

Summarized Results of the Public Opinion Survey on "Public Views on Cross-Strait Relations and International Space"

(October 11~13, 2013)

- **73.7% of the public support the government's policy of maintaining the cross-strait status quo of "no unification, no independence, and no use of force" under the framework of the ROC Constitution.**
- **The great majority of the people (85.1%) approve of participation in international organizations and activities from both sides under the principle of equality and dignity and believe it conducive to peaceful and stable development across the Taiwan Strait (79.1%)**
- **72.6% of the public think that former Vice President Vincent Siew's participation in the APEC meeting was conducive to expanding Taiwan's international participation**
- **In general, the great majority of the public (67.6%) approve of direct contact between officials on the two sides. 67.8% of the public think that regular meetings between the Minister of Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council and the Director of the Mainland's Taiwan Affairs Office would be conducive to the development of cross-strait relations. 72.7% of the public think that the establishment of mechanisms for direct communication and interaction between Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council and the Mainland's Taiwan Affairs Office would be conducive to the promotion of cross-strait affairs.**
- **The majority of the public approve of visits to the Mainland by MAC Minister Wang Yu-chi (60.7%) and approves of visits to Taiwan by Taiwan Affairs Office Director Zhang Zhijun (68.3%).**

I. Survey Background and Methods

To understand Taiwanese people's views on issues related to cross-strait relations and international space, the Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) commissioned Taiwan Real Survey Co., Ltd. to conduct a telephone survey of adults aged 20 and over in Taiwan from October 11 to 13, 2013. A total of 1,091 valid samples were collected, with a sampling error of plus or minus 2.97% at a 95% level of confidence.

II. Major Findings

(1) Views on current cross-strait situation and Mainland policy

63.5% of the public find the current cross-strait situation to be peaceful, with 33.9% responding that the situation is "peaceful" and 29.6% responding that the situation is "more peaceful than confrontational." 73.7% of the public support the government's policy of maintaining the cross-

strait status quo of "no unification, no independence, and no use of force" under the framework of the ROC Constitution, while 12.2% do not support this.

(2) Views on expanding Taiwan's international space

75.6% of the public think that cross-strait relations improvements are conducive to expanding Taiwan's international space, while only 15.2% think this is not helpful. 85.1% of the public approve of participation in international organizations and activities from both sides under the principle of equality and dignity; and 79.1% of the public think this would be conducive to peaceful and stable development across the Taiwan Strait.

(3) Views on APEC and international participation

72.6% of the public feel former Vice President Siew's emphasis on the importance of Taiwan's participation in regional economic integration while attending this year's Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders' Meeting to be conducive to expanding Taiwan's international participation..

(4) Views on APEC and cross-strait interactions

62.8% of the public think that the meeting between the representative of the ROC leader and the Mainland leader Xi Jinping, as well as the contact arrangements made between the MAC and Taiwan Affairs Office, at this year's APEC are important developments for cross-strait interaction conducted in the international arena. 56.4% of the people agree that the unprecedented participation of an incumbent Minister of the MAC at a meeting between the ROC and Mainland's leader representatives, has broken past conventions and is a result of improvements in cross-strait relations

Regarding the use of official titles in mutual address between MAC Minister Wang Yu-chi and the Taiwan Affairs Office Director Zhang Zhijun, 56.5% of the public consider it a major breakthrough in cross-strait relations, while 61.1% of the public think it is conducive to official interactions across the strait

(5) Views on mechanisms for interaction between the officials in charge of cross-strait affairs

60.7% of the public approve of visits to the Mainland by MAC Minister Wang Yu-chi; and 68.3% of the public approve of visits to Taiwan by Taiwan Affairs Office Director Zhang Zhijun.

67.8% of the public think that regular meetings between the Minister of Taiwan's MAC and the Director of the Mainland's Taiwan Affairs Office would be conducive to the development of cross-strait relations, while 19.8% think it would not be conducive. 72.7% of the public think that the establishment of mechanisms for direct communication and interaction between the MAC and the Taiwan Affairs Office would be conducive to the promotion of cross-strait affairs, while 14.6% think it would be not conducive.

Overall, 67.6% of the people approve of direct contact between officials on the two sides.