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## TAEF UPDATES

### 2019 Yushan Forum Yields Fruitful Results



*Wednesday, Oct 09, 2019*

The 2019 Yushan Forum, held on October 8-9, was attended by 30 ambassadors and foreign representatives from 22 countries. This two-day forum had also attracted over 1,000 participants coming from 31 countries, including 31 international partners from 13 countries serving as panelists. In the opening ceremony, President Tsai Ing-wen recognized Taiwan's critical role in fostering regional prosperity through the New Southbound Policy. All panelists and discussants in the ensuing sessions shared the same thought with President Tsai, and developed fruitful and dynamic discussions with each

other. TAEF will publish our analysis of the forum recently. We will keep you updated!

## TAEF Welcomes the Center for American Progress (CAP, USA)



*Wednesday, Oct 16, 2019*

The CAP delegation led by former senator Mr. Thomas A. Daschle was welcomed by TAEF Executive Director Dr. Alan Hao Yang. Both sides developed in-depth discussions especially on Taiwan's New Southbound Policy, the effects of the US-China Trade War on the region, and the collaborative efforts between Taiwan and its partners on disaster prevention. The dialogue focused on questions concerning the differences between Taiwan's and China's approaches to regional development. According to Dr. Yang, different from China, Taiwan's approach was aiming for promoting common interests, and Taiwan will not ask its partners to take a side because Taiwan would to stop partners from pursuing what suits their interests the most. Mr. Daschle also congratulated TAEF on its accomplishments in one year after its establishment, and expressed his supports to the success of the New Southbound Policy.

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## ASIA ENGAGEMENT CONSORTIUM UPDATES

*NCKU CVS*

**The 4th International Conference on Vietnamese and Taiwanese Studies**

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**Nov. 23~24**

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Wednesday, Oct 16, 2019

The largest conference on Vietnamese studies in Taiwan! The list of [accepted papers](#) was released. If you are interested in participating in the conference, please [register](#) here. You could also read the [tentative program](#) online.

> Conference venue: [Department of Taiwanese Literature, National Cheng Kung University](#)

> Conference date: Nov. 23-24, 2019



TAEF X TMU

# International Conference on Smart Disaster Prevention and Earthquake Emergency Medicine

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## International Conference on Smart Disaster Prevention and Earthquake Emergency Medicine

Date: October 24th, 2019 (Thursday)

Venue: Floor 16th, United Medical Building (Back Building), Taipei Medical University, Taiwan

Organizers: TMU Research Center of Health and Welfare Policy, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation

