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Taiwan's Values, Technology, and Resilience**

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Agenda

March 16, 2026 (Mon) | Day 1 (GMT+8) Venue | Ballroom (2F)

3/16	08:00 - 09:00	Registration
	09:00 - 10:00	Opening Ceremony and Remarks
	10:00 - 10:20	Break
	10:20 - 11:40	Session I Digital Solidarity Partnerships — Next-Generation Secure Digital Ecosystems
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	13:30 - 14:50	Session II Resilient Economic Partnerships — Trusted Supply Chain Collaboration Opportunities
	14:50 - 15:00	Break
	15:00 - 16:20	Session III Technology Innovation Partnerships — Green and Smart Technology Incubation Hubs
	16:20 - 16:30	Break
	16:30 - 17:50	Session IV Social Resilience Partnerships — Public-Private Initiatives to Forge Consensus on Security Issues
18:30 - 20:30	Dinner & Speech (By Invitation Only) Venue Glory Hall (2F)	

March 17, 2026 (Tue) | Day 2 (GMT+8) Venue | Ballroom (2F)

3/17	08:00 - 09:00	Registration
	09:00 - 10:20	Session V Roundtable Dialogue on Indo-Pacific Prospects — How Taiwan Can Promote Shared Prosperity Amidst Geostrategic Competition
	10:20 - 10:30	Break
	10:30 - 11:50	Session VI Think Tank Corridor — Leveraging Shared Values to Spur Democratic Action
	12:00 - 13:40	Luncheon & Speech (By Invitation Only) Venue Glory Hall (2F)
	13:40 - 14:00	Launch of “The Image of Taiwan and Taiwanese Businesses in Australia” Survey Report Venue Wanfu Hall (9F)
	14:00 - 15:20	Session VII NGO Corridor — Mobilizing Civic Power to Connect Free Societies
	15:20 - 15:50	Break
	15:50 - 17:20	Session VIII Youth Corridor — Cultivating a New Generation of Leaders to Shape the Indo-Pacific’s Future

Welcome Note

It is a pleasure to warmly welcome you to the 2026 Yushan Forum, in Taiwan.

The Yushan Forum, co-organized by the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (Taiwan), serving as Taiwan's premier platform for International Dialogues. Since its inception in 2017, the Yushan Forum has been tasked with promoting the New Southbound Policy (NSP) and fostering dialogue and cooperation with its NSP partner countries. The 2025 Yushan Forum, themed "New Southbound Policy+," signified Taiwan's efforts to strengthen its Indo-Pacific participation and develop partnerships with more like-minded countries along the outline of the NSP+ under President Lai. This year's Yushan Forum, also with a two-day agenda, focuses on the prospects for Indo-Pacific partnerships. The first day will address the progress and prospects of cooperation between Taiwan and like-minded countries in government-led digital solidarity partnerships, economic resilience, technological innovation resilience, and social resilience. The second day will highlight the diverse connections of civil society, including key architectures such as think tank corridors, NGO corridors, and youth corridors.

Since President Lai Ching-te took office in 2024, Foreign Minister Lin Chia-lung has further encouraged the participation of more ministries within the Executive Yuan in advancing the Yushan Forum. This aims to expand Taiwan's external relations capabilities and achievements under the concept of Value-based Diplomacy and Integrated Diplomacy, while also deepening cross-sectoral partnerships to support Taiwan's participation in the Indo-Pacific as well as its international contributions, thus shaping the practice of "Team Taiwan."

In addition to the engaging exchanges and dialogues, this year's Yushan Forum also features several highlights in its side events. Firstly, 2026 marks the 10th anniversary of the NSP, and TAEF has arranged a special exhibition for the Yushan Forum. This exhibition will showcase the significant achievements of the TAEF since its inception and other like-minded organizations, highlighting the importance of NSP/NSP⁺ exchanges and cooperation for Taiwan's external

relations. Through this, TAEF also hopes to demonstrate Taiwan's policy stance and commitment to embracing a broader Indo-Pacific. Secondly, TAEF also arrange several meaningful exchanges at this year's Yushan Forum, including the signing ceremony of a MoU between TAEF and the Korea Democracy Foundation (KDF) in Korea, the release of the results of a joint research project between TAEF and its partner organization National Maritime Foundation (NMF) in India as the launch event of the special issue of *Maritime Affairs*, a policy speech by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the current progress of international NGOs chooses to locate and operate in Taiwan, and various important speeches by international leaders.

In a rapidly changing global landscape, the Indo-Pacific region must be more united to ensure peace and stability, pursue prosperity and progress, defend democratic and free values, and deepen the resilience of societies and people together. Taiwan's experience and solutions make it the most trustworthy partner in the Indo-Pacific region. It is hoped that the discussions and exchanges at the 2026 Yushan Forum will allow international leaders from afar to feel Taiwan's firm stance in defending a free, open, and prosperous Indo-Pacific region.

Finally, I would like to thank our esteemed guests who have traveled from afar; your gracious presence and contributions will strengthen the Yushan Forum and make the present and future of the Indo-Pacific region more prosperous and resilient!



Dr. Hsin Huang Michael Hsiao
Chairman, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation, Taiwan

Yushan Forum: The 2026 Edition

About the Yushan Forum

The Yushan Forum is a platform launched by Taiwan to foster regional dialogue, expand multifaceted opportunities for cooperation, and facilitate exchanges in ideas, talent, technology, and social initiatives. Its aim is to deepen Taiwan's partnerships with countries in Asia and beyond. An annual event, the forum is attended by government and industry leaders, scholars and experts, innovators, and talented young leaders from around the world.

Theme of the 9th Yushan Forum

In 2024, 76 countries held national elections, resulting in political transitions and new policy directions amid significant geopolitical and economic shifts worldwide. Moving into 2026, the new US tariff policy is reconfiguring trading patterns and thus reshaping not only the Indo-Pacific region but also the global political-economic terrain.

Despite the turbulent international landscape, Taiwan has continued to play a leading role in high-tech supply chains and promote stability in the region while upholding democracy and supporting New Southbound Policy (NSP) partners and like-minded countries worldwide. Taiwan's steadfast endeavors have underscored its importance to nurturing prosperity and security and creating virtuous cycles worldwide. This year, the Yushan Forum has adopted the theme "Indo-Pacific Partnership Prospects: Taiwan's Values, Technology, and Resilience" so as to explore how to cultivate regional collaboration and ensure global peace and prosperity through solutions that are based on Taiwan's values and incorporate technology and resilience.



Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation
臺灣亞洲交流基金會

About Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation

Founded in 2018, the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF) is Taiwan's first policy-oriented think tank focusing on Southeast and South Asian affairs, and on promoting the New Southbound Policy (NSP) and NSP+. In the spirit of the NSP, TAEF fosters collaboration between Taiwan and partners across ASEAN, South Asia, Australia, and New Zealand, spearheading the NSP+ Think Tank, Youth, and NGO Corridors to strengthen regional community-building and long-term cooperation with like-minded partners. With the aim of deepening regional ties and supporting Taiwan's role in the Indo-Pacific, TAEF carries out this mission through research, dialogue, and sustained partnerships.

TAEF's leadership and impact have been widely recognised. It was nominated as one of the Best New Think Tanks in the 2018 and 2019 Global Go To Think Tank Index Reports, and was ranked the Global Best New Think Tank by the University of Pennsylvania's Think

Tank and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) in 2020. TAEF is also a major regional convener, hosting the annual Yushan Forum (since 2018) and the biennial Think Tank Summit (since 2025), which served as international platforms for strategic dialogue and policy coordination across the Indo-Pacific. TAEF's work is carried out through five core programmes: Think Tank Collaboration, Regional Resilience, Cultural Exchange, Civil Society Connectivity, and Young Leaders Engagement.

Opening Ceremony and Remarks

Ballroom (2F)

Speakers

Dr. Hsin Huang Michael HSIAO

Chairman, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation

H.E. Dr. LAI Ching-te

President, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

H.E. Lech WAŁĘSA

Former President, Republic of Poland
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

H.E. Mahendra Pal CHAUDHRY

Former Prime Minister, Republic of Fiji

H.E. Leni ROBREDO

Former Vice President, Republic of the Philippines
Mayor of Naga City, Republic of the Philippines

Hon. Keiji FURUYA

Chairman, Japan-ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council
Chairperson, Commission on the Constitution, Japan
Member, House of Representatives in the Diet (National Legislature), Japan



Speaker

**Dr. Hsin Huang
Michael Hsiao**

Chairman, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation

Dr. H. H. Michael Hsiao is Chairman of Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation and Chairman of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at National Chengchi University. He is also an Adjunct Research Fellow, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, and an Chair Professor of Hakka Studies, National Central University, Taiwan. He served as National Policy Advisor to the President of Taiwan between 1996 and 2006 and is currently Senior Advisor to the President of Taiwan. He is also Chairman of the Consortium of Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA).

Dr. Hsiao's areas of specialization include middle class, civil society, and democratization in Asia; environmental movements, sustainability and risk society; and comparative Hakka studies in Taiwan and Southeast Asia.

His most recent book publications are: *The Diverse Manifestations of Hakka Ethnicity in Southeast Asia* (co-editor, 2024), *Southeast Asia, Ethnic Chinese Hakka, and Taiwan's New Residents* (co-editor, 2024), *Sociology of Decarbonization: The Public Opinion and Challenges of Taiwan's Net-Zero Transition* (co-author, 2024); *Writing Taiwan's Third Sector History* (co-editor, 2023); *Three Divides: Transformation of Hakka Ethnic Politics in Taiwan* (co-author, 2022); *The Many Faces of Taiwan's Cultural Diplomacy* (co-editor, 2022); *The Ethnic Relations of Hakka Belts in Taiwan and Malaysia* (co-editor, 2022).



Speaker

**H.E. Dr. LAI
Ching-te**

President, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

H.E. Dr. Lai Ching-te is the 16th President of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

President Lai Ching-te was born in 1959 in New Taipei City's Wanli District. He received his B.S. from National Taiwan University's Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, completed the Post-Bachelor Program in Medical Science at National Cheng Kung University, and then obtained a Master of Public Health degree from Harvard University.

In 1998, President Lai was elected to the Legislative Yuan representing Tainan City. Leveraging his medical expertise, he played a dynamic role in the Social Welfare and Environmental Hygiene Committee while addressing over 100,000 local issues. He chaired the legislature's bipartisan Health, Welfare and Environment Foundation and was also part of a lobby group promoting Taiwan's World Health Organization (WHO) membership. During his four consecutive terms (1999 to 2010), President Lai was nominated as the "Best Legislator" by Citizen Congress Watch.

In 2010, President Lai was elected as the mayor of Tainan City, and was later reelected in 2014, winning by a wide margin of 72% of the vote. As mayor from 2010 to 2017, President Lai also actively promoted city diplomacy, working closely with the Japanese, National Diet, and the private sectors to promote exchanges and sister-city agreements, enhancing substantive ties in culture, tourism, sports, agriculture, and disaster relief.

