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## TAEF UPDATES

### TAEF Welcomes Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)



*Tuesday, November 20th, 2018*

Led by President and CEO Dr. John Hamre, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) visited TAEF on November 20st, and were welcomed by Chairman Dr. H.H. Michael Hsiao and Executive Director Dr. Alan H. Yang. Both sides enjoyed a fruitful discussion on Taiwan's New Southbound Policy.

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### TAEF Welcomes DPP's Department of Youth Development



*Tuesday, November 13rd, 2018*

Led by Director Ho Meng-Hua, the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP)'s Department of Youth Development visited TAEF on Nov. 13rd. They were welcomed by Executive Director Dr. Alan H. Yang. Both sides enjoyed a candid discussion on Taiwan's New Southbound Policy and issues related to youth exchange in the region.

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## SEASREP-CSEAS-DSEAS-TAEF Winter School for Advanced Philippines Studies



*Sunday, November 4th to Monday November 12nd, 2018*

TAEF was honored to co-organize the Winter School for Advanced Philippine Studies in Manila with SEASREP (Southeast Asian Studies Regional Exchange Program), DSEAS (Department of Southeast Asian Studies, NCNU) and CSEAS (Center for Southeast Asian Studies, NCCU). The participants of this workshops include graduate students and young faculty members from Taiwan, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and the Philippines.

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TAEF Program on Regional Resilience

## 2018 International Conference on Resilience Development and Innovation in Asia



*Monday, November 5th, 2018*

On November 5th 2018, 25 international scholars coming all the way from USA, Japan, Indonesia and Myanmar attended the “2018 International Conference on Resilience Development and Innovation in Asia”. Together participants discussed how to build a comprehensive and resilient region through collaboration between government and local communities, and shared experiences on resolving artificial and natural disasters in modern society.

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TAEF Program on Regional Resilience

## Asian Dialogue: Building Resilience in the Face of Disasters



*Tuesday, November 6th, 2018*

On November 6th, experts participated in the “Asian Dialogue: Building Resilience in the Face of Disasters” workshop, sharing their experiences in the following four main aspects:

1. Disaster awareness

2. Disaster news
3. Campus disaster prevention
4. Community capacity development

This workshop enabled participants to learn from others' past actions and to rethink their disaster awareness system at home. This event was co-organized by TAEF, Taipei Medical University, American Institute in Taiwan, and the Pan-Asia Risk and Insurance Management Association (PARIMA).

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TAEF Program on Regional Resilience

## International Scholars Visit Mei-Zhou Community



*Tuesday, November 6th, 2018*

International scholars and experts visited Mei-Zhou community in Yilan County on November 6th. Since 2010, Mei-Zhou community has developed its disaster management system, and successfully constructed a comprehensive self-help system to combat with natural disasters. And starting from 2017, Mei-Zhou community began sharing its experiences not only to other local communities in Taiwan, but also neighboring countries.

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## NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY NEWS

*Taiwan News*

### Taiwan and Indonesia Sign MOU on Comprehensive Economic Collaboration

*[Tuesday, November 20th, 2018](#)*

Taiwan and Indonesia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on November 19th to boost economic exchange and to advance collaboration between the two countries in compliance with Taiwan's New Southbound Policy. Under the agreements, the two sides will establish an institutional communications platform to hold bilateral discussions on topics such as special economic zones, trade, investment, real estate, agriculture, and administrator training. Additionally, a special assistance group will be designated to support Taiwanese enterprises in their effort to grasp business opportunities in Indonesia.

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*Nikkei Asian Review*

## **Taiwan's APEC Envoy Meets with Pence**

*[Saturday, November 17th, 2018](#)*

Morris Chang, Taiwan's representative to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, met one-one-one with U.S. Vice President Mike Pence on Saturday. Taiwan media called the meeting "unprecedented," in that Taiwan's special envoys to past APEC summits never met with a U.S. official as senior as a vice president.

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*Taipei Times*

## **New Southbound Policy: Project Eyes Solid Ties in Healthcare**

*[Wednesday, November 14th, 2018](#)*

The Ministry of Health and Welfare on June 1 launched a one-year "One Country, One Center" program and commissioned the Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research and other think tanks to establish the Health and Welfare New Southbound Policy Project Office to assist in coordinating related tasks. Under the project, seven large Taiwanese hospitals each formed six medical teams to act as the main coordinator for integrating local medical resources, to extend medical and healthcare cooperation with one of the six partner nations chosen for the project's initial stage.

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

*South China  
Morning Post*

## **Indonesia's Indo-Pacific Vision is a Call For ASEAN to Stick Together Instead of Picking Sides**

*[November 20th, 2018](#)*

Jakarta's proposal was unveiled at a gathering of Asean foreign ministers in January and is largely based on ideas laid out by Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi earlier this year. It wants an Indo-Pacific "regional architecture" similar to Asean's "ecosystem of peace, stability, and prosperity".

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*Bloomberg*

## **Maldives to Pull Out of 'One-Sided' China Trade Deal, Reports Say**

*[November 20th, 2018](#)*

The Maldives is reportedly planning to pull out of a free trade agreement with China as the island nation moves closer to India and the West after Ibrahim Mohamed Solih won the presidency in a September election. Indian Prime Minister Modi came to Solih's inauguration, his first ever visit to the country.

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*Bloomberg*

## **These Are the Asian Countries That Benefit From the Trade War**

*[November 20th, 2018](#)*

Nomura Holdings Inc. found that a push by companies in the U.S. and China for import substitution towards the rest of Asia will benefit Malaysia in particular, followed by Japan, Pakistan, Thailand and the Philippines, based on its analysis of specific products on the list of tariffs. Of the 13 countries in its analysis, Bangladesh, India and South Korea are the least likely to gain from import substitution.

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