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Taiwan's Engagement with its Neighbors: Lessons for Washington

Speaker: Ms. Blaine Johnson,
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Date: Friday, September 1, 2017

Time: 9:30 – 11:30 am

**Venue: 101 Conference Room, 1st Floor, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy
No.4, Alley 17, Lane 147, Section 3, Sinyi Road, Taipei**

Moderator: President Szu-chien Hsu, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

Discussant: Mr. Nate Maynard, Partner at Verdancy

Agenda:

9:30 – 9:40 Opening remarks by President Szu-chien Hsu

9:40 – 10:25 Presentation by Ms. Blaine Johnson

10:25 – 10:50 Comments by Mr. Nate Maynard

10:50 – 11:30 Open discussion

※ Please note that this event will be conducted in English.

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In September 2016, Taiwan's Executive Yuan approved the New Southbound Policy Promotion Plan, intended to promote investment in and engagement with ASEAN member states, South Asian countries, Australia, and New Zealand. This is President Tsai's signature foreign policy initiative and consists of four main components: economic collaboration, talent exchange, resource sharing, and regional links. Many experts agree that parts of the New Southbound Policy's approach are based on a reasonable strategy for dealing with Taiwan's challenges and geopolitical context.

One year since the announcement of the policy, however, differences of opinion persist about what the main approach of this New Southbound Policy should be. In short, should the New Southbound Policy focus on "making money" or "making friends"? The choice to boost economic ties or to boost people-to-people ties may seem like a binary one, but these approaches

need not be mutually exclusive. Rather, government policy, business activity, and civil society initiatives can be designed to build on each other and to further both goals in concert.

Meanwhile, Taiwan and the United States are facing several similar challenges related to the goals of the New Southbound Policy, both at home and in engagement overseas. These synergies present opportunities for the policymakers, businesspeople, and civil society leaders on both sides to share experiences with domestic initiatives, to exchange lessons learned from engagement with Southeast Asian partners, and to deepen and diversify cooperation between groups.

—by Ms. Blaine Johnson

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Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 30, 2017

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