

Survey Results of Public Polls on Cross-Strait “Direct Transportation” and “Three Links”

(Conducted between July 2000 and May 2003)

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			Unconditionally	Conditionally		
Taiwan Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association	July 2000	Do you support the direct transportation link between Taiwan and the Mainland as a Taiwanese businessperson?	14.6 %	80.2 %	2.2 %	3.0 %
Mainland Affairs Council, Executive Yuan	March 2001	Do you think “direct transportation” should be opened up conditionally (under the presumption of national security, dignity, and equality), or unconditionally?	8.7 %	83.7 %	1.9 %	5.7 %
Research Development and Evaluation Commission, Executive Yuan	March 22, 2001	Do you consider the progress of cross-strait “three links” so far too fast, too slow, or just in time?	“Just in time.” 38.4% “Too slow.” 27.4% “Don't know/No comment.” 22.9% “Too fast.” 11.3%			
Ministry of Economic Affairs	June 2001	Do you support cross-strait “three links” as a domestic exporting company?	68.88 %		4.84 %	26.21 %
Mainland Affairs Council, Executive Yuan	July 2001	Do you think “direct transportation” should be opened up conditionally (under the presumption of national security, dignity, and equality), or unconditionally?	8.9 %	79.8 %	0 %	11.3 %
Mainland Affairs Council, Executive Yuan	February 3, 2002	Do you think “direct transportation” should be opened up conditionally (under the presumption of national security, dignity, and equality), or unconditionally?	8.7 %	75.1 %	1.3 %	14.9 %
National Policy Foundation	April 16, 2002	Do you think a full-scaled opening up of cross-Strait “three links” will benefit Taiwan's financial and economic situation?	51.3 %		31.7 %	17.1 %

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Mainland Affairs Council, Executive Yuan	April 29, 2002	Do you think "direct transportation" should be opened up conditionally (under the presumption of national security, dignity, and equality), or unconditionally?	8.4 %	71.9 %	2.6 %	17 %
Hsuan Chuang University	May 5, 2002	Do you support opening up of cross-strait "three links?"	"Opening up in phases." 59.4% "No response." 16.2% "Immediate opening up." 10.3% "No opening up temporarily." 10.3% "No opening up forever." 3.8%			
United Daily News	May 11, 2002	Do you support immediate opening up of cross-strait "direct transportation" under the circumstances where no manner and prerequisite of "direct transportation" are established?	64 %		21 %	15 %
Policy Committee of KMT's Central Standing Committee	May 13, 2002	Do you support the Government's immediate full-scaled opening up of "three links"?	59.5 %		27.5 %	13 %
China Times Daily	May 15, 2002	What do you think of the Government's progress in opening up of "three links?"	"Just in time." 37% "Hard to tell." 30% "Too slow." 26% "Too fast." 7%			
Policy Committee of KMT's Central Standing Committee	May 17, 2002	Do you support that the Government should immediately open up full-scaled cross-Strait "three links?"	63.5 %		22.9 %	13.6 %
Chinese Eurasian Education Foundation	May 18, 2002	Do you think the Government should unconditionally open up cross-strait "direct transportation" immediately, or do it conditionally?"	16.7 %	76.7 %	0 %	6.6 %
TVBS Poll Center	May 20, 2002	Do you support Wang Yung-Ching's proposition in his call on the Government to open up cross-strait "direct transportation" as soon as possible?	70 %		19 %	11 %

