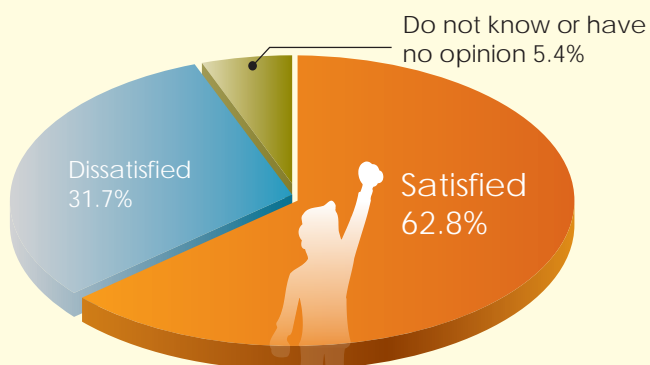
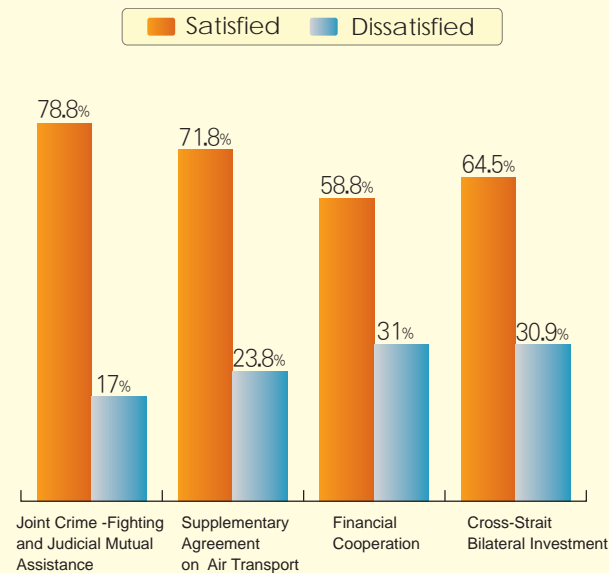


High Public Approval of the Results of the Cross-Strait Talks

More than 60% of the people are satisfied with the overall results of this round of negotiations, with the three agreements and the consensus each receiving approval ratings of between 60% and 78%.



Satisfaction with the overall results of the negotiations



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The 3rd Round of Chiang-Chen Talks and Taiwanese Public Opinion

Preface

The third round of "Chiang-Chen talks" between the chairmen of the Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF) and the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait (ARATS) was held in Nanjing in April of this year. The talks proceeded smoothly and concluded with the signing of three agreements – an agreement on joint crime-fighting and judicial mutual assistance, a supplementary agreement on air transport, and an agreement on financial cooperation – as well as reaching consensus on Chinese mainland investment in Taiwan.

The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) commissioned a polling institution to conduct a public opinion poll after the conclusion of the talks. The results of the poll show that the majority of the people have a positive evaluation of and are satisfied with this round of negotiations, and they also approve of the two sides holding institutionalized negotiations as a means of dealing with the problems of cross-strait contacts.



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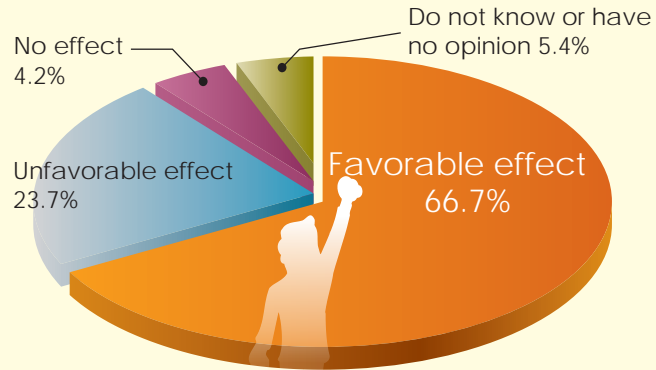
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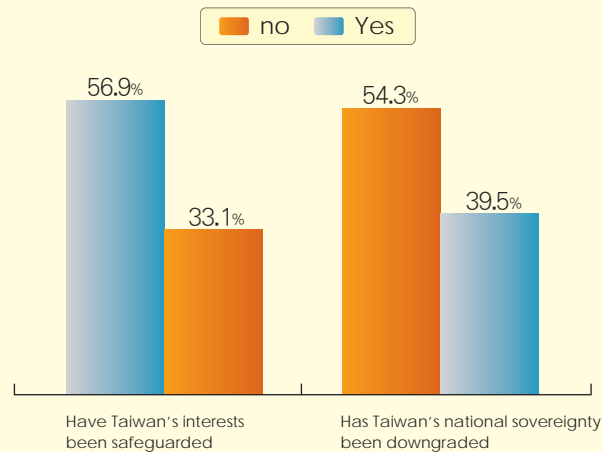
The Results of the Talks are Beneficial to Taiwan's Economic Development