Time	Topic	Speaker
09:00~09:10	Opening Remarks	<b>Dr. Cheng-Yu Chen</b> Vice-President, Taipei Medical University, Taiwan <b>Dr. Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao</b> Chairman, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation, Taiwan <b>Dr. Chung-Liang Shih</b> Director-General, Department of Medical Affairs, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan
09:10~09:50	Keynote Address-1 Earthquake Preparedness and Community Resilience in Japan and the World	<b>Moderator</b> <b>Dr. Yi-Hua Chen</b> Vice-Dean, College of Public Health, Taipei Medical University, Taiwan <b>Speaker</b> <b>Dr. Satoru Nishikawa</b> Professor, Disaster Mitigation Research Center, Nagoya University, Japan
09:50~10:30	Keynote Address-2 Earthquake Emergency Medicine in Taiwan	<b>Moderator</b> <b>Dr. Wu-Tai Wu</b> Director, Office of Disaster Management, Taiwan <b>Speaker</b> <b>Dr. Chih-Hao Lin</b> Associate Professor, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan
10:30~10:50	Break Time	
10:50~11:30	Keynote Address-3 Post-Earthquake Community Recovery and Public Health in Japan	<b>Moderator</b> <b>Dr. Wu-Tai Wu</b> Director, Office of Disaster Management, Taiwan <b>Speaker</b> <b>Dr. Kanbara Sakiko</b> Disaster Nursing Global Leader Program, University of Kochi, Japan
11:30~12:10	Panel Discussion	<b>Moderator</b> <b>Dr. Chih-Hao Lin</b> Associate Professor, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan <b>Panelist</b> 1. <b>Dr. Wei-Chuan Tsai</b> (Vice-President, Chu Sheng Show Chwan Hospital) 2. <b>Dr. Satoru Nishikawa</b> 3. <b>Dr. Kanbara Sakiko</b> 4. <b>Dr. Wu-Tai Wu</b>
12:10~13:30	Lunch Time	
13:30~14:30	Smart Disaster Prevention Technology (30mins for each) 1. Smart Disaster Reduction — Hybrid Earthquake Early Warning System 2. AI and Smart Disaster Prevention Industry in Taiwan	<b>Moderator</b> <b>Dr. Tzay-Jinn Chen</b> Director, TMU Research Center of Health and Welfare Policy, Taiwan <b>Speaker</b> 1. <b>Dr. Pei-Yang Lin</b> (Research Fellow, National Center for Research on Earthquake Engineering, Taiwan) 2. <b>Dr. James Shen</b> (Director of Dept. of R&D, Thinktron Ltd., Taiwan)
14:30~14:50	Break Time	
14:50~15:50	Application of Big Data in Earthquake Preparedness and Emergency Medical Services Management (30mins for each) 1. Big Data Application in Disaster Response and Evacuation planning 2. Big Data Application in Emergency Medical Distribution of Mass Casualties from Disaster Scenes	<b>Moderator</b> <b>Dr. Min-Huei Hsu</b> Chairman and Professor, Taipei Medical University Graduate Institute of Data Science/Bachelor Program in Data Science and Management, Taiwan <b>Speaker</b> 1. <b>Dr. Siao-Syun Ke</b> (Division Head of Earthquake and Man-made Disaster Division, National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction, Taiwan) 2. <b>Dr. Shou-Wen Chuang</b> (Associate Professor, TMU Research Center of Health and Welfare Policy, Taiwan)
15:50~16:30	Panel Discussion	<b>Moderator</b> <b>Dr. Min-Huei Hsu</b> Chairman and Professor, Taipei Medical University Graduate Institute of Data Science/Bachelor Program in Data Science and Management, Taiwan <b>Panelist</b> 1. <b>Dr. Satoru Nishikawa</b> 2. <b>Dr. Kanbara Sakiko</b> 3. <b>Dr. Tzay-Jinn Chen</b> 4. <b>Dr. Shou-Wen Chuang</b> 5. <b>Dr. Pei-Yang Lin</b> 6. <b>Dr. Thomas Cheng</b> 7. <b>Dr. Shyh-Jann Hwang</b> 8. <b>Dr. Chih-Hao Lin</b>



Free Registration by October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
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*Tuesday, Oct 15, 2019*

**H**ow do we develop more comprehensive systems of disaster prevention and post-disaster reconstruction has been a vital issue for Taiwan, since it is situated in the Circum-Pacific seismic zone. To address this issue and facilitate in-depth dialogue among various social sectors, TMU Research Center of Health and Welfare Policy and TAEF have collaboratively organized an international conference on "Smart Disaster Prevention and Earthquake Emergency Medicine." Renowned Professor Satoru Nishikawa and Professor Kanbara Sakiko will also participate in the conference to share their long-term experiences on pertinent topics.

< Conference venue: Floor 16th, United Medical Building (Back Building), TMU

< Conference date: Oct. 24, 2019

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## NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY NEWS

*The Edge Markets*

### **Trade War Diverts Taiwan's Dependence on China**

*Monday, Oct. 14, 2019*

The ongoing trade war between the US and China, which has led to adjustments in the global supply chain, has helped the Taiwanese government's move to reduce the country's trade dependency on the world's second-largest economy to Asean and South Asia.

In addition, the island nation's Mainland Affairs Council deputy minister Chen Ming-chi said Taipei's effort, in encouraging businesses to invest in 18 countries, including Malaysia, under the New Southbound Policy (NSP), is bearing fruit.

"Taiwan is facing the China dilemma, which means on one hand we have very close economic ties with China, on the other, China is our No 1 threat on national security. "So this government has to help solve this dilemma, we encourage our companies to invest in Southeast and South Asia countries, under our NSP," he told a group of media delegation in Taipei last month.

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*Pharma Boardroom*

### **Taiwan's New Southbound Policy: Enhancing Regional Ties**



*Monday, Oct. 14, 2019*

In an effort to enhance trade and cooperation with other countries in the region and reduce dependency on mainland China, in 2016 Taiwan's government introduced the New Southbound Policy (NSP). The policy has been designed to leverage educational, technological, and economic assets to enhance Taiwan's regional integration and increased medical diplomacy has become one of the initiative's key pillars.

