

Taiwan's Mainstream Public Opinion Opposes the CCP's Unilateral Political Propositions toward Taiwan and Supports the Government in Strengthening Self-Defense Capabilities to Safeguard Peace and Stability in the Taiwan Strait

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The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) announced the results of a public opinion survey today (March 26). The findings show that Taiwan's mainstream public opinion opposes the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) political propositions aimed at eliminating the Republic of China (ROC); supports the position that neither the ROC nor the People's Republic of China (PRC) is subordinate to the other, and favors maintaining the cross-Strait status quo. The survey also indicates that the public supports the government's efforts in strengthening self-defense capabilities, deterring the CCP's external military expansion ambitions, and safeguarding peace in the Taiwan Strait as well as regional security and prosperity.

The MAC stated that the survey results show that approximately 81% of respondents (81.3%) disagree with the CCP's "one country, two systems" proposition, of whom more than 50% (52.7%) strongly disagree. Nearly 80% (79.5%) do not agree with the CCP's insistence on promoting unification under the "one China principle", including over 50% (50.9%) who strongly disagree. Nearly 76% (75.9%) agree that "neither the ROC nor the PRC is subordinate to the other." In addition, over 70% of respondents (70.4%) support the government increasing the defense budget to strengthen self-defense capabilities, including nearly 50% (44.4%) who

strongly support this measure. These survey results show that Taiwan's mainstream public opinion supports the government's cross-Strait policy position and its efforts to ensure adequate preparedness to safeguard national sovereignty and security. With respect to long-term survey items, the results show that approximately 84% of the public support the government's position of "maintaining the status quo defined in a broader sense" (84.7%) and agree that Taiwan's future should be decided by its 23 million people (83.9%), demonstrating a stable long-term trend.

The MAC further pointed out that, under Article 21 of the Act Governing Relations between the People of the Taiwan Area and the Mainland Area (the Cross-Strait Act), individuals from mainland China must have established household registration in Taiwan for at least 10 years before becoming eligible to run for public office. The survey shows that the proportion of respondents who consider this requirement to be "too short" (47.8%) is higher than those who consider it "just right" (27.1%) or "too long" (2.6%). Approximately 10% of respondents (9.5%) believe such individuals should not be eligible at all to run for public office.

The MAC emphasized that the CCP has never renounced the use of force against Taiwan and continues to pose a sustained military threat. Despite economic headwinds, the CCP has increased its defense budget by 7% this year, widening the disparity between the defense budgets on the two sides of the Taiwan Strait to as much as elevenfold. To safeguard national sovereignty and security in the Taiwan Strait, the government will continue to advance the "Four Pillars of Peace Action Plan," increase the defense budget, and strengthen self-defense capabilities to achieve peace through strength. The MAC also called on the other side to respect the objective fact that "neither the ROC nor the PRC is subordinate to the other" as well as the status quo in the Taiwan Strait, and to abandon rigid thinking and negative actions toward Taiwan, face Taiwan's mainstream

public opinion pragmatically, and resolve differences through communication and dialogue.

The MAC commissioned the Election Study Center of National Chengchi University to conduct a telephone survey of adults aged 20 and over in Taiwan from March 19 to March 23, 2026. A total of 1,138 valid samples were obtained, with a sampling error of $\pm 2.91\%$ at a 95% level of confidence.

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