

MAC Statement on 24th Anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Incident

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The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) issued a statement today (June 4th) concerning the Tiananmen Square Incident 24th anniversary, in which stated that reflections on the Tiananmen Square Incident would be a major indicator of deepening reforms in mainland China. The MAC also stated that mainland China should actively and frankly face up to the historical fact of the Tiananmen Square Incident and its positive significance for reform and development in the Mainland.

The MAC stated that, since the convention of the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China last year, mainland China has progressively carried out adjustment measures for systematic reforms and fighting of corruption, moreover, a white paper recently released on the development of human rights stressed the governing philosophy of "respecting and safeguarding human rights", all of which were also the demands and hopes young students stood for at the Tiananmen Square Incident. The MAC called on mainland China to begin with humanitarian treatment towards the Tiananmen protesters and their families, to proactively demonstrate sincerity to soothe past wounds, and to demonstrate groundbreaking determination in areas such as political reforms and promotion and protection of human rights so as to improve

the well being of the people.

The MAC further emphasized that the exchanges, interaction, dialogue and negotiations dedicatedly pursued by the two sides over the past five years underscore the importance of the people's welfare and human rights protection on both sides in cross-strait interactions and development. The MAC urged the two sides to mutually cooperate and advance on this foundation, as well as to share pluralistic values and promote positive development of civil society on both sides in the course of exchanges and dialogues. It is hoped that the two sides can further deepen mutual trust and strengthen mutually beneficial relations to create a more favorable environment for the happiness of the people on both sides.