

**CONTENT**

- TAEF Updates
- TAEF Commentary
- Asia Engagement Consortium Updates
- New Southbound Policy News
- Southeast Asia/ South Asia / AUS / NZ News

**TAEF UPDATES****TAEF Welcomes Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), USA**

*Friday, February 22nd, 2019*

Led by Executive Director Mr. Andrew Wilson, the Center for International Private Enterprise, USA visited TAEF on February 22nd and were welcomed by TAEF Executive Director Dr. Alan Hao Yang. Both sides enjoyed a candid and fruitful discussion on future

cooperation.

[Read more](#)

## **TAEF Welcomes Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI), USA**



*Wednesday, March 6th, 2019*

Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI) Research Associate Mr. Thomas J. Shattuck visited TAEF and was welcomed by TAEF Executive Director Dr. Alan Hao Yang. Both sides enjoyed a candid and fruitful discussion on how the United States views Taiwan's role in Southeast Asia, as well as potential collaborations with FPRI's Asia Program and on future publications.

[Read more](#)

## **TAEF collaborates with Taiwan Digital Diplomacy Association on a series of editorials discussing "One Country, One Center" Medical Diplomacy under Taiwan's New Southbound Policy**



*Wednesday, February 20th, 2019*

TAEF has embarked on a collaboration with the Taiwan Digital Diplomacy Association on a series of editorials regarding the "One Country, One Center" medical diplomacy strategy under Taiwan's New Southbound Policy.

“One Country, One Center” policy means “one medical center for one country”. Currently, 7 NSP countries have become Taiwan’s partners, and Taiwan has assisted these 7 countries in facilitating the exchange of skills, improvements to healthcare systems, and medical management since 2018.

[Read more](#)

## *TAEF Program on Regional Resilience Coping with Disasters, Yilan Style*



*Monday, March 4th, 2019*

On November 6th 2018, a group of international scholars and experts visited Mei-Zhou community in Yilan County to learn about its disaster management system. One of the participants from Indonesia, Mr. Syafrizaldi, published an article regarding the highlights of the visit on The Jakarta Post.

[Read more](#)

## TAEF COMMENTARY

*Liberty Times Net*

### Understanding India's Perspective Regarding Its Own Indo-Pacific Strategies

-Dr. Alan Hao Yang | Executive Director, TAEF

-Roberto Hsin-Yu Lin | Assistant Research Fellow, TAEF

*Monday, March 4th, 2019*

"Indo-Pacific" has become a buzzword for policy communities and experts to address regional dynamics in Asia.

In fact, this concept of "Indo-Pacific" was initiated and conceptualized by Japan. However, much attention has been focused on the U.S. version/definition of the "Indo-

Pacific Strategy".

However, what is India's definition and interest in promoting their own Indo-Pacific strategy and securing their own national/regional interest?

[Read the article in Chinese](#)

*TAEF Currents*

## **Outlining Canada's Public Diplomacy: Reflections on Taiwan's New Southbound Policy**

-Dr. Alan Hao Yang | Executive Director, TAEF

-Cheng-Chia Tung | Assistant Research Fellow, TAEF

*Thursday, February 28th, 2019*

As Canada integrates the dissemination of universal values and the network of civil society into its foreign policy instead of fully relying on military and economic powers, it is beneficial to look at the example of Canada's foreign policy in order to explore an effective and practical strategy that Taiwan can look to.

This article will, firstly, analyze the elements of Canada's public diplomacy, and then turn to discuss how civil society organizations challenge governments in the Information Age and how the Canadian government responds to the demands from civil society. Lastly, in reference to Canada's public diplomacy, this article will provide policy implication and suggestion to the New Southbound Policy.

[Read the article in Chinese](#)

## **ASIA ENGAGEMENT CONSORTIUM UPDATES**

---

*Taiwan ASEAN Studies Center*

### **2019 Myanmar Taiwan Cooperation Forum: The Booming Digital Opportunities in Myanmar with ASEAN Smart City Net (ASCN)**



| 透視緬甸數位願景 攜手東協共創商機 |

**2019 MYANMAR TAIWAN COOPERATION FORUM:  
THE BOOMING DIGITAL OPPORTUNITIES IN MYANMAR  
WITH ASEAN SMART CITY NET (ASCN)**

*Tuesday, March 26th, 2019*

Jointly organised by the Taipei Computer Association, Foundation for Commerce and Cultural Interchange, and the Myanmar Trade Office (Taipei), the 2019 Myanmar Taiwan Cooperation Forum will be held on March 26th 2019.

The theme for the forum is "The Booming Digital Opportunities in Myanmar with ASEAN Smart City New (ASCN)". Invited experts will speak regarding Myanmar's efforts in the development of digital economy and smart city initiatives, and engage in discussion with industry leaders from Taiwan to explore new opportunities in Myanmar for Taiwanese businesses.

[Read more in Chinese](#)

### *Citizen Journalism*

**Taiwanese Pen awarded Cultural Exchange Award by  
Russian Writers' Association at 3rd International Poetry  
Festival organized by Vietnam**



*Thursday, February 21st, 2019*

The 3rd International Poetry Festival was organized by the Vietnamese government as part of a 5-day literary spectacle, alongside the 4th International Conference on Vietnamese Literature and the 17th Vietnam Poetry Day, from 16th to 21st February 2019.

