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TAEF UPDATES

Yushan Forum | 11-12 October 2018

Taiwan President Calls for Regional Cooperation in Face of Global Challenges



Thursday, October 11th, 2018

The 2018 Yushan Forum was held in Taipei on Oct. 11-12. Initiated in 2017, the annual forum serves as a platform for regional dialogue and promotion of the New Southbound Policy initiated by the Tsai administration in 2016. Speaking at the opening ceremony, President Tsai urged “more cooperation between Indo-Pacific societies to take collective actions” to achieve the goal for inclusive growth and sustainable development.

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Yushan Forum | 11-12 October 2018

Full-Transcript of President Tsai Ing-wen's Yushan Forum Opening Speech



Thursday, October 11th, 2018

"I want to borrow a quote from former Vice President [Teofisto] Guingona of the Philippines. At last year's Yushan Forum, he said: "We help each other. The Philippines to help Taiwan, and Taiwan to help the Philippines". I take this quote to heart, because more broadly, it is the spirit of everything we're doing at the Yushan Forum and the New Southbound Policy. That is: "Taiwan can help Asia, and Asia can help Taiwan."

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Yushan Forum | 11-12 October 2018

MOU between TAEF and The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation



[Friday, October 12th, 2018](#)

MOU signed between Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation and The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation on the second day of 2018 Yushan Forum. Through mutual collaboration on cultivating young leaders in the Indo-Pacific region, TAEF believes we can involve more talented youth into this field and create a better future for young leaders in Asia.

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TAEF Welcomes Friends from Center for American Progress



[Wednesday, October 17th, 2018](#)

Friends from the Center for American Progress (CAP) visited TAEF on Oct.17. They were led by Former US Senate Majority Leader Thomas A. Daschle, the current Chair of the CAP. The CAP delegation was welcomed by TAEF Chairman Dr. H.H. Michael Hsiao, Executive Director Dr. Alan Hao Yang, Prof. Arthur Shuh-Fan Ding from the Institute of International Affairs (NCCU) and Director Ms. Kristy Tsun-Tzu Hsu of the Taiwan ASEAN Studies Center in the Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research.

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TAEF Dialogues with US Think Tank Partners



Saturday, October 13th, 2018

Dr. Robert Wang of the Center for Strategic & International Studies, Dr. Russell Hsiao of the Global Taiwan Institute, Mr. Michael Mazza of the American Enterprise Institute, Mr. Prashanth Parameswaran of The Diplomat Magazine visited TAEF on Oct.13.

They were welcomed by TAEF Chairman Dr. H.H. Michael Hsiao, Executive Director Dr. Alan Hao Yang, and also President Dr. I-Chung Lai and Director Dr. Norah Mei-Fong Huang from the Prospect Foundation. Both sides enjoyed the candid and fruitful discussion on the Yushan Forum and Taiwan's New Southbound Policy.

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Australia Office Deputy Representative visits TAEF



Friday, September 28th, 2018

Deputy Representative Susan Moore and staff members of the Australian Office in Taipei visited TAEF on Sep. 27. They were welcomed by Chairman Dr. Hsiao and Executive Director Dr. Yang. Both sides exchanged views on Taiwan's New Southbound Policy.

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TAEF COMMENTARY

Strategizing Taiwan's International Forum Policy

- Dr. Alan Hao Yang / Executive Director (TAEF)
- Jeremy Huai-Che Chiang / Research Assistant (TAEF)
- Sherry Liu / Director of International Cooperation (TAEF)

After 30 years, Taiwan's operation of think tank diplomacy and forum diplomacy has quietly changed. The specific practice of international forum diplomacy has begun to have more comprehensive regional links, in addition to small and medium-sized political, economic, diplomatic and security policy dialogues. The achievement of international forum diplomacy would strategize Taiwan's presence and contribution in a more pragmatic way.

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The Need to Speak Out: Taiwan's Contribution in International Forums

- Dr. Alan Hao Yang / Executive Director (TAEF)
- Jeremy Huai-Che Chiang / Research Assistant (TAEF)
- Sherry Liu / Director of International Cooperation (TAEF)

Taiwan has been learning for decades how to develop pragmatic and meaningful partnerships while balancing national dignity and the comfort level of international partners. Of course, the various international forums and conferences that Taiwan has handled in recent years stem from the response and support extended by the international society. It shows that not only are exchanges with Taiwan harmless, they also assist in promoting common interests that benefit the people and the region.

