



## **Summarized Results of the Public Opinion Survey on the "Public's View on Current Cross-Strait Relations" (December 5 to 9, 2013)**

- **68.7% of the public support the continued handling of cross-strait exchange issues through institutionalized negotiations**
- **58.2% of the public think that the opening of 80 service sectors by the Mainland to Taiwan will help Taiwan's service industry to develop in the Mainland market, while 46.5% of the public think that the opening of the 64 service sectors by Taiwan to the Mainland will be conducive to Taiwan's economic development.**
- **51.6% of the public think that the Cross-Strait Trade in Services Agreement is conducive to the signing of economic cooperation agreements between Taiwan and other countries. Overall, 45.7% of the public support the signing of the Cross-Strait Trade in Services Agreement.**
- **The overwhelming majority of the public (84.6%) still supports maintaining the status quo defined in the broad sense (including "Maintaining the status quo and deciding on independence or unification later," "Maintaining the status quo and unification later," "Maintaining the status quo and independence later," and "Maintaining the status quo indefinitely").**

### **I. Survey Background and Methods**

To understand the Taiwan people's views on issues related to cross-strait relations, the Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) commissioned the Election Study Center of National Chengchi University to conduct a telephone survey of adults aged 20 and over in the Taiwan Area from December 5 to 9, 2013. A total of 1,073 effective samples were collected, with a

sampling error of 2.99% based on a 95% confidence level.

## **II. Major Findings**

### **(1) Views on institutionalized cross-strait negotiations**

68.7% of the public support the continued handling of issues related to cross-strait exchanges through institutionalized negotiations, while 18.1% do not support this.

### **(2) Views on the Cross-Strait Trade in Services Agreement**

58.2% of the public think that the opening up of 80 service sectors by the Mainland, allowing Taiwanese companies to engage in e-commerce, hospital, travel agency and other businesses there, will help Taiwan's service industry to develop in the Mainland market, while 32.2% think it is uncondusive. Moreover, 46.5% of the public think that the opening of 64 service sectors by Taiwan to Mainland investment, while not allowing Mainland workers to work in Taiwan, is conducive to economic development in Taiwan, while 43.1% think this is not conducive.

Since signing the Cross-Strait Trade in Services Agreement, Taiwan has successively signed related economic cooperation pacts with New Zealand (July) and Singapore (November). 51.6% of the public think that the Cross-Strait Trade in Services Agreement is conducive to the signing of economic cooperation agreements between Taiwan and other countries, while 28.6% say it is not conducive.

Overall, 45.7% of the public support the signing of the Cross-Strait Trade in Services Agreement between Taiwan and the Mainland, while 40.4% do not support this.

### **(3) Views on unification vs. independence**

The overwhelming majority of the public (84.6%) still support maintaining the status quo defined in the broader sense (including "Maintaining the status quo and deciding on independence or unification later," "Maintaining the status quo and unification later," "Maintaining the status quo and independence later," and "Maintaining the status quo indefinitely"). Of the six possible positions on this issue, "Maintaining the status quo and deciding on independence or unification later" enjoys the highest level of support (33.7%), followed by "Maintaining the status quo indefinitely" (24.1%).

### **(4) Views on the pace of cross-strait exchanges**

37.1% of the public believe the current pace of cross-strait exchanges is "just right," while

36.3% believe it is "too fast" and 15.8% believe it is "too slow."

**(5) Public perception on the attitude of the Mainland government toward Taiwan**

56.8% of the public believe that the Mainland government's attitude toward the ROC government is "unfriendly," higher than the percentage (26.6%) believing it is "friendly." Regarding the Chinese government's attitude toward the Taiwan people, 44.9% of the public believe it is unfriendly, while 39.3% of the public believe it is friendly.