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

Thursday, Sep 12, 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. Prospective participants are welcomed to apply through this [portal](#).

East Asia Forum

The 'New' Taiwan beyond Cross-strait Relations

Thursday, Sep 12, 2019

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Beijing has been increasing pressure on Taiwan recently. From a move to ban individual travel permits for Chinese visitors to Taiwan to two large-scale military drills close to the Taiwan Strait, China appears to be ramping up efforts to influence Taiwan's upcoming 2020 presidential elections.

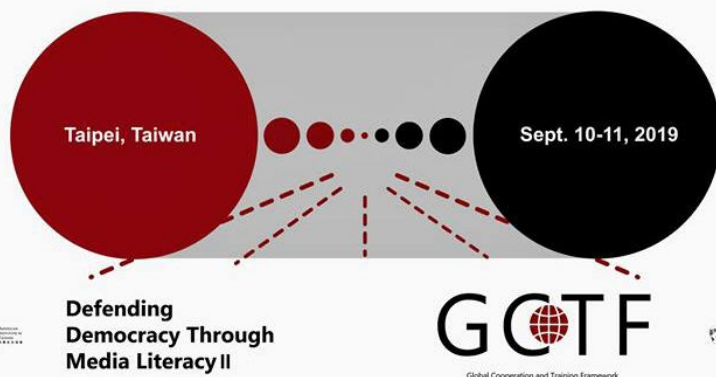
Despite this pressure, a 'new' Taiwan has emerged that is increasingly willing to think beyond cross-strait mechanisms and to embrace a new regional role. This new Taiwan embodies progressive liberal values while seeking to display a stabilising role in the emerging Indo-Pacific theatre. This is not a sudden transformation but an incremental process that has been in the making for years.

Yang and Chiang suggests that efforts and opportunities such as bilateral projects under Taiwan's New Southbound Policy with its southern neighbors, the support of its civil society, its stronger ties with the US under the Trump administration, and its effort in promoting Taiwanese culture through developing Taiwan's cultural content industry, contribute to the visibility of a 'new' Taiwan, and accumulate into a fresh strategy towards an increasingly hostile China.

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ASIA ENGAGEMENT CONSORTIUM UPDATES

International Workshop on Defending Democracy through Media Literacy Jointly Held by the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD) and its Partner Organizations



Tuesday, Sep 10, 2019

The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD) jointly held an international workshop on “Defending Democracy Through Media Literacy II” under the 2019 Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF) with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), the National Democratic Institute (NDI), the International Republican Institute (IRI), the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association, and the Swedish Trade and Investment Council in Taipei, on September 10-11 in Taipei. Friends from the media were invited to cover the opening ceremony.

Jia-chyuan Su, TFD Chairman and Legislative Yuan Speaker, joined Foreign Minister Jaushieh Joseph Wu, Japan’s Deputy Representative Nishiumi Shigehiro, Swedish Representative Håkan Jevrell, NDI Vice President Shari Bryan, AIT Director William Brent Christensen, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Scott Busby in delivering the opening remarks. Jakub Kalensky, a senior fellow of the Eurasian Center at the Atlantic Council, gave a keynote speech.

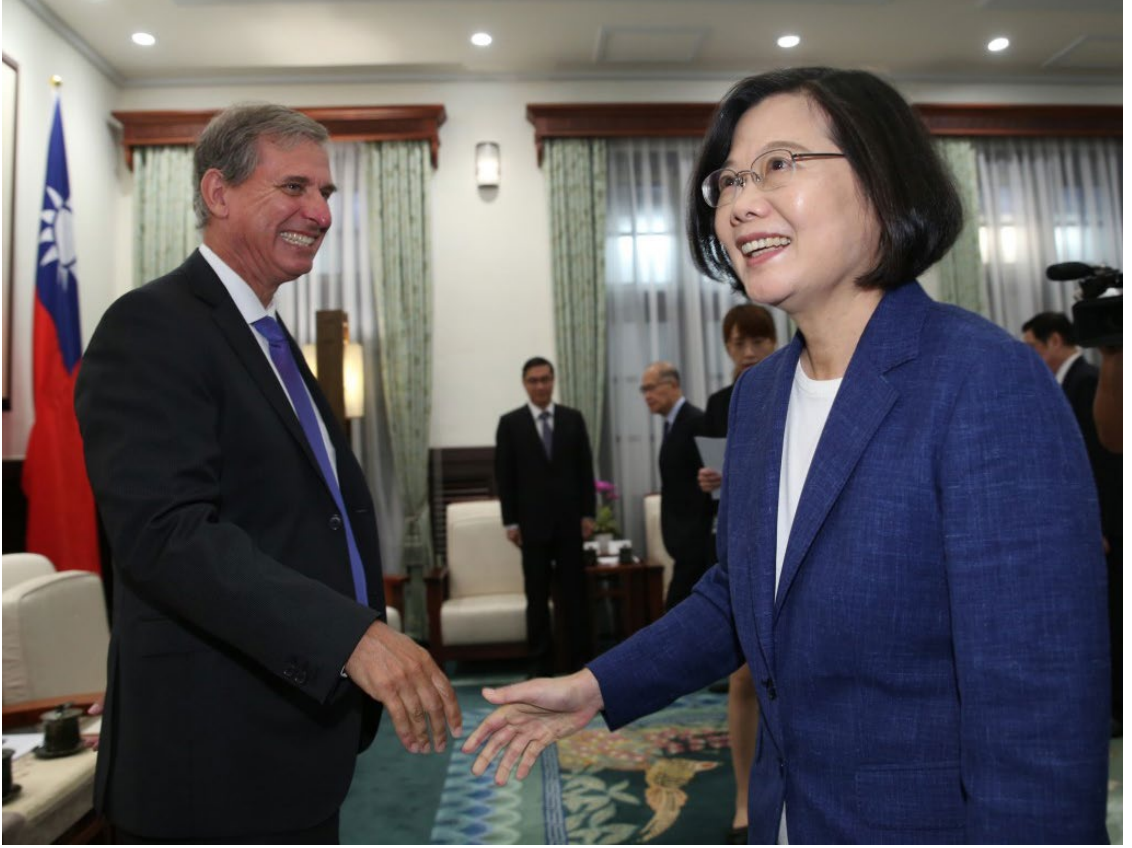
Participants from 12 countries spanning two continents, who shared lessons learned and best practices, and looked for opportunities to deepen international cooperation to combat disinformation. This year’s forum was built upon the work started from the first workshop on media literacy under the GCTF.

