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TAEF UPDATES

STARTBOARD - The Opportunities in Southeast Asia



Wednesday, September 16, 2020

The Executive Director of Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF) - Dr. Alan Yang was invited by STARTBOARD to give a speech about opportunities in Southeast Asia in Startup Terrace.

In this speech, Dr. Alan combined three elements: “Culture,” “Economic” and “Tech”. He discussed how to develop a company in the Southeast Asian market and the resources that are available. For example, using technology to create a better economic environment and overcoming obstacles in business negotiations through culture.

At the end of the speech, Dr. Alan reminded the entrepreneurs who want to expand their business to the Southeast Market to have local trusted partners who will become the most critical factor for expanding the local markets.

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ASIA ENGAGEMENT CONSORTIUM UPDATES

Taiwan AID

NGO Leaders Forum: Taiwan Can Help! Inclusive Partnership & Mutual Prosperity [Call for Registration]

NGO Leaders Forum

NGO 領袖論壇

共融共榮 Taiwan Can Help!
Inclusive Partnership & Mutual Prosperity

10. 13 | 外交部外交及國際事務學院



10. 14

The NGO Leaders Forum will be held from October 13 to 14. The Forum will be focusing on Taiwanese NGOs' achievements, networks, and strategies. There will be one keynote speech, one roundtable dialogue, and four panel discussions, exploring thoughts on issues including Taiwan's experience in supporting partners with major COVID-19 outbreak, establishing a global NGO network, and the application of digital

technology in international media campaign.

[Read more in Chinese](#)

NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY NEWS

Taiwan News

Taiwan to End COVID-19 Tests on Philippine Arrivals with No Symptoms

Thursday, September 24, 2020

The Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC) has decided to suspend the COVID-19 testing of all travelers arriving from the Philippines, except for those with symptoms, beginning Thursday, but said it will require all travelers from the Philippines be tested before their mandatory 14-day quarantine period ends.

The changes were agreed after considering epidemic hazard, the characteristic of the novel coronavirus disease, and testing efficiency, Health Minister and CECC commander Chen Shih-chung said at a press briefing on Wednesday.

On July 26, Taiwan began requiring all travelers from the Philippines -- with or without COVID-19 symptoms -- to be tested for COVID-19 upon arrival.

As of Sept. 20, a total of 1,238 travelers from the Southeast Asian country had been tested, the center said in a press release.

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REGIONAL HEADLINES

The Strait Times

**Malaysia
Poised for more
Turmoil as
Anwar Makes**

SCMP

**In a US-China
War, Whose
Side is
Southeast Asia**

East Asia Forum

**Modi's Military
Procurement
Missteps**

Bid for Power

September 24, 2020

Malaysia appeared poised for a new round of political turmoil after opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim claimed to have enough support from lawmakers to form a government.

Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin denounced the move on Wednesday (Sept 23) and challenged Datuk Seri Anwar to prove his assertion, while saying his administration remains firmly in control.

Key members of his coalition signed a joint statement to reaffirm support for the Premier, although the leader of the United Malays National Organisation - the largest in the ruling bloc - said "a few" members are supporting Mr Anwar.

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on? Philippines, Singapore and Malaysia Ponder the Unthinkable

September 22, 2020

As part of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'self-reliant India' policy, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh issued a list of 101 defence items in August with different timelines beyond which their import will be banned, with a second list soon to follow. From December 2020, the armed forces will not be able to purchase some 69 types of foreign-sourced military goods, including many major weapons systems and platforms: ship-borne cruise missiles, diesel submarines, missile destroyers, light combat aircraft and helicopters.

Most of these are already produced in India under licence, so the government is confident the ban will force the Indian defence industry to achieve self-sufficiency within a decade.

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September 19, 2020


Across Southeast Asia, scenario planning exercises by analysts and policymakers preparing for the unthinkable – a military clash between the world's two largest economies in their backyard – has taken on added significance in recent weeks.

Tensions between the US and China, already fraught over trade, technology and the South China Sea, deepened as Beijing protested against Washington's ties to Taipei and conducted military activities close to the self-ruled island last week.

The question "What will happen if a shooting war erupts between China and the US?" has played on the mind of Manila-based defence researcher Jose Antonio Custodio.

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