
TAEF UPDATES

TAEF India and South Asia Task Force Launched

[Tuesday, August 28th, 2018](#)

The "TAEF India and South Asia Task Force" held its inaugural meeting last Friday. The Task Force aims to incubate Taiwan's South Asian studies research community and author impactful research reports on Taiwan-South Asia relations.

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TAEF Welcomes 2018 AYLD Delegation

[Friday, August 17th, 2018](#)

The TAEF received the 2018 "Asia Young Leaders for Democracy" Delegation from Taiwan Foundation for Democracy this afternoon, which included 18 young leaders from around the Indo-Pacific region. We had a very fruitful discussion on social issues in the region, and how Taiwan's New Southbound Policy and TAEF can contribute in addressing these challenges.

The AYLD delegation gave important local insights on how Taiwan's continued



engagement can create positive impacts for the region.

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NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY (NSP) NEWS

Taipei Times: **INTERVIEW: Foundation to complement efforts in implementing New Southbound Policy**

[Monday, August 27th, 2018](#)

Sitting in the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation's (TAEF) office against a backdrop of neatly arranged artifacts from Southeast Asia that he collected over the years, TAEF chairman Michael Hsiao (蕭新煌) used a few sentences to describe the foundation's role.

"In a nutshell, the foundation's purpose is to serve a complementary role in the government's execution of its New Southbound Policy," Hsiao said of the newly established body in an interview with the Taipei Times and its sister paper, the Liberty Times, on Tuesday.

"What we aim to do is to promote [Taiwan's] soft power and public diplomacy," he said.

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Taiwan News: **Taiwan's "New Southbound Policy Portal" to add 3 SE Asian Languages**

[Monday, August 27th, 2018](#)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Taiwan (MOFA) added Indonesian, Thai, and Vietnamese languages to the "New Southbound Policy Portal" website on Aug. 24.

The website was originally designed in Chinese and English. In line with the diplomatic goals outlined by MOFA Minister Wu Chao Hsieh of "promoting the New Southbound Policy at full speed" and "strengthening public diplomacy and international vocal energy," MOFA has added several Southeast Asian languages to the site.

MOFA hopes the different language options will help people from New Southbound Policy target countries to get the latest information on Taiwan's politics, economy, society, and culture. The ministry said that it aims to enhance the government's

promotion of the New Southbound Policy and will also continue to integrate the Portal with other social media tools, including Facebook, Twitter, and Youtube.

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Indian Newslink: **New Mantra resonates in the Republic of China**

[Monday, August 27th, 2018](#)

Three words echo these days in every corridor of the government in the Republic of China: New Southbound Policy (NSP). From the Taipei City in the North to Kaohsiung in the South, one could sense the excitement in the new approach to diplomacy of a nation that has been struggling for world recognition over several decades.

There is recognition for the Republic of China, or Taiwan, on the economic front, although almost all countries of the world, including India, Australia, and New Zealand, follow the 'One China Policy' proclaimed more than 25 years ago. Almost every country has trade ties with Taiwan – its total exports last year were valued at US\$ 317.25 billion, an impressive performance for a country of less than 24 million people.

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Vietnam+: **Taiwanese Youths Seek Agricultural Opportunities in Vietnam**

[Wednesday, August 22nd, 2018](#)

Fifteen outstanding youths from Taiwan are in Vietnam to take part in a Vietnam-Taiwan agricultural development exchange, which runs from August 27 to September 1.

The young people had surpassed 200 candidates at home to represent Taiwanese farmers with the aim of either establishing a business, transferring technologies, or distributing products in Vietnam. They are competent in agro-forestry-fishery practices with diverse knowledge on agribusiness, organic farming, and agricultural medicine.

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Indian Newslink: **New Southbound Policy Brings Taiwan Closer to Asia Pacific**

[Wednesday, August 22nd, 2018](#)

While the Republic of China (Taiwan) continues to register impressive strides in economic growth and social development, its anxiety to promote its cherished ambition of obtaining 'Free Taiwan' status through diplomatic recognition with the rest of the world remains strong.

From a political standpoint, the country of 23.57 million people boasts of a robust democracy, a populist government and a flourishing private sector.
Impressive progress

The country's overseas trade value was placed at US\$ 576.51 billion as at the end of 2017, of which exports constituted US\$ 259.26 billion. With foreign exchange reserves remaining healthy at US\$ 457.12 billion and Per Capita GNP (GNI) at US\$ 24,984, the economy grew by 2.89% in 2017, although forecast for the current year is at a lower rate of 2.48%.

