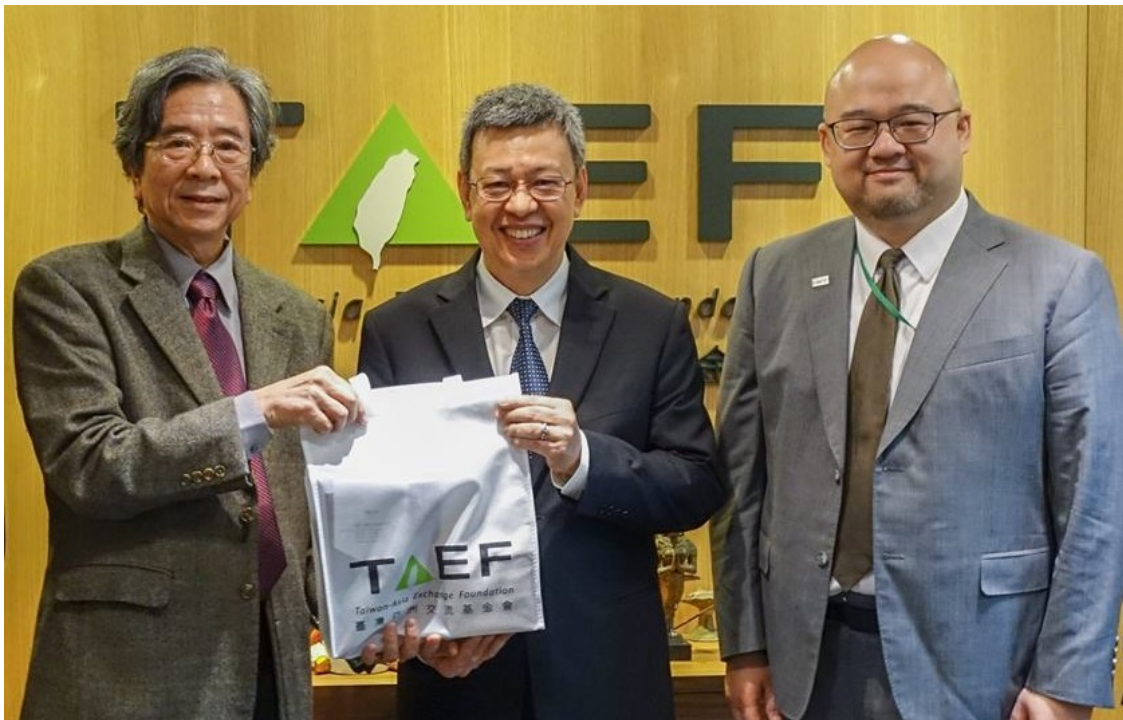


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TAEF UPDATES

Taiwan Vice President Chen Chien-jen Visits TAEF



[Thursday, January 17th, 2019](#)

Taiwan Vice President Chen Chien-jen visited TAEF and praised the foundation's efforts in promoting Taiwan's ties with Asia. Vice President Chen reiterated that the New Southbound Policy should be a "people-centered" effort to expand ties and build friendships with Southeast Asia, South Asia, Australia and New Zealand, and TAEF will continue to play an important role in enabling this progression.

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TAEF Discusses Regional Resilience Cooperation



[Friday, December 28th, 2018](#)

The Office of Trade Negotiations of Taiwan's Executive Yuan, the Taiwan Association of Disaster Prevention Industry (TADPI), the Messe Frankfurt (H.K.) LTD. and TAEF jointly discussed cooperation on regional resilience and disaster preparedness in 2019. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the 1999 Jiji earthquake, which took 2,415 lives in Taiwan.

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TAEF COMMENTARY

TAEF Currents

Recent Developments in Malaysia's Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy: A Preliminary Assessment of Malaysia-Taiwan Relations

-Ngeow Chow Bing | Deputy Director, Institute Of China Studies, University of Malaya

In 2018 Malaysia for the first time changed its ruling government through elections. The previous ruling coalition, Barisan Nasional (National Front), is disintegrating and its major component party is struggling between adopting a reformist or conservative line.

