

Summarized Results of the Public Opinion Survey on the "Public's View on Current Cross-Strait Relations"

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- More than 80% of the public disapprove of the CCP's emphasis on the "one China" principle and its stance that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory in the international community (83.6%). A similar percentage of the public disagree that the CCP once again obstructed Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA) (86.3%). Nearly 90% of the public disapprove of the CCP's long-standing diplomatic pressure against Taiwan and obstruction of Taiwan's participation in international organizations or holding of international activities (89.6%).
- More than 80% of the public agree that the objective reality and current status quo across the Taiwan Strait is that "the Republic of China (Taiwan) and People's Republic of China (PRC) are not subordinate to each other." (82.2%). About 90% of the public disagree that CCP's military aircraft and warships have remained active around Taiwan, and it also conducts military exercises aimed at Taiwan to intimidate Taiwan (90.6%). Nearly 90% of the public disapprove of the CCP's long-term misinformation and disinformation campaign to divide Taiwan internally and disrupt Taiwanese society (87%). Over 70% disapprove of the statements by the CCP criticizing Taiwan for colluding with foreign powers, seeking independence to spark provocation, and creating tensions in the Taiwan Strait (78.1%).
- Over 70% of the public approve of the progressive resumption of exchanges by mainland Chinese people visiting Taiwan after situation of the COVID-19 pandemic eases on both sides of the Taiwan Strait (71.6%). A similar percentage of the public approve of the government's approach of strengthening security management for mainland Chinese people coming to Taiwan in conjunction with adjustments to border controls (76.7%).
- Over 70% of the public support that the ROC government continued to show determination on self-defense and cooperate with like-minded countries to jointly defend democracy and freedom (70.5%); and the government's firm position on refusing the CCP's "one country, two systems" and safeguarding national sovereignty and Taiwan's democracy (75.8%).

I. Survey Background and Methods

In order to understand the views of the Taiwanese people on issues related to cross-Strait relations, the Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) commissioned Taiwan Real Survey Co., Ltd. to conduct a telephone survey of adults aged 20 and over in Taiwan from May 26 to 29, 2022. A total of 1,070 valid samples were obtained, with a sampling error of plus or minus 3.00% at a 95% level of confidence.

II. Major Findings

(1) Views on US defense of Taiwan and Taiwan's international participation

About 70% of the public support the government's statement emphasizing that in regards to the recent statement by the US president that the US would defend Taiwan, Taiwan will continue to show determination on self-defense and work with the US and other like-minded countries to jointly defend democracy and freedom, and maintain regional peace and stability (70.5%). Nearly 80% of the public disapprove of statements by the CCP criticizing Taiwan for colluding with foreign powers, seeking independence to spark provocation, and creating tensions in the Taiwan Strait in response to the continued emphasis by the US that it will abide by its commitments to Taiwan and defend Taiwan (78.1%). More than 80% of the people disapprove of the CCP's emphasis on its so-called "one China" principle and its stance that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory in the international community (83.6%). A similar percentage of the public disapprove of the CCP's obstruction of Taiwan's participation in the WHA this year and statements emphasizing that, under the precondition of the "one China" principle, it has made proper arrangements for Taiwan's participation in global health affairs and has been caring for the health and well-being of Taiwanese people (86.3%); and disapprove of the CCP's allegation that Taiwan is unable to participate in the WHA because its denial of the "1992 Consensus" under the "one

China" principle undermines the political basis for cross-Strait negotiations (80.3%). On Taiwan's active bid to join the "Indo-Pacific Economic Framework," nearly 90% of the people disapprove of the CCP's statements opposing Taiwan's participation in any official economic and trade arrangements (89.3%). A similar percentage of the public oppose the CCP's long-term diplomatic pressure against Taiwan, including its obstruction of Taiwan's participation in international organizations and holding of international activities (89.6%).

(2) Views on the CCP's Taiwan-related work and post-pandemic exchanges

Over 90% of the public disagree that CCP's military aircraft and warships have remained active around Taiwan, and it also conducts military exercises aimed at Taiwan to intimidate Taiwan (90.6%). Nearly 90% of the public disapprove of the CCP's long-term misinformation and disinformation campaigns to divide Taiwan internally and disrupt Taiwanese society (87%). Regarding post-pandemic cross-Strait exchanges, over 70% of the public approve of the progressive resumption of exchanges by mainland Chinese people visiting Taiwan after the situation of the COVID-19 pandemic eases on both sides of the Taiwan Strait (71.6%). A similar percentage of the public support the government's approach of strengthening security management for mainland Chinese people coming to Taiwan in conjunction with adjustments to border controls (76.7%).

(3) Views on the government's cross-Strait policy and future of cross-Strait relations

Nearly 70% of the public support President Tsai's statement that Taiwan is also faced with changes in the international political and economic situation and increased external threats; as long as Taiwan is united, it will be able to overcome any challenge,

no matter how difficult (69.8%). Over 70% of the public support the government's position of firmly refusing the CCP's "one country, two systems" and safeguarding national sovereignty and Taiwan's democracy (75.8%). More than 80% of the public approve of the position that the objective reality and current status quo across the Taiwan Strait is that "the ROC and PRC are not subordinate to each other" (82.2%).