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## TAEF UPDATES

### Indonesian Diaspora Network in Taiwan Visited TAEF



*Wednesday, December 11, 2019*

Members of the Indonesian Diaspora Network in Taiwan visited TAEF, hoping to know more about Taiwan's New Southbound Policy. They were welcomed by Director Dr. Alan Hao Yang.

Indonesian Diaspora Network in Taiwan (IDN) is an organization that promotes

connection and friendship among Indonesian migrants in Taiwan, and cooperation between Taiwan and Indonesia in areas such as business, youth and education, immigration, food and culture, and international relations. During the discussion, many members of the IDN expressed their interest in TAEF's Youth Program, and expected TAEF to bridge partners in governmental and private sectors to support more Indonesian students to participate in exchange programs in Taiwan.

Iman Adipurnama, assistant professor at National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, pointed out that as more and more Indonesian students are participating in Taiwan's higher education schemes, it is important to provide students with professional advice and support for career development so that they can be better integrated into the local job market. Endhah Kartika Dhewi shared her interest in the cultural cooperation between Taiwan and Indonesia, and invited members of TAEF to attend a cultural event at the National Taiwan Museum on December 22, hosted by the IDN.

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## Binus University Visited TAEF



*Monday, December 9, 2019*

Professors and students of Binus University, Indonesia visited TAEF, with an aim to obtain more information about Taiwan's New Southbound Policy. They were welcomed by Director Dr. Alan Hao Yang.

Professor Putri expressed that it is her first time visiting Taiwan and she feels Taiwanese people are very friendly toward foreigners. Professor Paramitaningrum noticed that Taiwanese people's impression toward Indonesia has improved, and so does Indonesian people's impression toward Taiwan. She believes this can facilitate the cooperation between the two countries. The students were interested in TAEF's young leader program. Dr. Yang said that TAEF can consider organizing a summer camp in cooperation with Binus University for Taiwanese and Indonesian students to know more about each other and together generate solutions to the common challenges faced by the two countries.

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## TAEF Chairman Dr. Michael Hsiao Interviewed by *Taiwan Insider* at Radio Taiwan International



*Thursday, December 5, 2019*

Dr. Hsing-Huang Michael Hsiao, the chairman of TAEF had a very interesting interview at *Taiwan Insider*, Radio Taiwan International. Please see the link for the full video.

Spoiler alert:

- How many new residents are in Taiwan now?
- How have new residents from Southeast Asian and South Asia changed the

societal landscape?

- What will Taiwan's society become in 10years?

[\*Watch the interview\*](#)

## TAEF Participated in LEADING ASIA Knowledge Co-creation Workshop at GRIPS, Tokyo



*Thursday, December 5, 2019*

A National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) delegation led by Executive Vice President and Professor Dr. Kiyotaka Yokomichi visited the TAEF on 1 October 2019 to discuss both organizations' ongoing programs and research interests. During the discussions, both sides expressed interest in initiating a collaboration for 2020 on young leaders and jointly organizing a workshop on a shared issue area.

In order to better understand GRIPS' objectives and to better explore how to proceed with the planned collaboration, TAEF has been invited to attend the LEADING Asia Knowledge Co-Creation Workshop held on 5-6 December 2019 in Tokyo, Japan. While Taiwan is normally not included in the LEADING Asia Workshops, the TAEF has been invited to observe in the workshop proceedings as well as to engage the participants, most of which are from academia, government human resources training organizations, and other relevant institutions. TAEF and GRIP's shared interest in Southeast Asia is seen as a good area of collaboration for future projects.

Assistant research fellows Yuri Baral and Ding-Liang Chen at TAEF, along with Senior Executive Officer Da-Ching Yang at the Office of Trade Negotiations, Executive Yuan, had participated the workshop, introducing Taiwan's New Southbound Policy to participants from Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines, Myanmar, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia, and Japan. TAEF's delegation had also endeavored to foster opportunities for future cooperation with organizations from the above countries.

## ASIA ENGAGEMENT CONSORTIUM UPDATES

Center for Vietnamese Studies, NCKU

### Book Launch: *Exploring the Vietnamese Cultural Characteristics*



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台灣亞洲交流基金會董事長、總統府資政 蕭新煌教授推薦本書對越南文化系統的描述再詳生動，對文化類型的比較相當新奇和有創見，我有幸先睹為快其中譯初稿，無異是上了一學期的越南文化探源和演化課程，深感獲益良多。

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After the exciting 2019 International Conference on Vietnamese and Taiwanese Studies, the Center for Vietnamese Studies at National Cheng Kung University will launch a new book on pertinent subject matters: *Exploring the Vietnamese Cultural Characteristics*. There will be two press conferences celebrating the publication of this important book. Please visit [this website](#) for further information and sign-up for these events!

*Center for Southeast Asian Studies, NCCU*

## SEASIA Biennial Conference 2019



The poster features a central graphic of a laptop with a globe on its screen. The globe is labeled 'TAIWAN' and contains the Chinese characters '臺灣' (Taiwan). Two blue birds are perched on the laptop's keyboard, one on each side. Above the laptop is a circular emblem with a globe and the text 'SEASIA'. The entire graphic is set against a light blue background with stylized clouds and a decorative border with a repeating diamond pattern.

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ONLINE REGISTRATION 

*Thursday, December 5, 2019*

The special programs at SEASIA 2019 consist of a wide variety of academic and semi-academic presentations beyond the regular panel sessions. The round-table sessions include discussions on religion and disease, prospect of journalism, language development, academic and scholarly publishing, regional lesson, labor and finance,

collaboration and resistance of regional policy, community-based disaster management, and domestic management and international relations of the Mahathir Government.