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Policy Committee of KMT's Central Standing Committee	June 23, 2002	Do you think the Government should acknowledge the "1992 Consensus" and commence negotiations on "three links" with the Mainland as soon as possible?	65 %		21 %	14 %
National Development Institute	June 30, 2002	What do you think the effect of opening up cross-strait "three links" will be?	"Increasing operating efficiency." 35.6% "Affecting Taiwan's security." 35.4% "No response." 29%			
CommonWealth Magazine	July 5, 2002	Do you hope that cross-strait "three links" are opened up?	75.6 %		17.7 %	6.7 %
China Times Daily	July 9, 2002	Do you support cross-strait "direct transportation" for aircraft and ships?	69 %		14 %	17 %
United Daily News	July 19, 2002	Do you support immediate cross-strait "three links" under the circumstances where no manner and prerequisite of "direct transportation" are established?"	49 %		33 %	18 %
Mainland Affairs Council, Executive Yuan	July 29, 2002	Do you think "direct transportation" should be opened up conditionally (under the presumption of national security, dignity, and equality), or unconditionally?	9.6 %	72.4 %	1.7 %	16.3 %
Taiwan Advocates	October 8, 2002	Do you think "three links" can solve Taiwan's economic problems?	29.8 %		51.1 %	19.1 %
China Times Daily	October 18, 2002	Do you support opening up of cross-strait "direct transportation" for aircraft and ships, so that they do not need to stop over third areas like Hong Kong and Macao?	61 %		13 %	26 %
		Do you think opening up of "three links" will have positive effects on Taiwan's economy?	52.2 %		21.4 %	26.4 %

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Mainland Affairs Council, Executive Yuan	October 22, 2002	Do you think "direct transportation" should be opened up conditionally (under the presumption of national security, dignity, and equality), or unconditionally?	8.5 %	72.3 %	3.5 %	15.7 %
United Daily News	October 26, 2002	Do you support immediate opening up of cross-strait "direct transportation" under the circumstances where no manner and prerequisite of "direct transportation" are established?	46 %		33 %	21 %
Chinese Professors' Association	November 17, 2002	Do you think opening up of "three links" will be beneficial to the development of Taiwan's economy?	61.5 %		23.1 %	15.4 %
Research Development and Evaluation Commission, Executive Yuan	November 26, 2002	Do you support opening up of cross-strait "direct transportation?"	48.2 %		24.2 %	27.6 %
		Do you think opening up of cross-strait "direct transportation" will have positive effects on the development of Taiwan's economy? ????	44.3 %		23.6 %	32.1 %
Mainland Affairs Council, Executive Yuan	December 10, 2002	Do you think "direct transportation" should be opened up conditionally (under the presumption of national security, dignity, and equality), or unconditionally?	7.8 %	74.5 %	2.5 %	15.1 %
Graduate School of Public Affairs, Ming Chung University	December 13, 2002	What do you think is the appropriate time to implement direct transportation between Taiwan and the Mainland?	"Don't know." 41.3% "Better slow down a bit" 20.7% "Better hurry up a bit" 14% "The slower the better" 14% "The sooner the better" 9.4%			
Chinese Cultural Association	December 15, 2002	Do you think the fact that many new faces, including entrepreneurs, appear among the new leaders of Mainland China after the 16 th National Congress of the Communist Party of China will speed up cross-strait "three links?" (A question targeted at college students nationwide.)	"Maybe." 64% "Don't think so." 19% "Don't know/No comment." 17%			

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Council for Industrial and Commercial Development R.O.C.	December 24, 2002	Do you think "direct transportation" should be opened up conditionally (e.g. for national security concern), or unconditionally? (A poll targeted at Taiwanese business people.)	30 %	70 %	0 %	0 %
Policy Committee of KMT's Central Standing Committee	January 16, 2003	Do you support cross-strait direct two-way air transportation in the future?	71.7 %		20.8 %	7.5 %
		Do you think opening up "three links" will benefit our economy?	59.6%		30.83%	9.57%
United Daily News	January 26, 2003	Do you advocate immediate opening up of cross-strait "direct transportation" under the circumstances where no manner and prerequisite of "direct transportation" are established?"	51 %		32 %	17 %
Policy Committee of KMT's Central Standing Committee	February 22, 2003	Do you support "direct transportation" under the principles of security and equality?	75.46 %		17.6 %	6.94 %
Mainland Affairs Council, Executive Yuan	May 15, 2003	Which of the following propositions do you support about the timing of opening up cross-strait "direct transportation?"	"Take it slowly." 59.2% "The sooner the better." 27.1% "Don't know." 9.9% "It depends." 3.8%			

Note: The above survey results are quoted from data published by various sponsors of public polls on news media or their websites.