under the current U.S. administration in strengthening U.S.-Taiwan relations and amplifying Taiwanese American voices (Photo 5).



Photo 5: Executive Director Chiao-Yun Anny Hsiao spoke at the Princeton Taiwan Speaker Panel.



Photo 4: Princeton Taiwan Speaker Panel Poster.



Photo 6: From left: Raymond Kuo, Kim Liao, Sophia Chang, Chris Fan, and Chiao-Yun Anny Hsiao.

Lessons from the Battlefield - What Taiwan can Learn from Ukraine

March 30th, 2025

Hosted by the Chi-An Wang and team from the NY-M Chapter, the panel discussion "Lessons from the Battlefield – What Taiwan Can Learn from Ukraine" brought together more than 80 members of both the Taiwanese and Ukrainian communities.

The panelists included Chiao-Yun Anny Hsiao, FAPA Executive Director; Andriy Boychuk, Board Member of the Dignitas Fund, a Ukrainian organization focused on drone technology, innovation, and education; and Daryna Lesniak, Public Engagement Coordinator at Razom, a leading Ukrainian American nonprofit that advocates for democracy and international support for Ukraine (Photo 7).

The panel highlighted the shared values of resilience, democracy, and self-determination between the people of Taiwan and Ukraine, and explored the strategic, political, and societal lessons Taiwan can draw from Ukraine's ongoing defense against Russia.

The event was a huge success and served as a great opportunity for the two communities to connect, exchange ideas, and learn from one another.



Photo 7: Poster of the event: Lessons from the battlefield: what Taiwan can learn from Ukraine.



Photo 8: Group photo of the speakers and the attendees.

Building Relationships on Capitol Hill

Kicking off 2025, HQ has been working tirelessly in Washington DC to meet with Members of Congress and discuss U.S.-Taiwan relations.

Events



Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA), House Foreign Affairs Cmte.



Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA), Taiwan Caucus Co-chair



Rep. Mark Takano (D-CA)



Rep. Dave Min (D-CA)



Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AL), Senate Armed Services Cmte.



Sen. Steven Daines (R-MT), Senate Finance Cmte. Senate Foreign Relations Cmt.



Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA), Senate Armed Services Cmte.



Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR), Senate Armed Services Cmte.



Rep. Derek Tran (D-CA)



Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA)



Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA), House Foreign Affairs Cmte.

Internship Kickoff 21

2025 SPRING INTERNSHIP KICKOFF!

FAPA has officially launched its Spring Internship Program. This year, we received a record number of applications, reflecting the younger generation's growing interest in U.S.-Taiwan relations and public affairs. We have welcomed three interns to join us this spring. Our two policy interns are Peyton Austin and Linsey Brookfield; and Aiden Wegener is our communications intern.

The policy interns Mr. Austin and Miss Brookfield will be working on policy research, legislation tracking, and advocacy by analyzing U.S.-Taiwan relations, contributing to the 118th Congress Taiwan Policy Report, and preparing congressional engagement materials. Mr. Wegener, the communications intern, will be focusing on creating digital content for social media platforms, and assisting with newsletters and publications.

Throughout the 12-week internship, FAPA aims to equip interns with practical skills in policy research and public education while fostering a deeper understanding of U.S.-Taiwan relations.



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MEET OUR 2025 SPRING INTERNS!



PEYTON AUSTINPOLICY INTERN

Peyton Austin is currently a student at Georgetown University studying towards a BSFS in International Politics, with a concentration in security studies and a minor in Mandarin Chinese. Key interests include security policy in the Indo-Pacific region and democracy promotion worldwide. He previously interned in the U.S. House of Representatives. In his personal life, Peyton is active in Georgetown's Model UN space and enjoys exploring Washington D.C.



LINSEY BROOKFIELD POLICY INTERN

Linsey Brookfield is currently a junior at Georgetown University, pursuing a degree in Political Economy with a minor in Japanese and a certificate in Asian Studies. Her interests include international diplomacy and trade policy between the United States and the Indo-Pacific. In addition to her academic and professional pursuits, Linsey volunteers at her university's makerspace, and is training for her second half marathon.



AIDEN WEGENERCOMMUNICATIONS INTERN

Aiden Wegener is an undergraduate student at The George Washington University in Washington, DC, studying international relations and economics with a focus on East Asia. His research specializes in corruption and financial regulation mechanisms within East Asian countries. Aiden is also a Japanese language student and is fluent in English, Spanish, and Swedish languages. In his free time, Aiden enjoys making homemade coffee, hiking, and playing guitar.

