

Summarized Results of the Public Opinion Survey on the “Public’s View of the President’s National Day Address and Current Cross-Strait Relations” (October 17 – October 20, 2024)

- Over 90% (92.7%) of respondents supported President Lai’s Four Unchanged Commitments, and over 75% (76.4%) 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. 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%). A similar percentage endorsed the view that the PRC has no right to represent Taiwan (69.2%).
- Over 80% of respondents disagreed with the CCP’s assertion that “Taiwan is part of China’s territory” (83.3%), and a similar percentage rejected the notion that “the future of Taiwan lies in national unification” (80.9%). Meanwhile, nearly 90% of respondents disagreed with the CCP’s recent military exercises around Taiwan (87.3%). Furthermore, nearly 75% disagreed with the CCP’s promotion of unification using the “one China principle” and the “1992 Consensus” (74.0%). Similar percentages of the respondents also opposed the CCP establishing a mailbox for reporting tips on “diehard Taiwan Independence separatists,” and carrying out punitive measures against their so-called Taiwan Independence separatists (77.9%). The respondents also disagreed with the CCP’s suspension of tariff reductions for certain products under the ECFA early harvest list for political reasons (74.6%).
- Nearly 90% of respondents supported the assertion that the future of Taiwan and the development of cross-Strait relations must be decided by its 23 million citizens (89.6%). Furthermore, nearly 50% responded that regarding cross-Strait

exchanges, they believed that national sovereignty (48.7%) is more important than economic benefits (42.8%).

I. Survey Background and Methods

In order to understand how the Taiwanese public views the inaugural address given by the president and issues related to cross-Strait relations, the Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) commissioned Ipsos Limited to conduct a telephone survey of adults in Taiwan aged 20 and over that took place from October 17 to October 20, 2024. A total of 1,073 valid samples were obtained, with a sampling error of $\pm 2.99\%$ at a 95% level of confidence.

II. Major Findings

(1) Views toward President Lai's National Day Address

Over 90% (92.7%) of respondents agreed with the positions expressed in the president's Four Unchanged Commitments, which include defending national sovereignty, maintaining peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait, hoping for cross-Strait dialogue and exchanges, and protecting freedom and democracy. Furthermore, over 75% (76.4%) agreed that Taiwan should work together with China to address climate change and combat infectious diseases, jointly shoulder international responsibilities, and contribute to regional and global peace. Similarly, over 70% agreed that "the Republic of China (ROC) has already put down roots in Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, and Matsu, and the ROC and the People's Republic of China (PRC) are not subordinate to each other" (68.8%), and agreed with the position that "the PRC has no right to represent Taiwan" (69.2%).

(2) Views toward recent CCP's political position and actions towards Taiwan

Over 80% of 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 a similar percentage rejected the notion that "the future of Taiwan lies in national unification" (80.9%). Furthermore, nearly 90% of

respondents disapproved of recent CCP military exercises conducted around Taiwan (87.3%). Meanwhile, nearly 75% disagreed with the CCP's promotion of unification using the "one China principle" and the "1992 Consensus" (74.0%). A similar percentage opposed the CCP establishing a mailbox for reporting tips on "diehard Taiwan Independence separatists," and carrying out punitive measures against their so-called Taiwan Independence separatists (77.9%). Furthermore, nearly 75% opposed the CCP's suspension of tariff reductions for certain products under the ECFA early harvest list for political reasons, and consideration of further measures against Taiwan (74.6%).

(3) Views on future cross-Strait relations

- Nearly 90% of respondents supported the assertion that the future of Taiwan and development of cross-Strait relations must be decided by its 23 million citizens (88.5%). As for views on cross-Strait exchanges, nearly 50% believed that national sovereignty (48.7%) is more important than economic benefits (42.8%).