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TAEF UPDATES

TAEF Signs Trilateral MOU with National Culture and Arts Foundation (NCAF) and Vietnam National Institute of Culture and Arts Studies (VICAS)



Thursday, April 18th, 2019

The Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF), Taiwan National Culture and Arts Foundation (NCAF), and Vietnam National Institute of Culture and Arts Studies (VICAS) signed a trilateral memorandum of understanding to launch a five-year cooperation program.

Established in 1971, VICAS is located in Hanoi, Vietnam. In addition to assisting the Vietnam Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism in framing policies, it conducts research collaborations and training programs with renowned international institutions to promote Vietnamese culture.

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TAEF Welcomes Foreign Media Delegation



Thursday, April 18th, 2019

A foreign media delegation visited TAEF on Wednesday, April 18 2019, and were welcomed by Executive Director Dr. Alan Hao Yang.

All members of this delegation were from important international media outlets in the US and Europe. Both sides enjoyed a candid exchange on Taiwan's New Southbound Policy.

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Asian Dialogues: Transformative Leadership in Action



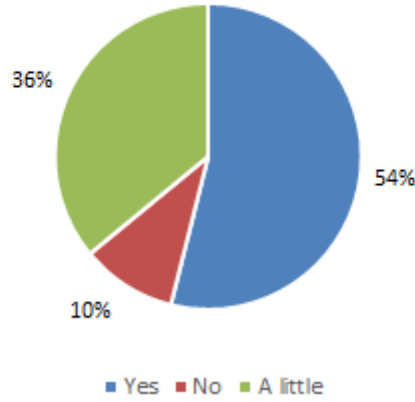
Thursday, April 11th, 2019

Organized by the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF), the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation and the American Institute in Taiwan, "Asian Dialogues: Transformative Leadership in Action" was held on April 11th, 2019. A total of 12 speakers shared their experiences and discussed issues related to democratic, trust and development deficit. Over 50 participants from countries including Malaysia, The Philippines, India, Thailand, Myanmar, America, Israel and Taiwan attended the event.

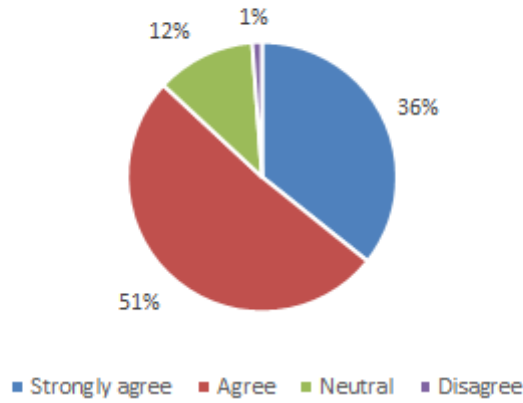
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A poll regarding the awareness of the New Southbound Policy (NSP) was administered to the participants of the dialogue upon registration. Majority of the participants were familiar with the NSP and agreed that it is helpful in strengthening Taiwan's relations with Asia. The participants indicated that Taiwan should look for more opportunities for cooperation in the areas of the education and young talent, technology and innovation, and cultural exchange.

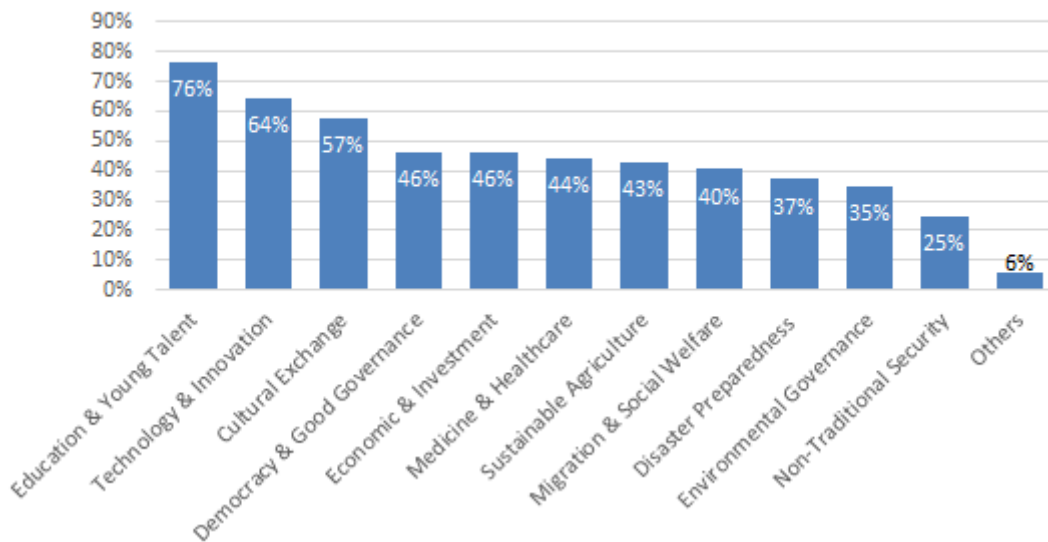
Q1. Are you familiar with Taiwan's New Southbound Policy?



Q2. Do you agree that the New Southbound Policy is helpful in strengthening Taiwan's relations with Asia?



Q3. In which areas should Taiwan look into for opportunities of cooperation with Indo-Pacific countries?