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NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY NEWS

Taiwan Sends Help to Our Indonesian Friends

[Friday, October 5th 2018](#)

Taiwan offers its deepest condolences to those affected by the recent devastating

earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia. The Taiwan government has donated US\$1 million to help with the relief and recovery efforts. Our Ministry of Health and Welfare has opened a dedicated account to facilitate donations from Taiwanese at home and abroad to help our friends in Indonesia in their hour of need

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Taiwan News

Taiwan shares its own success to encourage others to meet Sustainable Development Goals

[Monday, October 8th, 2018](#)

Taiwanese Vice-president Chen Chien-jen expressed that helping to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is a top priority for Taiwan. The administration hopes it can utilize its New Southbound Policy initiative to encourage partner countries in Southeast Asia to also work towards achieving the goals, through sharing Taiwan's own experience and success.

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Taiwan Times

New Southbound Policy: Minister confident on policy progress

[Wednesday, October 17th, 2018](#)

Trade between Taiwan and New Southbound countries in the first six months of 2018 rose 5.8 percent annually to US\$56.92 billion. From January to July, Taiwanese companies won bids for 20 construction projects in the targeted countries amounting to NT\$25 billion. While overall investment has dipped, this year saw significant increases in the Malaysian, Indian and Vietnamese markets, Minister Deng said. Taiwan and the Philippines also signed a bilateral investment agreement (BIA) that took effect in March.

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Nikkei Asian Review

Young Taiwanese Uproot to Southeast Asia for Pay and Prospects

[Monday, October 1st 2018](#)

Eight years after leaving Taiwan with little experience, Bevin Su found himself managing a quality assurance team of more than 700 people at a Nike footwear supplier

in Ho Chi Minh City. "I would never have had the same kind of opportunity if I'd stayed in Taiwan or gone to work in China," Su, 31, told the Nikkei Asian Review.

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Asia*

**Corruption
now a thing of
the past in
Malaysia, says
Mahathir**

[October 22th, 2018](#)

Corruption in Malaysia has become a thing of the past following the change in government, said Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad. In an interview with television station Astro Awani broadcast live on Oct. 21, he said people no longer talked about having to pay bribes when dealing with government officials.

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The Strait Times

**Singapore, EU
sign landmark
free trade,
partnership
agreements**

[October 20th, 2018](#)

Singapore and the European Union have inked the EU-Singapore FTA, hailing it as a signal of their commitment to open trade and its potential to benefit their people. Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong signed the agreement alongside European Council President Donald Tusk, Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker on the sidelines of the Asia-Europe Meeting summit on Oct. 19.

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Bloomberg

**Travelers
Spend More
Money in
Thailand Than
Anywhere
Else in Asia**

[October 10th, 2018](#)

Last year, Thailand collected \$57 billion in international tourism receipts, nearly doubling Macao (\$36 billion), Japan (\$34 billion), Hong Kong (\$33 billion), and China (\$33 billion). Globally, the only countries that out-earn Thailand in terms of tourism dollars are France (\$61 billion), Spain (\$68 billion), and the United States— which handily takes the gold medal, at \$211 billion.

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ASIA ENGAGEMENT CONSORTIUM (AEC) UPDATES

NCAF X TAEF

2018 VICAS Vietnam Artists Delegation to Taiwan



The 2018 VICAS-TAEF-NCAF Vietnam Artists Delegation visited Taiwan from Oct. 13 to Oct. 22, 2018. Jointly organized by the Vietnam National Institute of Culture and Arts Studies (VICAS), Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF) and Taiwan's National Culture and Arts Foundation (NCAF), the Delegation visited important art and cultural landmarks in Taiwan, and also engaged in mutual-exchanges with local Taiwanese artists and related organizations. The Delegation fostered friendships among Vietnamese and Taiwanese artists, while also deepening appreciation of each other's cultures.

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