Subthemes of 2019 Conference:

- Historical Continuities and Changes
- Dynamics of International Relations and Regionalism
- Debating Inclusive Growth in Rural and Urban Settings
- Environmental Justice, Land and Maritimes Sustainability and Climate Change
- Arts, Cultures, Photography and Literatures
- Innovation, Technology, Media and Cybercultures
- Mobility and Migration
- Democratization, Populism and Civil Society
- Dynamics of Religions and Spiritualities
- Ethnicity and Gender
- Challenges to Economic Vitality

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## NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY NEWS

*Taipei Times*

### Taiwan Seeks to Increase New Southbound Visitors

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019*

The government aims to increase visitors to the nation from countries targeted by the New Southbound Policy by 200,000 annually starting next year, sources said on Sunday. Visitors from these countries are expected to reach nearly 2.8 million people this year, sources said.

The government this year has funded internships in countries covered by the policy for 2,000 Taiwanese post-secondary students and plans to subsidize 2,500 students next year, they said.

The government is assisting businesses with the transition to South and Southeast Asian markets, with a focus on cosmetics and beauty products, as well as medical and food products, they said, adding that some businesses are opening stores in these countries, while others are expanding through online retail platforms.

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*Sunday Guardian*

### Act East and New Southbound Policy Complement Each

*Saturday, December 7, 2019*

In this transitional period of uncertainty of trade, future opportunity is right for Taiwan's new Southbound Policy to complement India's Act East Policy and shift its business interests, both in terms of investment and manufacturing, to India. The two trading partners need to move at a rapid pace. The bilateral agreements between the two are congenial to confidence building amongst investors. However, there is an important aspect of bilateral agreement, i.e., "Safe and Secure passage of Seaborne Trade and delivery of Public Goods", which remains to be addressed.

The two trading partners, India and Taiwan, could share the responsibility—Taiwan can ensure the security of Taiwanese and Indian flagged merchant ships east of the Malacca Straits and India can manage the security west of the Malacca Straits. This would necessitate joint training for evolving common practices and procedures. Based on the IMO's assessment, the two trading partners could make modifications in the future to suit the safety requirements of ships, cargo and crew. Exchange of information on the movement of these cargo ships is germane to maintaining useful maritime domain awareness and response mechanism to emerging threats evolved jointly.

[\*Read more\*](#)

## REGIONAL HEADLINES

*Guardian*

**Aung San Suu Kyi Pleas with Court to Dismiss Genocide Claims**

*December 12, 2019*

In a defiant closing address to the UN's highest tribunal, [Aung San Suu Kyi](#) has pleaded

*NBC*

**U.S. Director is One of Laos' First Female Filmmakers Bringing Horror to Screen**

*December 12, 2019*

Laos' first and only female filmmaker Mattie Do, whose thriller "The Long Walk" screened in

*Foreign Policy*

**In Cambodia, 'Rule of Law' Means Hun Sen Rules**

*December 12, 2019*

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, currently Asia's longest-serving ruler, faces no



with its 17 international judges to dismiss allegations that Myanmar has committed genocide and urged them instead to allow the country's court martial system to deal with any human rights abuses.

The 74-year-old leader of the Asian country informed the international court of justice (ICJ) in The Hague that she expected a report by an internal inquiry to recommend more prosecutions of [Myanmar](#) soldiers soon.

"I can confirm there will be further court martials after the submission of the report ... in a few weeks," she said. "It's vital that our civil and military justice system functions in accordance with our constitution."

The [Nobel peace prize](#) winner's decision to attend the court in person has astounded human rights groups. Once an international icon representing peaceful defiance of military dictatorship, her reputation has plummeted as she has repeatedly defended her country's army in the aftermath of the Rohingya exodus in

the International Film Festival and Awards Macao's world panorama section, tumbled into her profession with a dose of liquid courage. She'd recently moved to Laos from the U.S. to take care of her father, who'd moved back after her mother passed when she was just 25, leaving him without an anchor in his adopted country. Once in Laos, Do's American screenwriter husband Christopher Larsen, who'd moved with her, discovered that the country had essentially no film industry to speak of.

He sleuthed out the company that currently produces her films, who were so excited to meet someone who wanted to make movies in Laos that they hired him on the spot, Do recounts. But Christopher Larsen was no director, and Do had up until that point been a ballerina teaching dance.

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tangible political competition. The opposition leader Kem Sokha, though recently [released](#) from house arrest, is banned from politics and on Jan. 15, 2020, will face trial for treason—charges he says are politically motivated. When self-exiled opposition figure Sam Rainsy attempted to return to Cambodia in November, Thai Airways [prevented](#) him from boarding his Paris-to-Bangkok flight.

In 2017, Cambodia's Supreme Court, which is aligned with the ruling party, dissolved the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP). Hun Sen said the decision was rooted in the "[rule of law](#)" and used it to crack down on opposition activists. Some politicians abroad, including Rainsy, planned to return on Nov. 9 despite being charged with a coup attempt. (Rainsy has called for a "[peaceful uprising](#).") Cambodia likely wielded diplomatic influence to convince [Thailand](#), [Malaysia](#), and [Indonesia](#) to detain or deport CNRP members en route. More than 50 former CNRP members are currently [under](#)

2017.


[arrest](#) inside Cambodia.

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