

## Strategic Studies Institute and TVBS Co-organize Forum on US-China-Taiwan Trilateral Relations

Campus focus

Amid the convening of the "National People's Congress" and the "Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference" in mainland China in March 2024, and prior to the inauguration of the president in Taiwan on May 20, the situation across the Taiwan Strait and the interactions among the United States, China, and Taiwan have attracted significant attention. The International Affairs and Strategic Studies Institute of Tamkang University, in collaboration with the Association of Strategic Foresight, and TVBS, hosted the "Tense vs. Cautious: Forum on US-China-Taiwan Trilateral Relations Before May 20" on March 15 at Howard Plaza Hotel Taipei. This forum aimed to discuss global focal issues.

Professor and Chair of the Institute of Strategic Studies, Dr. Da-Jung Li, and Assistant Professor Ying-Yu Lin, gave thematic presentations and participated in dialogues. They concurrently serve as the Chairman and Director of the Association of Strategic Foresight, respectively. Other participating scholars included Professor Cheng-Dong Tso from the Department of Political Science at National Taiwan University, Associate Professor Hung-Yuan Chang from the Department of International Trade at Chihlee University of Technology, and Executive Director of the Association of Strategic Foresight and Professor of the Department of Diplomacy at National Chengchi University, Yeh-Chung Lu.

The organizers stated that with the conclusion of the 2024 presidential election, the situation in the Taiwan Strait and the interactions among the United States, China, and Taiwan remain global hotspots. Moreover, there is keen interest in whether Donald Trump will return to the White House. In addition to analyzing the current situation, the seminar delved into national security issues. Hua Yang, Deputy General Director of TVBS's news department responsible for publishing, stated that the discussion centered around the memoir "A Sacred Oath" by former U.S. Secretary of Defense Mark

Esper and "U.S. –Taiwan Relations" by former White House National Security Council Director for China Affairs Ryan Hass, among others. The dialogue also addressed topics such as the United States' role and variables, the direction of the Chinese Communist Party's Taiwan policy, the prospects and impacts of the U.S. –China trade war, regional military risk assessments, and the Republic of China's coping strategies.