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## TAEF UPDATES

**TAEF Published 2019 Yushan Forum Conference Report**

# YUSHAN FORUM

2019

Asian Dialogue for Innovation and Progress  
Deepening Progressive Partnerships in Asia



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*Wednesday, February 27, 2020*

Last October, TAEF worked with Taiwan's government and NGOs to organize the 2019 Yushan Forum, focusing on “Deepening Progressive Partnerships in Asia.”

We invited 56 international leaders, young leaders of the new generation, business representatives, among other distinguished speakers, from 14 countries to discuss the objectives and achievements of NSP in 7 sessions. In fostering these exciting dialogues, TAEF hopes to help deepen the partnerships between Taiwan and Asia in a more progressive future.

In order to share the results of the forum, we published a report that documented each and every speaker's remarks in the 2019 Yushan Forum.

*To read the full report in [Mandarin](#)*

*To read the full report in [English](#)*

### *EAST-WEST CENTER*

## **Taiwan's 2020 Election and its Implications for the New Southbound Policy**

- H.H. Michael Hsiao, Chairman, TAEF

- Alan H. Yang, Executive Director, TAEF

*Wednesday, February 5, 2020*

The elections in January 2020 marked a new era for Taiwan, clearly demonstrating citizens' resistance to China. The results showed that incumbent President Tsai Ing-wen, leader of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), was re-elected with a landslide victory of 8.17 million votes (57.1%) which is higher than the previous record high of 7.65 million votes obtained by the Kuomintang (KMT) President Ma Ying Jeou in 2008.

The re-election of President Tsai demonstrates Taiwan's commitment to Asia and to the world. This commitment will definitely contribute to the reinforcement and continuation of President Tsai's signature foreign policy initiative, that is, the New Southbound Policy (NSP). The NSP's people-centered rationale has already been welcomed by the international community, including Taiwan's Asian neighbors. The reinforced NSP (or NSP 2.0) would enlighten Taiwan's multifaceted engagements to the regional community and highlight Taiwan as an integral part of world development. President Tsai's second term will face ongoing complex global power struggles and geopolitical and economic competitions. Taiwan must be more united and stable, bolstering its own status as it carries out the NSP.

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## ASIA ENGAGEMENT CONSORTIUM UPDATES

*Taiwan External Trade Development Council*

### **TAITRA Enhances Online Sourcing Service during Global COVID-19 Outbreak**

# Taipei Cycle & TaiSPO 記者說明會



*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Amid the global COVID-19 outbreak, TAITRA is stepping up efforts to provide various online sourcing services that are available on Taiwan's official B2B website, Taiwantrade.com.

Taiwantrade.com is home to 660,000+ product catalogs and 70,000+ suppliers from the nation's leading export industries. The website enables you to easily connect with high-quality Taiwanese suppliers and source the products business buyers are looking for.

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*Taiwan Alliance in International Development*

**Taiwan AID Spring Workshop Focused on Running  
Advocacy Campaigns in the Legislative Yuan**



*Wednesday, February 12, 2020*

Taiwan Alliance in International Development (Taiwan AID) invited Mr. Leo Chang (張宏林), the executive director of Citizen Congress Watch, an independent legislative watchdog, to share his insights about the operation of and the advocacy campaigns in the Legislative Yuan. Mr. Chang and the members of Taiwan AID also discussed Citizen Congress Watch's work on assessing the performance of lawmakers and the budget planning process inside the administrative branch.

*Read more in Chinese*

*Center for Vietnamese Studies, NCKU*

**Center for Vietnamese Studies Developed Vietnamese Language Certification Scheme with Partner Universities in Japan**





*Sunday, February 2, 2020*

National Cheng Kung University's (NCKU) Center for Vietnamese Studies developed a Vietnamese language certification scheme in partnership with a dozen of Japanese universities including Osaka University, Kanda Foreign Language Institute, and Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.

International Vietnamese Proficiency Test (iVPT) was first developed by lecturers from Taiwan and Vietnam convened by Center for Vietnamese Studies and took place in Taiwan in 2017. iVPT has already obtained formal recognition from Taiwan's Ministry of Education and numerous prestigious universities in Vietnam. After 2 years of preparation, it has finally obtained the trust and support from universities in Japan.