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Taiwan News

Taiwan President Hopes for Regular Indo-Pacific Democracy Consultations



Thursday, Sep 11, 2019

President Tsai Ing-wen told the United States Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Scott Busby that she hoped a dialogue on democratic governance in the Indo-Pacific area could become a platform where Taiwan, the U.S. and other countries in the region could exchange ideas on a regular basis.

Busby, responsible for the State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, spoke at the opening of a workshop on defending democracy through media literacy in Taipei on September 10, with Japan and Sweden as new participants. He was also attending the first edition of consultations about democratic governance in the Indo-Pacific region, and visited Tsai at the Presidential Office.

Taiwan's experience in democratic governance could teach important lessons to other countries in the Indo-Pacific area, with the cooperation with the U.S. contributing to peace and stability in the region, Tsai reportedly said.

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Taipei Times

New Southbound Policy: Ministry Looking to Improve Exchanges



Wednesday, Sep 11, 2019

With 51,970 students from countries included in the government’s New Southbound Policy studying in Taiwan in the last academic year, the Ministry of Education exceeded its original target of 48,000 students—and is well on the way to outperform its expectations this academic year.

Department of International and Cross-strait Education Affairs Director-General Bi Tzu-an said that the goals of the New Southbound Talent Development Program remain the same, but now that the quantitative goals have been met the ministry can begin allocating more resources to improving the quality of the exchanges.

“We’re entering version 2.0,” Bi said. “We are shifting from output-based to outcome-based goals for every scholarship, program, and initiative. We used to look at how many scholarships we offered per year, but can these people develop into talents that can benefit both sides when they enter the workforce? Will they help support and deepen our network in [our partner countries]?”

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Focus Taiwan

Taiwan Relaxes Visa-free Treatment Evaluation to Every 3 Years

Saturday, Aug 31, 2019

Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) announced that a review of visa-free treatment for tourists from Thailand, Brunei, the Philippines, and Russia will be extended from the current annual basis to every three years from August 2020.

"The visa-free treatment granted to the four countries will expire July 31 2020. By that time, evaluation on whether to extend the privilege will be conducted every three years," MOFA spokeswoman Joanne Ou said in a statement.

Under the current program, the visa-free privileges granted to tourists from the four countries are reviewed every year.

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*South China
Morning Post*

China and India Try to Set Differences over Kashmir aside to Focus on Economic Cooperation

Sep 11, 2019

China and India have pledged to step up their cooperation in areas such as the economy, technology and drug development despite ongoing tensions over issues such as Kashmir.

The two countries concluded the sixth India-China Strategic Economic Dialogue held in New Delhi on Monday, saying it had "strengthened communication and the

The Guardian

Labor targets PM over Gladys Liu's Alleged Links to Chinese Communist party

Sep 11, 2019

Labor has targeted Scott Morrison over the credentials of Chinese-born MP Gladys Liu, asking what steps he had taken to ensure she was a "fit and proper" person to sit in parliament.

In question time on Wednesday, the shadow attorney general, Mark Dreyfus, led the attack on the government over Liu's alleged links to the Chinese communist

Reuters

Miners Welcome Indonesian Export Ore Ban, Plan Smelting Expansion

Sep 12, 2019

Large mining companies on Wednesday welcomed a recent decision by the Indonesian government to move forward a ban on exporting nickel ore, as the firms aim to increase smelting output.

Top nickel ore supplier Indonesia last month said the country will stop ore export from Jan. 1, 2020, pushing forward a

exchange of views”, according to state news agency Xinhua.

The dialogue came about a month before a visit by Chinese President Xi Jinping to India for an informal summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

“Both sides agreed on cooperation in research and development for developing new technology for manufacturing solar cells ... [and to] explore cooperation for promoting Indian generic drugs and Chinese APIs [active pharmaceutical ingredients],” the National Institution for Transforming India, a state-backed think tank, said.

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party, but most of the opposition’s questions on the MP’s background were ruled out of order.

Morrison defended remarks made by a Liu in a widely condemned interview with Andrew Bolt on Tuesday night, saying her position on the South China Sea could not be compared to remarks made by the former Labor senator Sam Dastyari.

A political storm has erupted over Liu’s alleged links to the Chinese Communist party after the ABC reported that a Chinese government online record listed her name as a council member of the Guangdong provincial chapter of the China Overseas Exchange Association between 2003 and 2015.

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ban by two years and raising concerns of supply shortage as well as causing financing issues for smaller players.

But major industry players gathering at the Asian Nickel conference on Wednesday said the ban would further support the development of the nickel processing industry in the country.

“Tens of billions of dollars for investments coming into Indonesia, probably more in mining investment than any other developing country in the world, as a result the ore ban. Mining resources are not infinite,” said Mark Selby, principal of Selby & Co.

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