The benefits of the negotiations, shared by all the people

The public gave a positive assessment to both of the agreements signed at this round of talks. In the future, the government will continue to conduct the negotiating process in a transparent and open manner, fully respecting the will of the people and expanding communication to secure greater consensus on its carrying out of mainland policies.

Public Opinion on the Fifth Chiang-Chen Talks

- 73% of the people support institutionalized cross-strait negotiations, it has stuck firmly to the path of ‘Taiwan first for the benefit of the people.’ Through the institutionalized cross-strait negotiations, it has stuck firmly to the path of ‘Taiwan first for the benefit of the people.’

- 79 percent the people of Taiwan support institutionalized cross-strait negotiations, with surveys showing a 61% satisfaction rate for ECFA and a 73% satisfaction rate for the IPR Agreement.

The government meeting its commitment to protect vulnerable traditional industries

ECFA has also further enhanced Taiwan’s traditional industries. Among these, 18 agricultural and food industries can gain tariff-free entry to the Mainland, including bananas, oranges, honeydew melons, groupers, tea, and orchids. Are you satisfied or unsatisfied with this negotiation result?

Safeguarding interests and consolidating sovereignty

Has the government protected Taiwan’s vulnerable industries?

Conclusion

In the more than two years since President Ma took office, the government has never wavered from the principle of ‘Taiwan first for the benefit of the people.’ Through the institutionalized cross-strait negotiations, it has stuck firmly to the path of ‘Taiwan first for the benefit of the people.’

ECFA does not further reduce Taiwan’s tariffs on any of the 17 traditional industry products – such as towels, building materials and shoes – that the IPR Agreement allows it to import from the Mainland to compete with made-in-Taiwan products, and does not relax Taiwan’s market standards for more such products. The government has always strived toward the goal of ensuring the fruits of cross-strait negotiation are shared by all the people.

The government has made its highest priority on the long-term development of Taiwan’s economy.

President Ma said that the signing of ECFA would fit Taiwan’s economy with wings for high flight.

The Fifth Chiang-Chen Talks

The Fifth Chiang-Chen Talks were held in the mainland city of Changzhi on June 29, 2010, the two sides signed the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) and the Cross-Strait Agreement on Intellectual Property Rights Protection. The two agreements have important bearing on Taiwan’s economic development, helping Taiwan open up international markets and laying sound foundations for the cross-strait economic and trade environment.

After the signing of these agreements, public opinion surveys showed high levels of support and approval for the results of this round of talks. In the future, the government will continue to conduct the negotiating process in a transparent and open manner, fully respecting the will of the people and expanding communication to secure greater consensus on its carrying out of mainland policies.
The benefits of the negotiations shared by all the people

The majority of the public believe that the agreements have benefited both Taiwan and the Mainland. The public's highest satisfaction rate was the benefits related to the ECFA's early harvest list, which removes or reduces Mainland tariffs from Taiwan's agricultural and fishery products. There is also widespread satisfaction with the government's efforts to support the traditional and indigenous industries, as well as its aim to enhance cross-strait communication and deal with issues in cross-strait talks.

The government meeting its commitment to protect vulnerable traditional industries

ECFA has provided a win-win situation for Taiwan's traditional industries, and has gained positive assessment from Taiwan's small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and the public. The government's aim of bringing the world to Taiwan, and taking Taiwan into the world, has not wavered in the face of challenges. The government has continued to provide favorable conditions for Taiwan's economic development, such as the ECFA's early harvest list and the Cross-Strait Agreement on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), which have helped Taiwan to position itself globally.

Safeguarding interests and consolidating sovereignty

ECFA has been instrumental in enhancing cross-strait economic cooperation, and has led to a significant increase in two-way trade and investments. The government's action of securing national interests, sovereignty, and the interest of Taiwan's people is supported by nearly 59% of the people, indicating a positive influence on Taiwan's sovereignty and national interests.

Prioritizing economic and trade issues in cross-strait talks

The government's decision to prioritize economic and trade issues in cross-strait talks has received widespread support from the people. The public has approved of the government's commitment to address investment issues, and to strive for the highest possible standard in cross-strait negotiations.

Conclusion

In the more than two years since President Ma's inauguration, the government has never wavered from the principle of "Taiwan first for the benefit of the people." It has stuck firmly to the path of "bringing the world to Taiwan, and taking Taiwan into the world," and to "protected Taiwan and building benefit for Taiwan's people." Its highest aim has been to enhance the well-being and fulfill the national interests, sovereignty, and the interest of Taiwan's people. This demonstrates that the government's approach of securing national interests, sovereignty, and the interest of Taiwan's people is supported by nearly 59% of the people, indicating a positive influence on Taiwan's sovereignty and national interests.