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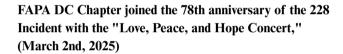
CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

DC

President Kevin Huang

FAPA DC Chapter Hosted Happy Hour & Network Event (March 15th, 2025)

The FAPA DC Happy Hour was a great success, thanks to everyone who joined and made the event even more enjoyable! Over steaming bowls of pho, braised dishes, and sandwiches, we discussed Taiwan, U.S.-Taiwan relations, and made new friends. Beyond networking, the event aimed to inspire greater awareness about Taiwan and U.S. legislation affecting Taiwan, encouraging collective action to amplify our voices. From legislative advocacy to community initiatives, everyone's effort is vital in making Taiwan more visible.



On March 2, the FAPA DC Chapter commemorated the 78th anniversary of the 228 Incident with the "Love, Peace, and Hope Concert," held at the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church in Derwood, MD. This meaningful event featured beautiful musical performances and a special 228 history exhibit, allowing us to connect with the past while envisioning a brighter future.

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FL-S

President Ming-Lon Young

Engaging with Congressional Representatives

In January 2025, Dr. Young, Paul Cordon, and Tina Cordon personally delivered an invitation to the district office of Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz. Her congressional aide, Mr. Anthony Bryant, graciously accepted the invitation to attend a Lunar New Year celebration, partially sponsored by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities.

The event featured distinguished speakers, including Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis, TECO Director Charles Chou, Anthony Bryant, and County Commissioner Michael Udine. During the celebration, we introduced Mr. Bryant to the diverse network of Taiwan-related organizations in Florida, particularly FAPA. This successful engagement paved the way for an upcoming inperson meeting with Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz and FAPA President Su-Mei Kao at her Florida district office, where we will discuss key issues of concern.

In February, we initiated contact with Congresswoman Maria Salazar's Miami office to arrange a meeting with our FAPA South Florida Chapter and Standing Committee delegates. This meeting is scheduled for April 2025 and will serve as another opportunity to strengthen Taiwan-U.S. relations at the congressional level.

Cultural Engagement & Community Outreach

In early March, FAPA members Tina Cordon, Paul Cordon, Dr. Young, George, and Eugene actively participated in the Asian Cultural Festival. They worked at the TECO-sponsored booth, engaging with attendees and promoting Taiwan's rich cultural heritage. Notably, for the first time in 20 years, a Taiwan dance group performed at the festival, drawing significant attention.

Prominent figures in attendance included:

- Dr. Suriya Chindawongse Ambassador of Thailand to the United States
- Junya Nakano Consul-General of Japan in Miami
- Daniella Levine Cava Mayor of Miami-Dade County

A highlight of the event was the overwhelming popularity of 三太子 (San Tai Zi), particularly when dancing to pop music. The character was a crowd favorite, with many attendees eager to take photos. This enthusiasm presents an opportunity for future engagement—next year, 三太子 could distribute small promotional cards encouraging

people to join the South Florida Friends of Taiwan mailing list. This initiative would serve as an effective way to notify the community about upcoming events, including FAPA activities.

Representation in the Ft. Lauderdale St. Patrick's Day Parade

In March 2025, South Florida Chapter members Tina Cordon, Lilly, and Matt O'Brien proudly carried Taiwan flags during the Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Day Parade. The event gained significant media coverage, with 三立新 閏 (Sanli News) filming the parade for an upcoming feature narrated by reporter Sharon Chen.

We facilitated additional interviews for the news crew, including a discussion with the President of the South Florida Marine Industry Association. They also filmed segments showcasing Fort Lauderdale's 170 miles of navigable waterways, highlighting the region's maritime industry. While Arizona is known for its TSMC semiconductor investments, South Florida boasts a strong presence of Taiwanese yachts — a valuable aspect of U.S.-Taiwan business relations.

We anticipate the feature story's release soon, providing an opportunity to reinforce FAPA's role in strengthening Taiwan-U.S. economic ties. The news coverage can also serve as a compelling visual aid when advocating for S. 199 in the U.S. Senate.

Engaging with Congresswoman Lois Frankel

In March 2025, Dr. and Mrs. Ming-Lon Young attended Congresswoman Lois Frankel's town hall meeting in West Palm Beach. During the event, we actively advocated for Taiwan-related issues and requested her support. We also extended an invitation for her to meet with our Standing Committee delegates from FAPA's D.C. headquarters during their visit to her district office in April.

Looking Ahead

With upcoming meetings with key congressional representatives and a growing presence in South Florida's cultural and business communities, FAPA continues to strengthen U.S.-Taiwan relations. We look forward to leveraging these connections to further our advocacy efforts and enhance Taiwan's visibility in the region.

