

## **Summarized Results of the Public Opinion Survey on the "Public's View on Current Cross-Strait Relations"**

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- The vast majority of the public disapprove of the CCP's "one country, two systems" proposal, which views Taiwan as a CCP-ruled local government and special administrative region and leaves no space for the existence of the Republic of China (ROC) (87.4%). A similar percentage of the public oppose the CCP's recent proposal of the so-called "overall strategy for resolving the Taiwan issue" and its promotion of unification between the two sides of the Taiwan Strait (84.8%); and attempts to threaten Taiwan by force (92.9%), as well as efforts to poach Taiwan's diplomatic allies with economic incentives and suppress Taiwan's international participation (89.4%).
- Nearly 80% of the public oppose that the CCP took advantage of the situation of Ukraine to declare that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory and thus Taiwan and Ukraine cannot be compared (79.9%). About 90% of the public oppose the CCP's use of the situation of Ukraine to conduct malicious political manipulation against Taiwan, spread disinformation such as: Today Ukraine, tomorrow Taiwan, and affect Taiwan's public morale (90.9%). More than 80% of the public support the president's emphasis that only a united nation can respond to changing situation. No matter what challenges Taiwan faces, democracy is the only option and unity is the only way forward (83.3%). Over 90% of the public support the government's continued preparation of Taiwan's self-defense capabilities in order to safeguard national sovereignty and Taiwan's democracy (92%).

- Over 70% of the public support the government's proposal of the Draft Amendments to Part of the Provisions of the National Security Act and the Act Governing Relations between the People of the Taiwan Area and the Mainland Area submitted to the Legislative Yuan for deliberation in order to curb the outflow of Taiwan's national core technologies and prevent the Chinese authorities from poaching Taiwan's high-tech talent (75.0%). A similar percentage of the public are in favor of the gradual resumption of cross-Straits exchanges and personnel movement in consideration of developments of cross-Straits situation and boosting economic growth while ensuring disease prevention (75.1%); and the public also approves strengthening security management for mainland Chinese personnel entering Taiwan (75.7%).
- More than 80% of the public agree that Taiwan's future and the development of cross-Straits relations must be decided by the 23 million people of Taiwan (84.2%). The great majority of the public continue to advocate "maintaining the status quo defined in a broader sense" (87.4%), maintaining a long-term stable trend. Regarding the current pace of cross-Straits exchanges, 45.3% feel the pace to be "just right," while 8.1% and 27.4% believe it to be "too fast" and "too slow," respectively.

## **I. Survey Background and Methods**

In order to understand the views of the Taiwanese people on issues related to cross-Straits relations, the Mainland Affairs Council commissioned the Election Study Center of National Chengchi University to conduct a telephone survey of adults aged 20 and over in Taiwan from March 17 to 21, 2022. A total of 1,086 valid samples were obtained, with a sampling error of plus or minus 2.97% at a 95% level of confidence.

## **II. Major Findings**

### **(1) Views on Mainland China's actions towards Taiwan**

More than 80% of the people oppose the "one country, two systems" proposal of the CCP, which views Taiwan as a CCP-ruled local government and special administrative region and leaves no space for the existence of the Republic of China (ROC) (87.4%). A similar percentage of the public oppose the CCP's recent proposal of the so-called "overall strategy for resolving the Taiwan issue" and the promotion of unification between the two sides of the Taiwan Strait (84.8%). Over 70% of the public reject the CCP's positions of adhering to "one China" principle and the "1992 Consensus" and opposing Taiwan independence and interference by external forces (75.9%). More than 90% of the public disapprove of the ongoing military activity around Taiwan with the People's Liberation Army (PLA) in an attempt to threaten Taiwan by force (92.9%) and the CCP's recent poaching of Taiwan's diplomatic allies with economic incentives and suppressing Taiwan's international participation (89.4%). Additionally, 80% of the public oppose the CCP's taking advantage of the situation of Ukraine to declare that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory and thus Taiwan and Ukraine cannot be compared (79.9%). Over 90% of the public oppose the CCP's use of the situation of Ukraine to conduct malicious political manipulation against Taiwan, spread disinformation such as: Today Ukraine, tomorrow Taiwan, and affect Taiwan's public morale (90.9%).

### **(2) Views on cross-Strait interaction and exchanges**

Over 70% of the public support the government's proposal of the Draft Amendments to Part of the Provisions of the National Security Act and the Act Governing Relations between the People of the Taiwan Area and the Mainland Area submitted to the Legislative Yuan for deliberation in order to curb the outflow of Taiwan's national core technologies and prevent the Chinese authorities from poaching Taiwan's high-tech talent (75.0%). A similar

percentage of the public are in favor of the gradual resumption of cross-Strait exchanges and personnel movement in consideration of developments of cross-Strait situation and boosting economic growth while ensuring disease prevention (75.1%); and the public also approve strengthening security management for mainland Chinese personnel entering Taiwan in conjunction with adjustments to border controls to maintain the order of cross-Strait exchanges (75.7%).

### **(3) Views on the government's cross-Strait policy**

More than 80% of the public support the president's emphasis that only a united nation can respond to changing situation. No matter what challenges Taiwan faces, democracy is the only option and unity is the only way forward (83.3%). A similar percentage of the public support the government's position that Taiwan's future and the development of cross-Strait relations must be decided by the 23 million people of Taiwan (84.2%). Regarding the international community's concern about peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait and support for Taiwan's democracy and international participation, nearly 90% of the public support the government's approach of continuing to cooperate with like-minded countries to maintain the peaceful status quo across the Taiwan Strait (88.6%). Over 90% public support the government's continued preparation of Taiwan's self-defense capabilities to safeguard national sovereignty and Taiwan's democracy (92%).

### **(4) Views on unification or independence**

An overwhelming majority of the public (87.4%) continue to support "maintaining the status quo defined in a broader sense" (including "maintaining the status quo and deciding on independence or unification later," "maintaining the status quo and unification later," "maintaining the status quo and independence later," and "maintaining the status quo indefinitely"). Among the six possible positions, "maintaining the status quo indefinitely" and "maintaining the status quo and deciding on independence

or unification later" enjoyed the highest level of support (32.6% and 27.1%), followed by "maintaining the status quo and independence later" (23.5%)

#### **(5) Views on the pace of cross-Strait exchanges**

Regarding the current pace of cross-Strait exchanges, 45.3% of the public believe the pace to be "just right," while 8.1% and 27.4% believe it to be "too fast" and "too slow," respectively.

#### **(6) Public perception on the attitude of the mainland Chinese government toward the ROC**

The percentage of the public believing that the mainland Chinese government's attitude toward the ROC government is "unfriendly" (74.6%) is higher than the percentage believing it is "friendly" (11.8%). Regarding the mainland Chinese government's attitude toward the Taiwanese people, 59.3% of the public believe it is unfriendly, higher than those believe it is "friendly" (26.6%).