Taking on new leadership responsibilities in troubling times, President Lai served as Taiwan's premier from 2017 to 2019, and served as the 15th-term vice president from 2020 to 2024. In January 2023, President Lai began concurrently serving as DPP chairperson. In the same year, he was announced as the DPP candidate for Taiwan's 16th-term presidential election, and was successfully elected in January 2024.



Speaker

H.E. Lech WAŁĘSA

Former President, Republic of Poland
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

H.E. Lech Wałęsa is a legendary leader whose life is inseparable from Poland’s journey to democracy. Rising from his role as an electrician at the Gdańsk Shipyard, he became the co-founder and charismatic head of Solidarity (Solidarność), the first independent trade union in the Soviet bloc. His unyielding commitment to non-violent resistance during the 1980s strikes fundamentally challenged the communist regime.

Despite internment and constant repression, Wałęsa’s courage garnered global recognition, earning him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983. He played a pivotal role in the 1989 Round Table Talks, leading to the first non-communist government in the region. In 1990, he was elected the first President of a free Poland, later advocating for its accession to NATO and the EU. Today, through the Lech Wałęsa Institute, he continues to promote human rights and the peaceful transition to democracy worldwide as a global icon of liberty.



Speaker

**H.E. Mahendra
Pal CHAUDHRY**

Former Prime Minister, Republic of Fiji

H.E. Mahendra Pal Chaudhry is a trailblazing figure in Fijian politics, celebrated as the nation’s first Indo-Fijian Prime Minister in 1999. Rising from the labor movement, he dedicated his early career to championing the rights of sugarcane farmers and workers, establishing a lifelong legacy of social advocacy. As a founding member and long-time leader of the Fiji Labour Party (FLP), his resilience became a hallmark of his public service.

His historic 1999 election victory marked a transformative moment for Fiji, reflecting a vision of inclusivity and economic reform. Even when faced with immense personal and political adversity, including the 2000 coup, Chaudhry’s commitment to the democratic process remained unshakable. A tireless defender of social justice, he continues to be a respected voice for the marginalized, embodying a spirit of perseverance and a deep-seated passion for building a more equitable and prosperous Fiji for all its citizens.



Speaker

H.E. Leni ROBREDO

Former Vice President, Republic of the Philippines
Mayor of Naga City, Republic of the Philippines

H.E. Leni Robredo is the Mayor of Naga City and the 14th Vice President of the Philippines. A human rights lawyer by profession, she transformed the Office of the Vice President into an advocacy-centered organization through Angat Buhay, a flagship poverty alleviation program fueled by public-private partnerships. Her leadership—defined by ethics, efficiency, and inclusivity—was globally recognized during her proactive COVID-19 response and her subsequent roles as a Hauser Leader at Harvard Kennedy School and a Bellagio Resident with the Rockefeller Foundation.

Currently, as a mayor, she spearheads the "2028 Finish Lines" framework, focusing on bureaucratic depth, AI-driven governance, and climate resilience. Her administration has pioneered AI-powered transport planning and digital triage systems to create data-driven urban solutions. By modernizing disaster hubs and integrating advanced predictive tools for public safety, Robredo remains dedicated to participatory governance, empowering the marginalized, and building resilient, tech-forward communities.



Speaker

Hon. Keiji FURUYA

Chairman, Japan-ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council

Chairperson, Commission on the Constitution, Japan

Member, House of Representatives in the Diet (National Legislature), Japan

Hon. Keiji FURUYA (born 1952) is a Japanese politician in the Liberal Democracy Party(Japan), and a member of the House of Representatives in the Diet(national legislature). He is also the Chairman of the Japan-ROC Diet Members' Consultative Council, which has 300 members of parliament across party lines. Keiji FURUYA served as the Chairman of the National Commission on Public Safety, the Minister of State for the Abduction Issue, the Minister in charge of Building National Resilience, the Minister of State for Disaster Management. Keiji FURUYA also served as the Chairman for the Committee on Rules and Administration. In recent years, Keiji FURUYA has led several delegations to visit Taiwan and openly said that Japan supports Taiwan to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), and as an observer to the World Health Assembly (WHA).

Keiji FURUYA has also delivered a speech at Yushan Forum at Taipei 7 times (2018-2025).

Session I

Digital Solidarity Partnerships — Next-Generation Secure Digital Ecosystems

Ballroom (2F)

Moderator

Hon. Dr. Yi-Jing LIN

Minister, Ministry of Digital Affairs, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Panelists

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Prof. Marc ROTENBERG

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Dr. Kenny HUANG

Chairman, Taiwan Network Information Center, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Hon. Erin O'TOOLE

President and Managing Director, ADIT North America, Canada
Former Leader, Conservative Party, Canada

Dr. Der-Tsai LEE

President, National Institute of Cyber Security, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Hon. Sr. Gustavo Emigdio VILLATE SAMANIEGO

Minister, Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies,
Republic of Paraguay



Moderator

Hon. Dr. Yi-Jing LIN

Minister, Ministry of Digital Affairs, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Hon. Lin Yi-Jing is currently the Minister of the Ministry of Digital Affairs (MODA), Taiwan. Prior to entering public service, he was a technology entrepreneur and software engineer with more than two decades of experience in the digital industry. His work has focused on software innovation, digital infrastructure, and the development of emerging technologies. Before joining government, he held research and engineering roles in the technology sector, including positions at IBM's Watson Research Center and Trend Micro.

At MODA, his work focuses on advancing Taiwan's digital transformation, strengthening cybersecurity resilience, and promoting the responsible development of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence. He received his Ph.D. in Computer Science from Brown University and his Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Information Engineering from National Taiwan University.



Panelist

Dr. Yuh-Jye LEE

Senior Advisor, National Security Council, R.O.C.
(Taiwan)

Dr. Yuh-Jye Lee is a leading expert in artificial intelligence and cybersecurity, currently serving as Senior Advisor to Taiwan's National Security Council. He received his Ph.D. in Computer Sciences from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 2001 and has held academic and leadership roles at top institutions, including Academia Sinica and National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University.

Dr. Lee's research focuses on the convergence of AI and national security, with particular interest in applications such as unmanned systems, C4ISR architectures, and decision support technologies. As the initiator of the Trustworthy AI Dialogue Engine (TAIDE)—Taiwan's sovereign large language model based on Meta's Llama—he plays a key role in advancing trustworthy and resilient AI infrastructures.

He previously served as Deputy Executive Secretary at the National Science and Technology Council, where he helped shape Taiwan's science and technology strategy. Dr. Lee remains actively engaged in promoting AI applications that enhance national defense, strategic autonomy, and technological resilience.



Panelist

**Prof. Marc
ROTENBERG**

Executive Director and Founder, Center for
AI and Digital Policy, United States

Marc Rotenberg is founder of the Center for AI and Digital Policy, a global network of AI policy experts and human rights advocates. CAIDP publishes annually The AI and Democratic Values Index and The AI Policy Sourcebook. He served on the OECD AI Group of Experts, with produced the OECD AI Principles, the first global framework for AI governance. He also drafted the Universal Guidelines for AI, a widely endorsed human rights framework for the regulation of Artificial Intelligence. Professor Rotenberg teaches Privacy Law at Georgetown Law and AI Governance and Compliance at Georgetown University He has published widely in academic journals. He is a graduate is of Harvard College, Stanford Law, and Georgetown Law, and an elected member of the American Bar Foundation, the American Law Institute, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the European Law Institute.



Panelist

Dr. Kenny HUANG

Chairman, Taiwan Network Information Center

Dr. Kenny Huang is Chairman of the Taiwan Network Information Center (TWNIC) and a leading figure in Internet technology and policy. He holds a Ph.D. in Management of Information Systems from National Chengchi University and an MSc in Information Technology from London South Bank University. Dr. Huang co-authored IETF RFC3743 and serves on global Internet governance bodies, including the APNIC Executive Council, ICANN Address Council, DotAsia Advisory Council, and PIR Board. He also leads key digital policy initiatives in Taiwan, including IPv6 and government e-policy development.



Panelist

Hon. Erin O'TOOLE

President and Managing Director, ADIT North America, Canada

Former Leader, Conservative Party, Canada

Hon. Erin O'Toole is a Canadian thought leader on foreign policy, economic issues and national security drawing on experience that spans military service, law, politics, business, and philanthropy.

He began his career as an officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force and graduate of the Royal Military College. He served as a Tactical Navigator on Sea King helicopters in support of naval operations, maritime surveillance, and search-and-rescue operations. Promoted to the rank of Captain, he was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration and the Sikorsky Helicopter Rescue Award during his time in the military. His service inspired a lasting commitment to veterans and mental health, including the founding of the True Patriot Love Foundation in 2009, which has since raised over \$100 million to support military families.

After military service, Mr. O'Toole earned a law degree from Dalhousie University, practiced corporate law at Stikeman Elliott LLP, and served as in-house counsel at Procter & Gamble. He was elected Member of Parliament for Durham in 2012 and served for a decade, including as Minister of Veterans Affairs and Parliamentary Secretary for International Trade. He later served as Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada and Leader of the Official Opposition from 2020 to 2022.

Mr. O'Toole is currently President and Managing Director of ADIT North America, part of Paris-based Groupe ADIT, advising clients on trade, investment, and geopolitical risk. He remains active in public policy through his Blue Skies podcast, writing, and speaking engagements, and serves as a Distinguished Fellow at the Hudson Institute. He is also an Adjunct Professor in the Government, Leadership and Ethics program at Huron University.



Panelist

Dr. Der-Tsai LEE

President, National Institute of Cyber Security

Dr. Lee is currently President, National Institute of Cyber Security (NICS), President, Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan (HEEACT), and Distinguished Visiting Chair, Institute of Information Science (IIS) & Research Center for IT Innovation (CITI), Academia Sinica. He also serves as Chair, Cybersecurity Officers Committee, Taiwan Innovative Software and Services Association (TISSA).

He was Professor of Computer Science, Northwestern University (1978-98), Program Director, CCR, National Science Foundation (1989-90), Distinguished Research Fellow & Director of IIS, Academia Sinica (1998-2008), President and Chair Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, National Chung Hsing University, Taichung, Taiwan (2011-15), and Senior Advisor for National Cybersecurity and Sci. & Tech. Policy at the National Security Council, Taiwan (2016-20).

He is Life Fellow of IEEE, Fellow of ACM, an elected Member of The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), Academician of Academia Sinica, and a Humboldt Research Awardee (2007) of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany.



