

## **MAC Solemnly Protests Unilateral Change of the "Chinese Taipei" Team Name by the Mainland Chinese Media**

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Regarding the change of the name of Taiwan's team at the Asian Table Tennis Championships 2017 from "Chinese Taipei" to "Taipei, China" by the mainland Chinese media, the Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) stated that this type of belittling action is absolutely unacceptable to Taiwan. The MAC solemnly protested this action by the Mainland media, saying that it is detrimental to cross-Strait sports exchanges and interactions and hurts the feelings of the people on both sides.

The MAC said that the government has always advocated that Taiwan should enjoy the same rights as other countries in participation in international sporting activities. It also has actively fought for Taiwan's right of equal participation in international activities according to the regulations of international organizations. The Chinese Taipei Table Tennis Association is participating in the Asian Championships 2017 in mainland China under the name "Chinese Taipei" according to the "Olympic model." The Mainland media should not unilaterally change the name of Taiwan's team.