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## **Formosa Foundation Hosts 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ambassador Program Students Learn the Art of Advocacy at Congressional Boot Camp**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Formosa Foundation will host their ninth annual Ambassador Program in Washington D.C. beginning June 13 and through June 24. 23 college and graduate students from the United States and Taiwan have been selected to participate in this highly competitive “congressional boot camp” in which they will learn the art of public diplomacy and how to operate as a Washington insider.

The Ambassadors Program brings supporters of democracy and human rights into direct contact with experts who understand the issues, as well as with elected leaders in Congress who create policies affecting US-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 training, Ambassadors will 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 attend workshops and lectures given by renowned scholars and policy experts on Taiwan. The 2011 speaker roster includes Dr. June Teufel Dreyer, University of Miami; Dr. Nancy Tucker and Dr. Robert Sutter, Georgetown University; Gordon Chang, author and columnist; directors of Taiwan Desk from the Department of Defense and the Department of State, as well as the Managing Director of the American Institute in Taiwan, Barbara Schrage; former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Randall Shriver; US-China Economic and Security Review Commission Chairperson Carolyn Bartholomew; and U.S.-Taiwan Business Council President Rupert Hammond-Chambers. The participants will also hear from experts including Richard Bush of the Brookings Institution; Walter Lohman of the Heritage Foundation, Louisa Greve of the National Endowment for Democracy; Scott Lilly of the Center for American Progress; Tamara Luzzatto of the Pew Charitable Trusts; Sarah Cook of the Freedom House; Sophie Richardson of the Human Rights Watch, and many more.

In addition, the 2011 class will be attending a rare full congressional hearing on “Why Taiwan Matters” to be held by the House Foreign Affairs Committee on June 16.

Ambassadors will spend their second week meeting with members of Congress and their staff, advocating the importance of supporting Taiwan’s democracy and human rights. These meetings allow Ambassadors to hone their advocacy skills as they relay critical information to, and discuss U.S. foreign policy with, the elected officials.

Formosa Foundation Ambassadors’ passion and commitment hold great promise for the promotion of U.S. values abroad, as well as the future development of U.S-Taiwan relations at home. Many past participants have already gone on to obtain leadership roles in a wide variety of fields in both the private and public sectors.

### **PRESS CONFERENCE:**

**Friday, June 24 from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**Congressional Meeting Room North, Capitol Visitor Center**

The Formosa Foundation will hold an open press briefing on Friday, June 24 from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM. The event will be held at the Capitol Visitor Center in Congressional Meeting Room North, 1st and East Capitol Street, NE.

Students participating in the 2011 Formosa Foundation Ambassador Program, listed below with their hometowns, universities, and major. Detailed profile of each participant can be found on the Formosa Foundation website: [www.formosafoundation.org](http://www.formosafoundation.org).

Last	First	Hometown	State	University	State	Major	Degree
Chang	Cathleen	Houston	TX	Rice University	TX	Asian Studies	BA
Chang	Demi Tung	Auckland	AZ	UCLA	CA	Econ, Eng, Psychology	BA/BSc
Chang	Irene	Walnut	CA	UC Irvine	CA	Business Admin	BA
Chang	Jessica	Redwood	CA	UCLA	CA	Ecology	BA
Chen	Ketty	Plano	TX	Oklahoma Univ.	OK	Poli Sci	PhD
Chen	Michael	Taipei	TW	Stanford Univ.	CA	Poli Sci	BA
Chien	Jason	Saratoga	CA	St. Bonaventure	NY	Biology	BS
Fu	Wei-Che	Taipei	TW	National Taiwan Univ.	TW	IR, Poli Sci, Sociology	BA
Hsu	Nagy, Yu-Chung	Taipei	TW	National Taiwan Univ.	TW	Law	MS
Huang	Pi-Cheng	Taipei/ Inter	MT	American Univ.	DC	Diplomacy	BA
Kung	Michelle	Claremont	CA	Claremont McKenna	CA	Journalism	BA
Lee	Nicole	Torrance	CA	UC San Diego	CA	Bioengineering	BA
Lin	Hank Tsung Han	Pasadena	CA	UC San Diego	CA	Computer Sci	BA
Lin	Beryl Wen-Pei	Honolulu	HI	Hawaii Pacific U.	HI	TESOL	MA/BA
Liu	Ann Ying-Chen	Taichung	TW	National Taipei University	TW	Linguistics, Law	BA
Lun	Pearle	La Canada	CA	Stanford Univ.	CA	History/East Asia	BA
Ou Yang	Jennifer Tsu- Chun	Taipei	TW	Nat'l Taipei Univ of Technology	TW	English	BA
Shih	Caroline Chia- Chen	Taipei	TW	National Taiwan Univ.	TW	Political Science	BA
Siegel	Christopher	Watsonville	CA	UC Santa Cruz	CA	Poli Sci	BA
Sun	Vicky	Taipei	TW	Wagner College	NY/MA	International Politics	BA
Tsao	Claire Man-Tsu	Taipei	TW	National Taiwan Univ.	TW	Agricultural Chemistry	BS
Tsui	Chiayi	Crawfordsville	IN	Univ. of Chicago	IL	Library Science	MA/BA
Wu	Ginny	Norco	CA	UCLA	CA	Business, Economicd	BA

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.

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