Panelist

**Hon. Sr. Gustavo
Emigdio VILLATE
SAMANIEGO**

Minister, Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies, Republic of Paraguay

Hon. Gustavo Villate is a technology leader with more than 20 years of experience in telecommunications and financial technology. He currently serves as Minister of Information and Communication Technologies (MITIC) of Paraguay, where he leads national digital transformation and modernization initiatives. His work focuses on expanding national connectivity, advancing 5G deployment, promoting Electronic Identity systems, and strengthening the Paraguay Government Portal as key tools for digitalization. He also supports the implementation of technological solutions in education and healthcare to improve efficiency in strategic public sectors.

Hon. Gustavo Villate studied Systems Analysis at Universidad Católica Nuestra Señora de la Asunción, which laid the foundation for his career in ICT. In the private sector, he co-founded and directed E-Services, served as Technology Director at Bouncopy, and worked as IT Manager at Claro Paraguay. He has also been an active member of Paraguay's Fintech and Contact Center & BPO chambers.

Luncheon & Speech

Hongfu Hall (9F)

Speaker

H.E. HSIAO Bi-khim

Vice President, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

H.E. Lech WAŁĘSA

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Speaker

H.E. HSIAO Bi-khim

Vice President, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

H.E. Hsiao Bi-khim is the 16th Vice President of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Vice President Hsiao Bi-khim was born in Kobe, Japan in 1971. She has a diverse international background encompassing Japan, Taiwan, and the United States, which has shaped her approach to diplomacy.

After graduating from junior high school in Tainan, Vice President Hsiao Bi-khim and her family moved to the US, where she went on to earn a B.A. in East Asian Studies from Oberlin College in 1993. She later earned an M.A. in Political Science from Columbia University, specializing in international relations.

Vice President Hsiao Bi-khim began her political career as program coordinator for the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP)'s US mission in 1995, becoming deputy director of its Department of International Affairs the following year, and director from 1997 to 2006.

Starting in 2001, Vice President Hsiao Bi-khim served as a representative at-large for the DPP, working to promote transport infrastructure and agriculture in Hualien, while also focusing on issues related to gender equality, diplomacy, and human rights.

In 2020, she served as senior advisor to the National Security Council, and in July of the same year, was appointed as representative of Taiwan to the United States. She returned to Taiwan in 2023 to run in the 16th-term presidential elections, and was successfully elected as 16th-term Vice President.



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Session II

Resilient Economic Partnerships — Trusted Supply Chain Collaboration Opportunities

Ballroom (2F)

Moderator

Cynthia KIANG

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Affairs, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

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Hon. Akira AMARI

Honorary chairman, Liberal Democratic Party's "Semiconductor Strategy Promotion Parliamentarian Alliance"

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Hon. Michal JAROS

Secretary of State, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Poland

Rt Hon. Sir Liam FOX

Former Secretary of State for International Trade, United Kingdom

Dr. Bor-Sung LIANG

Senior Director, Corporate Strategy & Strategic Technology, MediaTek

Paul HUANG

Chairman, SKYTECH INC.

Scott CHEN

Senior Vice President, ASE Group, Chung-Li

Dr. Danilo LACHICA

President, Semiconductor and Electronics Industries in the Philippines Foundation, Inc. (SEIPI)



Moderator

Cynthia KIANG

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Affairs,
R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Ms. Kiang was appointed the Deputy Minister of Taiwan’s Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) in January 2025. She has held several key positions in the MOEA, illustrating her deep expertise in international trade policies. Notably, she previously served as the Director General of the International Trade Administration, the Department of International Cooperation, and the Department of Commerce.

During the tenure of these positions, she has actively engaged in numerous dialogues with Taiwan’s trading partners to enhance bilateral and multilateral relations. She also endeavors to assist Taiwanese enterprises in expanding business opportunities through strategic trade promotion initiatives.

She earned a Bachelor of Laws from National Cheng-chi University in Taiwan and a Master of Law from the University of Pennsylvania in the United States.

Panelist



Hon. Akira AMARI

Honorary chairman, Liberal Democratic Party's "Semiconductor Strategy Promotion Parliamentarian Alliance"

Former member, House of Representatives in the Diet (national legislature), Japan

Hon. Akira AMARI (born 1949) is a Japanese politician of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and a former member of the House of Representatives of Japan. During his tenure as a member of the 13th House of Representatives, Akira Amari served as Secretary-General of the LDP, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Minister of Economic Revitalization and other important party and government positions, and was very influential in the political arena. He was also in charge of the CPTPP negotiations on the Japanese side, and played an important role in leading policy promotion in economic and trade fields such as the semiconductor industry. He also established the Liberal Democratic Party's "Semiconductor Strategy Promotion Parliamentarian Alliance"



Panelist

Hon. Michał JAROS

Secretary of State, Ministry of Economic
Development and Technology, Poland

Hon. Deputy Minister Jaros is a seasoned economist and experienced politician, serving in the Polish Parliament since 2007. He's also a member of the Polish-Taiwanese Parliamentary Group. In his current role, he oversees areas critical to Poland's economic growth, including investment policy, support for SMEs, and the digital economy. He's been particularly instrumental in advancing Poland's semiconductor sector and shaping policies that align with Europe's broader economic goals.



Panelist

Rt Hon. Sir Liam FOX

Former Secretary of State for International Trade,
United Kingdom

Rt Hon. Sir Liam Fox qualified as a medical doctor from the University of Glasgow. He served as the Member of Parliament for North Somerset from 1992 to 2024. During his time in government he served as the Secretary of State for Defence between 2010 and 2011, and as the first Secretary of State for International Trade and the President of the Board of Trade between 2016 and 2019. He also served as a minister in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and as Chairman of the Conservative Party. In 2013 he published *Rising Tides*, a book analysing the challenges of the era of globalisation. He was the UK's nominee to be the Director-General of the World Trade Organisation in 2020. In 2021 he was invited by the Ambassadors of UAE, Israel, Bahrain and Morocco to set up and chair the UK Abraham Accords group to promote and support the international peace agreement. In 2024 he published his second book *The Coming Storm: how water will write the 21st century*, examining its crucial role in security, climate and human health from his different professional experiences. He also chairs the international Abraham Accords Prosperity group.



Panelist

**Dr. Bor-Sung
LIANG**

Senior Director, Corporate Strategy & Strategic
Technology, MediaTek

Dr. Bor-Sung Liang is a Senior Director, Corporate Strategy & Strategic Technology, MediaTek, and a Director of the Board, MediaTek Foundation. He is also a Visiting Professor at CSIE and GIEE, EECS and GSAT in National Taiwan University, and a Visiting Professor at ECE in National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University. He is a Director of IEEE Taipei Section, an IEEE CASS Industrial Distinguished Lecturer (2025-2026), and the executive director of Taiwan IC Industry & Academia Research Alliance.

Dr. Liang received Ph.D degree from Institute of Electronics, National Chiao Tung University, and Master degree of Business Administration from EMBA, College of Management, National Taiwan University. Dr. Liang has received several important awards, such as Ten Outstanding Young Persons, Taiwan; National Invention and Creation Award (Gold and Silver Medals on Invention); Outstanding Youth Innovation Award of Industrial Technology Development Award; Outstanding ICT Elite Award; and K. T. Li Young Researcher Award.



Panelist

Paul HUANG

Chairman, SKYTECH INC.

Mr. Paul Huang, who holds a Bachelor degree in Mechanical Engineering from NCKU and a Master's from NTUST, brings 30 years of profound expertise from the world's leading semiconductor equipment firm to his current role as Chairman and General Manager of Skytech Inc..

Under his visionary leadership, Skytech Inc. has developed over 19,000 components and optimized critical parts across both front-end and back-end processes. The company's impressive portfolio includes seven major equipment lines: PVD, ALD, Etch, CVD, Bonder and De-Bonder, and EUV Pellicle inspection equipment. These innovations serve diverse sectors, including advanced packaging, compound semiconductors, and optoelectronics. Mr. Huang's commitment to localized manufacturing has not only achieved a significant domestic milestone but has also elevated Skytech Inc. onto the global stage.

In December 2023, Skytech Inc. achieved its successful IPO (6937:TT). This milestone marks a new chapter for the company. Committed to continuous excellence and innovation, Skytech Inc. strives to become a world-class semiconductor equipment company, further strengthening Taiwan's global presence in the industry.



Panelist

Scott CHEN

Senior Vice President, ASE Group, Chung-Li

Mr. Scott Chen currently serves as the Senior Vice President of Central Developing Engineering at ASE Group, Chung-Li, a position he has held since 2015. In addition to his corporate leadership, he is a prominent figure in industry associations, currently serving as the Chair of the Supplier-chain Committee for the Heterogeneously Integrated Silicon Photonics Alliance (HiSPA) since 2024. Previously, he served as the Vice Chairman of the MEMS Committee for the Taiwan Semiconductor Industry Association (TSIA) from 2013 to 2014.

With extensive experience in the semiconductor sector, Mr. Chen's career includes key technical and management roles, notably as a Staff Engineering Manager at Motorola Electronics Taiwan and as a Process Engineer at Texas Instruments Taiwan.

Mr. Chen holds an Executive MBA and a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering, both from National Taiwan University (NTU).



Panelist

Dr. Danilo LACHICA

President, Semiconductor and Electronics Industries
in the Philippines Foundation, Inc. (SEIPI)

Danilo Lachica is President of SEIPI, representing the electronics industry which accounts for 62.3% of total Philippine commodity exports and employs over 3 million direct and indirect workers. He has more than 40 years of senior management experience in semiconductors, electronics, and consumer goods manufacturing, including 16 years in front-end wafer manufacturing in Silicon Valley.

He previously served as Senior Vice President of First Philippine Holdings and President of the group's electronics and solar manufacturing companies. Earlier in his career, he held leadership roles at Iomega, Hewlett-Packard, Motorola, American Microsystems, and Procter & Gamble. He also led the USAID-ULF Advanced Manufacturing Workforce Development Program.

Lachica is a Six Sigma Black Belt and expert in global management systems. He has received several awards from the University of the Philippines (UP) and national professional organizations. He has a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from UP Diliman, an Master of Business Administration from San Jose State University, and a Doctor of Business Administration from De La Salle University and serves on multiple government and science advisory councils.

Session III

Technology Innovation Partnerships — Green and Smart Technology Incubation Hubs

Ballroom (2F)

Moderator

Hon. Dr. Chi-ming PENG

Minister, Ministry of Environment, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Panelists

Hon. Jun-Seok LEE

Party leader of the Reform Party, National Assembly, Republic of Korea

Dr. Kian-Ming ONG

Adjunct Professor, Taylor's University

Former Deputy Minister, International Trade and Industry (MITI), Malaysia

Amb. Jonathan FRIED

Chair, The Canadian National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (CANCPEC), Canada

Mona YANG

Manager of Corporate Sustainability Division, Delta Electronics

Tzong Shien WU

Senior Vice President, United Microelectronics Corporation

Chi-Yeh HSIEH

Chairman, FENGYU GROUP



Moderator

**Hon. Dr. Chi-ming,
PENG**

Minister, Ministry of Environment, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Hon. Dr. Chi-Ming PENG has been deeply involved in climate change efforts for many years and has participated in 11 United Nations Climate Change Conferences. His innovative contributions through private sector participation have helped Taiwan and the world move toward net-zero emissions.

