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TAEF Welcomes U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



Tuesday, April 3rd, 2019

TAEF Chairman Michael Hsiao received a delegation comprising representatives from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the American Institute in Taiwan. The EPA hopes to further engage Taiwanese stakeholders on matters of environmental education, with a particular emphasis on youth involvement.

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TAEF Welcomes Dr. Julio Teehankee from De La Salle University



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Friday, March 29th, 2019
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Renowned political scientist Dr. Julio Teehankee, Full Professor of Political Science and International Studies at the De La Salle University (DLSU), visited the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation.

He was received by TAEF Executive Director Dr. Alan Hao Yang, with whom he shared on-going efforts being done by the DLSU community and several Philippine academic circles in promoting public open discourse, particularly on the matters of Southeast Asian affairs. Similarly, Dr. Yang touched on the momentum of Taiwan's New Southbound Policy in the region and emphasized on the importance of the Philippines as one of Taiwan's closest neighbors. Both sides enjoyed a candid and fruitful discussion on future cooperation

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ASIA ENGAGEMENT CONSORTIUM UPDATES

Taiwan Foundation for Democracy 14th Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award [Call for Nominations]

Monday, April 1st, 2019

The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD) is calling for nominations for the 14th Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award (ADHRA).

The ADHRA is awarded annually to one individual or organization that has made significant contributions to the advancement of democracy or human rights in Asia through peaceful means. The laureate will receive a US\$100,000 grant at an award ceremony in Taipei on International Human Rights Day, which is commemorated annually on December 10th worldwide.

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National Culture and Arts Foundation

Curators' Intensive Taipei 19: Emerging Curators' Workshops [Call for Applications]



Friday, May 18th, 2019

The National Culture and Arts Foundation and the Taipei Fine Arts Museum will coorganize the Curators' Intensive Taipei 19 (CIT19) this year. Programmed by TheCube Project Space, the CIT19 will proceed in a two-pronged fashion— an international conference and workshops, echoing the diversification of contemporary curatorial approaches and forging a platform for international dialogue and exchange.

The international conference will be preceded by a series of curators' workshops scheduled in May and June 2019. Art practitioners/curators par excellence (including institutional curators, independent curators and researchers from performing arts, visual arts, commercial galleries and non-profit independent spaces) from Taiwan and abroad have been invited to lead these workshops. Participants can learn, cogitate and

put their ideas into practice through the group interaction and pluralistic dialogue that these workshops offer.

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NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY NEWS

Taiwan News

Taiwan Signs MOU with Nepalese Cities to Assist with Earthquake Response



Thursday, March 28th, 2019

Taiwan's National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction (NCDR), under the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with two cities in Nepal on Thursday, March 28 to assist the region with earthquake monitoring technology and expertise.

The MOU called for the development of a disaster information network to prevent the loss of life and improve response measures in the event of natural disasters.

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Taiwan News New Taipei and West Java, Indonesia Sign MOU on Smart Technology



Tuesday, March 26th, 2019

New Taipei City signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the province of West Java, Indonesia to promote smart city solutions from Taiwan in New Southbound Policy partner states on Tuesday, March 26. The accord was signed by West Java Provincial Advisor and Nahdlatul Ulama Economic Chief Eman Suryaman and New Taipei Mayor Hou You-Yi (侯友宜).

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SOUTHEAST ASIA / SOUTH ASIA / AUS / NZ NEWS

Nikkei Asian Review Singapore Latest to Join Asian Push Against Fake News BBC Jakarta Launches Metro to Battle Notorious Traffic Problems

CNN

Brunei to Punish Gay Sex and Adultery with Death by Stoning

March 30th, 2019

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A new law which comes

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Singapore has joined a growing campaign in Asia to crack down on fake or misleading information on the internet, prompting concerns that government-led efforts could infringe on the already limited freedom of speech in the citystate.

A sweeping bill submitted to parliament on Monday would remove or force corrections to online information considered inaccurate by government monitors. In addition to individuals and businesses responsible for the information, platform operators such as Facebook and Yahoo would be required to take action to limit the viewing of such content.

Jakarta has begun commercial operation of its first metro line, with many hoping it will ease the notorious traffic in Indonesia's capital.

The new line is the first phase of a larger Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) project, covering a 16km route so far.

It follows two weeks of a trial run where people could use the trains for free.

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into effect from next week will punish homosexual sex and adultery with death in the small southeast Asian kingdom of Brunei.

Beginning on April 3, any individuals found guilty of the offenses will be stoned to death, according to a new penal code. The punishment will be "witnessed by a group of Muslims."

The country's strict new laws were announced in 2014, and have been rolled out gradually. The latest phase of implementation, including the brutal new provisions, was quietly announced on the Brunei attorney general's website on December 29, 2018.

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