*Read more in Chinese*

## NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY NEWS

### *Taiwan News*

## Philippines to Make Final Call on Taiwan Travel Ban by Friday

*Thursday, February 13, 2020*

Manila Economic and Cultural Office (MECO) Chairman Angelito Banayo told Taiwan News that the inter-agency task force includes the Philippines' Bureau of Immigration, Department of Health, and Department of Foreign Affairs, among other agencies. Banayo said that the task force will discuss the ban imposed on Taiwan and announce an official decision on Friday.

On Feb. 2, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte announced that a travel ban would be

imposed on all foreigners who had visited China and its special administrative regions over the past 14 days. However, on Monday (Feb. 10), Domingo abruptly announced that all visitors arriving from Taiwan would also be subject to the ban based on the Philippines' "one China" policy.

This sudden announcement led to complete chaos with many flights from Taiwan to the Philippines suddenly canceled and hundreds of Taiwanese passengers finding themselves trapped at customs in Philippine airports. Three major travel agencies stated that nearly 500 Taiwanese tourists have been left stranded at customs in Cebu, Kalibo, and Manila International Airports. Immigration, health, ministry of foreign affairs.

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## Taiwan News

### Thailand Postpones New Visa Rules for Taiwan Visitors

*Thursday, February 6, 2020*

Thailand has indefinitely postponed its requirement for Taiwanese travelers to provide financial statements when applying for a visa online, as the country rushes to bolster its tourism industry amid the virus outbreak from Wuhan.

The Thailand Trade and Economic Office (TTEO) in Taipei announced on Dec. 2, 2019, that online visa applicants from Taiwan would be required to present evidence of their finances for the previous three months before they could be granted the visa. The measure sparked a public outcry as Thai citizens do not need a visa to visit the island country under the government's New Southbound Policy.

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## REGIONAL HEADLINES

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**EU adopts  
Vietnam Trade  
Deals despite  
Human Rights  
Concerns**

*The New York  
Times*

**Philippines  
Tells U.S. It  
Will End  
Military  
Cooperation  
Deal**

February 13, 2020

With the coronavirus looking likely to become a pandemic, a spotlight has been cast on the ability of Asian countries to respond. The vastly different levels of health care in the region raise questions about the capacity of some countries to catch up with -- and stem -- the deadly virus.

"Nobody puts enough into public health until there is a catastrophe like this," said Laurie Garrett, a former senior fellow for global health at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York.

Officially, more than 1,300 people have died and 60,000 cases have been reported -- mostly in China. Experts warn the actual figure could be much higher, with some countries lacking the resources to adequately screen, diagnose and survey cases. Should more emerge, some health services could be quickly overwhelmed.

"It's a big test of the institutions and main political actors in the region," said Richard Coker, a Bangkok-based

February 12, 2020

European lawmakers have overwhelmingly approved free trade and investment deals between the EU and Vietnam that will eliminate almost all tariffs over the next ten years, despite concerns about the human rights situation in the country.

After an influential parliamentary trade committee recommended last month that the agreements should be adopted, lawmakers agreed to back the trade deal on Wednesday by 401 votes to 192, with 40 abstentions. The investment protection deal providing a dispute settlement system was endorsed by 407 lawmakers.

The EU hopes the deals will result in 15 billion euros (\$16.5 billion) a year in additional exports from Vietnam to the continent by 2035, with EU exports to Vietnam expanding by more than eight billion euros to an annual level around 22 billion euros.

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February 11, 2020

The Philippines said Tuesday it had officially informed the United States that it was scrapping a military pact that has given the longtime American ally a security blanket for the past two decades.

The notice to terminate the pact, the Visiting Forces Agreement, comes as President Rodrigo Duterte has warmed up to China while distancing himself from the United States, the Philippines' former colonial ruler. The move also comes as the Philippines has shown increasing reluctance to stand up to China over its territorial claims in the South China Sea.

The agreement has let the United States rotate its forces through Philippine military bases. It has allowed for about 300 joint exercises annually between the American and Philippine militaries, said R. Clarke Cooper, the assistant secretary of state for political-military affairs. He [told reporters Monday](#) the termination of the agreement would put those operations "at



professor emeritus of public health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. "If it moves into the region anything like it's been moving through China, then I think Southeast Asia is going to struggle."


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risk."

The pact still remains in force, but the notice to terminate it, delivered to the American Embassy in Manila, starts a clock under which it will remain in effect for 180 days before lapsing.

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