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Formosa Foundation Kicks-Off 8th Annual Ambassador Program Students Learn the Art of Advocacy at Congressional Boot Camp

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Twenty-seven students from across the globe, who were selected for the highly competitive Ambassador Program, will spend 12 days on Capitol Hill at a congressional “boot camp” sponsored by the Los Angeles based Formosa Foundation.

The 8th annual Formosa Foundation Ambassador Program runs from June 14-25. During the unique two-week program, young leaders learn the art of public diplomacy and how to operate as an insider, inside the beltway. With more than 50 years of combined legislative and executive experience, the Formosa Foundation is exclusively positioned to provide “hands-on” training on how to be effective in Washington.

The Ambassadors Program combines both advocacy and education, bringing supporters of democracy and human rights into direct contact with not only experts who understand the issues, but also with elected leaders in Congress who create policies affecting U.S. - Taiwan relations. The Program offers participants, known as Ambassadors, an opportunity to develop the grassroots activism and campaign skills necessary to further cultivate their leadership potential. The Ambassador Program combines rigorous in-house training with on-the-ground experience. Over the course of the intense two-week period, Ambassadors analyze the nuances of U.S. foreign policy creation, learn valuable knowledge directly from seasoned professionals in the field, and gain the tools necessary to engage in advocacy work on Capitol Hill and beyond.

During the first week, Ambassadors meet with U.S. officials, scholars and policy experts. The speakers include officials from the National Security Council and the State Department, as well as the Managing Director of the American Institute in Taiwan, Barbara Schrage; former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Randall Shriver; Congressional Research Service policy analyst Shirley Kan; and U.S.-Taiwan Business Council President Rupert Hammond Chambers. The participants will also meet with Richard Bush, Brookings Institution; Daniel Blumenthal, American Enterprise Institute; Louisa Greve, the National Endowment for Democracy; Tamara Luzzatto, Pew Charitable Trusts; Sarah Cook, Freedom House; Laura Quinn, Catalist; Lane Bailey, Golin Harris; Stephan Yates, DC Asia Advisors; and June Teufel Dryer, University of Miami, in addition to many other notable scholars and experts.

Ambassadors spend their second week meeting with members of Congress and their staff, in order to address the importance of promoting closer ties between the United States and Taiwan. Last year, participants held meetings in 175 congressional offices. These meetings allow Ambassadors to hone their advocacy skills as they relay critical information to, and discuss U.S. foreign policy with, elected officials.

The Formosa Foundation Ambassadors Program participants become versed in policy – from both an academic and pragmatic perspective – and are subsequently well poised to assume leadership roles in policy positions. Past participants have already gone on to obtain leadership roles in a wide variety of fields in both the private and public sector. Formosa Foundation Ambassadors’ passion and commitment hold great promise for the preservation of U.S. values abroad, as well as the future development of U.S.-Taiwan relations at home.

Partial funding for this program was provided by the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy.

PRESS CONFERENCE:**Friday, June 25 from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM****2325 Rayburn House Office Building**

The Formosa Foundation will hold an open press briefing on Friday, June 25 from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM. The event will be held at the Rayburn House Office Building in room 2325 and is open to any member of the press. Contact Terri Giles, Executive Director, Formosa Foundation at 304.741.2632 for details.

Students participating in the 2010 Formosa Foundation Ambassador Program, listed with their hometowns, universities, and major.

Chang	Mandy Yun-Man	張耘嫻	Yunlin	TW	Wenzao University	English
Chen	Chung Han	陳忠漢	Portland	OR	University of Oregon	Economics
Chen	Spencer Shih-Hsin	陳世昕	Shoreline	WA	University of Washington	Poli Sci

Chiu	Alysa Wen-Li	邱雯莉	Taoyuan	TW	New York University	Politics
Cronin	Colin A.	賴克林	Tacoma	WA	Puget Sound	Government
De Paola	Nikki Y.		Manhattan	KS	UC Berkeley	Media, Poli Sci
Fu	Katherine W.	傅文蘭	San Diego	CA	UC Irvine	Undecided
Hsieh	Pei-Fen	謝佩芬	Taipei	TW	National Taiwan University	Law
Hsu	Apple Ching-Fang	許青芳	Kaohsiung	TW	National Taiwan University	Law
Hung	Pamela C.	洪聚佐	San Marino	CA	Northwestern	Social Science
Ineichen	Adrian O.		Arlington	VA	Georgetown	Public Policy
Kao	Megan		Princeton	NJ	University of Michigan	Engineering
Kuo	Stephanie	郭至恩	Pittsburgh	PA	Georgetown	Business
Lemire	Nicole K.		Missoula	MT	University of Montana	Poli Sci
Lin	Jenny Yu-Ju	林育如	Chiayi	TW	Tsing Hua University	Law
Lin	Rose Chia-Yin	林佳瑩	Taipei	TW	National Taiwan University	Public Health
Lin	Sabrina Liang-Jyun	林亮君	Taipei	TW	National Taiwan University	Business
Liu	Patty Pei-Hsuan	劉沛萱	Cupertino	CA	UC Berkeley	Economics
Liu	Weber	劉以理	Princeton	NJ	Princeton	Economics
Tseng	Isabel	曾虹綾	Fremont	CA	UC San Diego	Economics
Wang	Jenny T.	汪采羿	Roseland	NJ	Rutgers	Communication
Wang	Lily L.	王俐力	Sydney	AUS	University of Sydney	Public Health
Wu	Christopher		Wayland	MA	Harvard	Economics
Wu	Emily	吳怡萱	San Marino	CA	UC Irvine	Psychology
Wu	Woody Wei-Chi	吳威麒	Taipei	TW	National Chengchi University	Diplomacy
Yang	Riley	楊智淵	Tustin	CA	UC Berkeley	Business
Yo	Logan		San Marino	CA	USC	Poli Sci

Based in Los Angeles, the Formosa Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting greater understanding of the relationship between Taiwan and the United States and preserving and enhancing democracy, human rights and freedom for the people of Taiwan.