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**TAEF UPDATES**

**Report on Reviewing International Development Work from a Gender Perspective**

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*Reviewing International  
Development Work from a  
Gender Perspective*

2020年6月4日(星期四)9:00-16:00

主辦單位 **TAEF**  
Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation  
臺灣亞洲交流基金會

合辦單位 Foundation for Women's  
Rights Promotion  
and Development  
婦女權益促進及發展基金會

*Monday, July 27, 2020*

**T**AEF and the Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development held a workshop on "Reviewing International Development Work from a Gender Perspective" on June 4, 2020. The workshop invited international and Taiwan's development NGOs as well as Taiwanese government officials to discuss how gender perspective can be incorporated in development work to enhance gender equality and further help achieve

the Sustainable Development Goals.

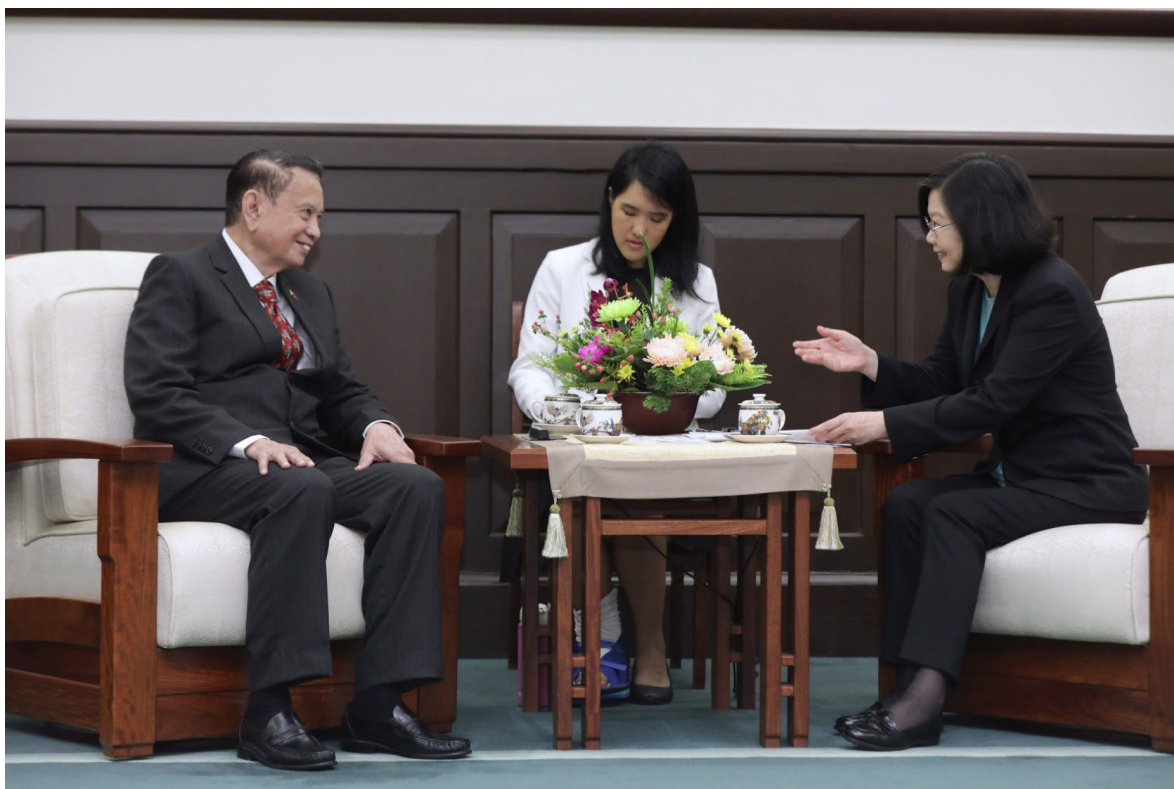
Now the Workshop Report is released. The Report contains speaker introduction, English and Chinese versions of workshop summary, and event photos.

We hope this workshop can stimulate more discussion on gender issues in the field of overseas aid and international development in Taiwan

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## TAEF COMMENTARIES

### Beyond Economics: The Value and Meaning of the New Southbound Policy



- Dr. Alan H. Yang, Executive Director, TAEF

- Mr. Cheng-Chia, Tung, Assistant Research Fellow, TAEF

*Monday, July 27, 2020*

**W**hen discussing Taiwan's New Southbound Policy (NSP), what first comes to your mind? Perhaps bilateral trade with regional partners or the economy? That is indeed the

case, as Taiwan's Southbound policy had historically focused on trade and investment for a long time. However, under the 'New' Southbound Policy, Taiwan's regional strategy towards Asia has a new orientation. South and Southeast Asia are more than just a place of manufacture. And what makes the NSP 'new' is its core value on human-oriented partnerships with Asia.

