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**TAEF UPDATES**

**TAEF Welcomes Foreign Media Delegation**



*Monday, December 3rd, 2018*

A foreign media delegation visited TAEF on Dec. 3rd, and were welcomed by Chairman Dr. H.H. Michael Hsiao and Executive Director Dr. Alan Hao Yang. All members of this delegation were from important international media outlets in Asia and beyond. Both sides enjoyed a candid exchange on Taiwan's New Southbound Policy.

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**TAEF Introduces New Southbound Policy to Students from Indonesia**



*Wednesday, November 28th, 2018*

TAEF staff members introduced the New Southbound Policy to faculty members and students from the Airlangga University on Nov.28. They were on a study trip to Taiwan. Our young Indonesian friends participated with great enthusiasm, and all looked forward to enhanced Taiwan-Indonesia relations.

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## NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY NEWS

*Focus Taiwan*

### Taiwan Records 10 Millionth Foreign Visitor for 2018



*Monday, December 3rd, 2018*

Foreign visitor arrivals to Taiwan this year reached 10 million on the weekend, hitting that mark for the fourth consecutive year.

So far this year, Huang Yi-ping, section chief at the bureau's International Travel Division, Tourism Bureau, said 25 percent of the foreign visitor arrivals have been from the 18 countries in Southeast Asia, South Asia and Oceania listed in the New Southbound Policy. The annual increase this year in arrivals from Southeast Asian

countries has been 20 percent, from the Philippines 50 percent, and from Vietnam 30 percent, she said.

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## *Taiwan Today*

### **Indonesia-based NGO Claims Taiwan Human Rights Award**



[Thursday, November 29th, 2018](#)

Gusdurian Network Indonesia is the winner of the Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award according to organizer Taiwan Foundation for Democracy Nov. 28.

Noting that this year marks the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the 20th anniversary of the U.N. Declaration on Human Rights Defenders, Legislative Yuan President Su Jia-chyuan said that fighting injustice is the responsibility of every citizen and government, Su also praised the organization as a well-deserved recipient whose work in advocating diversity and tackling discrimination serves as a model for nations around the world.

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## *Taiwan News*

### **Philippine Celebrity Team Plays Filipino OFWs in Taiwan Basketball Tournament**

[Monday, November 26th, 2018](#)

A team of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) played a close game with a celebrities

team from the Philippines in the finals of the "Kapamilya Playoffs in Taiwan," which took place in Taichung. The event was organized by the Filipino media conglomerate ABS-CBN and its global television network, The Filipino Channel (TFC), with the support of the Manila Economic and Cultural Office (MECO) in Taiwan by Chairman and Resident Representative Mr. Angelito T. Banayo.

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## *Focus Taiwan*

### **MOFA to Launch more New Southbound Policy Training Courses**

*Tuesday, November 20th, 2018*

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) will launch two training programs next year for people from 16 countries covered by the New Southbound Policy to strengthen their start-up capabilities and make agricultural businesses more efficient.

One of the two courses will focus on helping youths from the 10 ASEAN countries and six South Asian countries use creativity to start their own small businesses while another will show them how to use technology to improve their agricultural sectors, Phoebe Yeh, director-general of the MOFA's Department of International Cooperation and Economic Affairs said.

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

*The Straits Times*

**New Zealand Intelligence Bans China's Huawei from 5G Roll-out**

*November 28th, 2018*

New Zealand's largest telecoms carrier Spark said that the country's

*The Manila Times*

**Firms Pledge Training for Workers in Southeast Asia**

*November 21st, 2018*

Microsoft, Google and other major technology companies have promised to help

*The Hindu*

**Only 40% of RCEP Items Finalized: Officials**

*November 26th, 2018*

With just about 40% of the agenda items having been resolved, there is still a long way to go before the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

intelligence agency had barred it from using equipment provided by China's Huawei in its 5G network as it posed "significant national security risks".

**T**he move follows reports the United States is urging its allies to exclude the Chinese telecoms giant from 5G roll-outs over cyber security fears. Spark said in a statement that it was legally obliged to inform the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) about its 5G plans.

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provide training in digital skills for around 20 million people in Southeast Asia by 2020 to make sure the region's burgeoning working-age population is a fit for the future job market.

**T**he World Economic Forum think tank announced its "ASEAN Digital Skills Vision 2020" initiative to improve the technological capacity of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations with training, funds for scholarships, internships and shaping the curricula of technology and computing courses, among other measures.

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(RCEP) talks are concluded, according to officials in the Indian Commerce Ministry. They added that it was agreed during the recently-concluded Singapore Ministerial meeting that the deadline for an agreement be shifted to 2019.

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