He is also a scientist and entrepreneur, holding a Ph.D. in Atmospheric Sciences from National Central University, specializing in atmospheric chemistry, air pollution, and global cooling. He founded Taiwan's first private weather company, which transformed the weather forecasting landscape that was once completely dominated by the government, contributing to climate technology-related services.

He has also been active in various private sector associations and environmental organizations, playing a key role in promoting open data and big data as a private sector advocate connecting Taiwan and Asia to the global community. Dr. Peng has served as a TV and radio weather broadcaster for 17 years and hosts an online live show, where he is a well-known presenter discussing climate, health, and environmental issues.

Dr. Peng is a vegetarian, passionately advocating for plant-based diets as a way to mitigate global warming and protect the planet.

In 2024, he was invited by Premier Cho Jung-tai of the Executive Yuan to serve as the Minister of Environment.



Panelist

Hon. Jun-Seok LEE

Party leader of the Reform Party, National Assembly, Republic of Korea

Hon. Jun-Seok LEE is a Member of the 22nd National Assembly of the Republic of Korea and leader of the Reform Party. A prominent figure in South Korean politics, he previously served as Leader of the People Power Party, becoming one of the youngest leaders of a major political party in the country's history. His political career has focused on generational change, political reform, and public policy innovation.

Jun-Seok LEE holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Computer Science from Harvard University.



Panelist

Dr. Kian-Ming ONG

Adjunct Professor, Taylor's University

Former Deputy Minister, International Trade and Industry (MITI), Malaysia

Dr. Ong Kian-Ming is an Adjunct Professor at Taylor's University, Malaysia. He was previously the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Pro VC) for External Engagement at Taylor's University and the Program Director for Philosophy Politics & Economics (PPE), at Taylor's University.

He was the Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry (MITI) from July 2018 to February 2020, and a former two-term Member of Parliament (MP) in Malaysia from 2013 to 2022 (MP for Serdang from 2013 to 2018 and MP for Bangi from 2018 to 2022) representing the Democratic Action Party (DAP).

He was Senior Adviser to Global Counsel, an international advisory firm with offices in five countries, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA). He was appointed in August 2023 for a two-year term.



Panelist

Amb. Jonathan FRIED

Chair, The Canadian National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (CANCPEC), Canada

Mr. Fried is an independent trade and economic consultant based in Ottawa, Canada. He serves as Senior Advisor to the Albright Stonebridge Group, Senior Associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Advisor to Independent Economics. He is also Chair of the Canadian National Committee of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council and participates in expert groups on Canada–US relations and multilateral cooperation.

Before retiring from the Government of Canada in 2020, he was the Prime Minister’s Personal Representative for the G20 and Coordinator for International Economic Relations at the deputy minister level. He contributed to APEC’s Putrajaya Vision 2040 and later advised Global Affairs Canada on its Indo-Pacific strategy.

Previously, he served as Canada’s Ambassador to the WTO (2012–2017), including as Chair of the Dispute Settlement Body and the General Council, and held senior roles such as Ambassador to Japan, Executive Director at the IMF, and chief negotiator on China’s WTO accession. He received the Order of the Rising Sun in 2022.



Panelist

Mona YANG

Manager of Corporate Sustainability Division, Delta Electronics

She joined Delta Electronics in 2018 and currently serves as Department Manager of the Corporate Sustainability Division. In this role, she coordinates the Delta Group’s global sustainability initiatives, evaluates global trends to translate them into the company’s ESG perspectives, and defines related strategies, policies, and objectives to ensure effective project execution and measurable outcomes. She is a graduate of the Yale School of the Environment and has more than a decade of experience in the sustainability field. She has been deeply engaged in global environmental initiatives—particularly in climate change, RE100, circular economy, and biodiversity—supporting the company’s efforts to achieve a balance between business growth and sustainability.



Panelist

Tzong Shien WU

Senior Vice President, United Microelectronics Corporation

Mr. TS Wu graduated from the Institute of Electronics at National Chiao Tung University and joined UMC in 1990. Mr. Wu currently serves as the Senior Vice President, in charge of UMC's global Fab operations, and Chief Information Security Officer at UMC. He is also the Secretary General of UMC's Corporate Sustainability Committee.

With extensive experience in Foundry Manufacturing operation and a strong technological background, Mr. Wu has been instrumental in integrating digital transformation into the core of UMC's sustainable operations. He has led the advancement of smart manufacturing initiatives and the development of green technology platforms, enabling the company to deliver high-efficiency, low-energy solutions to its customers. The team led by him enabled UMC's Fab 12A, the flagship Fab of UMC, to be recognized by the World Economic Forum in Global Lighthouse Network, making it the world's first semiconductor foundry to receive this honor.

As a key architect of UMC's sustainability transformation, Mr. Wu has embedded sustainable development into the company's corporate culture and strengthened its long-term competitiveness. Under his leadership, UMC has established a clear sustainability strategy and roadmap, implementing more than 50 action plans annually. The company has achieved tangible and measurable progress in fulfilling its net-zero commitments, expanding renewable energy adoption, and advancing circular economy practices. These achievements have been consistently recognized in international initiatives and ESG ratings, including being listed in the Dow Jones Best-in-Class World Index since 2008 and named the top global semiconductor company three times, and receiving CDP 'double A' recognition for the fourth consecutive year.



Panelist

Chi-Yeh HSIEH

Chairman, FENGYU GROUP

Chi-Yeh HSIEH is the Chairman of FENGYU GROUP, with 27+ years of engineering experience and is a licensed Professional Civil Engineer. Under his leadership, FENGYU’s revenue grew 40× in 15 years, and the Group evolved into a leading integrated contractor in smart, sustainable construction—delivering the National Archives, principal railway station complexes, advanced-technology plants, and the CDC’s resource-circulation program; FENGYU also invests and builds the sustainable luxury resorts.

He rebuilt FENGYU’s quality, safety, and project-management systems, embedding a “People First” “Do It Right the First Time” culture, and continues to advance system aluminum formwork and AI-enabled smart construction.

FENGYU has repeatedly earned Taiwan’s highest national honors for quality, safety, and sustainability; in 2025, as general contractor for the National Taiwan University Humanities Hall, it received Taiwan’s first ACI Excellence in Concrete Construction Award, underscoring Chairman Hsieh’s engineering rigor, sustainability innovation, and global vision.



Session IV

Social Resilience Partnerships — Public-Private Initiatives to Forge Consensus on Security Issues

Ballroom (2F)

Moderator

Hon. Shyh-Fang LIU

Minister, Ministry of the Interior, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Panelists

Dr. Wen LIU

Chairperson, Kuma Civil Defense Education Association

Kensuke ONISHI

Chairperson, Peace Winds Japan

CEO, Asia Pacific Alliance For Disaster Management

Jas HUANG

Department Manager, Membership and Data Innovation Research
Department, Taiwan FamilyMart Co., Ltd.

Hon. Dovilė ŠAKALIENĖ

Member of the Parliament (Seimas) and Former Minister of National
Defence, Republic of Lithuania

Deputy Chair, Lithuanian Social Democratic Party

Hon. Ron MARK

Former Minister of Defence, New Zealand

Founder, Ron Mark Consulting Ltd

Hon. Dr. Solomon PASSY

Former Foreign Minister, Bulgaria

Former Chairman, United Nations Security Council



Moderator

Hon. Shyh-Fang LIU

Minister, Ministry of the Interior, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Hon. Shyh-Fang LIU is the Minister of the Ministry of the Interior (MOI), Taiwan. She assumed office in May 2024 and brings extensive experience in both national and local governance.

Prior to her current role, she held several senior leadership positions across Taiwan's government, including serving as a Legislator in multiple terms of the Legislative Yuan, Deputy Mayor of Kaohsiung City, Deputy Secretary General of the National Security Council, and Secretary General of the Executive Yuan.

She holds a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from Oklahoma State University and a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Tamkang University.



Panelist

Dr. Wen LIU

Chairperson, Kuma Civil Defense Education Association

Dr. Wen LIU is the Chairperson of the Kuma Civil Defense Education Association, an organization dedicated to promoting civilian crisis preparedness and awareness in Taiwan. Wen Liu also holds a doctoral degree in social psychology from the City University of New York in the United States. She is currently an Associate Research Fellow at the Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica.



Panelist

Kensuke ONISHI

Chairperson, Peace Winds Japan
CEO, Asia Pacific Alliance For Disaster
Management

Born in Osaka Prefecture in 1967. After graduating from Sophia University, he pursued a Master’s degree at the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom, specializing in Conflict Resolution and Humanitarian Intervention. He also completed the doctoral program at the Graduate School of Human Sciences, Osaka University. In 1996, he founded Peace Winds Japan. To date, he has spearheaded humanitarian aid operations in 41 countries and regions worldwide, including Iraq, Afghanistan, and Ukraine.

In 2000, he played a key role in establishing Japan Platform, an international humanitarian aid organization driven by cooperation between NGOs, the business sectors, and the government. In 2012, he founded the Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management (A-PAD) to facilitate mutual cooperation for disaster response across the Asia-Pacific region.

In recent years, based in Jinseki Kogen, Hiroshima Prefecture—the headquarters of Peace Winds—he has been actively involved in regional revitalization for mountainous areas and remote islands in Japan, as well as animal welfare initiatives. Furthermore, to strengthen emergency medical support during disasters, he launched the Airborne Rescue & Relief Operations With Search (ARROWS) project in 2019.



Panelist

Jas HUANG

Department Manager, Membership and Data
Innovation Research Department, Taiwan FamilyMart
Co., Ltd.

FamilyMart is Your Home — Centered on our customers, we strive to offer products and services that they love, fully committing to the philosophy of "Customer Satisfaction and Mutual Growth."

Over the past four years, I have been responsible for driving the digital transformation of FamilyMart convenience stores. This includes managing 19 million members, implementing payment and financial services, enhancing the membership point system, and fostering cross-industry collaborations within the group. Through data-driven strategies, we have developed omnichannel digital services and supported the group's overall transformation initiatives. Our goal is to build a cross-industry ecosystem that enables mutual growth between our core business and external partners — ensuring that every member has a FamilyMart in their hands, and every FamilyMart store is closely connected to the needs of its members.



Panelist

Hon. Dovilė ŠAKALIENĖ

Member of the Parliament (Seimas) and Former
Minister of National Defence, Republic of Lithuania
Deputy Chair, Lithuanian Social Democratic Party

Hon. Dovilė Šakalienė is a member of the Lithuanian Parliament and served as Minister of National Defence from 2024 to 2025. During her tenure, Lithuania's Ministry of National Defence released its first Indo-Pacific Security Strategy, underscoring Lithuania's commitment to sustained cooperation with Taiwan in areas such as societal resilience and the defence industry. She is widely regarded as a key political figure in Lithuania, known for her broad and strategic perspective on geopolitics and security.