Check out TAEF's latest commentary on Taiwan Insight!

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## ASIA ENGAGEMENT CONSORTIUM UPDATES

*Taiwan Foundation for Democracy*

### **China's Great Propaganda Campaign During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

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**Alison Hsiao and Olivia Yang**

*Thursday, July 23, 2020*

The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy on May 5 launched a mini publication series of "Democracy at Work" with the first volume being "Democracy and the Great Pestilence" by world-renowned political scientist John Keane. The second volume in this series, "China's Great Propaganda Campaign During the COVID-19 Pandemic," will shed light on the People's Republic of China's orchestration of a propaganda campaign amid the global health crisis.

[Read the full report here](#)

## NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY NEWS

*Taiwan Today*

### National Development Council Rolls Out 2021-2024 National Development Plan

*Tuesday, July 14, 2020*

The National Development Council unveiled the 2021-2024 national development plan on July 13, charting a future path for Taiwan's economic growth and foreign relations.

With a focus on industrial and economic development, safe society, national security, and democratic processes—areas targeted for growth by President Tsai Ing-wen in her inaugural address in May—the plan seeks to create a new economic model, enhance the social safety net, foster environmental sustainability and deepen reciprocal relations with the country's allies and like-minded partners, the NDC said.

According to the council, the top priority is to gain Taiwan a key position in the global supply chains of the Six Core Strategic Industries by cultivating talents, spurring investment, easing regulations, and helping local businesses build up brands with global reach.

Unveiled by the president during her 2020 inauguration and building on the five-plus-two Innovative Industries Program, the Six Core Strategic Industries are set to transform Taiwan into a dynamic force in the global economy. They comprise information and digital technology; cybersecurity; biotech and medical technology; national defense; green and renewable energy; and strategic stockpile industries.

The NDC said the government will also leave no stone unturned in facilitating structural reform of critical industries, cultivating an innovative startup ecosystem, and shaping the country into a regional hub of wealth management as well as a digital nation and smart island.

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## REGIONAL HEADLINES

*SCMP*

*BBC*

*The Straits Times*

## Younger Ministers in Singapore's Ruling PAP Fully Back Heng Swee Keat as Next Leader, Says Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan

July 26, 2020

Singapore's Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan has sought to quash speculation of waning support within the ruling People's Action Party (PAP) for the country's designated future leader Heng Swee Keat, saying on Sunday that younger ministers dubbed the 4G group were in "complete unity" behind the finance tsar.

Vivian's comments to local media came a day after Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong unveiled his post-election cabinet and handed Heng, the deputy prime minister and finance minister, an additional portfolio of coordinating minister for economic affairs.

Following Heng's surprisingly thin victory margin in the July 10

## India and China Race to Build Along a Disputed Frontier

July 30, 2020

A new road to a high-altitude Indian forward air base is said to have been one of the main triggers for a clash with Chinese troops last month that left at least 20 Indian soldiers dead.

The 255km (140-mile) Darbuk-Shyok-Daulat Beg Oldi (DSDBO) road - which winds through mountain passes up to the world's highest airstrip more than 5,000m above sea level in the Ladakh region - was finished last year after nearly two decades of work. Its completion could increase India's ability to move men and materiel rapidly in a conflict.

The 15 June clash, in Ladakh's Galwan Valley, gave rise to concerns that tensions between the two

## Najib's Court Conviction Puts Umno, Biggest Party in Malaysian Government, at Crossroads

July 30, 2020

The biggest party in the Malaysian government has found itself at a crossroads after former Umno president Najib Razak was convicted of corruption and money laundering in a historic decision by the High Court on Tuesday (July 28).

Despite calls from Umno's former youth leader to "move on" from Najib - who is currently disqualified from contesting any elections - many senior leaders have publicly shown their support instead, following the conviction.

Party president Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said his party would have to "do something" following the verdict, and on Wednesday hinted at reevaluating the party's

election, some commentators had suggested that the long-ruling PAP may have second thoughts about its 2018 decision to appoint Heng, 59, to its No 2 position – essentially making him the designated successor to Prime Minister Lee.

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nuclear powers could boil over. They have never agreed on the exact position of their 3,500km border, and their armies - two of the world's largest - come face-to-face at many points along the rough, inhospitable terrain.

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"sharing arrangement" in the government.

"When honesty and kindness is set aside, any sharing arrangement should be reevaluated," Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid wrote on his Facebook account, with a picture of him offering prayers.

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