MA

President Chia-Tai Chi

Monthly Vigil for Taiwan

MA Chapter continues the tradition of holding the Monthly outreach event at Harvard Square. We tell Taiwan's stories to advocate for Taiwan and interact with people who stopped by to show support for Taiwan. March 25th, 2025 was the 169th monthly vigil for Taiwan!

Promoting FAPA at TAA Boston event

Regional Director Ho-Chou Tu presented at the TAA Boston Lunar New Year event to promote FAPA. Ho-Chou introduced the monthly vigil for Taiwan at Harvard Square and National Advocacy Conference in DC and welcomed participants to join and support FAPA.

Meeting with chapter member, Dr. Loring Tu

Vice President Chia-Chun Chung, former Chapter President Sonya Huang, Regional Director Ho-Chou Tu, and Chapter President Chia-Tai Chi met with chapter member, Dr. Loring Tu, to thank him for his support for FAPA's Song Yea Lee Memorial Fund and share advocacy experiences with representatives in Massachusetts.



Outreaching at Harvard Square



Ho-Chou promoted FAPA at the TAA Lunar New Year Event



FAPA-MA members met with Dr. Tu to thank him for his support for FAPA





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MD

President Tim Chng

The Maryland FAPA chapter started off 2025 with an advocacy training where we seek to develop an advocacy team to push our Maryland lawmakers to support the priorities set by our FAPA HQ. We had planned for an in person meeting in Baltimore on January 11, but the weather had us shift our meeting to be a virtual meeting.

At this workshop, we introduced ourselves, had a tutorial on Government and Civic Engagement led by Anny Hsiao. We reviewed advocacy on the school district level, local government and state government. Anny then shared how we can participate in FAPA's actions.

FAPA Maryland chapter also had informal outreach to local Taiwanese American groups. We had a hot pot lunch with some Taiwanese American students from the US Naval academy and also attended as a group to the Lunar New Year celebration by the Maryland Governor's commission for Asian Pacific American Affairs.

Encouraged by the successful passage of H.R.33 (double taxation relief for Taiwanese nationals) in the House, our members emailed senators in the Senate Finance Committee to encourage them to advance the companion legislation, S.199, in the Senate. We leveraged our personal networks across the US and managed to track our network to send over 80 individual emails to asking senators to co-sponsor the resolution.

When hearing the Trump administration selected Darren Beattie to sit as an undersecretary for the US state department. We researched Darren Beattie's stance on Taiwan, and found public statements he made asking the US government to abandon Taiwan stating that Taiwan becoming annexed by China was inevitable. Working with FAPA HQ, members of our chapter started a petition as FAPA Maryland encouraging Marco Rubio to stop his appointment in the US state department. The petition was able to gain traction among the concerned public and we were able get over 850 signatures (https://www.change.org/p/petition-to-marco-rubioopposing-us-state-department-appointment-of-darrenbeattie). As a concerted effort with FAPA HQ and other

concerned groups, the Trump administration chose not to appoint Darren Beattie for this position and replaced him

with Sarah Rodgers.

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MD Chapter virtual advocacy training.

In April, we plan to have another training for our chapter members to start our advocacy on a local level to visit the local offices of our representatives and senators. It is our belief that the strength of FAPA is in the grassroots and we hope to empower all our members to be active advocates to support FAPA HQ efforts to support and protect Taiwan!

TX-C

President Angela Yarbrough

雖然-月的天氣還很冷,會員們仍是踴躍出席每一年兩次的年會。這是我第一次代表TX-C 寫下本會的草根行動。

TX-C 有新成員加入,我們介紹當天出席的三位新成員, 歡迎他們到這個愛台灣的大家庭!

財務長 Tina 作報告,也帶正本資料供會員調閱。除了每次聚會的餐費支出外,從未有任何人申報任何行政上的費用。她總是每月主動提交資料,本會好感謝她的付出。

會長 Pearl Wu 做 Q3-Q4/2024簡報,並回顧自2018年以來,TX-C不勝枚舉的友臺草根活動,將臺美人的心聲,帶給國會的成員。包括 2018年,與會國會眾議員 John Carter; 2019年拜訪參議員 John Cornyn; 在德州首府議院聽證會,為支持德州增強與臺合作及擴大臺灣在全球的角色的法案(H.R. 23)背書;帶著本會旗,到Larado, Texas為臺灣青少棒賽加油打氣;這年,國會眾議員 Michael McCaul 來 TX-C 的餐會讓大家為之一振; Pearl 也在FAPA Board Meeting 回訪 Michael McCaul 首府的辦公室;2020年 McCaul 的部落格,全篇的登出 Pearl 為FAPA-TX-C 向議員遞出的謝函,及議員和TX-C的合照!

