

# **Taiwan's Mainstream Public Opinion Backs Government's Cross-Strait Tourism Policy and Supports Measures Against CCP's United Front Infiltration**

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The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) announced the results of a recently conducted survey today (March 6), showing that mainstream Taiwanese public opinion supports the government's stance that cross-Strait tourism should resume on the principle of "mutual reciprocity", and only after discussions through the "two associations for tourism," namely the Taiwan Strait Tourism Association (TSTA) and mainland China's Association for Tourism Exchange Across the Taiwan Strait (ATEATS). The survey also found that a majority of the public disagrees with the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) proposal to first reopen tourism and address issues only as they arise. Additionally, most Taiwanese support the government's efforts to thoroughly investigate and verify public officials do not hold mainland Chinese identification or documents, as well as to endorse national security legal reforms to counter CCP infiltration and united front tactics.

The MAC stated that this survey aimed to gauge public opinion on recent cross-Strait tourism issues of broad concern. The results show nearly 80% (79.8%) of respondents support the government's stance that cross-Strait tourism should adhere to the principle of "mutual reciprocity", meaning that if Taiwan allows organized tour groups to visit mainland China, the mainland Chinese side should likewise permit its citizens to visit Taiwan. Over 70% of respondents support the government's stance that, to ensure stability, fairness, quality, and safety in mainland Chinese

tourism to Taiwan, cross-Strait exchanges should first be coordinated through the “two associations for tourism” before resumption (71.5%). A similar proportion (71.8%) disagrees with the mainland Chinese approach of reopening tourism first and then addressing issues only as they arise (71.8%).

The MAC pointed out that the latest survey shows 76.6% of the public supports the government’s ongoing promotion of national security legal reforms to counter mainland China’s united front tactics and infiltration that threaten our national security. Additionally, over 70% (70.8%) of the public supports the government’s efforts to thoroughly investigate and verify whether active military personnel and public officials have obtained household registration in mainland China, held a People’s Republic of China passport, or applied for a settlement permit or residence permit. The survey also found that nearly half of the respondents believe national sovereignty (49.6%) is more important than economic interests (30.8%) in cross-Strait interactions and exchanges.

The MAC emphasized that the Taiwanese public expects the government to promote stable and orderly cross-Strait exchanges while strengthening security measures to safeguard national sovereignty and security interests. The MAC also reiterated that the sustainable success of cross-Strait tourism depends on steady progress. The government’s welcoming stance toward mainland Chinese tourists visiting Taiwan remains unchanged, as it seeks to foster positive interactions between people on both sides and support the development of the cross-Strait tourism industries. The MAC urged the CCP to acknowledge Taiwan’s public opinion, promptly engage in dialogue through the “two associations for tourism”, and take pragmatic steps to resolve cross-Strait tourism issues so to contribute to positive developments in cross-Strait relations.

The MAC commissioned Taiwan Real Survey Co. to conduct a telephone survey of adults aged 20 and over in Taiwan from February 27

to March 3, 2025. A total of 1,071 valid samples were obtained, with a confidence level of 95% and a margin of sampling error of 2.98%.