

Summarized Results of Public Opinion Survey on "the Public's Views on Cross-Strait Relations and Mainland Policy"

(May 3 to 6, 2012)

- **70 percent of the public support the government in continuing, over the next four years, to maintain the status quo in the Taiwan Strait under the framework of the ROC Constitution and based on the principle of "no unification, no independence, and no use of force."**
- **About 66 percent (66.3 percent) of the public believe that institutionalized cross-strait negotiations are conducive to peace and stability of cross-strait relations, and 62 percent of the public support the government in continuing to prioritize economic issues in cross-strait negotiations over the next four years and promoting discussion on issues in other areas later.**
- **About 70 percent (70.8 percent) of the public agree that Taiwan's values of freedom and democracy have had a positive impact on the Mainland in the process of cross-strait exchanges.**
- **The majority of the public supports the government's negotiations with mainland China on the issues of cross-strait investment protection and customs cooperation.**

I. Survey Background and Methods

To understand the people of Taiwan's views on issues related to the government's future Mainland policy and cross-strait relations, the Mainland Affairs Council (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 May 3 to 6, 2012. A total of 1,075 effective samples were collected, with a sampling error of 2.99 percent based on a 95 percent confidence level.

II. Major Findings

(1) Views on future Mainland policy

70 percent of the public support the continuation over the next four years of

the government's maintaining the status quo in the Taiwan Strait under the framework of the ROC Constitution and based on the principle of "no unification, no independence, and no use of force," while 16.8 percent of the public do not support this.

(2) Views on institutionalized cross-strait negotiations

66.3 percent of the public believe that institutionalized cross-strait negotiations are conducive to peace and stability of cross-strait relations, while 24 percent believe such negotiations are unconducive in this regard. As for future negotiation issues, 62 percent of the public support the government in continuing to prioritize economic issues in cross-strait negotiations over the next four years and promoting discussion on issues in other areas later, while 27.3 percent of the public do not support this.

(3) Views on the propagation of Taiwan's values of freedom and democracy through cross-strait exchanges

70.8 percent of the public believe that Taiwan's values of freedom and democracy have had a positive impact on the Mainland in the process of cross-strait exchanges, while 17.2 percent of the public believe they have not had a positive impact.

(4) Views on Taiwan's participation in international organizations and activities

67.4 percent of the public agree that benign cross-strait interactions can be established through joint participation of both sides in international organizations and activities under the principles of parity and dignity, while 25 percent of the public disagree with this position.

(5) Views on negotiation issues at the Eighth Chiang-Chen Talks

Regarding the negotiation issues at the Eighth Chiang-Chen Talks, 69.1 percent of the public approve cross-strait negotiations on investment protection issues in order to protect the investment rights and interests of the people of Taiwan investing in the Mainland, while 22.3 percent of the public do not approve this. Furthermore, 78.8 percent of the public approve the signing of

the Cross-Strait Customs Cooperation Agreement to facilitate clearance of goods and enhance cooperation on smuggling prevention.