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TAEF UPDATES

TAEF X TMU

The International Conference on Smart Disaster Prevention and Earthquake Emergency Medicine



Thursday, Oct 24, 2019

Jointly held by the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF) and Taipei Medical

University (TMU), the International Conference on Smart Disaster Prevention and Earthquake Emergency Medicine invited renowned Japanese specialists, Professor Satoru Nishikawa of the Disaster Mitigation Research Center at Nagoya University and Professor Sakiko Kanbara of the Disaster Nursing Global Leadership Program at the University of Kochi, to share their expertise on disaster prevention.

Sharing Japan's many years of experience in earthquake and disaster prevention, Professor Nishikawa argued that the most important thing is to establish people's awareness of disasters since "disasters always come back when we forget our lessons."

Taiwanese government officials and experts from disaster prevention communities also attended the conference, including Director Wu Wutai of the Office of Disaster Management of Executive Yuan, Director Shi Chong-Liang of the Ministry of Health and Welfare, Associate Professor Lin Chih-Hao at the National Cheng Kung University Hospital, and the delegation of the National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction (NCDR).

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TAEF Staff Joined the 2019 Asia-Pacific Children's Health Symposium



The 2019 Asia-Pacific Children's Health Symposium was held on Oct. 19-20 in Taipei, Taiwan.

Jointly organized by the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), Environmental Protection Administration Taiwan (EPAT), International Environmental Partnership, and the Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW, R.O.C.), the Symposium aimed to inform stakeholders about the link between environmental and public health, and promote children's health in the region.

Yuri Baral, Assistant Research Fellow and Program Manager for Youth Engagement of TAEF, introduced the Youth Innovation Challenge, a new program of Taiwan's global environmental partnership launched by the US EPA, and talked about Taiwan's youth initiatives and the value of youth participation in regional development. He was joined by five environmental young leaders who were part of the Student Conservation Leadership Summit (SCLS), a collaboration between the US National Wildlife Federation and Taiwan's Ministry of Education.

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TAEF COMMENTARIES

The Diplomat

Taiwan's New Southbound Policy and the Looming Election

Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019

-Jeremy Huai-Che Chiang | Non-Resident Research Associate, TAEF

With Taiwan's presidential election less than three months away, discussions on incumbent Tsai Ing-wen's signature New Southbound Policy — which aims to expand ties with South and Southeast Asia — have remained quite muted. While public focus on the unrest in Hong Kong has shaped the 2020 elections into a pro-China/anti-China referendum, it also seems to have been a deliberate decision by the Tsai camp to not make the New Southbound Policy a focal point when discussing her foreign policy achievements, instead concentrating on successes in bilateral ties with the United States and other like-minded democratic countries.

With the election looming large on the horizon, Taiwan's New Southbound Policy is obviously at a decisive juncture. Even if Tsai wins a second term, raging U.S.-China trade tensions will continue to present pressures for her administration to adapt. Should Taiwan ramp up its New Southbound Policy, while also using it as a focal point of international cooperation with like-minded countries such as the United States and

Japan? Or should Taiwan focus more on like-minded countries and downplay engagement with South and Southeast Asia?

Chiang suggests that while strong ties with the United States in recent years have galvanized Taiwan's confidence in like-minded countries, in the long run the first option — leveling up the New Southbound Policy — will prove to be more strategic. It will be more difficult, and will mean facing China's emerging influence in the region head to head, but as long-term trends in Asia indicate relatively declining U.S. influence and stronger regional states, Taiwan will have to engage with these emerging stakeholders, both directly and comprehensively. Taiwan will want regional countries to not see itself as a Cold War legacy, but a technological and economic powerhouse with which they need to maintain ties with.

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ASIA ENGAGEMENT CONSORTIUM UPDATES

TFD X Sinopsis

TFD and Sinopsis Jointly Held a Side Event on "Taiwan Demystified" at Forum 2000



Thursday, Oct 17, 2019

The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD) and Sinopsis, a Czech think tank, jointly organized a side event on "Taiwan Demystified" at Forum 2000 in Prague this year. Held at Vaclav Havel Library, the side event aimed to demystify Taiwan's unique status in international relations, and inform the audience that Taiwan is a democratic country located in a difficult geopolitical position.

The panelists included TFD Vice President Ketty W. Chen, Sinopsis Founder and Director Martin Hala, Taiwan's Deputy Foreign Minister Szu-chien Hsu, and National Endowment for Democracy President Carl Gershman. The mayor of Prague City Zdeněk Hřib joined the panelists in the Q&A session.

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NCAF

NCAF Presented Bilik Nasional Taiwan, the Library of Possible Encounters, at Biennale Jogja

The National Culture and Arts Foundation and Biennale Jogja Foundation presents

Bilik Taiwan

THE LIBRARY OF POSSIBLE ENCOUNTERS

OPENING

20th October 2019

11.00 am – 13.00 pm

Exhibition runs everyday until

30 November 2019

10.00 am – 20.00 pm

LOCATION

ARTSPACE@HELUTRANS

Jogja National Museum Complex

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Sunday, Oct 20, 2019

In recent years, the collaboration between the Taiwanese and Southeast Asian artists has increased dramatically which generated diverse forms of projects that touch upon notions of identity, migration/mobility, multiculturalism, political activism, and

gentrifications. The theme on the periphery that became the point of departure for the curatorial framework of the Biennale Jogja 2019 revolved around the works in this exhibition.