Earlier in her career, Šakalienė worked as a journalist and has long been engaged in human rights advocacy, with a particular focus on the protection of vulnerable groups. She has served in parliament since 2016, where, in addition to education and human rights issues, she has taken a strong interest in foreign policy, geopolitics, and regional security. As a member of the parliamentary Committee on National Security and Defence, she has consistently emphasized the need for democratic nations to stand united against authoritarian expansion and has advocated for strengthening national defence capabilities and comprehensive civil defence.



Panelist

Hon. Ron MARK

Former Minister of Defence, New Zealand
Founder, Ron Mark Consulting Ltd

Hon. Ron Mark was the 40th Minister of Defence of New Zealand. He served six terms in Parliament with New Zealand First Party, from 1996-2008 and 2014-2020. He was the Minister of Defence and Minister for Veterans' Affairs between October 2017 and November 2020.

His military background spans service in the New Zealand Army and with the Sultan of Oman's Special Force. He received numerous awards, including "The Order of the Special Royal Emblem" and the "Distinguished Service Peace Award".

He has also held significant local-government leadership roles, serving three times as Mayor of Carterton District. In addition, he has more than 29 years' experience in iwi and Maori governance. He was the highly successful Lead Negotiator for the Treaty Settlement Trust and now serves as the Chair of the Audit Finance & Risk Committee.

He was appointed to the Waitangi Tribunal in January 2025 by Minister for Maori Development, Hon Tama Potaka, and as an independent Ministerial Advisor on Youth Justice by Minister for Children, Hon Karen Chhour.



Panelist

**Hon. Dr. Solomon
PASSY**

Former Foreign Minister, Bulgaria

Former Chairman, United Nations Security Council

Hon. Dr. Solomon Passy is the Founding President of the Atlantic Club of Bulgaria, one of the country's leading organizations promoting Euro-Atlantic cooperation. He previously served as Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Government of King Simeon II, during which time Bulgaria signed its NATO and European Union Accession Treaties.

He has also held several senior international and parliamentary roles, including Chairman of the United Nations Security Council and Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). In Bulgaria's National Assembly, he served as Chairman of the Parliamentary Committees on Defence and Foreign Affairs and as a Member of Parliament. He was also among the signatories of the democratic Constitution of the Republic of Bulgaria in 1991.

He holds a Ph.D. in Mathematical Logic and Computer Science.



Dinner & Speech

Glory Hall (2F)

Speakers

H.E. Dr. LIN Chia-Lung

Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Amb. Dr. Christoph HEUSGEN

Former Chairman, Munich Security Conference, Germany

Hon. Nanaia MAHUTA

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, New Zealand
Board Chair of NZCGS, New Zealand

Hon. Jan LIPAŮSKÝ

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and current
Member of Parliament, Czech Republic



Speaker

**H.E. Dr. LIN
Chia-Lung**

Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, R.O.C.
(Taiwan)

H.E. Dr. Lin Chia-Lung currently serves as the Foreign Minister of Taiwan, as well as Vice Chairman of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy and Chairman of the International Cooperation and Development Fund. Previously, he served as the Secretary-General to the President from 2023 to 2024, Ambassador-at-Large in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2022 to 2023, Minister of Transportation and Communications from 2019 to 2021, and Mayor of Taichung City from 2014 to 2018.

H.E. Dr. Lin completed his Ph.D. in Political Science at Yale University, and previously earned a total of three Master's degrees in Political Science at both National Taiwan University and Yale University.



Speaker

Amb. Dr. Christoph HEUSGEN

Former Chairman, Munich Security Conference,
Germany

Amb. Christoph Heusgen was Chairman of the Munich Security Conference (MSC) between 2022 and 2025. He was Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations between 2017 and 2021. Before assuming that role, he served as Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations in New York from 2017 to 2021, chairing the UN Security Council in April 2019 and July 2020. From 2005 to 2017, Amb. Heusgen was former German Chancellor Angela Merkel's chief advisor on foreign and security policy and led the Foreign Policy Department of the Federal Chancellery as Director General. From 1999 to 2005, he headed the political staff of Javier Solana, then High Representative for the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy.

Amb. Christoph Heusgen is a graduate of the University of Saint Gallen in Switzerland, studied at Georgia Southern College in the United States, and at the Sorbonne in Paris. He teaches Political Science at the University of Saint Gallen.



Speaker

**Hon. Nanaia
MAHUTA**

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, New Zealand
Board Chair of NZCGS, New Zealand

Hon. Nanaia Mahuta was the 28th minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand from 2020 to 2023. Hon. Mahuta served as a Labour Party Member of Parliament for 27 years, from 1996 to 2023. She made history as the first female Minister for Maori Development and, in 2020, became New Zealand's first female Minister of Foreign Affairs.

During her tenure as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Mahuta introduced the concept of Indigenous values into Aotearoa New Zealand's diplomacy, emphasising principles such as partnership, inclusivity, and respect for cultural identity in the conduct of foreign policy. The friendly relations between Taiwan and New Zealand have been strengthened under her leadership.



Speaker

Hon. Jan LIPAVSKÝ

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and current Member of Parliament, Czech Republic

Hon. Jan Lipavský is a current Member of Parliament of the Czech Republic and a Czech politician and diplomat with a long-standing focus on foreign, security, and energy policy. From 17 December 2021 until 2024, he served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. He holds a degree in International Territorial Studies from the Institute of International Studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, and spent part of his studies at the University of Kent in the United Kingdom. Before entering politics, he worked in the private sector, primarily in banking and information technology, gaining professional experience at companies including McKinsey & Company, Euro RSCG, ZOOT, Total Solutions, and Moro Systems.

Session V

Roundtable Dialogue on Indo-Pacific Prospects — How Taiwan Can Promote Shared Prosperity Amidst Geostrategic Competition

Ballroom (2F)

Moderator

Dr. Ming-chi CHEN

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Panelists

Ashok MALIK

Partner & Chair of India Practice, The Asia Group
Former Policy Advisor / Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs,
India

Amb. Sung-Joon YIM

Former National Security Adviser, Republic of Korea

Hon. Biow Chuan LIM

Former Deputy Speaker, Parliament of the Republic of Singapore

Amb. Dr. Christoph HEUSGEN

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Zbigniew PISARSKI

President of the Board, Casimir Pulaski Foundation (CPF), Poland



Moderator

Dr. Ming-chi CHEN

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Dr. Ming-chi CHEN is the current Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in Taiwan, a position he has held since February 2025. Prior to joining the ministry, he served as Chief Executive Officer of the Institute for National Defense and Security Research (INDSR) and as an Advisor to Taiwan's National Security Council, where his work focused on national security, cross-strait relations, and strategic policy analysis.

Earlier in his career, he served as Deputy Minister of the Mainland Affairs Council and held academic positions in sociology at National Tsing Hua University and National Taipei University. He received his Ph.D. and MA in Sociology from Yale University and his BA in Sociology from National Taiwan University.



Panelist

Ashok MALIK

Partner & Chair of India Practice, The Asia Group
Former Policy Advisor / Additional Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs, India

Mr. Ashok Malik is a Partner at The Asia Group and Chair of its New Delhi-based subsidiary in India where he leads the firm’s in-market business strategy and services. Prior to joining TAG, Ashok served for three years (2019-22) as Policy Advisor/Additional Secretary in India’s Ministry of External Affairs. Between 2017 and 2019, Ashok served as principal speech writer and spokesperson for the President of India.



Panelist

Amb. Sung-Joon YIM

Former National Security Adviser, Republic of Korea

Amb. Sung-Joon YIM is a veteran South Korean diplomat and academic who has combined distinguished service in government, academia, and the legal sector. Over the course of his career, he held several senior posts, most notably serving as Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Canada from 2004 to 2007. He also served as Ambassador to Egypt, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, and National Security Adviser to President Kim Dae-jung. Beyond his diplomatic career, he was President of the Korea Foundation (2007–2010) and a chair-professor at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. Since 2011, he has been Senior Advisor at Dentons Lee (formerly Lee International Law Office), advising on legal case handling while continuing to contribute his expertise in diplomacy and international affairs. He achieved his B.A. in Diplomacy at Seoul National University in 1971 and studied at Oxford University (1975-76) UK and Keio University (1977-78) Japan.



Panelist

Hon. Biow Chuan LIM

Former Deputy Speaker, Parliament of the Republic of Singapore

Hon. Biow Chuan LIM is a Singaporean lawyer and former Member of Parliament who served the Mountbatten constituency for four terms. A member of the People's Action Party, his political career was highlighted by his tenure as Deputy Speaker of Parliament from 2016 to 2020. During his time in office, he was also recognized for his work in community advocacy, notably serving as President of the Consumers Association of Singapore (CASE).

Professionally, Mr. Lim has practiced law for over 35 years. He earned his LLB (Honours) from the National University of Singapore in 1988 and was admitted to the Singapore Bar the following year. Currently a Director at BC Lim & Lau LLC, he transitioned out of political office ahead of the 2025 General Election. His career is marked by a long-term commitment to both the legal profession and public administration in Singapore.



Panelist

**Amb. Dr. Christoph
HEUSGEN**

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Amb. Christoph Heusgen was Chairman of the Munich Security Conference (MSC) between 2022 and 2025. He was Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations between 2017 and 2021. Before assuming that role, he served as Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations in New York from 2017 to 2021, chairing the UN Security Council in April 2019 and July 2020. From 2005 to 2017, Amb. Heusgen was former German Chancellor Angela Merkel's chief advisor on foreign and security policy and led the Foreign Policy Department of the Federal Chancellery as Director General. From 1999 to 2005, he headed the political staff of Javier Solana, then High Representative for the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy.

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Panelist

Zbigniew PISARSKI

President of the Board, Casimir Pulaski Foundation (CPF), Poland

Political scientist, commentator on foreign policy and international security, entrepreneur and social activist. Founder and President of the Board of the Casimir Pulaski Foundation, a leading Polish think tank specialising in foreign policy and security (since 2004). Founder and Member of the Council of the European Academy of Diplomacy, the first non-governmental diplomatic academy in Europe, and founder of the Warsaw Security Forum, an annual high-level conference on defence and international security.

Appointed by the President of the Republic of Poland as an advisor to the Strategic National Security Review (2010). Awarded the Endeavour Executive Fellowship by the Government of Australia at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (2015).

Holds an MA in European Studies from the University of Vienna; also studied at Harvard University, Georgetown University and the University of Southern California. Completed doctoral studies at the Warsaw School of Economics and is preparing his PhD dissertation.