By building a world-class social insurance system, Taiwan has established itself as a regional frontrunner in healthcare. Indeed, in 2018, Bloomberg ranked Taiwan ninth in terms of healthcare efficiency out of 56 global economies indexed. Now, the government hopes to inspire and support other countries in cultivating enhanced healthcare. Thus far, the launch of a "One Country, One Center" (1C1C) initiative "commissions seven medical centres in Taiwan to deepen our collaboration in the areas of public health and medicine with target countries including Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Myanmar, and the Philippines," explains [Shih-Chung Chen, minister of health and welfare](#).

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*Taiwan News*

**Taiwan president and YouTuber introduce Vietnamese cuisine**



*Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019*

Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen (蔡英文) joined Thai-Taiwanese YouTuber Chien-Chien (千千) on her show "[Chien-Chien is Eating](#)" (千千進食中) to discuss the New Southbound Policy and Vietnamese dishes on Friday (Oct. 11), garnering more than 200,000 views in under a day.

The 28-year-old Chien-Chien emerged as an online star when she participated in a 2016 Japanese eating contest, winning the title "Taiwanese Fairy" in the process. She had previously worked as a registered nurse, but would occasionally introduce local restaurants and snacks on her YouTube channel, which became a fan favorite, according to [GO Magazine](#).

In the newest episode of "Chien-Chien is Eating," President Tsai said Taiwan is a food heaven notable for its street snacks and cross-cultural cuisine from East Asian countries, including Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia and Japan. She added that immigrants have enriched Taiwan with new cultural elements, reported [Liberty Times](#).

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## SOUTHEAST ASIA / SOUTH ASIA / AUS / NZ NEWS

*Foreign Policy*

**South Asia  
Used to Be the  
World's Fastest-  
Growing  
Region. Now**

*The Diplomat*

**Confronting  
Southeast  
Asia's Big  
Education  
Challenge**

*Brookings  
Institute*

**Don't Make Us  
Choose:  
Southeast Asia  
in the Throes of  
US-China**

## It's Facing an Economic Slowdown.

Oct. 15, 2019

South Asia is experiencing a “sharp economic slowdown” because of a drop in domestic consumption, according to a [World Bank report](#) released this week. While each of the region’s eight economies is projected to keep growing, South Asia has already fallen from its perch as the world’s fastest-growing region, replaced by East Asia and the Pacific.

Of all the countries in the region, the World Bank slashed India’s growth forecast by the most, from 7.5 percent to 6 percent for the fiscal year that began in April. Bangladesh and Nepal, on the other hand, had their growth projections revised upward, but only slightly. As shown below, every country—barring Bangladesh, Nepal, and Bhutan—is now growing at a rate slower than its recent five-year average.

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## Rivalry

Oct, 2019

On October 5, the world commemorated World Teachers’ Day, and key Southeast Asian countries did not miss out on some of the commemorations. The theme of the Cambodian Interior Minister speech to a room full of teachers was “digital study”. Lao Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith called on his country’s woefully paid educators to shoulder more responsibilities. And the Philippines marked the event for the first time, with the Department of Education handing out prizes to some 4,500 public school teachers. It isn’t entirely surprising that Southeast Asian leaders would toast this arbitrary observance. Prime Minister Prayut Chan-ocha has promised first-rate education as a way of Thailand becoming a developed country by 2036. Cambodian and Lao governments know educational standards must be improved if their economies are to move away from low-cost, low-skilled

U.S.-China rivalry has intensified significantly in Southeast Asia over the past year. This report chronicles the unfolding drama as it stretched across the major Asian summits in late 2018, the Second Belt and Road Forum in April 2019, the Shangri-La Dialogue in May-June, and the 34th summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in August. Focusing especially on geoeconomic aspects of U.S.-China competition, the report investigates the contending strategic visions of Washington and Beijing and closely examines the region’s response. In particular, it examines regional reactions to the Trump administration’s Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) strategy. FOIP singles out China for pursuing regional hegemony, says Beijing is leveraging “predatory economics” to coerce other nations, and poses a clear choice between “free” and “repressive” visions of world order in the Indo-Pacific region.




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