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TAEF UPDATES

TAEF Dialogue with Cortez Coopr



Monday, November 11, 2019

Cortez Cooper, Senior International/Defense Researcher, Rand Cooperation visited TAEF on November 11. One of Cooper's recent research projects centers on the development of democracy in the Asia-Pacific region. Cooper not only took advantage of this meeting to learn more about Taiwan's democracy and the New Southbound Policy, but also cordially invited TAEF to co-organize a workshop in the US to share Taiwan's experience and

viewpoints of democracy with our international partners.

Responding to Cooper's question about the significance of "democratic deficit" in Taiwan, TAEF Director Dr. Yang explained that China has been manipulating local politics and eroding Taiwan's foundation of democracy, which is now influencing Taiwan's presidential and parliamentary elections next year. Thus, it is important to let all citizens realize that their efforts could transform Taiwan; only by empowering citizens of different generations through political processes could Taiwan's mature democracy yield larger positive effects.

Regarding Taiwan's directions in developing international relations, Dr. Yang emphasized the importance of the New Southbound Policy because it concentrates on not only economics and trade but also medicine, technology, public health, culture, education, and talent cultivation. In this light, the New Southbound Policy is not simply one of Taiwan's regional strategies, but a prosperous goal that Taiwan would like to achieve with our partners.

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TAEF Dialogue with New Southbound Reporters Delegation



Wednesday, Nov 6, 2019

A New Southbound Reporters Delegation, from Thailand, Vietnam, India, and Indonesia, visited TAEF on November 6.

In the meeting, Dr. Yang stressed that Taiwan hopes to continue deepening our substantial cooperation with New Southbound countries under comfortable conditions. Most importantly, while China aims to distribute its resources through hard infrastructures, Taiwan has focused more on soft infrastructure innovation and technological training as a way to empower local communities.

In response to the reporters' questions, Dr. Yang said that Taiwan and India has always shared intensive experience of technological cooperation, and TAEF will soon release the very first Research Report on Taiwan-India Relations to discuss our bilateral developments comprehensively. He also mentioned that Taiwan's research and establishment of public health system, anti-air pollution technologies and policies, and medical technologies could all be translated into a firm foundation for Taiwan-Vietnam cooperation.

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ASIA ENGAGEMENT CONSORTIUM UPDATES

Taiwan AID

NGO Advocacy in International Development and Humanitarian Aid: Why and How



Wednesday, Nov 6, 2019

Taiwan AID held the "Afternoon Salon x NPO Hub Taipei" on November 6, focusing on the topic "NGO Advocacy in International Development and Humanitarian Aid: Why and How". Mr. Patrick Canagasingham, CEO of Christian Children's Fund of Canada, and Mr. Micah Spangler, UN Foundation's Director of Advocacy and Humanitarian Affairs, were invited to share their experience. Mr. Canagasingham shared the efforts they have done for children's education in Middle and South America, Africa, and India. Mr. Spangler talked about how they coped with the difficulties they faced when they tried to fight against climate change.

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CSEAS

"New Dynamics of Southeast Asian Politics and Economics" Workshop collaborated with St. Andrew's University, Japan

Monday, Nov 11, 2019

Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), National Chengchi University cooperated with St. Andrew's University, Japan to hold the academic workshop titled "New Dynamics of Southeast Asian Politics and Economics". Dr. Masahiro Matsumura and Dr. Akio Egawa shared the possible influence of the accounting system in Japan on East Asia. The visiting researcher of CSEAS Mark Bryan Manantan used the 3C approach (Cross-sectoral Consortium, Capacity Building, and Communication) to analyze big data construction and Internet safety in Southeast Asian countries.

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NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY NEWS

Taiwan News

Taipei Expo Opens in Philippines to Explore Business Opportunities

Friday, Nov. 8, 2019

Taiwan Expo 2019 opened at the SMX Convention Center in Davao, the Philippines on Friday (Nov. 8) as part of the island's bid to increase its commercial clout in the Southeast Asian country.

Co-organized by the Bureau of Foreign Trade and the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA), the showcase spotlights 100 companies from Taiwan. The event will focus on introducing the island's agricultural and fishery technologies to the city of Davao, which boasts fertile land and rich aquatic resources.

According to TAITRA Chairman James Huang (黃志芳), the Philippines is a market with unlocked commercial potential and a GDP per capita expected to rise to US\$4,000 in 2023 from the current US\$3,000. Similar business networking events will be held in cities in Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and India next year, he added.

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Taipei Times

Talks on Migrant Workers Ongoing

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019

Taiwan is in talks with countries that supply migrant workers following an announcement in April that it would allow dairy farms to hire migrant workers on a trial basis. The move is part of an effort to help address the country's farm labor shortage, Minister of Labor Hsu Ming-chun (許銘春) said.

Hsu said that the Ministry of Labor launched the trial program to allow Taiwanese dairy farms to employ foreign workers from developing economies. Representatives from Thailand and Indonesia have made fact-finding visits to Taiwan to gain an understanding of Taiwan's employment of agricultural workers.

According to the ministry, to protect migrant workers' rights, their home countries require their employment contracts to be verified before allowing their workers to be employed abroad.

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REGIONAL HEADLINES

The Economic Times

India decides to opt out of RCEP, says key

CNA

Hanoi struggles to curb fake 'Made in Vietnam'

Human Rights Watch

Philippine Vice President Could Score a

concerns not addressed

Nov. 5, 2019

India won't join the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) because concerns about getting swamped by imports under the agreement — putting its domestic industry and agriculture at risk — haven't been assuaged.

Domestic industry and dairy farmers had strong reservations about the trade pact. India's trade deficit with the RCEP nations is \$105 billion, of which China alone accounts for \$54 billion. The main worry is over Chinese manufactured goods and dairy products from New Zealand flooding Indian markets, hurting domestic interests. The trade agreement was also seen as being detrimental to the government's Make in India initiative.

India was looking for specific rules of origin to ensure the trade pact wasn't abused by non-partner countries and an auto-trigger mechanism to protect it from a surge in imports.

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Nov. 14, 2019

Exporters have started shifting production from China to Vietnam to avoid steep tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump on hundreds of billions of dollars worth of Chinese goods.

The move has also prompted concerns on a rise in manufacturers illegally claiming their products are from Vietnam when they in fact originate in China - and authorities have vowed to crack down with more stringent inspections and punishments.

Custom officials in Hanoi said on Thursday they currently lack the resources to properly tackle the issue, and only five per cent of all import-export declaration forms are verified.

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'Drug War' Win


Nov. 12, 2019

No one was surprised when Philippine Vice President Leni Robredo said recently that the country's "war on drugs," in which police have admitted to killing more than 5,500 people, was "not working." She has spoken out frequently against President Rodrigo Duterte's brutal and bloody campaign whose actual death toll may exceed 27,000 victims, according to human rights groups. What came as a surprise was Duterte's reaction: he dared her to run the campaign against drugs herself.

Duterte administration officials and allies have already predicted her failure, while many of those who warned her about this "poisoned chalice" are now offering her advice. One senator even told her to "watch your back."

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