

MAC Urges CCP to Improve Cross-Strait Relations Pragmatically

News Reference Material

Date: March 5, 2024

The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) stated today (March 5, 2024) that the "Two Sessions" (National People's Congress and Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference) of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) are part of the CCP's routine internal political agenda. This year, the CCP's official report focuses on internal governance, with particular emphasis on strengthening responses to post-pandemic internal and external challenges, boosting the sluggish economy, and reinforcing *weiwèn* (the maintenance of social stability).

In response to the policy stance on Taiwan reiterated in the CCP's government work report, the MAC emphasized that our government remains committed to its consistent position on maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait. It will firmly defend the sovereignty of the Republic of China and Taiwan's free and democratic system. The MAC also again urged the CCP to acknowledge the objective reality that "neither side of the Taiwan Strait is subordinate to the other," abandon its rigid political thinking, and engage in communication and dialogue with Taiwan without political preconditions to create favorable conditions for healthy and orderly exchanges and positive interaction between the two sides.