



Summarized Results of the Public Opinion Survey on the

"Public's Views on Supervision of Cross-Strait Agreements"

(July 2 to 6, 2014)

- **The majority of the people believe that the second meeting between heads of the cross-strait competent authorities was conducive to the handling of cross-strait affairs (63.7%) and that official contacts across the Strait have major significance for the benign development of cross-strait relations. Nearly 70% (69%) of the public support regular exchange visits by the minister of the Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) and director of the Taiwan Affairs Office (TAO).**
- **88.6% of the people affirm Minister Wang's reiteration during the meeting that Taiwan's future should be decided by the 23 million people of Taiwan under the ROC Constitution framework.**
- **A majority of the public support joint cross-strait studies on regional economic integration relevant to the two sides (65.1%); believe that if the government can smoothly negotiate with other countries on economic and trade cooperation, and participate in regional economic integration, it would increase the Taiwanese people's confidence in cross-strait trade liberalization (59.8%); and are satisfied that "humanitarian visits" would be among the functions of the offices to be established by the Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF) in the Mainland (65.3%).**
- **A majority of the public support prompt passage of Cross-Strait Agreement Supervisory Act by the Legislative Yuan (63%); and affirm that the Executive Yuan version of the Cross-Strait Agreement Supervisory Act would help to**

improve congressional oversight (71%).

- **The great majority of the people (86.7%) still insist on maintaining the status quo defined in the 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

In order to understand the public's views on issues concerning the supervision of cross-strait agreements, 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 July 2 to 6, 2014. A total of 1,071 valid samples were collected, with a sampling error of 2.99% based on a 95% confidence level.

II. Major Findings

(1) Views on the overall development of the government's cross-strait policy

68.1% 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 ROC Constitution framework, while 17.1% do not support this. 52.3% of the public identify with the government's position on the "1992 Consensus of one China with respective interpretations," in which one China means the Republic of China, while 33.2% do not identify with this.

(2) Views on the Taiwan visit by the Mainland's TAO Director Zhang Zhijun and official cross-strait interactions.

88.6% of the people support MAC Minister Wang's reiteration during the cross strait competent authorities meeting that Taiwan's future should be decided by the 23 million people of Taiwan under the ROC Constitution framework. 59.8% of the people feel that smooth engagement between the government and

other countries in economic and trade cooperation negotiations and participation in regional economic integration would increase the Taiwanese people's confidence in cross-strait trade liberalization; and 65.1% of the public support joint study by both sides on cross-strait related regional economic integration. 65.3% of the people are satisfied that "humanitarian visits" would be among the functions of the SEF institution to be established in the Mainland. 63.7% of the people feel that, overall, the exchange of views between the MAC and the TAO on important cross-strait issues is conducive to the handling of cross-strait affairs. 60.7% of the people believe that normal official exchanges across the Strait have major significance for the benign development of cross-strait relations; and 69% of the people approve regular exchange visits between MAC minister and TAO director. 54.6% of the people feel that Zhang Zhijun's interactions and exchanges with the public and experience of Taiwan's pluralistic society during his visit to Taiwan helps Mainland officials better understand public opinion in Taiwan. Moreover, 81.1% of the public found actions such as road blocking, ghost money throwing, and paint splashing inappropriate in certain parties' protest against TAO Director Zhang Zhijun's visit to Taiwan.

(3) Views on the Cross-Strait Agreement Supervisory Act

63% of the public support the prompt passage of the Cross-Strait Agreement Supervisory Act by the Legislative Yuan. 71% feel that requiring the executive branch to fully communicate and consult with the Legislative Yuan prior cross-strait agreement signing and respect Legislative Yuan procedures for the review or record post agreement signing would help to improve congressional oversight. 58.5% of the people feel that request for all previously signed cross-strait agreements to acquire a second Legislative Yuan approval before implementation would affect of the people's rights and interests. 61.6% agree that the Legislative Yuan should vote on cross-strait agreements within a set timeframe to prevent delays in agreement implementation and further affect the rights and interests of the people.

(4) Views on unification or independence

The overwhelming majority of the public (86.7%) still support maintaining the status quo defined in the 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 (31.8%), followed by "Maintaining the status quo indefinitely" (28.2%).

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

36.4% of the public believe the current pace of cross-strait exchanges to be "just right," while 36.8% believe it to be "too fast" and 14.7% "too slow."

(6) Public perception on Mainland government's attitude toward Taiwan

56.1% of the public perceive the Mainland government's attitude toward the government of the ROC to be "unfriendly," higher than the percentage (24.9%) perceiving it to be "friendly." As for the Mainland government's attitude toward the people of the ROC, 33.4% of the public believe it to be friendly, while 50.3% of the public believe it unfriendly.