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大紀元: 菲律賓來台取經 健保署推展新南向

[August 28th, 2018](#)

菲律賓衛生部及健保局 (PhilHealth) 官員8月28日至30日來台學習全民健保 總額支付制度 (Global Budget) 及疾病診斷關聯群 (Tw-DRGs) 實施歷程，健保署長 李伯璋說，藉由健保領域與菲律賓 衛生健保官員進行專業實質交流與對話，落實新南向政策，期待未來以更緊密的合作模式，共同增進民眾健康。

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中時電子報: 攜手邁進新南向國家市場 國立歷史博物館參加「2018泰國臺灣形象展」

[August 29th, 2018](#)

全球各大博物館近年來掀起一波發展文創產業的新浪潮，並透過參加大型授權展作為行銷博物館的途徑，國立歷史博物館(National Museum of History, 史博館)積極將數位典藏與數位文創應用效益與影響力，從臺灣的本土市場規模開拓至國際場域，規劃透過建立參與國際級展會以及文創衍生品展會之模式，以有效推廣臺灣的博物館豐富的數位典藏於全球文博產業，並加強提升博物館產業與國家形象之文化底蘊。

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中央通訊社: 流行音樂新南向 首站馬來西亞泰國

[August 28th, 2018](#)

文化部協助台灣流行音樂業者開拓東南亞市場，首站針對馬來西亞及泰國。影視局長徐宜君今天說，透過商務交流、與當地藝人共演，創造深化當地的媒合平台，開拓更多新南向市場機會。

為推動流行音樂產業新南向，文化部影視及流行音樂產業局今年首度辦理「流行音樂拓展東南亞市場計畫」，帶領台灣業者赴馬來西亞和泰國，辦理商務交流、展演活動及媒合會。影視局指出，首站將於9月2日至5日前往馬來西亞進行交流參訪，預計有近50名流行音樂產業人士參與，並於3日晚間在「吉隆坡表演藝術中心」舉辦台灣之夜。

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SOUTHEAST/SOUTH ASIA NEWS

*Observer
Research
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**Little red dot
diplomacy:
Singapore's
increasing
geopolitical
prominence**

[August 28th, 2018](#)

Singapore's economic exceptionalism has long been codified in the fact it is the world's easiest place to do business, has the highest concentration of millionaires per capita (statistics reveal one in six is a millionaire) and a plethora have

*Hindustan
Times:*
**India
reiterates call
for peace,
stability in
Indian Ocean
region: Swaraj**

[August 28th, 2018](#)

Pointing out that the seas around India have nurtured its links of commerce and culture with its extended neighbourhood over millenia, external affairs minister Sushma Swaraj on Monday said that nurturing a climate of peace and stability in this region is an

*Nikkei Asian
Review:*
**Malaysia's
PM-Designate
Anwar Backs
Review of
Malay
Privileges**

[August 28th, 2018](#)

Malaysia's prime minister-designate Anwar Ibrahim on Tuesday outlined plans for institutional reforms including the review of affirmative action for ethnic Malays known as Bumiputra, while giving Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad

multinationals that have their Asia-Pacific headquarters in the city state.

Much of the foundations of Singapore's economic prowess have been credited to the perspicacity and gumption Singapore's founding Prime Minister, the late Mr. Lee Kuan Yew.

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important priority for New Delhi's foreign policy.

"This region is host to the world's busiest waterways and three quarters of that traffic is headed for destinations beyond our region," Sushma Swaraj said while addressing the Third Indian Ocean Conference in Hanoi.

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leeway in running the government.

"I intend to be in parliament the latest by October through a by-election," Anwar told the Nikkei Asian Review in an interview at the People's Justice Party headquarters on the outskirts of the Malaysian capital.

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Asian NGO International Development Conference 2018

The "Asian NGO International Development Conference" hosted by Taiwan AID has drawn over 200 participants from 20 countries every year since its first forum in 2012.

In 2018, the "Asian NGO International Development Conference" hosted by Taiwan AID and TAEF will discuss how Asian NGOs implement Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under local contexts, particularly from the perspectives of South-South cooperation, youth empowerment and how enterprises put SDGs into practice.

- Date: Oct. 8 (Mon.) 9:00-17:00 / Oct.9 (Tue.) 9:00-12:00
- Venue: Socrates Hall, GIS NTU Convention Center (B1, No. 85, Sec. 4, Roosevelt Rd., Taipei City, Taiwan)
- Registration Fee : 500 NTD (Invited guests are free of charge)
- Registration Link : <https://goo.gl/forms/XALVx4UENv3jMKzc2>



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