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The Future of U.S.-Taiwan Relations

FORMOSA FOUNDATION AND GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY PRESENT CONFERENCE IN D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C.— On May 19, 2009, Formosa Foundation and the Sigur Center for Asian Studies at George Washington University will present a one-day conference on US-Taiwan relations. Congressman Edward Royce (R-CA) will give the opening remarks at 10:30 am.

“This conference will explore the challenges to Taiwan’s democracy and sovereignty under the current Ma administration, who places closer ties with China as a top priority,” said Terri Giles, Executive Director of the Formosa Foundation. “The conference will also look at trends in the Obama administration, and assess how the new cross-strait developments will have implications to the United States.”

Topics to be explored include the **Change and Continuity in U.S.-Taiwan Relations: Tracking Trends Following the 2008 Elections**, and **Analyzing Cross-Strait Detente: Implications for Taiwan's Relations with the United States and the International Community**.

Panelists include Carolyn Bartholomew (US-China Economic and Security Review China Commission), Shih-chung Liu (Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies, Brookings Institution), Edward Friedman (University of Wisconsin), Julian Baum (former Taipei Bureau Chief for the *Far Eastern Economic Review*), June Teufel Dreyer (University of Miami), Bruce Gilley (Portland State University) and Rupert Hammond-Chambers (U.S.-Taiwan Business Council). Dr. Henry R. Nau of The George Washington University will deliver the luncheon keynote address.

The conference will be held from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, inside the Linder Family Commons of the George Washington University, at 1957 E Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC. For detailed schedule and agenda, please visit www.formosafoundation.org. The conference is free to the public. Advanced reservation is required, by emailing to gsigur@gwu.edu with your name, affiliation, email address and which panels you wish to attend.

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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