



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

March 10, 2017

Peter Chen
President
Formosan Association for Public Affairs
552 7th Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Chen:

Thank you for your January 20, 2017 letter. Secretary Kelly asked that I respond on his behalf.

The U.S. Government recognizes the government of the People's Republic of China to be the government of all of China. However, Section 3303 of Title 22 of the United States Code provides that Taiwan is to be considered a separate independent country for purposes of U.S. immigration law. The policy memo that you provided with your inquiry remains in effect. Please note that Form I-9 (employment verification) is completed by employers and employees to verify the identity and employment authorization of individuals hired for employment in the United States. According to instructions for Form I-9, the prospective employee completes Section 1 of the form, including a passport number and the passport's country of issuance. USCIS does not fill out the Form I-9.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in this important issue. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Scialabba".

Lori Scialabba
Acting Director