

**Summarized Results of the Public Opinion Survey on  
the “ Public's View on Current Cross-Strait Relations ”  
(March 30 to April 2, 2012)**

- **71.4 percent of the public support the continued handling of cross-strait exchange issues through institutionalized negotiations.**
- **70.8 percent of the public support the government's policy of maintaining the status quo in the Taiwan Strait under the principle of "no unification, no independence, and no use of force."**
- **Over 70 percent of the public believe that the government's policy of allowing Mainland tourists to travel independently to Taiwan is conducive to promoting Taiwan's economic development, and nearly 70 percent of the public (68.2 percent) support this policy.**
- **The overwhelming majority of the public (86.2 percent) still supports maintaining the status quo defined in a 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.")**

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

To understand the people of Taiwan's views on issues related to cross-strait relations, the 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 March 30 to April 2, 2012. A total of 1,079 effective samples were collected, with a sampling error of 2.98 percent based on a 95 percent confidence level.

## **II. Major Findings**

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

71.4 percent of the public support the continued handling of issues related to cross-strait exchanges through institutionalized negotiations, while 14 percent do not support this.

### **(2) Views on Mainland policy**

70.8 percent of the public support the government in maintaining the status quo in the

Taiwan Strait under the principle of "no unification, no independence, and no use of force," while 20.9 percent do not support this.

### **(3) Views on allowing Mainland tourists to travel independently to Taiwan**

Nearly 70 percent of the public (68.2 percent) support the government's policy of allowing Mainland tourists to travel independently to Taiwan, while 22.7 percent do not support this. Furthermore, 72.7 percent of the public believe that independent travel to Taiwan by Mainland visitors is conducive to promoting Taiwan's economic development, while 20.9 percent of the public believe it is unconducive.

### **(4) Views on unification or independence**

The overwhelming majority of the public (86.2 percent) still supports maintaining the status quo defined in a 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 (32.4 percent), followed by "Maintaining the status quo indefinitely" (29.9 percent).

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

Regarding the current pace of cross-strait exchanges, 45 percent of the public believe the pace is "just right," while 32.6 percent believe it is "too fast" and 11.9 percent believe it is "too slow."

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

49.7 percent of the public believe that the Mainland government's attitude toward the ROC government is "unfriendly," higher than the percentage (33 percent) believing it is "friendly." Regarding the Mainland government's attitude toward the people of Taiwan, 45.7 percent of the public believe it is unfriendly, while 38.5 percent believe it is friendly.