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STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN PREMIER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
The Formosa Foundation & Taiwan Foundation for Democracy
Join Forces to Host Sixth Annual Ambassador Program

LOS ANGELES— The Formosa Foundation has selected 18 future leaders to participate in the sixth year of its international student ambassador program. The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy is cosponsoring the highly competitive program aimed at developing outstanding leaders who are committed to democratic activism. The graduate and undergraduate fellows, selected from a pool of hundreds, will be in Washington D.C. from June 16 – June 27, 2008.

"The Ambassador Program offers an unprecedented opportunity for students to get first-hand exposure to the significant challenges and rewards of advocating for human rights and democracy," said Terri Giles, the Formosa Foundation's executive director. "It is our investment in the next generation."

The Ambassador Program educates tomorrow's leaders about the relationship between the United States and Taiwan. Throughout the two-week program Ambassadors 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.

Giles pointed out that the Ambassador Program "is highly interactive, allowing participants to immediately apply their newly developed skills to real life issues." She also said that the program places emphases on "practices that leaders use to transform values into actions, visions into realities, obstacles into innovations, separateness into solidarity, and risks into rewards."

The Ambassador Program is designed to foster leadership in college students who are interested in promoting better U.S.-Taiwan relations. Selection criteria include academic achievements, extracurricular activities, participation in community affairs, and interest in public policy, especially U.S. foreign policy.

Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and **Congressman David Wu** (D-OR) join an impressive line up of guest speakers that includes: **Derek J. Mitchell**, senior fellow for Asia in the Center for Strategic and International Studies' International Security Program; **Mark Stokes**, Executive Director of the Project 2049 Institute; **Dan Blumenthal**, Resident Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute; **Shirley Kan**, Congressional Research Services; **Randall Schriver**, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Project 2049 Institute and former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; **Rupert Hammond-Chambers**, President of the U.S. – Taiwan Business Council; **Dr. Gerrit van der Wees**, Senior Policy Analysis, Formosa Association of Public Affairs; **Sue Bremner**, Deputy Director of the Office of Taiwan Coordination, U.S. Department of State; **Barbara Jane Schrage**, Managing Director, American Institute in Taiwan; **John Tkacik**, Senior Research Fellow in Asian Studies at The Heritage Foundation; **Richard Bush**, Director of the Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies, Brookings Institution; **Amy Schuler Goodwin**, CEO and managing member of the Goodwin Group; **Dr. Richard Kagan**, East Asian Studies, Hamline University; **Stephen Yates**, President of DC Asia Advisory and a Senior Fellow in Asia Studies, American Foreign Policy Council; **Dr. Arthur Waldron**, Lauder Professor of International Relations at the University of Pennsylvania; **Carolyn Bartholomew**, Vice Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission; and **Dr. Jaushieh Joseph Wu**, Taiwan Representative to the United States.

Since its inception in 2003, 130 young people have successfully graduated from the Ambassador Program. Over the past five years, Ambassadors have held 657 meetings with members of Congress and their staff helping to change the hearts and minds of elected leaders in Washington.

The Formosa Foundation is a non-profit entity based in Los Angeles that dedicates itself to the advancement of human rights, democracy, and the right to self-determination of the people of Taiwan. The Foundation is committed to fostering better understanding and international cooperation between the United States and Taiwan through sustained educational and advocacy efforts. The Formosa Foundation supports peace, freedom and vibrant regional, economic and cultural relations that are the cornerstones for long-term stability in East Asia.

The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy was created in 2002 with the mission of playing a positive role in consolidating Taiwan's democracy and fortifying its commitment to human rights both nationally and internationally.

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2008 Ambassadors

Ambassador	School	Hometown
Christina Chang	UC Irvine	Trabuco Canyon, CA
Kerry Chang	University of Illinois	Schaumburg, IL
Janis Wen-Chieh Chen	National Cheng Kung University	Taoyuan, Taiwan
Kevin Chen	California Polytech at Pomona	Diamond Bar, CA
Tsung-Yen Chen	Stanford University	Taoyuan, Taiwan
Julia Famularo	Georgetown University	Bethany, CT
Han-Hsien Hsieh	UCLA	West Covina, CA
Carrie Hsu	Georgia Tech	Knoxville, TN
Ellen Tzu-Chun Kuo	European Institute	Taichung, Taiwan
Amy Fay Lin	University of Texas	Sugar Land, TX
Joseph Lin	New York University	Bayside, NY
Richard Lin	MIT	Taipei, Taiwan
Erica Ling	UC San Diego	Hacienda Heights, CA
Winifred Liu	National Kaohsiung First University	Kaohsiung, Taiwan
Corey Sanderson	Indiana Univ. of PA	Pittsburgh, PA
Sean Su	New York University	Woodhaven, NY
Karen Yang	UC San Diego	Fountain Valley, CA
Rebecca Yeh	Columbia University	Parsippany, NJ