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**FORMER TAIWAN PRESIDENT LEE TENG-HUI
TO DELIVER GROUNDBREAKING ADDRESS
Formosa Foundation Hosting Event**

LOS ANGELES—The Formosa Foundation will host a landmark event marking the return visit of former Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui to the United States. Lee will address “A Strategy for Freedom in Asia.”

His last trip to the U.S. was in 1995 to deliver a speech at his alma mater, Cornell University. China, angered by the visit, subsequently launched test missiles into shipping lanes of Taiwan’s two major ports, intensifying the ongoing debate over Taiwan’s sovereignty.

Details follow:

Friday, October 21
12:30 p.m.
Dorothy Chandler Pavilion
135 N. Grand Ave.
Los Angeles

Registration and press credentials required

Invited guests include local, state and federal public officials, key business executives and leading scholars.

“This event is a pivotal opportunity to hear ideas from the man who is often referred to as ‘Taiwan’s father of democracy,’” said newly appointed Formosa Foundation Executive Director Terri Giles. “The Formosa Foundation is honored to host this event for President Lee, a man of principal and ideals.”

Lee was Taiwan’s first freely elected head of state, serving as president from 1988 to 2000. He paved the way for political reforms in the nation, peacefully transforming the once totalitarian regime into a democracy. As a private citizen, Lee remains highly respected in Taiwan for his dedication to building and solidifying the sovereignty of the nation.

The Los Angeles-based 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. The foundation believes that supporting Taiwan’s democracy and human rights is consistent with the national interests of the United States. For more information on the foundation, visit www.formosafoundation.org

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