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TAEF UPDATES

Graduate Students from Tamkang University visits TAEF



Thursday, November 19, 2020

This afternoon, Assistant Professor Kurt Chen from the Department of History of Tamkang University and graduate students from his Seminar on Regional History of Southeast Asia visited our association. The group was received by Executive Director Alan Yang, and the two sides had a fruitful conversation on cultural exchanges and area studies in Southeast Asia.

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NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY NEWS

Taiwan Focus

Hundreds of Indonesian Workers Attend Online Business Workshop

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Over 200 Indonesian migrant workers gathered in Taipei on Sunday to learn more about how to open online businesses and have a way to support themselves when they return home, according to the organizers.

The workers, mostly caregivers and factory workers, attended a workshop at the GIS Taipei Tech Convention Center at which Arif Sulistiyo, director of trade at the Indonesian Economic and Trade Office to Taipei, gave a presentation on starting an online shop.

The 38-year-old Arif guided the workers through the preparations involved, such as getting a business license and figuring out how income tax should be calculated. "E-commerce training for migrant workers is very important because it fosters an entrepreneurial mentality. Hopefully, they will not have to be migrant workers forever," Arif said.

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REGIONAL HEADLINES

The Strait Times

JB-Singapore RTS Link Project will be Finished by 2026, says Malaysian Transport Minister

November 23, 2020

Malaysian Transport Minister Wee Ka Siong has assured Johor Ruler Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar that the Rapid Transit System Link (RTS) between Johor Baru and Singapore will be completed within the stipulated time frame.

In a video presented during the virtual groundbreaking ceremony of the mega project and posted on his Facebook page on Sunday (Nov 22), Datuk Seri Wee said that the project would bring maximum positive impact to the people of Johor.

SCMP

India's Rejection of RCEP and Free Trade Will Make it Poorer and Less Relevant

November 23, 2020

A day after the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement was concluded in India's absence, Indian Minister of External Affairs Subrahmanyam Jaishankar launched a scathing attack on trade and globalisation.

"In the name of openness, we have allowed subsidised products and unfair production advantages from abroad to prevail," he said, asserting that the Indian government had decided to move away from trading arrangements in pursuit

East Asia Forum

Reconfiguring Jokowi's Partnership with NU and Muhammadiyah

November 19, 2020

With 57.3 and 9.3 million members, Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) and Muhammadiyah respectively have played critical roles in legitimising the compatibility of Islam and democracy and discrediting extreme religious teachings in Indonesia. Aware of their power, Indonesian President Joko Widodo has formed strong partnerships with NU and Muhammadiyah in an effort to counter religious extremism.

Despite these efforts, NU and Muhammadiyah have recently distanced

"As the representative of the Transport Ministry, which is the overseer of the project, I assure the commitment of the government in making sure that the project would be carried out effectively and in an organised manner, while also being completed by the set time, which is by 2026," he said.

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of an *Atmanirbhar Bharat*, or self-reliant India.

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themselves from the Widodo government. This was seen when NU and Muhammadiyah publicly opposed Widodo's decision to conduct local elections amid the pandemic and rejected the drafting of the controversial job creation law.

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