

Public Opinion Backs President's Cross-Strait Policy Stances in National Day Address, Rejects CCP Political Positions and Unrelenting Pressure on Taiwan

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Today (October 24), the Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) announced the results of a recently conducted survey. The results indicate that the mainstream Taiwanese public opinion supports the cross-Strait policy stances expressed by the president in his National Day address, and strongly opposes the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) coercive political positions, military intimidation, punitive measures against their so-called Taiwan independence separatists, and economic pressure on Taiwan. The survey results reflect that Taiwanese citizens broadly recognize the president's commitment to defending national sovereignty, protecting Taiwan's democratic and free system, and preserving the status quo in the Taiwan Strait. Additionally, there is strong disapproval of the CCP's use of hybrid pressure on Taiwan.

The MAC stated that according to the results of the survey, which investigated the public's view of the National Day address given by the president, over 90% of respondents supported President Lai's Four Unchanged Commitments (92.7%). Furthermore, nearly 70% agreed that the Republic of China (ROC) has already put down roots in Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, and Matsu, and that the ROC and the People's Republic of China (PRC) are not subordinate to each other (68.8%). Meanwhile, 69.2% endorsed the view that the PRC has no right to represent Taiwan, and over 75% agreed that the two sides across the Taiwan Strait should work together on addressing climate change and combatting infectious diseases, and jointly shoulder international responsibilities (76.4%). Additionally, nearly 90% of

survey respondents (89.6%) supported the assertion that the future of Taiwan must be decided by its 23 million citizens.

The MAC further stated that public opinion in Taiwan rejects the CCP claims and coercive actions that contradict cross-Strait realities. That is, over 80% of survey respondents disagreed with the CCP's assertion that "Taiwan is part of China's territory and the government of the People's Republic of China government is the sole legitimate government representing the whole of China, including Taiwan" (83.3%), and rejected the notion that "the future of Taiwan lies in national unification" (80.9%). Similarly, nearly 75% disagreed with CCP's promotion of unification using the "one China principle" and the "1992 Consensus" (74.0%). Additionally, nearly 90% of respondents disapproved of the CCP's recent military exercises around Taiwan (87.3%). Meanwhile, about 75% opposed the CCP establishing a mailbox for tips on "diehard Taiwan Independence separatists," and carrying out punitive measures against their so-called Taiwan Independence separatists (77.9%). A similar percentage also opposed the CCP's suspension of tariff reductions for certain products under the ECFA early harvest for political reasons (74.6%).

The MAC pointed out that the CCP continues to push its "one China principle" in an effort to eliminate the ROC and annex Taiwan. It urged mainland Chinese authorities to face the reality of the Taiwanese public opinion and the objective fact that neither side of the Taiwan Strait is subordinate to the other. The MAC also called for Beijing to take the goodwill expressed in the president's National Day address to heart, replace coercion and pressure with dialogue and communication, and create favorable conditions for positive cross-Strait interactions and for peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.

The MAC commissioned market research firm Ipsos Limited to conduct a telephone survey of adults aged 20 and over in Taiwan from

October 17 to 20, 2024. A total of 1,073 valid samples were obtained, with a sampling error of plus or minus 2.99% at a 95% level of confidence.