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FAPA’s 2026 Fundraising Speech Tour Kicks Off with Strong Community Support for Tony Hu’s Taiwan Defense Talks

The Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) launched **its 2026 Fundraising Speech Tour on June 17, 2026**. Organized by local FAPA chapters across the United States, the nationwide tour features two invited speakers. The first part of the tour highlights Tony Hu (胡振東) and his talk, **“U.S.-Taiwan Military Relations & the Defense of Taiwan,”** bringing Taiwanese American communities together at a critical moment for Taiwan and Indo-Pacific security.

To date, the tour has drawn close to 200 attendees and received media coverage across four stops — Laguna Woods and Los Angeles, California; Atlanta, Georgia; and Fort Lauderdale, Florida. This turnout demonstrates strong grassroots support across FAPA communities. The initial events have also sparked lively audience engagement, with Hu addressing topics such as **U.S.-Taiwan military cooperation beyond arms sales, Taiwan’s defense procurement process, civil defense, emerging threats like cognitive warfare, and the critical role overseas Taiwanese can play in supporting Taiwan in moments of crisis.**

“Taiwan’s security is not only a military issue; it is also a matter of public understanding, social resilience, and international support,” said Dr. Su-Mei Kao (林素梅), National President of FAPA. **“Through this speech tour, FAPA hopes to help the broader American public better understand the challenges Taiwan faces and why our community’s voice and action matter.”**

Tony Hu served 27 years in the U.S. Air Force and is a former U.S. government official and U.S. defense industry executive. He previously served as Taiwan In-Country Manager for Raytheon Technologies, Senior Director in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and Deputy Chief and Acting Chief of the Security Cooperation Office at the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT). His career has focused extensively on U.S.-Taiwan security cooperation, defense policy, and military affairs.

2026 FAPA Fundraising Speech Tour: Stops Completed So Far

- June 17 — Laguna Woods, CA
- June 18 — Los Angeles, CA
- June 20 — Atlanta, GA
- June 21 — Fort Lauderdale, FL

Upcoming stops include:

- June 23 — Gainesville, FL
- June 24 — Tampa, FL
- June 25 — Orlando, FL
- June 27 — Rockville, MD
- June 28 — Hillsborough, NJ
- July 3 — Chicago, IL
- July 5 — Kansas City, KS
- July 8 — St. Louis, MO
- July 10 — Dallas, TX
- July 12 — San Diego, CA



To view the full schedule and register for an upcoming event, please visit FAPA's 2026 Fundraising Speech Tour page: <https://fapa.org/2026-fundraising-speech-tour-tony-hu/>

Starting July 8, FAPA will feature Roy Liu (劉珞亦), co-founder of Plain Law Movement, political commentator, and media host, with his talk, **“Rebuilding Taiwan’s Democratic Defense Through Politics and Education.”** More information: <https://fapa.org/2026-fundraising-speech-tour-roy-liu/>

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