Session VI

Think Tank Corridor — Leveraging Shared Values to Spur Democratic Action

Ballroom (2F)

Moderator

Dr. Sana HASHMI

Postdoctoral Fellow, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF)

Panelists

Vice Admiral Pradeep CHAUHAN

Director General, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), India

Ben BLAND

Director of the Asia-Pacific Programme, Chatham House

Shihoko GOTO

Vice President of Programs / Director of the Asia Program, Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI)

Dr. Ivana KARÁSKOVÁ

China Team Lead, Association for International Affairs (AMO)
Senior Researcher, Supply Chain Resilience Center, Charles University

Dr. I-Chung LAI

President, Prospect Foundation

Dr. Yau Jr LIU

Board Member, Taiwan Think Tank



Moderator

Dr. Sana HASHMI

Postdoctoral Fellow, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation

Dr. Sana Hashmi is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF), and an affiliated scholar at the Research Institute for Indo-Pacific Affairs (RIIPA) and Taiwan NextGen Foundation. Her research focuses on China's foreign policy, Taiwan's foreign relations, territorial disputes, and Indo-Pacific security.

She previously served as a Consultant at India's Ministry of External Affairs, working on Southeast Asia and the Indo-Pacific, and was a Taiwan MOFA Fellow at Taiwan's National Chengchi University. In 2025, she was a mentor and speaker at the Warsaw Security Forum's New Security Leaders Programme.

Dr Hashmi writes a weekly column, Eye on China, for The Print, and has published widely in academic journals and policy platforms. She is the author of China's Approach towards Territorial Disputes: Lessons and Prospects and is currently working on her second book on India–Taiwan relations.



Panelist

Vice Admiral Pradeep CHAUHAN

Director General, National Maritime Foundation
(NMF), India

An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College, Naval War College, and National Defence College, Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, AVSM & Bar, VSM, holds BSc, MSc, and MPhil degrees. He is currently Director-General of the National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi, India's foremost resource centre for the development and advocacy of strategies to promote and protect India's maritime interests.

The Admiral retired in 2013 after a distinguished four-decade career in the Executive Branch of the Indian Navy, during which he was publicly commended three times by the Hon'ble President of India. Since retirement, he has remained deeply engaged as a thought leader and leadership mentor. He serves on the visiting faculty of higher-command establishments of all three defence services, as well as tri-Service institutions including the College of Defence Management and the National Defence College. He also advises the Government of India through engagements with the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of External Affairs, and the National Security Council Secretariat, and is a prolific writer with over 100 published professional articles.

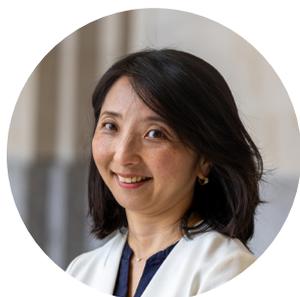


Panelist

Ben BLAND

Director of Asia-Pacific Programme, Chatham House

Ben Bland is Director of the Asia-Pacific Programme at Chatham House, the international think-tank in London. His research is focused on the intersection of politics, geopolitics and economics and he regularly advises governments, officials and companies on these issues. Ben is the author of two books on politics in Asia and has lived and worked across the region, in Australia, China, Indonesia, Singapore and Vietnam. He was previously Director of the Southeast Asia Programme at the Lowy Institute in Sydney. Before that, he was a correspondent for the Financial Times across Asia for a decade. Ben has degrees in History and Southeast Asian Studies from the University of Cambridge and the School of Oriental and African Studies respectively. A life-long fan of Brentford Football Club, Ben is a board member of Bees United, the official supporters' trust for the English Premier League club.



Panelist

Shihoko GOTO

Vice President of Programs / Director of the Asia Program, Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI)

Shihoko GOTO is the Vice President of Programs and Director of the Asia Program at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. Her research focuses on trade and economic interests across the Indo-Pacific, with a particular interest on economic security concerns in Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan. She is also a senior fellow for Indo-Pacific affairs at the Mansfield Foundation, as well as an executive board member of the Japan-America Society of Washington DC. Previously, she was Director of the Indo-Pacific Program at the Wilson Center. She started her career as a financial journalist for Dow Jones News Service, and also spent time at the World Bank as a donor country relations officer. She received an MA in international political theory from the Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University, Japan, and a BA in Modern History, from Trinity College, University of Oxford.



Panelist

**Dr. Ivana
KARÁSKOVÁ**

China Team Lead, Association for International
Affairs (AMO)

Senior Researcher, Supply Chain Resilience Center,
Charles University

Dr. Ivana Karásková is a China Team Lead at the Association for International Affairs (AMO) and a Senior Researcher with the Supply Chain Resilience Center, Charles University. She founded and has been leading projects MapInfluenCE, analyzing China and Russia's influence in Visegrád countries; China Observers in Central and Eastern Europe (CHOICE), a think net of more than 230 China analysts focusing on Chinese activities in Central and Eastern Europe; and Women Insight on China (WiCH), a collaborative platform promoting voices of female China analysts in Europe. She was a Fulbright scholar at Columbia University, NYC, and an advisor to Vice-President of the European Commission on Defense of Democracy package.



Panelist

Dr. I-Chung LAI

President, Prospect Foundation

Dr. I-Chung LAI is the President of the Prospect Foundation.

Dr. Lai served as Director General for Department of International Affairs (2007-2008) and Director General for Department of China Affairs (2006-2008) in the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP). Prior to that, he was Special Assistant for Policy to Taiwan Representative to Japan (2000-2003), Executive Director for DPP Mission in the United States (1999-2000), and Vice President of the Taiwan Thinktank (2013-2016).

He received his Ph.D. degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) and was Visiting Researcher at Cornell University.



Panelist

Dr. Yau Jr LIU

Board Member, Taiwan Think Tank

Dr. Tristan Liu has dedicated two decades to the Taiwan Thinktank, where he has served on the Board of Directors since 2021. In 2024, he further expanded his leadership role by assuming the Presidency of the Taipei University of Marine Technology.

As a senior researcher in industrial economic policy, Dr. Liu's distinguished career spans both the public and private sectors. His previous leadership roles include:

- Director at the Taiwan Institute of Economic Research (TIER).
- Director-General of the Economic Development Bureau, Taichung City Government.
- Board Member for various state-owned enterprises and technology firms.

Dr. Liu has been a key figure in shaping Taiwan's national direction, having contributed significantly to the industrial and economic policy platforms for both former President Tsai Ing-wen and President Lai Ching-te. He continues to provide strategic counsel as an advisor to the Executive Yuan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

Dr. Lu holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from National Taiwan University.



Luncheon & Speech

Glory Hall (2F)

Speaker

H.E. Amb. Baushuan GER

Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Hon. Dovilė ŠAKALIENĖ

Member of the Parliament (Seimas) and Former Minister of National Defence, Republic of Lithuania

Deputy Chair, Lithuanian Social Democratic Party

Shaurya DOVAL

Founder, India Foundation

Co-founder, Zeus Capital, India

Hon. Drs. Isa KAHRAMAN

Former Chair of the National Defense Committee, House of the Representatives, the Netherlands



Speaker

**H.E. Amb.
Baoshuan GER**

Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
R.O.C. (Taiwan)

H.E. Amb. Baoshuan GER is the current Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in Taiwan. From 2020 to 2025, Ambassador Ge worked as the Representative for the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in India. He has served as the Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Department of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, as well as the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago. Ambassador Ge received his MA of Political Science from National Taiwan University.



Speaker

Hon. Dovilė ŠAKALIENĖ

Member of the Parliament (Seimas) and Former
Minister of National Defence, Republic of Lithuania
Deputy Chair, Lithuanian Social Democratic Party

Hon. Dovilė Šakalienė is a member of the Lithuanian Parliament and served as Minister of National Defence from 2024 to 2025. During her tenure, Lithuania's Ministry of National Defence released its first Indo-Pacific Security Strategy, underscoring Lithuania's commitment to sustained cooperation with Taiwan in areas such as societal resilience and the defence industry. She is widely regarded as a key political figure in Lithuania, known for her broad and strategic perspective on geopolitics and security.

Earlier in her career, Šakalienė worked as a journalist and has long been engaged in human rights advocacy, with a particular focus on the protection of vulnerable groups. She has served in parliament since 2016, where, in addition to education and human rights issues, she has taken a strong interest in foreign policy, geopolitics, and regional security. As a member of the parliamentary Committee on National Security and Defence, she has consistently emphasized the need for democratic nations to stand united against authoritarian expansion and has advocated for strengthening national defence capabilities and comprehensive civil defence.

Speaker



Shaurya DOVAL

Founder, India Foundation

Co-founder, Zeus Capital, India

Mr. Shaurya Doval is a co-founder and Partner of Zeus Capital, where he has been active since 2000, focusing on infrastructure, private equity, and strategic investments across emerging markets. In parallel, he is the Founder and Director of the India Foundation, established in 2014, a New Delhi-based think tank engaged in policy research and dialogue on governance, national security, and economic development. Shaurya brings over two decades of international experience in investment banking and finance, having previously worked with leading global institutions in London and India. Trained as an economist and a chartered accountant, with advanced management education from leading global business schools, he combines financial expertise with public policy engagement. His work bridges capital markets, strategic thinking, and policy discourse, and he regularly participates in international forums on economics, security, and global affairs.



Speaker

Hon. Drs. Isa KAHRAMAN

Former Chair of the National Defense Committee,
House of the Representatives, the Netherlands

Mr. Isa Kahraman (born April 1, 1974, Türkiye) is a Dutch strategic advisor and policy professional specializing in international security and human rights. After arriving in the Netherlands as a refugee, he went on to build a distinguished career in public service and international affairs.

He holds a Master's degree in Management from Nyenrode Business University. Until November 2025, Mr. Kahraman served as Chairman of the National Defense Committee in the House of Representatives of the Netherlands, where he played a key role in policy development and strategic communication on complex geopolitical and conflict-related issues.

During his tenure in the Dutch Parliament, he focused in particular on fragile and conflict-affected regions, bridging security policy with humanitarian and human rights perspectives. His work has been characterized by an integrated approach that connects defense, diplomacy, and the protection of fundamental rights.

In addition to his national responsibilities, Mr. Kahraman represented the Netherlands in the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, contributing to transatlantic dialogue and cooperation on security and defense matters.

