

# Summarized Results of the Public Opinion Survey on the "People's Views on Cross-Strait Issues"

(November 17 to 20, 2014)

- The majority of the people believe that Leader Representative Vincent C. Siew's attendance at the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting was conducive to expanding Taiwan's international participation (65%), believe that the holding of "Siew-Xi Meetings" at the APEC forum last year and this year was conducive to enhancing cross-strait interaction in the international setting (56.8%), and support having cross-strait officials make meeting arrangements through institutionalized mechanisms (56.4%).
- 53.4% of the public identify with the government's position on the "1992 Consensus" of "one China with respective interpretations," under which "one China" refers to the Republic of China; nearly 70% (67.4%) of the public recognize the statements by both sides at the "Siew-Xi Meeting" and "Wang-Zhang Meeting" concerning the significance of "1992 Consensus" to cross-strait relations, and their future promotion of cross-strait relations on this basis, conducive to peaceful and stable development of cross-strait relations.
- Nearly 70% (68.3%) of the public believe the pragmatic exchange of views on cross-strait issues at the "Wang-Zhang Meeting" is conducive to the handling of cross-strait affairs. A majority of the public support active promotion of the SEF-ARATS reciprocal institutions' establishment (76.7%), support the authorization to the SEF and the ARATS to conduct talks on Mainland tourist transits in Taiwan (59.8%), and believe that the agreement between the two sides to actively promote the Trade in Goods Agreement will contribute to cross-strait economic cooperation (68.7%).

## I. Survey Background and Methods

In order to understand the public's views on issues concerning cross-strait relations, the Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) commissioned the Taiwan Real Survey Co., Ltd. to conduct a telephone survey of adults aged 20 and over in the Taiwan Area from November 17 to 20, 2014. A total of 1,084 valid samples were collected, with a sampling error of 2.98% based on a 95% confidence level.

## II. Major Findings

### **(1) Views on related achievements during the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting**

65% of the public believe that Leader Representative Vincent C. Siew's attendance at the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting was conducive to expanding Taiwan's international participation. 56.8% of the public believe that the holding of "Siew-Xi Meetings" at the APEC forum last year and this year was conducive to enhancing cross-strait interaction in the international setting, while 35.3% of the public believe the meetings were not conducive. 56.4% of the public support having cross-strait officials make "Siew-Xi Meeting" arrangements through institutionalized mechanisms. Additionally, 60.7% of the public support the government's long-standing position for and promotion of the President's participation at the APEC as an Economic Leader. With respect to Taiwan's participation in international organizations, 55.8% of the public believe that substantive participation is more important than insisting on the use of formal titles and forms of address, while 21.9% of the public believe that insisting on the use of formal titles and forms of address is more important and 13.7% believe that both are important.

### **(2) Views on the government's position on the "1992 Consensus"**

53.4% of the public identify with the government's position on the "1992 Consensus" of "one China with respective interpretations," under which "one China" refers to the Republic of China, while 35.6% of the public do not identify with this position. 67.4% of the public recognize that statements by both sides at the "Siew-Xi Meeting" and "Wang-Zhang Meeting" concerning the significance "1992 consensus" to cross-strait relations, and their future promotion of cross-strait relations on this basis, conducive to peaceful and stable development across the Taiwan Strait.

### **(3) Views on the consensuses and related achievements reached at the "Wang-Zhang Meeting"**

68.7% of the public believe that the agreement reached by the two sides at the "Wang-Zhang Meeting" to actively promote operational talks on the Trade in Goods Agreement is conducive to cross-strait economic cooperation. 59.3% of the public support the agreement by both sides to start promoting preparatory work for joint research concerning cross-strait participation in regional economic integration. 59.8% of the public support the agreement by the two sides to authorize the SEF and the ARATS to conduct talks on Mainland tourist transits in Taiwan. 76.7% of the public support the agreement between the two sides to actively promote establishment of SEF-ARATS reciprocal institutions so as to provide high-quality services to

the people across the Strait. 75.1% of the public support the government's continuous outreach to Taiwanese people in the Mainland. 68.4% of the public believe that the arrangement of a discussion between Minister Wang and scholars in Beijing was conducive to promoting mutual understanding across the Strait. 68.3% of the public believe that the pragmatic exchange of views on cross-strait issues between MAC Minister Wang and TAO Director Zhang Zhijun during their meeting was conducive to the handling of cross-strait affairs.

#### **(4) Views on the overall development of cross-strait relations**

Over half of the public believe that the overall development of cross-strait relations has remained relaxed (53%) after the "Siew-Xi Meeting" and "Wang-Zhang Meeting," while 23.7% believe relations have not changed and 14% believe relations have become more tense.