

Public Opinion Survey on "Public Views on the Reciprocal Establishment of Offices by the SEF and the ARATS"

Percentage Distribution

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1. In view of the frequency of cross-strait exchanges and contacts in recent years, do you approve or disapprove the establishment of institutions in the Mainland by Taiwan's Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF) and the establishment of institutions in Taiwan by the Mainland's Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits (ARATS) to directly serve and assist the people of the two sides?

Strongly approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know / No opinion
16.4%	54.7%	13.5%	4.5%	10.9%
71.1%		18.0%		10.9%

2. Do you approve or disapprove the government's plan for the direct appointment of government officials from either side to carry out operations in their reciprocal institutions under the principle of reciprocity?

Strongly approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know / No opinion
9.8%	54.9%	20.2%	5.2%	9.9%
64.7%		25.4%		9.9%

3. Do you find it necessary to accord guarantee and convenience measures to the SEF-ARATS reciprocal institutions and staff in the exercise of their functions? (Note: Inviolability of institutions and staff residences; exemption of institutional property from search, seizure, execution and levy; inviolability of files and

documents; exemption of telecommunications and official mail pouches from inspection; exemption from taxes on personnel income and goods; and import and export facilitation for public goods)

Extremely necessary	Necessary	Unnecessary	Completely unnecessary	Don't know / No opinion
21.8%	51.9%	13.1%	5.3%	7.9%
73.7%		18.4%		7.9%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the government's negotiations with the Mainland to secure guarantee and convenience measures for the SEF institutions and staff in the Mainland under the principles of parity and dignity?

Strongly approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know / No opinion
23.2%	61.7%	6.4%	2.9%	5.8%
84.9%		9.3%		5.8%

5. What services and functions do you wish to be prioritized for the SEF institutions in the Mainland? (Multiple choices allowed)

Issuance of travel documents (Taiwan Entry Permit or passport replacement and renewal)	Providing necessary assistance in emergencies	Enjoying visiting rights to Taiwanese people whose freedom have been restricted through coercive measures in the Mainland
15.8%	19.6%	15.5%

Providing legal advisory services	Cooperation among and services provided in economic, trade, tourism, cultural, educational, social, and other exchanges	Document notarization, certification or verification	Don't know / No opinion
17.1%	16.8%	15.3%	0%

6. In order to meet the demands of people’s exchanges across the Strait and to safeguard the people’s rights and interests, the government is seeking to include the issuance of travel documents, notification to the Taiwan side of and enjoying visiting rights to Taiwanese people whose freedom have been restricted through coercive measures in the Mainland among the functions performed by the SEF institutions in the Mainland. Do you approve or disapprove this approach?

Strongly approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know / No opinion
17.0%	61.7%	10.5%	3.8%	7.0%
78.7%		14.3%		7.0%

7. On the basis of respecting the other sides’s regulations or social concerns, do you think regulating respective staff dispatched to SEF-ARATS institutions on either side with codes of conducts, and delivering appropriate punishment if any act of violation is conducted by either side, would be conducive to protecting social security??

Extremely protective	Protective	Not very protective	Completely not protective	Don't know / No opinion
17.2%	63.0%	10.5%	3.3%	6.0%
80.2%		13.8%		6.0%

8. Do you find that the establishment ARATS institution in Taiwan will have a positive influence, negative influence, or no influence on the country and society?

Positive influence	Negative influence	No influence	Don't know / No opinion
51.6%	19.7%	14.1%	14.6%

9. The government is formulating a draft statute governing the establishment of Taiwan branches by mainland institutions according to provisions in the Act Governing Relations between the People of the Taiwan Area and the Mainland Area as a basis of authorization and management for future ARATS institutions established in Taiwan. Do you approve or disapprove this approach?

Strongly approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know / No opinion
15.2%	52.7%	16.8%	4.4%	10.9%
67.9%		21.2%		10.9%

10. The government will submit the draft statute governing the establishment of

Taiwan branches by Mainland institutions to the Legislative Yuan for review in advance so that future negotiations between the administrative agencies and the Mainland will have already undergone congressional oversight. Do you approve or disapprove this approach?

Strongly approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know / No opinion
16.4%	56.0%	13.8%	5.3%	8.5%
72.4%		19.1%		8.5%

11. Competent authorities must heed overall national interests and the reciprocity principle in the processing of the Mainland's application to establish ARATS branch institutions in Taiwan. Any violation to domestic laws by the other side will be dealt with by the government through necessary measures. Do you think this will ensure national security and social stability?

Yes	No	Don't know / No opinion
82.6%	9.7%	7.7%

12. Do you think that the establishment of SEF-ARATS reciprocal institutions will be conducive or not conducive to building mutual understanding and reducing hostility across the Strait?

Very conducive	Conducive	Not conducive	Very not conducive	Don't know / No opinion
17.5%	57.9%	13.8%	5.5%	5.3%
75.4%		19.3%		5.3%

13. Do you think that establishment of SEF-ARATS reciprocal institutions will make the international community aware of improvements in cross-strait relations and bring about a positive influence, negative influence or no

influence on Taiwan's external relations in the future?

Positive influence	Negative influence	No influence	Don't know / No opinion
62.4%	15.1%	12.5%	10.0%