

Summarized Results of the Snap Survey on the "Views on Exchange Visits by the Heads of the Competent Authorities for Cross-Strait Affairs and on Cross-Strait Relations"

(May 28 to 30, 2015)

- **The majority of the people agree that numerous results reached during the "Hsia-Zhang Meeting" are conducive to the development of institutionalized cross-strait relations and have positive significance for the development of peace between the two sides (53.4%); they also think that the meetings between heads of cross-strait competent authorities contribute to higher efficiency in handling cross-strait affairs (55.1%); the majority also support the MAC Minister Andrew Hsia to visit the Mainland this year when time appropriate (64.7%).**
- **The vast majority of the public support the agreement between the two sides to jointly combat major crimes through the liaison mechanism and enforcement platform (87%). More than half of the people think that the consensus reached by the two sides during the "Hsia-Zhang Meeting" to actively promote negotiations on a trade in goods agreement is conducive to cross-strait economic cooperation (51.8%); and support the early completion of the negotiations on the reciprocal establishment of institutions by the Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF) and the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits (ARATS) (61.8%) and the prompt implementation of Mainland tourist transits in Taiwan (51.1%).**
- **More than 50% of the people think that the MAC Minister's expression to the Mainland of the position of "dignified and equal" participation in Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and voiced concerns over the draft charter of the AIIB are conducive to Taiwan's participation in the international community (53.3%); and support the expression of the MAC's solemn stance and the reaction of Taiwanese society on the Mainland's draft National Security Law (63.3%).**
- **Nearly 60 percent (58.8%) of the public think that the agreement between the two sides to promptly sign a commercial contract for the diversion of water from the Mainland to Kinmen and to commence related work as soon as possible is conducive to the people's livelihood and economic development in Kinmen; and think that the agreement between**

the two sides to synchronize enforcement by their respective law enforcement authorities through liaison mechanisms is conducive to alleviating the problems such as cross-border fishing and illegal mining of sea sand (59.7%). Moreover, nearly 70% (69.6%) of the people think the exchange of views between the two sides on "expanding Mainland tourist travel to Kinmen" and "further facilitating Mini Three Links cargo clearance" is conducive to the prosperity and development of Kinmen.

I. Survey Background and Methods

In order to understand the public's views on the government's Mainland policy and cross-strait relations, the MAC commissioned the Taiwan Real Survey Co., Ltd., to conduct a telephone survey of adults aged 20 and over in the Taiwan Area from May 28 to 30, 2015. A total of 1,070 effective samples were collected, with a sampling error of about 3% based on a 95% confidence level.

II. Major Findings

(1) Views on the topics discussed at the "Hsia-Zhang Meeting"

As much as 87% of the public support the raising of the issue of repatriation of major economic criminals by the MAC Minister at the "Hsia-Zhang Meeting." The two sides agreed to continue coordination and consultations on jointly fighting major crime through the liaison mechanism and enforcement platform. 51.8% of the public think that the agreement between the two sides to actively promote negotiations on the trade in goods agreement and to reach a consensus as soon as possible is conducive to cross-strait economic cooperation; and 61.8% of the public support prompt communication between the two sides on the reciprocal establishment of SEF-ARATS institutions, pragmatic handling of concerned issues, and early completion of negotiations. Furthermore, 51.1% of the public support joint efforts to promote the prompt implementation of Mainland tourist transits in Taiwan to help Taiwan's economy. At the same time, 53.3% of the public think that the MAC Minister's expression of Taiwan's position on "dignified and equal" participation in the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the voicing of concerns over the draft charter of the AIIB are conducive to Taiwan's participation in the international community. Additionally, 63.3% of the public support the expression of Taiwan's solemn stance and the reaction of Taiwanese society concerning the content of the Mainland's draft National Security Law.

(2) Views on issues of long-term concern to Kinmen

58.8% of the public believe that the consensus between the Strait to promptly sign and

implement a commercial contract for the Mainland to Kinmen water diversion would be conducive to the people's livelihood and also to Kinmen's economic development. Moreover, 59.7% of the public think that communication between the two sides on important local issues in Kinmen, including cross-border fishing by Mainland fishing boats and illegal mining of sea sand, and the consensus to synchronize enforcement by their respective law enforcement authorities through liaison mechanisms would be conducive to alleviating these problems. In addition, 69.6% of the public think that the exchange of views between the two sides on issues such as "increasing Mainland tourist travel to Kinmen" and "further facilitating Mini Three Links cargo clearance" was conducive to the prosperity and development of Kinmen.

(3) Views on cross-strait official interactions and reciprocal exchange

56.1% of the public think that the "The "Hsia-Zhang Meeting" held in Kinmen enabled Mainland officials to personally experience Kinmen's battlefield history and highlighted the need for both sides to jointly cherish and uphold the hard-earned peace in the Taiwan Strait." Moreover, 49.6% of the public think that TAO Director Zhang Zhijun's interactions and exchanges with the people and experience of Taiwan's pluralistic society during the visit to Kinmen helped Mainland officials to understand views in Taiwan on cross-strait relations. 55.1% of the public think that meetings between heads of cross-strait competent authorities contribute to higher efficiency in handling cross-strait affairs. Finally, 64.7% of the public also support the MAC Minister Andrew Hsia to visit the Mainland this year when time appropriate; and 53.4% of the public think that the numerous results achieved and the pragmatic solving of related problems during the "Hsia-Zhang Meeting" benefit institutionalized cross-strait development and have positive significance for peaceful development between the two sides.