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## **Formosa Foundation Hosts “2006 Ambassador Program”**

[Los Angeles, CA] The Formosa Foundation announced today that it will host the fourth annual Ambassador Program, a two-week program aimed at inspiring young people to advocate for human rights and democracy. The 2006 Program will begin in Los Angeles on June 18 and conclude in Washington D.C. on June 30, 2006.

The Ambassadors will participate in a series of workshops and seminars that sharpen their skills, educate them on the complex political situation in the Taiwan Strait, and provide them with an in-depth understanding of how U.S. policy is made. In addition, the Ambassadors will initiate extensive research and undergo intensive training to articulate the importance of a free and democratic Taiwan. The second half of the program is spent in Washington D.C. where the Ambassadors will meet with House and Senate members to voice concerns over U.S. policy towards Taiwan.

“The Ambassador Program has been extremely successful since its inception in 2003. Participants from previous years graduated with a genuine appreciation for the important role the United States plays in foreign affairs, the spread of democracy and peace throughout the world,” stated Terri Giles, Executive Director of the Foundation. “The Programs helps the Ambassadors to recognize that they have a responsibility in shaping our government’s policies and helping other democracies grow and flourish, and provides them with the opportunity to voice their concerns to American policymakers.”

Shawn Healy, current intern for Senator Ted Kennedy (D-Mass) said he participated in the 2005 Ambassador Program because of his “love for democracy and America’s dedication to forming and protecting democracies throughout the world.” Aiming for a career in public service, Shawn said, “I hope I will be able to help Taiwan in an even greater capacity.”

The Formosa Foundation will select Ambassadors based on applications received. Selection criteria include academic achievements, community and/or political activism, and demonstrated leadership skills, and commitment to support Taiwan’s human rights and democracy. Of the 30 slots, up to 10 will be reserved for applicants from Taiwan.

The Foundation will provide food, lodging and travel expenses between Los Angeles and Washington D.C. For application details and forms, please visit [www.formosafoundation.org](http://www.formosafoundation.org), or send email requests to [Formosa@formosafoundation.org](mailto:Formosa@formosafoundation.org). Complete application package must be received by the Foundation no later than March 31, 2006.

### **About the Formosa Foundation:**

The Formosa Foundation dedicates itself to the advancement of human rights, democracy and the right to self-determination of Taiwan. The Foundation is committed to foster better understanding and exchange of ideas between the United States and Taiwan through sustained educational and advocacy efforts. A 501(c)3 non-profit entity based in Los Angeles, California, the Foundation promotes and supports the Taiwanese people’s right to self-determination in keeping with the belief that all people have a fundamental right to be free. ([www.formosafoundation.org](http://www.formosafoundation.org)).

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## 美國福爾摩莎基金會宣佈「2006年青年親善大使培訓營」

美國福爾摩莎基金會 (Formosa Foundation，以下簡稱基金會)日前宣布，基金會將於六月十八日至三十日舉辦基金會第四屆青年親善大使培訓營，培訓營將在洛杉磯及華府進行兩階段為期二週的訓練課程與實習。基金會將錄取名額至三十名，甄選於美國及台灣，就讀大專及研究所，對台灣的民主成就有認知並對促進、及提升美台關係有熱情的青年學子。基金會將贊助食宿及洛杉磯與華府來回之機票。

培訓營的主軸為培訓青年親善大使成為台灣的最佳代言人。培訓課程包括美台關係、亞太情勢、台灣歷史及文化的講座，擴充學員對美國政策及國際事務之視野。基金會亦聘請專業培訓講師、精研亞太研究之學者、資深國會人士及外交政策官員等，分別就理論、學術、實務、及技術操作等各層面，提供學員精闢的解說及討論。親善大使們將前往華府會見美國國會議員及其外交助理、及對美國政策有影響力之相關人士，就美台政策議題交流討論。

基金會執行長賈泰麗(Terri Giles)表示，「過去所舉辦的親善大使培訓營都非常成功。基金會藉由培訓營讓親善大使了解美國在國際間的影響力，其散播民主自由的崇高理念，進而啟發親善大使為捍衛台灣的民主自由盡一份力。培訓營自去年起增加錄取名額，並接受來自台灣的學員，藉此培訓營，在促進台美之間的民間友誼的同時，也讓美國方面聽到來自台灣的聲音。」

曾參加2005年培訓營的政治大學新聞所碩士生彭后諦表示，「感謝美國福爾摩莎基金會給我機會，為台灣爭取更多國際間的支持和理解，也讓我了解到實際的參與和關懷是能夠造成改變的。兩個禮拜的學生大使身份讓我見證了行動的力量，使我更願意積極投身在國際事務中，為台灣的未來盡一份心力。」

基金會摯地呼籲全台鄉親積極參與、協助並鼓勵優秀的台灣青年子弟參加甄選。報名日期自即日起至三月三十日截止，遴選結果將於五月二日正式公佈。詳細申請辦法請洽基金會辦公室(213) 625-1991、或上網下載申請表格 [www.FormosaFoundation.org](http://www.FormosaFoundation.org)，並準備以下資料：

1. 填妥報名表
2. 說明個人參加培訓營的興趣及目的〔限二頁，英文〕
3. 近期成績單影印本乙份
4. 推薦函兩封

基金會為一教育性質之非營利機構，藉由與美國智庫、媒體、與學術界之交流合作，強化美國主流社會對台灣的認識與支持，並鼓勵及提供台美青年直接參與美國政治的機會與管道。基金會之成立宗旨為：(1)促進亞太地區，尤其是美國及台灣相互之瞭解及友誼；(2)提倡台海和平及穩定，消弭軍事衝突，確保美國在亞太地區的利益；(3)維護保障台灣的主權，及人民的自由和人權；(4)鼓勵及培訓優秀的第二代台美青年進入美國主流政治，提昇台美人在美國的地位。

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