**Launch of “The Image of Taiwan and
Taiwanese Businesses in Australia”
Survey Report**

Wanfu Hall (9F)

Moderator

Dr. Hsin Huang Michael HSIAO

Chairman, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF)

Speaker

Daniel STUART

Deputy Representative, Australian Office, Australia

Dr. Alan Hao YANG

Executive Director, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF)

Session VII

NGO Corridor — Mobilizing Civic Power to Connect Free Societies

Ballroom (2F)

Speaker

Zhen-Wei CHIANG

Director-General, Department of NGO International Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Moderator

Dr. Alan Hao YANG

Executive Director, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF)

Panelists

Susanna B. AFAN

President, Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation

Daniel AWIGRA

Executive Director, National Youth Commission
Co-founder, Better Engagement Between East and Southeast Asia (BEBESEA)

Shin Ying LI

Chief Executive Officer, Open Culture Foundation

Dr. James Gomez

Regional Director, Asia Centre

Leah LIN

Executive Director, Asia Citizen Future Association



Speaker

**Dr. Zhen-Wei
CHIANG**

Director-General, Department of NGO International Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, R.O.C. (Taiwan)

Dr. Zhen-Wei CHIANG currently serves as Director General of the Department of NGO International Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in Taiwan, where he works to deepen Taiwan's cooperation with international civil society and strengthen global NGO partnerships.

Before taking up this role in 2025, he was Counselor in the Ministry's Department of International Cooperation and Economic Affairs and Deputy Secretary General of the Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association, supporting initiatives to expand Taiwan's international economic engagement. His earlier career included leadership roles in local economic development, notably as Director General of the Department of Economic Development of the Chiayi County Government, where he promoted regional industry and innovation. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Feng Chia University, a Master's degree in Economics from Soochow University, and a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Chung Yuan Christian University, and was also a Research and Visiting Scholar at the University of Puget Sound in the United States.



Moderator

Dr. Alan Hao YANG

Executive Director, Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF)

Dr. Alan Hao Yang is the Executive Director of TAEF. He also serves as the Executive Director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) at National Chengchi University (NCCU), Taiwan. He teaches at the Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies (GIEAS) as a professor of Southeast Asia studies in NCCU. Dr. Yang engages in track II diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific. Dr. Yang was awarded the SUSI Fellowship from the U.S. Department of State in 2011. He was also affiliated with the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Kyoto University in Japan as a visiting scholar in 2015. Dr. Yang has been nominated as a senior fellow of the George HW Bush Foundation for US-China Relations in the United States since 2021 and a non-resident fellow of the China Desk of the Reconnaissance Research in Kuwait since July of 2021. In 2024, he was awarded as an ELITE fellow at the University of Malaya, Malaysia. Since 2025, his academic performance ranks among the top 1.82% of Southeast Asian studies globally by the Scholar GPS database, with significant international influence.



Panelist

Susanna B. AFAN

President, Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation

Susanna B. Afan is an experienced leader in both the corporate and non-profit sectors, currently serving as President of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF), Asia’s premier prize and highest honor. Since 1957, the Ramon Magsaysay Award has celebrated “Greatness of Spirit” — recognizing over 340 transformative individuals and organizations who have offered impactful, selfless solutions to pressing human development challenges.

After a 30-year career in the U.S. with Fortune 500 firm Robert Half International, retiring as District President of Southern California, Susan returned to the Philippines in 2014. She led the ABS-CBN Foundation for five years as Managing Director before joining RMAF. She is a graduate of Ateneo de Manila University.



Panelist

Daniel AWIGRA

Executive Director, Human Rights Working Group (HRWG)

Co-founder, Better Engagement Between East and Southeast Asia (BEBESEA)

Daniel Awigra is a human rights activist and serves as the Executive Director of Indonesia's NGO Coalition for International Human Rights Advocacy or Human Rights Working Group (HRWG; www.hrwg.or.id). Awigra is one of the co-founders of Better Engagement Between East and Southeast Asia (BEBESEA; bebesea.asia). He leads the work of BEBESEA secretariat among many other regional and international human rights advocacy work. He has extensive experience of leading regional and international advocacy. Recently, he was elected to the Executive Committee of Forum Asia, 2025-2028 (a regional network promoting human rights, democracy, and sustainable development across Asia through advocacy, research, and solidarity; forum-asia.org). He co-founded Journalist Association for Diversity (SEJUK; sejuk.org) in 2008.



Panelist

Singing LI

Chief Executive Officer, Open Culture Foundation

Shin Ying Li is currently the CEO of Open Culture Foundation (OCF) and the general coordinator of COSCUP (Conference for Open Source Coders, Users, and Promoters). She has spent 10+ years with open-source communities to promote open source and internet freedom. After joining the OCF, She has dedicated herself to fostering open tech (open source, open data, and open government), as well as advocating digital privacy and digital rights. She also supports civil society organizations dealing with cyber-attacks and provides digital security support in Taiwan. Having specialized in cross-field communications and community building, she has brought forth a strong foundation for promoting digital rights, privacy, and security awareness to the public.



Panelist

Dr. James GOMEZ

Regional Director, Asia Centre

Dr. James Gomez is the Regional Director of Asia Centre, a civil society research institute in Special Consultative Status with UN ECOSOC. In January 2025, he was appointed Global Democracy Goodwill Ambassador for the Korean Democracy Foundation for 2025–2026, recognising his commitment to promoting democracy in Asia. With over 30 years of experience, Dr. Gomez has been a strong advocate for democratic governance and human rights. He has received the Human Rights and Service Fellowship from the Taiwan Democracy Foundation (2009) and the Taiwan Fellowship from the Taiwanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2020). In 2018, he was awarded the Korean Democracy Fellowship from the Korea Foundation. Dr. Gomez has contributed to various publications on democracy and human rights, including an upcoming special issue of *Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia* titled "Eroding Electoral Integrity: Reasons for Democratic Backsliding in Southeast Asia." Dr Gomez holds a Ph.D. from Monash University.



Panelist

Leah LIN

Executive Director, Asia Citizen Future Association

Leah Lin is the Founder and Executive Director of the Asia Citizen Future Association (ACFA), a Taiwan-based NGO dedicated to defending and expanding civic space in Taiwan and Southeast Asia through meaningful collaboration with local civil society organizations.

An experienced human rights practitioner, Leah works closely with human rights defenders at risk, focusing on strengthening cross-border civil society networks. Her work centers on developing sustainable, secure, and strategic infrastructures that support the long-term resilience of human rights movements across the region.

Leah plays a key role in positioning Taiwan as a base for transnational civil society engagement in East and Southeast Asia. She has actively advocated for policy and legal reforms in Taiwan, including de-authoritarianization of Taiwan's NGO regulatory framework, while working with partners across Southeast Asia to advance protections for freedom of association.



Session VIII

Youth Corridor — Cultivating a New Generation of Leaders to Shape the Indo-Pacific's Future

Ballroom (2F)

Speaker

Hon. Jae-Oh LEE

President, Korea Democracy Foundation (KDF), Republic of Korea

Moderator

Andrew YEH

Executive Director, China Strategic Risks Institute (CSRI)

Panelists

Dr. Young-Je LEE

Director, Korea Democracy Foundation (KDF)

Victoire MANDONNAUD

Founder Executive Director, The Global Call

Kai-Chieh HSU

Judge, National Security Court, Taipei District Court

Raoul Danniell MANUEL

Legislative Consultant and Former Youth Representative, Philippine Congress

Paul SIGAR

Chief Executive Officer, ASEAN-Australia Strategic Youth Partnership



Speaker

Hon. Jae-Oh LEE

President, Korea Democracy Foundation, Republic of Korea

Lee Jae-oh has served as President of the Korea Democracy Foundation (KDF) since July 2023, contributing to the commemoration and global promotion of democratic values in Korea and beyond.

He began his lifelong commitment to the democracy movement in 1964, when he participated in the June 3 Resistance Movement and played a leading role in the opposition to the Korea–Japan normalization talks.

He later helped establish the National Council for the Defense of Democracy and served as the second President of the Youth Council for the Defense of Democracy.

During the June 10 Democracy Movement of 1987, Lee served as a Standing Executive Committee Member of the National Movement Headquarters for the Attainment of a Democratic Constitution, playing a key role in leading the nationwide uprising.

He also co-founded the National Council for Achieving Candidate Unification to End Military Rule, spearheading efforts toward opposition candidate unification.

In 1989, following the establishment of the National Alliance for Democracy and Reunification (Jeonminryeon), he served as Chair of its Committee for National Reunification.

Throughout the years of military dictatorship, Lee remained active in the pro-democracy movement as a prominent civic activist.

As a result, he was imprisoned five times and spent a total of ten years and six months in prison.

Notably, he endured forty days of interrogation and torture at the Namyong-dong Anti-Communist Interrogation Center, the predecessor site of today's National Museum of Korean Democracy.

In 2000, Lee played a significant role in the legislative process leading to the enactment of the Korea Democracy Foundation Act, actively supporting its passage and institutionalization.

A five-term Member of the National Assembly, he later served in the Lee Myung-bak administration as the second Minister of Special Affairs and as the second Chairperson of the Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission (ministerial rank). He has also served as a Senior Advisor to the People Power Party.

He is also the author of *Korea's Student Movement*, a work on Korea's democracy movement that has been translated into Chinese and introduced to audiences in Taiwan.

As President of the Korea Democracy Foundation, Lee Jae-oh continues to lead efforts to promote democracy and fairness on a global scale while strengthening international partnerships and cooperation.



Moderator

Andrew YEH

Executive Director, China Strategic Risks Institute (CSRI)

Andrew Yeh is the Executive Director of the China Strategic Risks Institute (CSRI), a global think tank analysing the strategic risks and opportunities posed by the rise of China. He is also a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of National Defense and Security Research (INDSR), Taiwan. His research has focussed on a range of issues at the intersection of geopolitics, technology and security, with particular focus on China's grey-zone warfare, Cross-Strait relations, undersea cable security, Europe-Taiwan ties and green technology supply chains. He is a former Visiting Scholar at Taiwan's Research Center for Democracy, Society and Emerging Technology (DSET), and graduated from the University of Cambridge with an MA (Cantab) in Social and Political Sciences. He also served as Secretariat Manager to the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China (IPAC) between 2020 - 2022 and co-founded the Labour Friends of Taiwan grouping in the UK Parliament.



Panelist

Dr. Young-Je LEE

Director, Korea Democracy Foundation

Dr. Youngje Lee, a political scientist, is the Director of the Exchange and Cooperation Division at the Korea Democracy Foundation. He specializes in Korean democratization movements, democracy, and civic education. He has served as Director of the Institute for Korean Democracy and Adjunct Professor of Civic Education at Kyung Hee University. Currently, he leads projects sharing and expanding Korea's democratization experiences and achievements domestically and internationally at the National Museum of Korean Democracy.



Panelist

Victoire
MANDONNAUD

Founder Executive Director, The Global Call

Victoire Mandonnaud is focused on turning future-oriented ideas into implemented systems. She created On My Way, a real-time SDG mobilization and coordination platform, and leads The Global Call, a youth-led initiative active in over 170 countries that translates global agendas into local implementation. She holds a BA/MIA from Columbia University, is beginning her PhD, and currently works on partnerships with the UN Special Envoy on Financing for Development. Victoire is also an artist, with paintings and photographs exhibited in New York and Paris. Her 13-track album can also be found on Spotify as The Victories, The Very Best Of.