TAEF COMMENTARY

Indo-Pacific Development and Stability as Context for Taiwan's New Southbound Policy

-Dr. H.H. Michael Hsiao | Chairman, TAEF

Wednesday, April 10th, 2019

The importance of Southeast Asia is supported by the dynamic energy of its emerging markets (ASEAN is now the world's 5th largest economy and 3rd largest market), the integration of the transnational development hinterland (via the advancement of the Master Plan of ASEAN Connectivity), and its institutional arrangements in maintaining regional stability (the so-called ASEAN-led long peace). These three aspects are all closely related to the ASEAN-led regional integration processes, which is yet another overarching effort supporting the growth of the region.

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Asia Pacific Bulletin

Strategic Highlights of Taiwan's People-Centered New Southbound Policy

-Dr. Alan Hao Yang | Executive Director, TAEF

-Jeremy Huai-Che Chiang | Managing Editor, TAEF

Wednesday, April 10th, 2019

Launched in 2016, Taiwan's New Southbound Policy (NSP) is now in its third year. Regarded as Taiwan's "regional strategy for Asia," the NSP is the island's response to regional dynamics in South and Southeast Asia. The NSP also articulates Taiwan's strategic interests and practices echoing major powers' approaches and initiatives toward the region. The strategic highlights of the NSP are characterized by the "4S" approach: systemizing Taiwan's regional strategy for Asia, strategizing Taiwan's importance, synergizing public and private partnerships, and structuring social links between Taiwan and regional neighbors.

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ASIA ENGAGEMENT CONSORTIUM UPDATES

Center for Vietnamese Studies, NCKU

2019 International Conference on Vietnamese and Taiwanese Studies [Call for Abstracts]

Tuesday, April 9th, 2019

The 4th International Conference on Vietnamese and Taiwanese Studies will be held on November 23-24 2019. The theme of this year's conference is "International cooperation and sustainable development". Applicants can submit abstracts for paper and poster presentation in any of the four official languages of the conference: Taiwanese, Chinese, Vietnamese and English.

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NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY NEWS

Taiwan News

Southeast Asians Visit Taiwan in Record Numbers

Wednesday, April 17th, 2019

A record number of visitors from Southeast Asia, in particular from the 18 New Southbound Policy countries, visited Taiwan in 2018, approaching the number of tourists from China, the National Immigration Agency (NIA) said Wednesday, April 17.

The government has identified 18 countries, including most of Southeast Asia, South Asia, as well as Australia and New Zealand, as targets for more economic, cultural, educational and tourism exchanges.

In 2018, the NIA recorded a total of 2.42 million visits by citizens of Southeast Asia, for a total share of 21.89 percent, or in numbers a rise of 13.8 percent from 2017, the Central News Agency reported.

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Taiwan Today

Taipei Works with TAH to Boost Number of Muslim-Friendly Hospitals



Tuesday, April 16th, 2019

Taipei is working with Taiwan Adventist Hospital (TAH) to increase the number of Muslim-friendly medical centers in the metropolis as part of its efforts to provide a welcoming environment for Muslim residents and visitors, according to the city government April 15.

Last November, Taipei-based TAH became the first hospital in Taiwan to receive Muslim-friendly certification from the Indonesian Council of Ulama, the Southeast Asian nation's top Islamic body. Under the collaborative project with Taipei City Government, the hospital will offer consulting services to help other medical institutions apply for this status.

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Focus Taiwan

Landing Fee Waivers, Cuts Extended to Boost Air Traffic: CAA

Tuesday, March 26th, 2019

Landing fee discount and exemption programs in place at four airports in Taiwan will be extended to the end of 2019 to boost air traffic and tourism, the Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) said Wednesday.

One of the programs, which waives landing fees for international flights at Hualien Airport, was put in place on Feb. 7, 2018 in the wake of a deadly earthquake.

The other program that is being extended to 2019 involves a 20 percent discount on landing fees for international flights connecting Taiwan and New Southbound Policy (NSP) countries at airports in Kaohsiung, Taichung and Tainan

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SOUTHEAST ASIA / SOUTH ASIA / AUS / NZ NEWS

The Straits Times
**Sporadic
 Violence as
 Millions Vote
 in Second
 Phase of India's
 Mammoth
 Election**

April 18th, 2019

Millions of voters across swathes of southern India cast ballots on Thursday in the second phase of a mammoth, staggered general election, as sporadic violence flared in the east and the insurgency-wracked state of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Election Commission said 66 percent of more than 155 million eligible Indians had voted, as per provisional data, in 95 constituencies in 12 states. Results of the

CNN
**Indonesia
 Election: Early
 Results Show
 President Joko
 Widodo on
 Course for
 Second Term**

April 18th, 2019

Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo is on course for a second term in office, early results show, with the incumbent moving comfortably ahead of his longtime rival, former military strongman Prabowo Subianto.

Early "quick counts" of Wednesday's ballots put Jokowi on around 55% of the vote, with Prabowo winning around 44%. "Quick counts" are conducted by a variety of credible polling agencies and have proved reliable

NHK
**Japan,
 Philippines
 Agree on
 Defense
 Cooperation**

April 18th, 2019

The defense chiefs of Japan and the Philippines have agreed to continue cooperation in a variety of areas.

Japanese Defense Minister Takeshi Iwaya and Philippine Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana held talks in Tokyo on Wednesday

Iwaya pointed out that defense cooperation between the two countries is steadily advancing in many areas. He said Japan will further contribute in terms of assistance in times of natural disasters

election to India's 545-member parliament are expected on May 23.

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in the past. Final official results will be announced by May 22.

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and enhancing the warning and surveillance capabilities of the Philippines.

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