然而,在疫情之下,2020-2021年配合防疫,改與所有國會辦公室以信件為主的互動。2022年,疫情趨緩,本會積極恢復與各國會辦公室實體拜訪並遞連署或提倡友臺的法案,再訪了眾議員John Carter。他的助理們說我們是他們見過資料準備最多的民團,讓他們往首府的團隊交報告很簡單。2022年 TX-C 會員的眾議院選區重劃,加了一席。選舉前數月,TX-C 就造訪了 Lloyd Doggett,開啟本會另一友臺草根活動的章節!議員所屬的 Ways and Means委員會,正在孕釀後來在2023年底通過的「21st Century Trade Agreement Act」。應本會建議,他立刻加入了國會的臺灣連線,積極了解美臺貿易上法務應有的進展。本會牽線他的團隊與總部的連繫,讓他不僅在公聽會裡,提起FAPA 和在奧斯丁的我們給他的支持。本會感謝總會的 Coen Blaauw 連夜撰寫給議員的貿易協定的方向和建議!

2024初,Pearl 也函請本會一直保持聯繫的眾、參議員,與臺灣國家無人機協會,皆得正面回函。2024年本會除了必響應總會的連署之外,也對其他友臺法案,尤其是任何可削弱中國高官對台灣的侵略行動或意圖的法案,請眾參議員支持。眾議員 John Carter 也又再次加入臺灣連線。這一天,Pearl 帶著大家共同走過的記憶. 有圖有文字,曾參與其中的會員們點頭,或已忘但很快回想起滿滿走過的草根活動,莞爾一笑。新成員也從此快速了解臺灣公共事務會的自發性的民間力量。



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TX-C 來個「臺灣尚勇」的應援

In this semi-annual member meetup, Chapter President Election was carried out. I am honored to be passed the baton from President Pearl Wu. Since helping write templates, preparing/editing presentations and tagging along in public office visits with TX-C in 2022, I more closely observed the chapter she'd been caring for. I must say:

TX-C Chapter President Pearl Wu made her job look easy all these years. Our chapter members knew that in reality, her exemplary management skills, can-do attitude, and well-planned execution contributed to the chapter's success in bringing our voice to U.S. lawmakers and advocating for closer US-TW relationships among all American communities. She gracefully accepted my request to make herself available to the future TX-C team, so existing working practices persist while new practices are explored and implemented.

Election celebration concluded quickly (a). Such a great family of TX-C members provided plenty of ideas and suggestions. Charlie Huang and I completed the enhancement in email communication within the chapter in the first week. Have I mentioned what a marvelous writer he is?

A few days later, Charlie Huang, Tim Bradley, Cathy Cocco and I immediately collaborated to write templates advocating H.R.33 - US-TW Expedited Double-Tax Relief Act. It was passed in the House in early January and was referred to the Finance Committee in the Senate for companion legislation. The template made the process of writing and sending advocacy letters convenient and efficient. Within an hour of submitting an advocacy letter to senators, one immediately replied: "Thank you Angela, appreciate your words. I've shared [it] with our policy team." and, the next day, the other Senator's Regional Director replied: "Great to hear from you and thank you for sharing this. I will share it with the Senator and our legislative team in DC." This is exactly the cadence that we looked for and learned from the previous TX-C leadership. I believe Pearl Wu's leadership and tirelessly maintaining close contacts with public offices is key to the impact of our voices. We also have a Thank You template for H.R.33's passage to Rep. Michael McCaul, Rep. Lloyd Doggett, and Rep. John Carter for their landmark support for this legislation.

In February and March, we focused on echoing FAPA HQ's advocacy via fapa.org's petition system, including H.Con.Res.8 - Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should resume normal diplomatic relations with Taiwan, negotiate a bilateral free trade agreement with Taiwan, and support Taiwan's membership in international organizations and S.Res.86's and H.Res.148's petition which seek Support in both chambers to Counter China's False Claims over Taiwan!

Meanwhile, our chapter members successfully migrated to a simpler communication channel, where members keep up to date and contribute to information on Taiwan and U.S. developments. This chapter is very much alive and grateful for how lucky we are to have one another in such turbulent international dynamics.



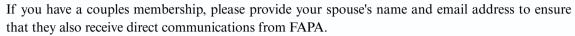
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