## Upholding the Principle of "Shelving Disputes and Jointly Creating a Win-win Outcome" and Working Together for the Happiness of the People on Both Sides

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In regards to the views on the future development of cross-strait relations proposed recently at the convention of the Mainland's National People's Congress (NPC) and National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), the Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) stated today (March 14, 2013) that, the government will put priority on promotion of Mainland policies that protect the people's rights and interests across the Strait and also facilitate peace across the Strait, by which includes deepening of exchanges and adjusting of the legal system. The government will also push for the establishment of reciprocal institutions by the SEF and ARATS across the Strait so as to provide better services to the people. The MAC also conveyed congratulations to Xi Jinping, the new Mainland leader elected at today's NPC session, expressing hopes at the same time, for the two sides to cherish substantial achievements accumulated through benign cross-strait interactions and exchanges, and to further work together for the happiness of people on both sides.

The MAC stated that, the government has promoted a steady Mainland policy for the past five years, through which cross-strait institutionalized negotiations and exchanges at all levels have set a solid foundation for peace and prosperity across the Strait. This has not only resulted in harmonious lives for people on the two sides, but has also created a stable environment for social development on both sides. The MAC said that, looking ahead to the new era in cross-strait relations, the ROC government will continue to pursue peaceful, stable, and mutually beneficial cross-strait relations while adhering to the set position of the 1992 Consensus of "one China with respective interpretations", upholding the principle of "shelving disputes and jointly creating a winwin outcome", and deepening mutual trust across the Strait.