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**TAEF UPDATES**

**TAEF and Partner Institutes establish Asian Resilience Consortium (ARC)**



*Monday, April 22, 2019*

The Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF), the Taiwan Association of Disaster Prevention Industry (TADPI), Taipei Medical University (TMU) and the Messe Frankfurt New Era Business Media Ltd Taiwan Branch signed a declaration of cooperation to

establish the Asian Resilience Consortium (ARC).

As the first civil disaster prevention alliance in Taiwan to bring together partners from the think tank, industry and healthcare sectors, the consortium aims to collaborate with partners from South and Southeast Asia to improve disaster response and resilience in the region.

The ARC will be organising the 2019 Asia Pacific Disaster Management Summit as part of the SECUTECH exhibition on Wednesday, May 09, at Nangang Exhibition Center. Experts from the Philippines, Myanmar, Vietnam and Indonesia have been invited for a dialogue with Taiwanese officials and experts on issues related to disaster prevention and preparedness.

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## TAEF Welcomes Center for a New American Security (CNAS) USA



*Friday, April 26, 2019*

The Centre for a New American Security (CNAS) USA visited TAEF on Friday, April 26, and were welcomed by Chairman Dr. H.H. Michael Hsiao and Executive Director Dr. Alan Hao Yang. Both sides enjoyed a fruitful discussion.

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## TAEF Welcomes Members of the Legislative Yuan



*Thursday, April 25, 2019*

**M**embers of Taiwan's Legislative Yuan visited TAEF on Thursday, April 25, and were welcomed by Chairman Dr. H.H. Michael Hsiao and Executive Director Dr. Alan Hao Yang. Both sides enjoyed a fruitful discussion.

[\*Read more\*](#)

## **TAEF Welcomes Centre for Malaysian Chinese Studies, Malaysia**



*Tuesday, April 23, 2019*

The Centre for Malaysian Chinese Studies visited TAEF on Tuesday, April 23, and were welcomed by Executive Director Dr. Alan Hao Yang. Both sides enjoyed a candid and fruitful discussion on the post-election situation in Malaysia and the relationship between Taiwan and Malaysia.

[\*Read more\*](#)

## ASIA ENGAGEMENT CONSORTIUM UPDATES

*The Prospect Foundation*

### **Taiwan Relations Act at 40, What Next?**

Dr Parris H. Chang

Professor Emeritus, Political Science at Penn State University,

President, Taiwan Institute for Political, Economic and Strategic Studies

*Tuesday, April 23, 2019*

"I might be presumptuous to say that I was "present at the creation," but as an expert on Asian affairs and a professor of political science at Pennsylvania State University, I did play a small part in the enactment of the *Taiwan Relations Act* (TRA) in the spring of 1979. At the invitation of Senator Frank Church, chairman of the Senate Foreign

Relations Committee, I testified on February 6 before the Committee as it was deliberating on S.245, a bill to promote the foreign policy of the United States through the maintenance of commercial, cultural, and other relations with the people on an unofficial basis, and for other purposes."

[\*Read more\*](#)

## *TMU X Asian Resilience Consortium*

### **8th REA Symposium: Embracing Resilience: Scaling up and Speeding up - Young Talents Program**

*Monday, June 24, 2019*

The 8th Symposium on Resilience Engineering will be held from 24-27 June at Linnaeus University, Kalmar, Sweden. This year's symposium aims to explore how organizations around the world can scale up and speed up the application of resilience engineering in an increasingly turbulent world.

Representatives from Taipei Medical University (TMU), a partner of the Asian Resilience Consortium, will be taking part in the symposium at Kalmar this year. Graduate Institute of Data Science student Chia-Hsin Cheng was selected to take part in the Young Talents Program and will be presenting her research titled "Application of Machine Learning and System Simulation to Strengthen Emergency Medical Service System Resilience". Congratulations!

[\*Read more\*](#)

## **NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY NEWS**

### *Taipei Times*

#### **Tourism Bureau Launches Jakarta Information Center**

*Tuesday, April 30, 2019*

The Tourism Bureau yesterday said it established a tourism information center last month in Jakarta as part of a campaign to boost the number of Muslim travelers from Indonesia.

It views the Southeast Asian nation as a benchmark market for Muslim tourists, as it is the world's largest Muslim-majority nation, home to more than 200 million Muslims,

the bureau said.

Its booming economy has enabled more Indonesians to travel overseas, showing that it is a market with great tourism business potential, the bureau added.

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## *Taiwan News*

# **Taiwan and Philippine Navies Have Unexpected Encounter at Sea**

*Wednesday, April 27, 2019*

The Philippine Navy on Friday, April 26, revealed in a statement that the Taiwan Navy and the Philippine Navy safely communicated via the Naval Code for Unplanned Encounters at Sea (CUES) last Wednesday.

The code was put into use recently during an unexpected encounter at sea between the BRP Andres Bonifacio (PS-17), and the Taiwanese vessel Wu Chang (FFG-1205) near Mavulis Island of the Batanes chain, south of Taiwan's Orchid Island.

The CUES is an agreement signed by 21 nations in 2014 in order to maintain peaceful communications between navies to avoid unnecessary conflict at sea. [The Inquirer](#) reports that Taiwan is not one of the official signatories of the CUES agreement, but has still implemented the CUES protocol.

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## *Taiwan Today*

# **Tsai, People of Taiwan Honored for Promoting Democracy, Human Rights at India Literary Prize**



*Thursday, April 25, 2019*

**P**resident Tsai Ing-wen and the people of Taiwan were awarded the Social Achievement honor on April 23 at India's Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize in recognition of their efforts to advance democracy, freedom and human rights.

Organizers of the event described Taiwan as a beacon of these values, and called on the international community to support the "vibrant and resilient country of Taiwan."

Representative Tien Chung-kwang, head of Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in India, accepted the award on behalf of the people and president at the ceremony in New Delhi. Expressing gratitude to the jury, he described Tsai as an active promoter of peace, democracy and human rights since assuming office in May 2016.

[\*Read more\*](#)

## **SOUTHEAST ASIA / SOUTH ASIA / AUS / NZ NEWS**

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**Cyclone Fani:  
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Cyclone Fani is heading towards the state of Orissa with wind speeds in excess of 200 km/h (127 mph), and is expected to make landfall on Friday.

Officials have shut down operations at two major ports on the east coast, and thousands of officials are helping to evacuate people in low-lying areas

About 800,000 people are being evacuated, officials told the BBC. Nearly 100,000 live in the city of Puri where Fani is predicted to make landfall on Friday morning.

[Read more](#)

Thailand and Cambodia have ramped up efforts to bolster diplomatic and economic ties with the aim of doubling bilateral trade by 2020.

The neighbors revived a crossborder train link on April 22 after it laid unused for 45 years. Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen took a ceremonial ride across the border from Aranyaprathet in eastern Thailand to the Cambodian city of Poipet on a train donated by Bangkok.

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Sri Lanka's police Wednesday (May 1) named nine people who staged Easter Sunday suicide bombings that killed 253 people, and said the attackers' assets will be confiscated in line with anti-terror law

Police spokesman Ruwan Gunasekera confirmed that two of the luxury hotels were bombed by two brothers from a wealthy Colombo family involved in spice exports.

The group of extremists had used one bomber at each of the locations hit on Easter Sunday, except at Shangri-La hotel where there were two suicide explosions.

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