UTSA’s East Asia Institute Presents:

Connect to Taiwan

The East Asia Institute (EAI) will host Director-General Peter Chen to present a lecture entitled “Connect to Taiwan” from 12:00-1:00 PM on Monday, April 1, 2019 in the Business Building University Room (BB 2.06.04) on UTSA’s main campus. This lecture is free and open to the public. A light lunch will be served on a first come, first served basis.

Director-General Chen’s presentation will provide a brief overview of Taiwan’s political economy and culture and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Houston’s role in promoting US–Taiwan relations. TECO in Houston serves as Taiwan’s regional representative to: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas. TECO works as a bridge connecting these states to Taiwan.

Taiwan is home to more than 23 million people, almost 2.7 million of whom live in the capital city of Taipei. At 13,891 square miles, Taiwan is about 1/19 the size of Texas. Taiwan’s small size makes it all the more impressive that Taiwan is the US’s 11th largest trading partner and the 22nd largest economy in the world.

Director-General Chen received both his BA and MA in Diplomacy from National Chengchi University and started his career as an officer of the Department of Protocol, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1998. He has served at several overseas posts, including Palau, Canada, Nauru, and the United Kingdom. Director-General Chen assumed his position at TECO in Houston in September of 2017.

For more information regarding the event and parking at UTSA, please contact the East Asia Institute at 210.458.8550, eai@utsa.edu, or visit the EAI’s homepage at http://www.utsa.edu/eai.

The UTSA East Asia Institute’s mission is to promote appreciation and understanding of East Asian societies and cultures both on campus and in the community through research, outreach, networking, education, student/faculty exchange, and business development and cooperation. The East Asia Institute organizes seminars, workshops, lectures, conferences, film festivals, visual art exhibitions as well as bringing in performing art groups from China, Japan, Korea, and other Asian nations. It also encourages faculty research collaborations both within UTSA and with participating East Asian university researchers.