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High Public Approval of the Results of
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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%.

Listening to the Voice
Of the People
The 3rd Round of
Chiang-Chen Talks
and Taiwanese Public Opinion

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Preface
The third round of "Chiang-Chen talks" between the chairman
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 assist-
ance, 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
institute 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.
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 Results of the Talks are Beneficial to Taiwan’s Economic Development

The results of the polls 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.

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.

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.

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Do you support institutionalized cross-strait negotiations? Do not support: 17.1% Do not know or have no opinion: 5.4%

Do you consider that holding institutionalized high-level talks between the two sides twice a year is “just right” for the frequency of such talks?

Support: 56.9% Do not support: 33.1% Do not know or have no opinion: 39.5%

Do you think that the three agreements and consensus reached at the talks will have a “favorable effect” on Taiwan’s economic development?

Support: 73.6% Do not support: 17.1% Do not know or have no opinion: 5.4%

Do you feel satisfied or dissatisfied with the outcomes of this round of Chiang-Chen talks?

Satisfied: 71.6% Dissatisfied: 20.8% Do not know or have no opinion: 4.6%

Which includes provision for increasing cross-strait flight points and flights. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with this result of the negotiations?

Satisfied: 58.5% Dissatisfied: 31% Do not know or have no opinion: 10.2%

Do you think that the current cross-strait frequency of institutionalized high-level cross-strait talks is too frequent, just right, excessive, or insufficient?

Insufficient: 20.6% Excessive: 13.6% Just right: 58.1% No opinion or have no opinion: 13.2%

Do you consider that the outcomes of this round of talks have safeguarded Taiwan’s national sovereignty?

Yes: 56.9% No: 33.1% Do not know or have no opinion: 10%

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Satisfied: 69.2% Dissatisfied: 20.8% Do not know or have no opinion: 4.5%

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11. Among the issues stated 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: 52% Cross-strait fishery labor cooperation: 26.9% Cross-strait standards testing and certification cooperation: 20.8% Cross-strait financial cooperation: 17.1% Do not support: 17.1% Do not know or have no opinion: 8.2%

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