Her previous experience includes work with the United Nations, the Federal Reserve, the French Ministry of Labor, as well as global private-sector institutions including LVMH and L'Oréal. She has participated in several international fellowships, including the World Economic Forum's Future50 Foresight Fellowship and the Brown University Center for Human Rights Fellowship, among others.



Panelist

Kai-Chieh HSU

Judge, National Security Court, Taipei District Court

KJ Hsu is a judge at the Taipei District Court, Taiwan, specializing in national security cases, including espionage and infiltration trials. He has served as a visiting scholar at the U.S.-Asia Law Institute at the New York University School of Law and as a visiting fellow at the Global Taiwan Institute in Washington, D.C. His work focuses on legal warfare, rules of engagement in hybrid conflicts, and institutional reform to strengthen Taiwan's legal resilience against foreign interference.



Panelist

**Raoul Dannel
MANUEL**

Legislative Consultant and Former Youth Representative, Philippine Congress

Former Congressman Raoul Manuel graduated from the University of the Philippines (UP) Visayas, where he earned his BS Applied Mathematics degree, Summa Cum Laude. In 2016, he was unanimously selected to be Student Regent or sole student representative to the highest policy-making body of the UP System, the Board of Regents. He then served as president of the National Union of Students of the Philippines (NUSP), leading student councils and governments to promote free, accessible and quality education.

In 2022, he was elected as Representative of the Kabataan (Youth) Party to the 19th Philippine Congress. He authored more than 500 legislative measures including the enacted Schools Mental Health Law and Free College Entrance Exams Law. Former Congressman Raoul Manuel is a national council member of Karapatan, an alliance advancing people’s rights in the Philippines, and a member of the ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights.



Panelist

Paul SIGAR

Chief Executive Officer, ASEAN-Australia
Strategic Youth Partnership

Paul is the co-CEO of the ASEAN-Australia Strategic Youth Partnership (AASYP), a leading youth-led volunteer organization that promotes partnership between the ASEAN and Australian youth. AASYP's flagship program is its annual ASEAN-Australia Young Leaders Forum which has been held in various countries including Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and the Philippines.

Paul was also a youth representative to the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade-funded Blue Security Program working group on a joint maritime security agenda for Australia and ASEAN.

Paul is a full-time lawyer by profession based in Brisbane, Australia, specializing in technology, data privacy, and intellectual property law. He advises telco companies, banks, hospitals, and communications providers on large-scale technology transformation projects, digital infrastructure projects, software licensing and cloud services, and data protection. He also has experience advising on Australian defence trade control under the AUKUS arrangement.

Paul was also a 2025 SEASAT delegate.

Special Exhibition

The NSP+ **Special Exhibition: Celebrating Partnerships & Friendships**, a side event of the Yushan Forum, celebrates the forum's achievements and showcases years of international collaboration. This exhibition brings together representative offices in Taiwan, members of the Asia Engagement Consortium (AEC), and key partners of the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF) to highlight their contributions to international exchange.

This year, nearly 20 organizations are participating, including:



This exhibition serves as a platform to enhance regional partnerships and foster deeper international collaboration.

Stamp Collection

Join the Special Exhibition in the Foyer area and collect stamps for a chance to win a prize!

We invite you to immerse yourself in the vibrant cultures and dynamic exchanges showcased at the **NSP+ Special Exhibition: Celebrating Partnerships & Friendships**.

Here's how you can participate:

1. Bring Your Booklet

Carry this booklet as you explore the exhibition area in Foyer Area. Your goal is to collect stamps from different booths.

2. Complete Your Collection

Visit at least 3 booths and collect a unique stamp from each.

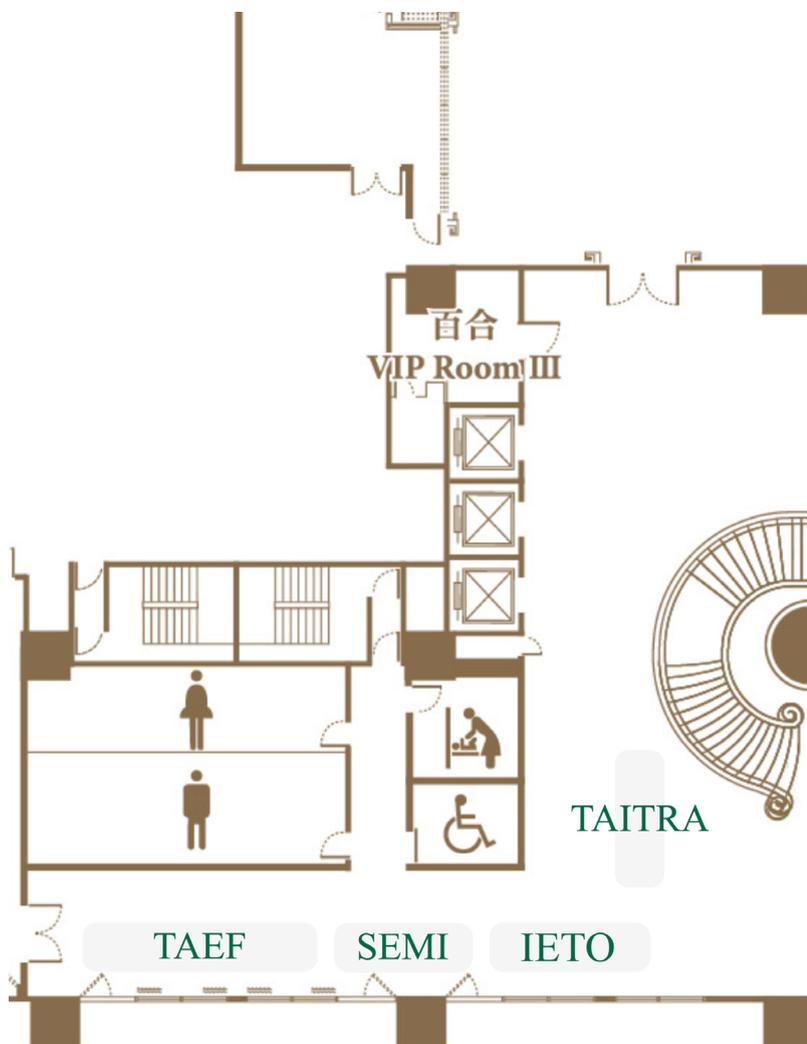
3. Claim Your Reward

Once you've collected 3 stamps, visit the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF) booth to redeem a prize.

Special Exhibition Map

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- National Symphony Orchestra (NSO)
- Radio Taiwan International (Rti)
- Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA)
- SEMI
- TAEF
- Indonesia Economic and Trade Office (IETO)

- 1F** National Fire Agency (NFA)
- Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD)



Ballroom

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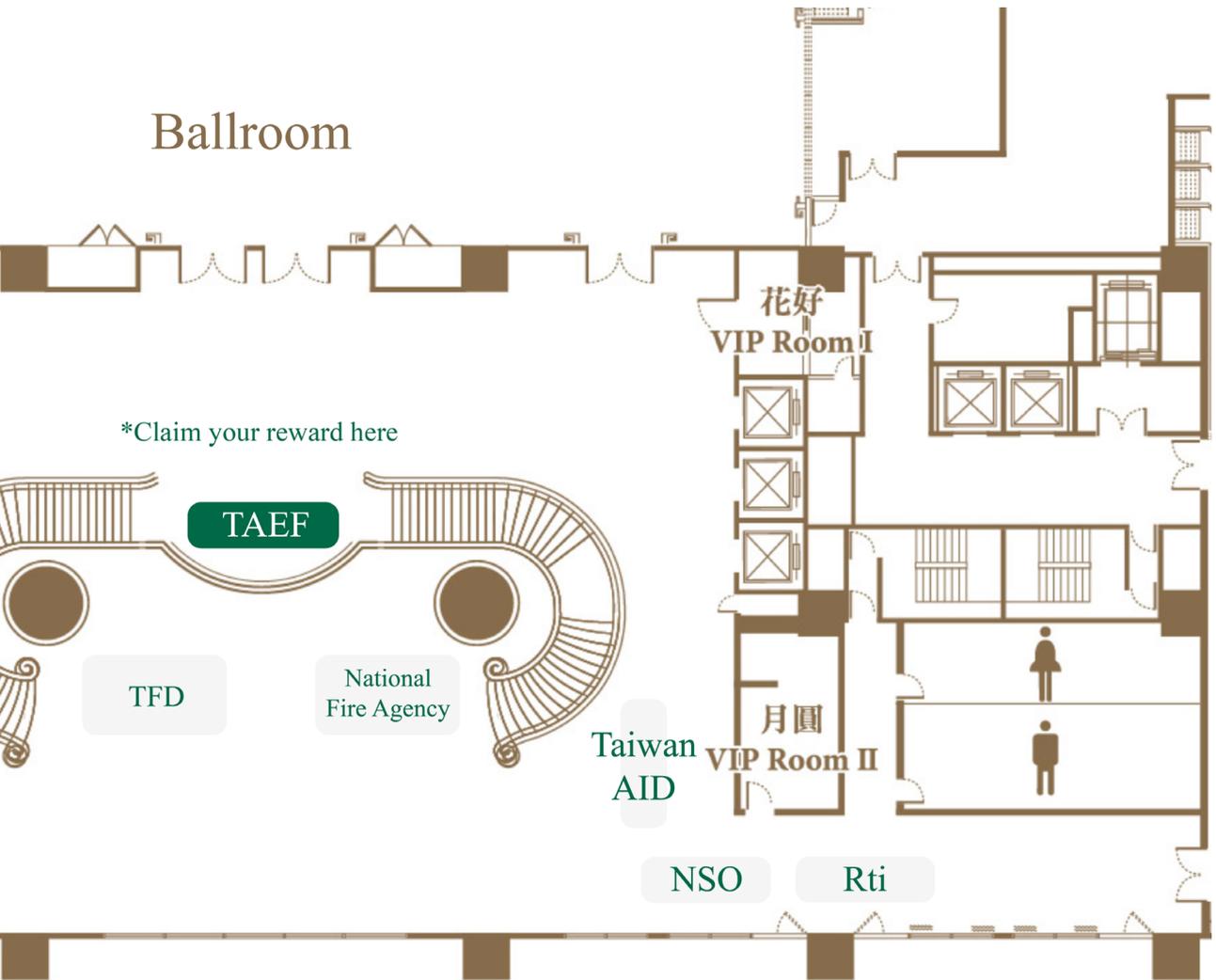
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VIP Room II





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NDC 國家發展委員會
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

NCC 國家通訊傳播委員會
NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

MND 國防部全民防衛動員署
Allied Defense Mobilization Agency, MND

ITA 經濟部國際貿易署
International Trade Administration

OAC 海洋委員會
Ocean Affairs Council