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Taiwan's Defense Blueprint

Key Takeaways from Taiwan's National Defense Report 2023

On September 12th, Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense released "Taiwan (ROC)'s National Defense Report 2023." This report is divided into five parts: Regional Posture, National Defense Capabilities, Policy Reform, National Defense Governance, and Heritage of Honor and Glory.

Highlights:

- **Military Strategy: "Resolute Defense and Multi-domain Deterrence" (P63-67)**
 - In response to the PRC's use of grey zone threats to alter the status quo in the Taiwan Strait over the past two years, Taiwan's military has adopted this strategy to extend defense depth outward and construct a whole-of-society defense structure and national resilience.
- **Indo-Pacific Regional Situation (P12-22)**
 - The report provides a detailed account of the countermeasures taken by regional allies such as the United States, Japan, South Korea, Southeast Asia, India, and Australia against the PRC. It also includes the deployment of U.S. military bases in the Western Pacific and estimated missile ranges of various countries.
- **PRC's Threat to Taiwan (P26-45)**
 - The number of pages dedicated to the PRC's threat to Taiwan has increased from 11 pages in 2018 and 10 pages in 2020 to 19 pages in 2023. This includes the PRC's missile strike ranges, coastal airport expansions, and the development status of various military branches.
- **Self-Defense Capabilities (P93-115)**
 - The report emphasizes that "the survival of our nation counts on us" and details Taiwan's various measures to strengthen its combat capabilities, including "Revising Conscription Term" and "Refining Reserve Reform." The related content spans 22 pages.
- **Defense Minister's Perspective (P4)**
 - Defense Minister Chiu Kuo-Cheng emphasizes that "avert war by preparing for it, be capable of fighting a war to stop it." He points out that although Taiwan has no power to decide between war and peace, it should have the strength to prevent the balance from tipping toward war.



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