

MAC Holds "Symposium on the 30th Anniversary of Cross-Strait Exchanges: Review and Outlook"

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The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) commissioned the Foundation on Asia-Pacific Peace Studies (FAPS) to hold the "Symposium on the 30th Anniversary of Cross-Strait Exchanges: Review and Outlook" on October 26 at the International Conference Hall of the National Library. During the symposium, invited participants, including scholars, experts, and representatives of private organizations and government agencies, will discuss and share experience on the significance of social, cultural, educational, economic and trade exchanges across the Taiwan Strait in the 30 years since the government began allowing family-related cross-Strait visits, as well as the impact of such exchanges on cross-Strait relations.

The MAC stated that distinguished guests had been invited to participate in the symposium. MAC Minister Chang Hsiao-yueh will also attend the opening ceremony and present a speech. Foundation on Asia-Pacific Peace Studies Chief Adviser Chao Chun-shan, Professor Chen Ming-tong of the Graduate Institute of National Development at National Taiwan University, Adjunct Associate Professor Johnnason Liu Te-hsun of the Department of Law at National Chengchi University, Chinese National Federation of Industries Chairman Rock Hsu, China Times Senior Correspondent in Beijing Wang Ming-i, and other scholars and experts who have long studied or observed cross-Strait affairs have been invited to participate in discussions during the symposium. The symposium will also present highlights from the film "Strait Dreams." The MAC also commissioned the Straits Exchange Foundation to arrange the "Exhibition on the 30th Anniversary of Cross-Strait Exchanges" to review the important milestones of cross-Strait exchanges over the past 30 years.

The MAC said that it has arranged a series of activities for the 30th anniversary of cross-Strait exchanges this year. These activities aim to review the history of cross-Strait exchanges and look ahead to a future of positive cross-Strait interaction, exchanges, and cooperation. The MAC also hopes that the two sides can cherish the achievements and historical significance of cross-Strait exchanges and, with the goal of advancing friendly

contact and the well-being and interests of the people of both sides, continue to promote healthy and orderly exchanges in various fields, jointly enhance social development on both sides, and lay a foundation for the peaceful and stable development of cross-Strait relations. This is also the mutual responsibility of both sides.