The new ruling coalition Pakatan Harapan (Hope Alliance), on the other hand, suffers from a lack of support from most Malay voters and has to take measures to assure the Malay voters. In foreign policy, Prime Minister Mahathir will adjust the foreign policy of Najib, including Malaysia's relationship with China. However, the new government will not result in a drastic change in Taiwan-Malaysia relations.

[Read full article in Chinese:](#)

New Society for Taiwan Magazine

The New Southbound Policy at Two: How Taiwan Can Return to the World

-Jeremy Huai-Che Chiang | Research Assistant, TAEF

In this article, TAEF researcher Jeremy Chiang discusses how Taiwan's New Southbound Policy serves as an important policy tool to help the island adapt to changing regional dynamics. While the world has put heavy emphasis on US-China relations and its recalibration, Jeremy argues that people should not miss out how India, Indonesia and other regional powerhouses will become increasingly influential in the coming decades. The New Southbound Policy is Taiwan's "people-centered" approach to carve new and intimate developmental relations with this region, and a "communicating language" with like-minded partners such as the US, Japan and EU to ensure the future stability of the Indo-Pacific region.

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NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY NEWS

Office of the President

President Tsai's New Year's Talk for 2019



[Tuesday, January 1st, 2019](#)

President Tsai Ing-wen delivered a new year's address on the morning of January 1 in the Presidential Office auditorium, stating that the new year will be a year of fighting for our livelihoods, protecting our democracy, and safeguarding our sovereignty.

In 2019, the changes and challenges of international society will be more severe, and more volatile. The US-China trade war will certainly impact Taiwan's overall economy, industrial development, and financial stability. President Tsai reiterated that, over the past two years, the government has been preparing for this situation in the best way possible. Through the New Southbound Policy and other policy actions, Taiwan has been working to adjust previous economic and trade strategies that were overly dependent on China to respond to dramatic changes in the international situation.

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Taiwan News

Taiwan and India set groundwork for US\$100 million in deals

[Wednesday, January 16th, 2019](#)

Representatives from India and Taiwan signed an MOU expected to facilitate economic exchange worth around US\$100 million in Taipei on Jan. 15.

The Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) also announced that they will lead a delegation of around 30 businesses involved in high-tech manufacturing to

the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019 trade show in India later this month, in a bid to foster greater India-Taiwan ties.

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South China Morning Post

Tourists flock to Taiwan in record numbers despite drop from mainland China

[Monday, December 31th, 2018](#)

Taiwan welcomed its 11 millionth visitor of the year on Sunday, a record for the island as tourists from across Asia made up for a sharp fall in arrivals from China. More than 2.3 million visitors from the New Southbound Policy's targeted countries visited the island this year – up more than 15 per cent from last year.

But Taipei also said it would review a scheme to increase visitors from Southeast Asia after more than 150 Vietnamese went missing on a tour of the island earlier in December 2018.

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SOUTHEAST ASIA / SOUTH ASIA / AUS / NZ NEWS

The New York Times

Philippines Should Take Over Shipyard to Keep It From Chinese, Officials Say

[January 17th, 2019](#)

The Philippine government should take control of the country's

South China Morning Post

Vietnam frustrated by slow pace of talks on South China Sea code of conduct

[January 17th, 2019](#)

In August China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations agreed on

Bloomberg

These Could Be the World's Biggest Economies by 2030

[January 8th, 2019](#)

Seven of the world's top 10 economies by 2030 will likely be current emerging markets. India will likely be larger than the U.S. in the same time

largest shipyard, the defense secretary said after officials raised concerns that Chinese companies seeking to take it over would act as agents of Beijing.

Among the foreign companies expressing interest in the sprawling shipyard on Subic Bay are two Chinese firms, one of which is state-owned, according to Philippine officials.

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a single draft negotiating text, and hope to wrap up talks by 2021, but Vietnam foreign minister Pham Binh Minh said the process had been “slower than expected”.

Minh said Vietnam must pursue an independent position and help avoid conflicts in the disputed waters, but described it as the “largest hurdle” to better relations between Hanoi and Beijing.


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period while Indonesia will break into the top 5 economies.

Standard Chartered projects trend growth for India to accelerate to 7.8 percent by the 2020s while China’s will moderate to 5 percent by 2030 reflecting a natural slowdown given the economy’s size.

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