Taiwanese Pen, the literary society of Taiwanese writers for the promotion of literary creations in Taiwanese language, was invited to recite a Taiwanese poem on the topic of the 228 massacre, and was awarded a cultural exchange award by the Russian Writers' Association.

[Read more in Chinese](#)

*Center for South East Asian Studies, NCCU*

## **Commentary: How Taiwan Stands Up to China through Soft Power**



*Monday, March 4th, 2019*

CSEAS research fellow Mark Manantan published a feature article to address Taiwan's New Southbound Policy as a more nuanced approach that highlights Taiwan's distinct qualities harmonizing with the international society.

In his speech commemorating the 40th anniversary of the so-called Message to Compatriots in Taiwan, Chinese President Xi Jinping made it loud and clear: China will pursue a one-country, two systems approach to achieve peaceful unification.

But a warning came with Xi's pledge to explore a broad range of democratic consultations in cross-strait relations: The use of force remains a viable option for China. This is particularly directed toward advocates for Taiwan's independence and separatists who threaten the implosion of the leader's plans for national rejuvenation.

[Read more](#)

## NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY NEWS

---

*Focus Taiwan*

### **Foreign Minister to Speak on Taiwan's role in Indo-Pacific**

*Wednesday, March 6th, 2019*

Foreign Minister Joseph Wu (吳釗燮) has been invited to speak in Los Angeles later this month on Taiwan's possible role in U.S. Indo-Pacific strategy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) said Wednesday.



MOFA said Wu has accepted the invitation from the Los Angeles World Affairs Council (LAWAC) to speak at a luncheon March 11 under the title of "Taiwan: An Enduring Partner with the U.S. in the Free and Open Indo-Pacific."

[Read more](#)

*Taipei Times*

## **Agricultural Exports to Southbound Nations Rise 9.3%**

*Saturday, March 2nd, 2019*

Agricultural exports to the 18 nations targeted by the New Southbound Policy for trade cooperation last year grew 9.3 percent, the Council of Agriculture said yesterday, calling the increase an encouraging sign for government efforts to diversify the nation's markets.

Taiwan's agricultural exports to the nations last year totaled US\$1.43 billion, with Vietnam and Thailand as the top markets at US\$469 million and US\$300 million respectively, the Department of International Affairs said.

[Read more](#)

*Focus Taiwan*

## **Taiwan Launches Marine Resources Research Center in Sri Lanka**



*Thursday, March 7th, 2019*

A research team from National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU) in Kaohsiung, southern Taiwan has recently visited Sri Lanka to open a research center there for studies on the effects of climate change on marine resources and biosystems.

The university was selected by Taiwan's Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) last year to set up the Taiwan-Sri Lanka Environmental Change Sciences and Technology Innovation Center at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura in Sri Lanka to carry out studies on marine life, according to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center (TECC) in India.

[\*Read more\*](#)

## **SOUTHEAST ASIA / SOUTH ASIA / AUS / NZ NEWS**

---

*Channel News*

*Asia*

**Facebook Sets  
up Singapore  
Operations  
Centre on  
'Election  
Integrity'**

*Reuters*

**Pakistan Begins  
Crackdown on  
Militant  
Groups Amid  
Global Pressure**

*March 5th, 2019*

*The New York*

*Times*

**Philippine  
Official, Fearing  
War With  
China, Seeks  
Review of U.S.  
Treaty**

## Ahead of Polls across Asia

*March 5th, 2019*

Facebook on Tuesday (Mar 5) said it is setting up an operations centre in Singapore focusing on election integrity ahead of key elections across Asia Pacific.

The world's largest social network cited misinformation, misrepresentation, foreign interference, phishing, harassment and violent threats as examples of behaviour it wants to eliminate across all its platforms - Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp - adding that it has removed thousands of pages, groups and accounts globally.

[Read more](#)

Pakistan said on Tuesday it had begun a crackdown on Islamist militant groups, detaining 44 members of banned organizations including close relatives of the leader of a group blamed for a deadly bombing in Indian-controlled Kashmir last month.

The interior ministry said it was a move to "speed up action against all proscribed organizations". Officials said it was part of a long-planned drive against militant groups, not a response to Indian anger over what New Delhi calls Islamabad's failure to rein in militant groups operating on Pakistani soil.

[Read more](#)

*March 5th, 2019*

The Philippines' top defense official said on Tuesday that the government should review a decades-old treaty with the United States, its longtime ally, to avoid provoking a potential armed conflict with China in the disputed South China Sea.

The security environment in the region has become "much more complex" since the countries' Mutual Defense Treaty was drawn up 68 years ago, said the Philippine defense secretary, Delfin Lorenzana.

[Read more](#)

---

This message was sent to kuanlin.wang@ap.ntdtv.com by service@taef.org  
Room 1107, 11F, NO.136, Section 3, Ren'ai Road, Da'an District Taipei City Taipei Taiwan

 [Unsubscribe](#) | [Manage Subscription](#) | [Forward Email](#) | [Report Abuse](#)

[View this email in your browser](#)

You are receiving this email because of your relationship with Taiwan Asia Exchange Foundation. Please [reconfirm](#) your interest in receiving emails from us. If you do not wish to receive any more emails, you can [unsubscribe here](#).

★ **This is a Test Email only.**

This message was sent for the sole purpose of testing a draft message.