Four artists from Taiwan with different interests and approaches connected themselves with the narratives of Indonesian history and the practice of everyday life. Artist Szu Han presented a series of works based on the idea of borders and territorial boundaries. By tracing symbols as a representation of collective memory, Lee Yung Chih looked into the in-between space created by the changing landscape of the urban environment. Lin Yi Chi traced the family historical archive to discuss notions of separation and migration, and a sense of displacement between families in Indonesia and Taiwan. Betty Apple, a performance artist, connected her strong statement towards gender and body politics with the narratives she encountered in Yogyakarta. Charwei Tsai's videos brought some senses of nostalgic feeling from the songs sung by women in the detention center in London, which emphasized of the memory of homeland embedded in their despair and displacement.

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NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY NEWS

Taiwan News

Taiwan to Continue Military Relations with Singapore

Monday, Oct. 28, 2019

An updated defense agreement to boost military exercises between China and Singapore was inked Oct. 20 by Chinese Defense Minister Wei Fenghe (魏鳳和) and Singaporean Defense Minister Ng Eng Hen (黃永宏). The deal also promises to facilitate frequent defense dialogues and interactions between the two countries' troops.

Many Taiwanese have raised concerns over the potential suspension of the Starlight Program, a deal established in 1975 that allows Singapore's armed forces to train in Taiwan and provide services to Taiwanese citizens.

Speaking before a defense budget review meeting at the Legislative Yuan, Taiwan Defense Minister Yen De-fa (嚴德發) said Monday, Oct. 28, that the joint Taiwanese-Singaporean Starlight Program will continue to operate despite the recent signing of a China-Singapore defense agreement.

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Taipei Times

Taiwan, Vietnam Cooperate on Swine Fever Prevention

Friday, Oct. 25, 2019

Taiwan and Vietnam on Wednesday signed a memorandum of understanding to boost collaboration on African swine fever detection, vaccine investigation and diagnostic technology, the Council of Agriculture said.

Although Taiwan has developed African swine fever diagnostic technology in compliance with the World Organisation for Animal Health standards, it has not been tested on live pigs infected by the virus. The collaboration with Vietnam gives Taiwan the opportunity to test the measures on live pigs.

The memorandum with Vietnam opens the door to more collaboration opportunities on examination, testing and vaccine development of African swine fever and other diseases, such as classical swine fever and foot-and-mouth disease, the council said, adding that it hoped to build a strengthened network of prevention with Vietnam.

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REGIONAL HEADLINES

The Economic Times

Last-minute India Demands Jeopardize 16-nation Asian Trade Pact

Oct. 30, 2019

India keeps making last-minute requests after it agreed to terms for the world's largest regional trade agreement, potentially preventing Asian leaders from announcing a

Bloomberg

Malaysia Bans China Belt & Road Comic for Promoting Communism

Oct. 25, 2019

The book, featuring Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad and President Xi Jinping shaking hands on the cover, "promotes communism and socialism," Malaysia's Home Ministry said in a

BBC

Essex lorry Deaths: Vietnamese Families Fear Relatives among Dead

Oct, 2019

At least six of the 39 people found dead in a lorry trailer in Essex may have been from Vietnam. The BBC knows of six Vietnamese families who fear their relatives are

breakthrough on the 16-nation pact during a summit in Bangkok next week, people familiar with the situation said.

In recent days, India angered other negotiators by making additional requests on the China-backed pact covering half the world's population, said the people, who asked not to be identified because the talks are private. Leaders of the countries had planned to announce a preliminary deal on Nov. 4 when leaders gather for meetings hosted by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, they said.

India, which has raised some tariffs under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has long been the main holdout on an RCEP deal due to strong domestic opposition over fears the country would be flooded with cheap Chinese goods.

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statement. It attempts to evoke sympathy toward communists and could sow doubt and confusion among readers, it added.

Anyone caught flouting the ban could face up to three years in prison or a 20,000 ringgit (\$4,776) fine, or both. A five-member team from the ministry seized 13 copies from a comic museum in Penang state on Thursday, Bernama reported. Police have recorded a statement from the comic book's author.

The Prime Minister's Office last Friday acknowledged the book "Belt & Road Initiative for Win-Winism" had gone viral on social media, and disavowed any links to it. The Education Ministry has similarly denied approving the book's circulation in schools.

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among the victims.

They include Pham Thi Tra My, 26, who has not been heard from since she sent text messages on Tuesday saying she could not breathe.

A man was earlier arrested at Stansted Airport on suspicion of manslaughter and conspiracy to traffic people. The 48-year-old from Northern Ireland is the fourth person to be arrested in connection with the investigation. Two people from Warrington are being held on suspicion of manslaughter and conspiracy to traffic people and the lorry driver is in custody on suspicion of murder.

Ms Tra My's brother, Pham Ngoc Tuan, said some of the £30,000 charge for getting his sister to the UK had been paid to people smugglers and her last-known location had been Belgium.

Meanwhile, relatives of Nguyen Dinh Luong, 20, have also said they fear he is among the 39 victims.

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