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## TAEF UPDATES

# President Tsai's Opening Remarks at TAEF Opening Ceremony

#### Wednesday, August 8th, 2018

"I'm delighted to be here today to inaugurate the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF), and witness this historical moment together with you."

"Over the past two years, the government and private sector have worked together to promote our New Southbound Policy.

Thus far, we've upgraded our communication and interaction with New Southbound countries at all levels."



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# **Chairman Hsiao's Welcoming Remarks at TAEF Opening Ceremony**



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## Wednesday, August 8th, 2018

"**P**resident Tsai, General-Secretary Lee, Minister Wu and all the distinguished guests: good day."

"Today is a great day not only as the TAEF's inauguration day, but also as the 51th anniversary of ASEAN. On this day,

August 8th in 1967, ASEAN was given birth in the spirit of "cooperation", "amity" and "peace". Till this day, "cooperation", "amity" and "peace" are still important goals for Asian development, and crucial pillars for consolidating the current Indo-Pacific regional order."

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## Taipei Times: New Think Tank to Oversee New Taiwan Southbound Policy

#### Wednesday, August 8th, 2018

**A** newly launched think tank is to be tasked with implementing the government's New Southbound Policy and strengthening engagement with the nation's Asian neighbors, President Tsai Ing-wen (蔡英文) said yesterday. The Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF) is to be used to advance the New Southbound Policy ties as well as with the rest of Asia, said Tsai, speaking at the launch ceremony.

"TAEF will work on the frontline, implementing our New Southbound Policy and strengthening Taiwan's overall engagement with Asian society," Tsai said. "That engagement includes cultivating relationships with civil society, young people and think tanks in other countries."

## 聯合新聞網(UDN) 台灣亞洲基金會開幕,總統:新南向已在正確軌道

### Wednesday, August 8th, 2018

台灣亞洲交流基金會(台亞會)今天正式成立揭牌,總統蔡英文出席致詞指出,這是台灣推動新南向政策的重要里程碑,將持續秉持以人為中心的精神、促進繁榮,也希望和鄰近區域戰略並行發展,和理念相近國家深化夥伴關係。總統也期許台亞會投入新南向第一線,提升新南向國際連結和台灣能見度,活絡智庫夥伴關係,加深公民社會、青年社群來往、促進制度連結,為社會實踐計劃共同努力。

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## 中央通訊社(CNA) 印太記者團訪台亞基金會 關注新南向區域鏈結

#### Tuesday, August 14th, 2018

台亞基金會發布新聞稿表示,自8日正式揭幕後,今天迎接首個印太記者團,其中包括來 自印尼、馬來西亞、泰國、澳洲、紐西蘭與印度等媒體單位共12人。

基金會表示,訪團對新南向政策如何強化區域與跨國社會交流甚感興趣,基金會執行長楊昊表示,新南向不只是推展經貿關係,更致力推動「以人為中心」的合作;台亞基金會將作為平台,促進智庫、青年與公民社會跨國合作、交流。

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## 亞州青年民主領袖來訪台亞基金會 TAEF WELCOMES 2018AYLD DELEGATION

### Thursday, August 16th, 2018

The TAEF received the 2018 "Asia Young Leaders for Democracy" Delegation from 臺灣 民主基金會Taiwan Foundation for Democracy this afternoon, which included 18 young leaders from around the Indo-Pacific region. We had a very fruitful discussion on social issues in the region, and how Taiwan's New Southbound Policy and TAEF can contribute in addressing these challenges.

The AYLD delegation gave important local insights on how Taiwan's continued engagement can create positive impacts for the region.

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## **NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY (NSP) NEWS**

Focus Taiwan:
Taiwan
Education Fair
in Philippines
attracts
thousands

Asia Times: Taiwan to Vietnam: "We're not Chinese." Taipei Times: Vietnamese doctoral student helps set up business to import family's coffee

## August 19th, 2018

The one-year anniversary of the state-sponsored mass killings, rape and arson that brutally expelled over 700,000 Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar's Rakhine state into neighboring Bangladesh is fast approaching, without any clear sign of resolution or accountability.

On August 28, the UN
Security Council is
scheduled to hold a meeting
on Myanmar to assess efforts
on addressing the conflict. It
is unlikely to be a happy
event for the ruling National
League for Democracy
(NLD) government, as it is
expected to find a lack of
progress in investigating the

<u>August 7th, 2018</u>

Taiwanese companies in Vietnam are increasingly being squeezed between a rock and a hard place as China ramps up diplomatic pressure on their displays of national identity.

If they hang Taiwan's national flag outside their offices and factories, then China kicks up a threatening fuss with Hanoi about its professed sovereignty over the island state Beijing views as a renegade province.

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#### August 3rd, 2018

Nguyen Thi Kim Lien, a Vietnamese doctoral student of business administration in Taiwan, on Tuesday said that she would like to import coffee beans from her hometown, roast them here and sell them locally.

Nguyen, of National Taiwan University of Science and Technology (NTUST), is part of a cross-school team organized by the university's "Koo-idea Campus" platform to help small farmers in Vietnam, Indonesia and Laos market their products in Taiwan.

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violence, improving conditions for the Rohingya who remain in Rakhine and creating conditions for their safe and dignified return from Bangladesh.

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## ASIA ENGAGEMENT CONSORTIUM (AEC) UPDATES

To facilitate the NSP and realize Taiwan's regional strategy for Asia, Asia Engagement Consortium (AEC) initiated by TAEF, is an international platfrom of think tanks and NGOs, which main purpose is to facilitate synergy among leading think tanks in Taiwan and neighboring countries in Asia. On Wednesday, 8th Auguest, the Asia Engagement Consortium (AEC) cooperation Delegation was signed by TAEF and other six leading think tanks and NGOs in Taiwan.

- -Taiwan ASEAN Studies Center, Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research (CHER)
- Center for South Asian Studies, National Chengchi University (CSEAS)
- Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF)
- Taiwan Alliance in International Development (Taiwan Aid)
- Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA)
- -The National Culture And Arts Foundation (NCAF)
- -The Prospect Foundation \_



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