The results of the poll show that 66% of the people consider that the three agreements and consensus reached at the talks will have a "favorable effect" on Taiwan's economic development, far higher than those who expect an "unfavorable effect" or "no effect."



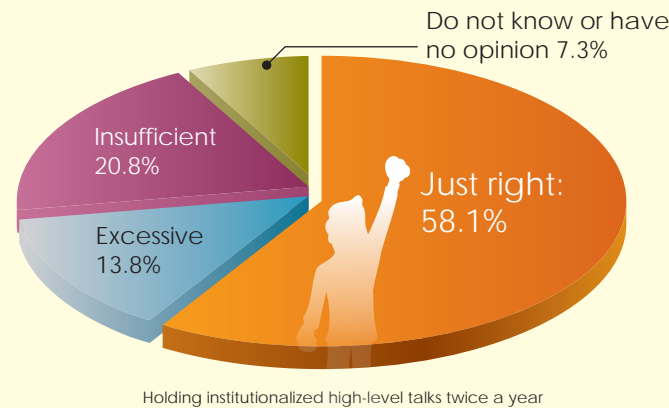
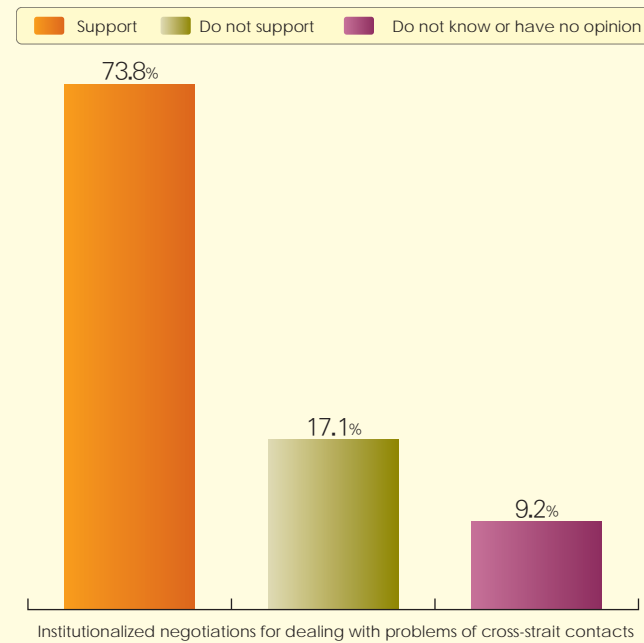
The Negotiations Accord with Taiwan's Interests, and Do Not Downgrade Taiwan's Sovereignty

More than 50% of the people approve of the results of the talks as safeguarding Taiwan's interests, and do not consider Taiwan's national sovereignty to have been downgraded at all.



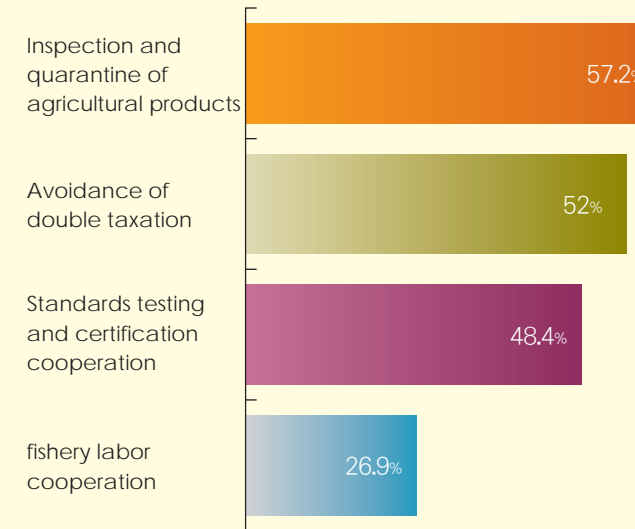
People Support the Institutionalized Mechanism for Cross-Strait Negotiations

More than 70% of the people support holding institutionalized negotiations as a means of dealing with the problems of cross-strait contacts. At the same time, a majority of the people (58.1%) consider that holding institutionalized high-level talks between the two sides twice a year is "just right" for the frequency of such talks.



