

Summarized Results of the Public Opinion Survey on "Public Views on the Government's Mainland Policy"

(December 22 to 25, 2012)

- 63% of the public find the current cross-strait situation to be peaceful.
- 76.4% of the public approve of the government's deepening of cross-strait exchanges on human rights, the rule of law, economic and trade relations, culture and education, and civil society. Furthermore, about 42% (42.8%) of the public believe this will have a positive influence on the Mainland.
- More than 60% of the public believe that Taiwan should "moderately open up" to investments from the Mainland (67.1%) and that doing so would benefit cross-strait economic and trade exchanges (60.3%).
- The majority of the public approves of the establishment of reciprocal institutions by the Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF) and the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits (ARATS) (64.2%) and find this to be conducive to the development of cross-strait relations (71%). The majority (70.2%) also supports allowing the SEF's Mainland representation to perform the functions and tasks of an official office.
- Over 72% (72.4%) of the public support the government's comprehensive review and amendment of the Act Governing Relations between the People of the Taiwan Area and the Mainland Area. Moreover, 67.5% of the public approve of the government's phased amendment of the Act to realize human rights and equality rights of Mainlanders residing in Taiwan.

I. Survey Background and Methods

To understand the Taiwanese people's views on issues related to the government's Mainland policy and cross-strait relations, the MAC commissioned Taiwan Real Survey Co., Ltd. to conduct a telephone survey on adults aged 20 and over in the Taiwan Area from December 22 to 25 of 2012. A total of 1,104 effective samples were collected, with a sampling

error of plus or minus 2.95% based on a 95% level of confidence.

II. Major Findings

(1) Views on the current cross-strait situation

63% of the public find the current cross-strait situation to be peaceful, including 25.3% finding the situation to be "peaceful" and 37.7% finding it to be "more peaceful than confrontational."

(2) Views on expanding and deepening the comprehensiveness of cross-strait exchanges on various levels

76.4% of the public approve of the government's further strengthening of cross-strait exchanges on human rights, the rule of law, economic and trade relations, culture and education, and civil society to enhance mutual understanding between the people across the Strait, while 17.2% disapprove. Furthermore, 42.8% of the public find continuous promotion of cross-strait dialogue and in-depth exchanges in areas related to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law to have a positive influence on the Mainland, while 33% and 9% say that it will have no influence and a negative influence respectively.

(3) Views on allowing Mainland investments into Taiwan

60.3% of the public find the government's policy of allowing Mainland investments into Taiwan to balance the development of cross-strait investment to be conducive to cross-strait economic and trade exchanges. Moreover, 67.1% of the public believe that Taiwan should "moderately open up" to such investments, while 27% say Taiwan "should not open up".

(4) Views on the establishment of reciprocal institutions by the SEF and the ARATS

64.2% of the public approve of the establishment of reciprocal institution of the SEF in the Mainland, and the ARATS in Taiwan, to serve and assist the public on both sides, while 20.9% disagree. Furthermore, fully 70.2% of the public agree that the SEF's Mainland office will be able

to carry out official functions and tasks.

Overall, 71% of the public believe that the establishment of reciprocal institutions by the SEF and the ARATS will be conducive to the development of cross-strait relations.

(5) Views on amending the Act Governing Relations between the People of the Taiwan Area and the Mainland Area

72.4% of the public support the government's comprehensive review and amendment of the Act Governing Relations between the People of the Taiwan Area and the Mainland Area to correspond to cross-strait developments and meet the actual demands of the people. Moreover, 67.5% of the public approve of the government's phased amendment of this Act to realize the human rights and equality rights of Mainlanders residing in Taiwan, while 23.8% disapprove.