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TAEF UPDATES

The Yushan Forum: Asian Dialogue for Innovation and Progress (ADIP)





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YUSHAN FORUM:
ASIAN DIALOGUE FOR
INNOVATION AND PROGRESS
亞洲創新與進步對話

Deepening Progressive Partnerships in Asia 深化亞洲進步夥伴關係

Friday, Oct 04, 2019

The Yushan Forum: Asian Dialogue for Innovation and Progress (ADIP) is a platform for Asian regional dialogue initiated by Taiwan, with the purpose of expanding multifaceted opportunities for cooperation and facilitating the exchange of ideas, talents, technologies, and social initiatives. With the aim to deepen Taiwan's partnerships with Asian nations, this event will feature the attendance of leaders, thinkers, innovators, and young leaders from across Asia and other like-minded countries. The theme of this year is "Deepening Progressive Partnerships in Asia", and will be held on October 8-9 in Grand Hyatt Taipei.

TAEF Welcomes the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS, Japan)



Wednesday, Oct 02, 2019

GRIPS was welcomed by TAEF Executive Director Dr. Alan Hao Yang. Both sides enjoyed in-depth discussions especially on Taiwan's New Southbound Policy, young talents, and transnational cooperation. They also touched upon the possibilities of how TAEF and GRIPS collaborating on programs that endeavor to cultivate young talents.

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South Asia Watch presents Kashmir and Her Stakeholders



The poster features a dark green background on the right side and a light orange background on the left. The text is in white and orange. At the top right, it says '2019.10.5 PM2:00'. Below that, the venue is listed in Chinese and English: '台中市政府INGO中心 霧峰區光復新村信義路27號' and 'Venue: Taichung INGO Center 27, Xinyi Rd., Guangfu Village'. The main title is in large white Chinese characters: '南亞觀察論壇 喀什米爾爭議面面觀'. Below the title is the English translation 'Kashmir and Her Stakeholders'. In the bottom left corner, there is a circular orange logo with a geometric pattern.

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南亞觀察論壇
喀什米爾爭議面面觀
Kashmir and Her Stakeholders

Sunday, Sep 29 2019

Organized by South Asia Watch and supported by TAEF, "Kashmir and Her Stakeholders" will be held on 05 October 2019 in Taichung, Taiwan. The forum will feature speakers from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Taiwan to discuss the situation in Kashmir within an international context and possible future developments.

[*Read more in Chinese*](#)

TAEF Welcomes the Indo-Pacific Press Group



Monday, Sep 23, 2019

The Indo-Pacific Press Group visited TAEF on September 23, 2019 and was welcomed by TAEF Executive Director Dr. Alan Hao Yang. Both sides enjoyed a candid and fruitful discussion on Taiwan's agricultural, medical, and economic cooperation with New Southbound countries.

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ASIA ENGAGEMENT CONSORTIUM UPDATES

NCCU CSEAS

Learning From Each Other: Scholarly Exchanges in Southeast Asian Studies



Friday, Oct 04, 2019

Separated by a little more than an hour's flight, Taiwan and the Philippines are in the same time zone and face similar social, economic, and labor issues. By harnessing the power of academic platforms, young scholars at National Chengchi University's Center for Southeast Asian Studies hope to find solutions for issues such as land reform, poverty, and preservation of cultures.

Last year, 15 students from countries including Taiwan, the Philippines, Cambodia, and Vietnam participated in the first Winter School for Advanced Philippine Studies workshop. The course was jointly organized by National Chengchi University's Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), the Philippines' Southeast Asian Studies Regional Exchange Program (SEASREP), National Chi Nan University's Department of Southeast Asian Studies, and the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF). The workshop aims to cultivate young Taiwanese and Asian scholars and experts who are familiar with Taiwanese and Southeast Asian affairs.

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Taiwan News

TAITRA Organizes Taiwan Expo in Indonesia 2019



Saturday, Sep 28, 2019

Organized by the Bureau of Foreign Trade (BOFT), Ministry of Economic Affairs and TAITRA, the Taiwan Expo 2019 in Indonesia was held on 26-28 September 2019 in Surabaya, Indonesia. A total of 190 booths across 6 major industries were presented, including smart technology, education, culture, tourism, health care and halal food. Products from Taiwan's space industry were also featured as part of the Expo.

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NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY NEWS

Taiwan News

Taiwan, Vietnam Ink MOU on Husbandry Cooperation



Wednesday, Sep 25, 2019

Taiwan and Vietnam signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to cooperate in the husbandry industry on Wednesday (Sept. 25), as part of the island nation's bid to promote exchanges with Southeast Asia.

