The Sigur Center for Asian Studies and the East Asia National Resource Center Present:

COVID-19 & Taiwan’s International Space Reimagined

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The World Health Organization and New Pandemic Politics in Play

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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
The Taiwan model for Combating COVID-19

No lockdown!
No local outbreak!
No Panic!

Let Taiwan participate in WHA.

"Disease knows no borders ... Taiwan is happy to collaborate with the international community in fighting COVID-19."

Yes! #TaiwanCanHelp

Jeushieh Joseph Wu
Minister of Foreign Affairs
TAIPEI Act

Real Friends, Real Progress

U.S. bites off its own head by signing TAIPEI Act
Seeing Taiwan's International Status in Historical Perspective

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What is Taiwan’s International Status?
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Exclusion and Marginalization
Roots of Exclusion
UN Resolution 2758

October 25, 1971

2758 (XXVI). Restoration of the lawful rights of the People’s Republic of China in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling the principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Considering that the restoration of the lawful rights of the People’s Republic of China is essential both for the protection of the Charter of the United Nations and for the cause that the United Nations must serve under the Charter,

Recognizing that the representatives of the Government of the People’s Republic of China are the only lawful representatives of China to the United Nations and that the People’s Republic of China is one of the five permanent members of the Security Council,

Decides to restore all its rights to the People’s Republic of China and to recognize the representatives of its Government as the only legitimate representatives of China to the United Nations, and to expel forthwith the representatives of Chiang Kai-shek from the place which they unlawfully occupy at the United Nations and in all the organizations related to it.

“Representatives of Chiang Kai-shek”
Nationalist Defeat and Retreat to Taiwan

Source: BBC.co.uk
“Build-up Taiwan
Retake the Mainland”
The Republic of China
Successive colonizations

- Dutch (1623 – 1662)
- Spanish (1626 – 1642)
- Zheng Chenggong 鄭成功 / Zheng Regime (1662 – 1683)
- Qing (1683 – 1895)
- Japanese (1895 – 1945)
- Nationalist (KMT) regime (1945 – 1987)
Taiwan Province, Republic of China

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Democratization
Identify as Taiwanese

Identify as Chinese

Source: Election Study Center, National Chengchi University
How other countries see Taiwan

How Taiwanese see themselves

How the WHO sees Taiwan
Conclusion
Taiwan’s marginalization as a Cold War relic
...as a colonial anachronism...
...and irredentist nationalist politics
Taiwan‘s Health Diplomacy and the New International Soft Power

I-CHUNG LAI
PROSPECT FOUNDATION
COVID-19 Update for Taiwan

Taiwan goes 32 days without local coronavirus case, 7 days with no imported infection

0 New Cases 440 Positive Cases 7 Deaths 383 Released from Isolation

No new confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) for 7 consecutive days.

Of 440 confirmed cases in Taiwan

349 imported 55 locally acquired 36 Navy crews aboard the Panshi Fast Combat Support Ship

2020.5.14 MOHW of Taiwan
Taiwan’s Health Diplomacy Related with COVID-19

- Personal Protection Equipment Donation: donating 23.57 million surgical masks in four waves to the U.S, Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean, European Union and its Member states, Taiwan’s diplomatic allies, Middle Eastern Nations, and partner countries of Taiwan’s New Southbound Policy
- Assisting other countries to work on pandemic related issues (example: Palau)
- Sharing Taiwan experience through numerous tele-conferences...
What will be Expected?

1) Global cooperation is the only effective way to deal with pandemic problem
2) Pandemic/Influenza will be viewed with higher priority for global concern
3) Health/sanitation related requirements could become necessary elements to sustain Globalization
4) No areas can be left out for health coverage as this issue becomes the global security concern
Global cooperation on Influenza will be more effective by including Taiwan

- Taiwan takes early actions (border examination started Dec 31st on Wuhan inbound flights), exercising border control, establishing Central Epidemic Command Center, employ modern technology and integrate data, transparent communication, allocate resources for manufacturing medical related equipment...
- Experiences can be shared, method worthy to be discussed
- Not just the hardware donation, the soft ware (know-how) can be helpful too --- Taiwan can Help
Taiwan can not be left out while new Global Norm is to be formed

- Will travel and trade bubble (trust circle) become the new norm in post-COVID-19 pandemic era?
- Health/sanitation related requirements could become necessary elements to sustain Globalization
- Harmonizing or standardizing Health/Sanitation for citizens/things could be part of the New Normal in Post-COVID-19 - Globalization as we experience now will be changed
- Taiwan needs to be part of the discussion, and has the right to be in the discussion
Taiwan can Help,
The world also needs Taiwan to help

- Taiwan has helped other countries for their influenza problems before the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Taiwan has helped other countries to deal with their respective COVID-19 pandemic problems. Taiwan’s experiences in dealing the COVID-19 problem is worthy of sharing.
- Post COVID-19 era could see sanitation related requirements become as the new norm for Global engagement.
- Taiwan can help, and needs to be part of the post-COVID-19 global cooperation for discussing the new norm.
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Q&A

*Please include your name and affiliation, and please direct questions to a specific panelist(s)*