

MAC Holds International Conference on The CCP 19th Congress: Prospects on Power Structure and Policies

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The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) stated on November 14, 2017, that it has commissioned the Chinese Council of Advanced Policy Studies (CAPS) to hold the International Conference on The CCP 19th Congress: Prospects on Power Structure and Policies on November 15 to 16, 2017, at the Shangri-La's Far Eastern Plaza Hotel in Taipei. The conference will explore political, economic, social, military, foreign, regional, and cross-Strait developments after the conclusion of the CCP 19th National Congress.

The MAC stated that Minister Chang Hsiao-yueh will attend the opening ceremony and present a speech explaining the government's policy positions on recent developments in mainland China and the new situation in cross-Strait relations. Conference invitees include Project 2049 Institute Research Fellow Ian Easton, Professor Suisheng Zhao at the University of Denver, Professor Dali Yang at the University of Chicago, Professor Ka Po Ng at the University of Niigata Prefecture, Director of the United Service Institution of India P.K. Singh, Senior Fellow Monika Chansoria at the Centre for Land Warfare Studies in India, Professor John Wong and Senior Research Fellow Sarah Y. Tong at the National University of Singapore, Professor Kok-Kheng Yeoh at the University of Malaya, and other domestic and foreign scholars and experts. Professor Jean-Pierre Cabestan at Hong Kong Baptist University will present a luncheon speech.

The MAC indicated that CCP 19th National Congress has established the governing team and policy direction of mainland China for the next five years. The Congress presented a phased development goal of advancing the Mainland to become a modern power with a strong military, as well as the desire to further establish a new international order, attracting the world's attention. The MAC is holding this international conference to bring together the diverse perspectives of domestic and foreign scholars and experts in various fields to comprehensively analyze trends in mainland China, increase understanding, and provide a reference for the government in assessing the overall situation and promoting cross-Strait relations. The MAC

noted that it has held international conferences related to mainland China for many consecutive years to call on all parties to jointly heed developments in the Taiwan Strait.