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## On DPP's 38th Anniversary Celebration, Chair Lai Reiterates Vision to Strengthen Taiwan's Democracy, Peace and Prosperity

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The Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) celebrated its 38th anniversary (9/28) on Sunday (9/23) with an event under the theme of "Safeguarding Taiwan's Leading Brand" and "The Road of Democracy Never Ends." Senior party members were invited back to the Grand Hotel to honor the brave contributions of Taiwan's democratic pioneers. In his remarks, President and DPP Chair Lai Ching-te not only underscored the party's founding spirit but also laid out three core missions for the DPP's future development. These missions embody the [Four Commitments](#) and the [Four Pillars of Peace](#), providing a clear roadmap for the party's long-term growth.

First, Chair Lai emphasized the first key mission: **safeguarding Taiwan's democracy and freedom, ensuring its continued development**. He reiterated Taiwan's commitment to a democratic and constitutional system of governance, reaffirming that "the Republic of China and the People's Republic of China are not subordinate to each other," and underscoring that Taiwan's sovereignty must not be encroached upon or usurped. This mission lies at the heart of the DPP's

objectives, aiming to ensure that Taiwan's future is determined by its 23 million people.

The second key mission is **protecting the safety of all Taiwanese people**. Chair Lai pointed out that in addition to strengthening national defense to counter external threats, the DPP will continue to drive economic development. He emphasized the importance of deepening cooperation with democratic nations, working together to deter reckless actions by authoritarian regimes. Taiwan, a peace-loving society, values kindness and is willing to engage with China in dialogue and cooperation—provided it is based on mutual respect and dignity.

The third key mission is **enhancing the well-being and livelihoods of Taiwan's 23 million people**. Chair Lai stressed the need for balanced development, ensuring that the growth of Taiwan's tech industry is complemented by support for small and medium-sized enterprises. The DPP will promote policies that ensure equal opportunities and fair living conditions for all. Additionally, the government will continue to support vulnerable groups, aiming for both economic progress and social justice, so that every Taiwanese citizen can live with dignity.

Chair Lai also underscored the importance of nurturing the younger generation. Through initiatives like the Youth Talent Program, the DPP will encourage young party members to pursue further education and gain international experience, cultivating a new generation of political leaders to ensure the continued strength of both the DPP and Taiwan. He also pledged full support for party-led social welfare initiatives and efforts to care for the well-being of party veterans, reflecting the DPP's deep respect for its history.

At this critical moment, the DPP is not only a leading force in Taiwan's democratic progress but also an essential voice for Taiwan on the international stage. The three core missions outlined by Chair Lai are not only commitments to Taiwan's internal development but also a clear signal that the DPP will work closely with the international community to address global challenges and defend the universal values of democracy and freedom.

[Link to the full remarks from the official press release >>>](#)

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