The Priority Issues for Future Cross-Strait Negotiations

The people have the highest concern and hope to see agreements concluded at the next round of negotiations are cross-strait inspection and quarantine of agricultural products, avoidance of double taxation, cross-strait standards testing and certification cooperation, and cross-strait fishery labor cooperation.



Conclusion

The third round of Chiang-Chen talks has consolidated the normal operation of institutionalized cross-strait negotiations between the SEF and ARATS. The latest public opinion poll again affirms that the government's cross-strait policy is on the right track, and that beneficial results will continue to flow from it. In the future, the government will continue to take a "mature, steady and measured" approach to pursuing cross-strait negotiations in a pragmatic manner and under the precondition of staunchly defending Taiwan's sovereignty. On this basis, we will gradually and in orderly sequence steer cross-strait relations forward so as to serve the best interests of the 23 million Taiwanese people and to create the best possible competitive advantages for Taiwan.

Appendix: The People's Views on the 3rd Round of Chiang-Chen Talks

1. Do you support institutionalized cross-strait negotiations as the means of dealing with the problems of cross-strait contacts?	Support: 73.8% Do not support: 17.1% Do not know or have no opinion: 9.2%
2. This round of negotiations resulted in the signing of the Cross-Strait Joint Crime-Fighting and Judicial Mutual Assistance Agreement, which includes provision for the repatriation of criminals, assistance with case investigation, and humanitarian visits. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with this result of the negotiations?	Satisfied: 78.8% Dissatisfied: 17% Do not know or have no opinion: 4.1%
3. This round of negotiations resulted in the signing of the Supplementary Agreement on Cross-Strait Air Transport, which includes provision for increasing cross-strait flight points and flights. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with this result of the negotiations?	Satisfied: 71.8% Dissatisfied: 23.8% Do not know or have no opinion: 4.4%
4. This round of negotiations resulted in the signing of a comprehensive Cross-Strait Financial Cooperation Agreement. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with this result of the negotiations?	Satisfied: 58.8% Dissatisfied: 31% Do not know or have no opinion: 10.2%
5. At this round of talks, the two sides reached consensus on promoting bilateral cross-strait investment. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with this result?	Satisfied: 64.5% Dissatisfied: 30.9% Do not know or have no opinion: 4.6%
6. Do you think that the three agreements signed and the consensus reached at these talks will have a favorable or unfavorable effect on Taiwan's economic development?	Favorable effect: 66.7% Unfavorable effect: 23.7% Do not know or have no opinion: 5.4%
7. Do you consider that the outcome of this round of talks has safeguarded Taiwan's interests?	Yes: 56.9% No: 33.1% Do not know or have no opinion: 10%
8. Do you consider that the outcome of this round of talks has downgraded Taiwan's national sovereignty?	Yes: 39.5% No: 54.3% Do not know or have no opinion: 6.2%
9. Do you feel satisfied or dissatisfied with the overall results of this round of Chiang-Chen talks?	Satisfied: 62.8% Dissatisfied: 31.7% Do not know or have no opinion: 5.4%
10. Do you think that the current twice-yearly frequency of institutionalized high-level talks is just right, excessive, or insufficient?	Just right: 58.1% Excessive: 13.8% Insufficient: 20.8% Do not know or have no opinion: 7.3%
11. Among the issues slated for discussion at the next round of cross-strait talks, which are you more concerned about and hope for prioritized reaching of agreement on? (You may choose more than one.)	Cross-strait inspection and quarantine of agricultural products: 57.2% Cross-strait fishery labor cooperation: 26.9% Cross-strait standards testing and certification cooperation: 48.4% Avoidance of double taxation: 52% Do not know or have no opinion: 8.2%

Dates of polling: April 28-30, 2009.
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