The document was inked at the second forum on the "Genetic Selection on Climate-Resilient Farm Animals" held in Taipei, reported [United Daily News](#). The event saw the participation of industry experts and officials from the U.K., Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.

According to Livestock Research Institute of the Council of Agriculture, Taiwan partnered with the Philippines through similar initiatives in 2015 and 2016. Under the MOU, Taiwan and Vietnam will embark on projects such as husbandry material exchange, talent training, and other initiatives.

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Taipei Times

New Southbound Policy: EPA Eyes Export of 'Green' Know-how

Wednesday, Sep 25, 2019

Washington has lauded Taiwan's achievements in environmental protection as a source of inspiration for nations in the Asia-Pacific region.

In just 25 years, Taiwan has built one of the world's most efficient recycling systems from scratch, with a recycling rate of 60 percent last year, one of the highest in the world, US Environmental Protection Agency Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator Jane Nishida said in October last year.

Taiwan's decades of knowledge of environmental policy, regulations, technology, services, maintenance and innovation could all serve as assets to benefit its partner nations. "It is environmental diplomacy," EPA Deputy Director Tsai Hung-teh (蔡鴻德) said. "Taiwan is well-equipped to play the role of a regional technical center, research center and training center. Many of our visitors are potential high-ranking government officials and these exchanges allow them to develop closer relations with Taiwan. We help with their environmental issues, while we gain friends and create more opportunities for our green industries."

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Taiwan News

Taiwan takes in more than 36,000 Vietnamese overseas workers

Tuesday, Oct 01, 2019

In the first eight months of the year, there were 91,663 overseas Vietnamese workers, with 36,825 (40.17 percent) taking a job in Taiwan, according to a CNA report on Tuesday. The CNA report was based on Vietnam government statistics. Of the 91,663 Vietnamese migrant workers, 30,734 were female.

Taiwan is the second largest employer of Vietnamese overseas workers behind Japan, which hired 45,622 Vietnamese during the same eight-month period. Also, in August, Vietnam sent out 11,699 overseas workers, 6,080 of whom went to Japan, with 4,566 going to Taiwan, the report added.

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SOUTHEAST ASIA / SOUTH ASIA / AUS / NZ NEWS

East Asia Forum
Banking crisis

The Diplomat
Southeast

Reuters
Southeast Asia

impedes India's economy

Oct 03, 2019

India's banking sector has been going through a rough patch for the last five years. The number of non-performing assets (NPAs) has sky-rocketed. At its peak, the gross NPA to advances ratio exceeded [11 per cent](#). Until the NPA crisis hit, banks contributed more than 90 per cent of the economy's commercial credit. As a result, any impairment of banking has a deep and long-lasting impact on the economy.

The recent NPA crisis has been accompanied by a sharp decline in investment growth and a significant [economic slowdown](#). Among the many factors that the crisis has been attributed to, a critical one is the dominance of government-owned banks in the system. In India, government-owned banks, or public sector banks (PSBs), account for 70 per cent of bank loans. During the recent banking crisis, they were hit worse than private and foreign banks and accounted

Asia's Deadly Annual Haze is Back

Sep 30, 2019

As children and teenagers from over 100 countries went on strike and protested about the world's inability to deal with climate change, the annual haze which suffocates much of Southeast Asia has made an unwanted return.

Southeasterly winds have pushed the noxious haze from Borneo and Sumatra in Indonesia as far as the Gulf of Thailand and into Vietnam and Cambodia. Authorities insist [they are acting](#) this year and have arrested over 200 people on suspicion of starting some of the fires to clear land for crops.

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Catches Swine Fever, U.S. crop Exporters get the Chills

Sep 27, 2019

Last year, Southeast Asian farms offered a lifeline to U.S. grain exporters wounded in a bitter trade war with China. Now, African swine fever is set to tear through those markets, killing off business as surely as the fatal disease decimates vast herds of pigs once raised on U.S. crops.

U.S. feed crop exports to countries like Vietnam, Myanmar and the Philippines surged nearly 50% last year to a record 12.3 million tonnes. That helped to cushion the blow of a slump that wiped out nearly three-quarters of China sales of the same crops as Washington and Beijing exchanged tit-for-tat trade tariffs.

But the scale of the shipments to Southeast Asia that could be lost due to the incurable pig disease highlights the headache for growers in the U.S. grainbelt: Unless a trade deal unlocks China, farmers will have

for [90 per cent of the total NPAs](#). The PSBs had to make provisions for these bad loans, resulting in the erosion of their capital.

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little option but to stockpile, not sell their crops.

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