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Taiwan Stands Firm in Turbulent Waters

Koo Talks Cross-Strait Relations, Israel-Palestine Conflict, and Defense Policy in Interview with Liao Hsiao- chun

- Secretary-General of the National Security Council, Wellington Koo, was interviewed by host Liao Hsiao-chun on October 16th.
- Interview Highlights:
 - Cross-Strait Relations: 「台灣應該要取得一個民意的最大公約數，而現在的民意最大公約數就是維持和平。我們身處在全球倡議、維持現狀就是符合全球最大利益的情況之下，我們作為區域穩定和平的貢獻者，我們而努力維持現狀，抵抗中國的步步進逼，來避免現狀被中國片面打破，尤其是以武力的方式打破，這就是我們台灣目前在大格局下的處境。」
 - “Taiwan should achieve a consensus that aligns with the general public, the consensus for the public now is to maintain peace. With global advocacy and maintaining the status quo being in the best interest of the world, as contributors to regional stability and peace, we should strive to maintain the

status quo by resisting Chinese encroachment, especially by military force. This is Taiwan's situation in the grand scheme of things.”

- Israel-Palestine Conflict: 「國安會目前在注意的是，以巴衝突會在以色列的國防軍進入加薩走廊之後，會不會引起人道問題，例如殲滅哈瑪斯，或者對平民造成傷亡，會不會進而從以巴衝突擴大成為區域衝突。如果擴大成為區域衝突就會變得讓世界的局勢變得複雜。」
- “The National Security Council is currently observing if the Israel Defense Forces' entry into Gaza would lead to humanitarian problems and if the entry would lead to a broader regional conflict. If this conflict is broadened into a regional one, it would complicate the global situation.”
- Reserve Forces: 「以色列的人民在一接到動員令，就馬上搭機回去，願意捍衛他們的家園，這也是我們想要達到的一個方向。除了延長義務役是我們現役部隊的加強外，加強後備部隊的戰力也是很重要，就是在退役後的一定年限內，一旦接受動員時，由於平時就能夠受到好的訓練，在戰時經過一定的臨戰訓練後就能發揮一定的戰力。大家都有保衛我們現行民族自由生的方式的體認，這是非常重要的。」
- “A direction we want to work towards is how Israelis immediately return home to defend their homeland. In addition to extending the mandatory conscription period, the strengthening of reserve forces is also crucial. Within a set period of time after being discharged, because reserve forces received quality training, they can be immediately effective in wartime scenarios after a brief refresher training.”
- Defense Policy Post-Election: 「應給一年期的義務役充實的實戰訓練，培養即戰力，無法想像在中國持續以武力攻台的威脅以及習近平統治的威權擴張下，會有人奢想將義務役役期改回四個月以換取和平，這完全是一種投降主義。暫時也沒有看到任何總統參選人，包括國民黨參選人有提出這樣的政見，所以我不相信任何人執政後體認國防的重要性，會把一年期退縮回四個月。」
- “The notion of reverting to four-month conscription in the face of China's military threats and Xi Jinping's expansionist authoritarian rule seems like a surrenderist idea. I haven't seen any presidential candidates proposing this, including from the KMT. So, I don't believe anyone recognizing the importance of defense post-election would reduce the conscription period from a year to four months.”

[Link to Full Interview >>](#)

Laura Rosenberger Visits Taiwan

- AIT Chair Laura Rosenberger visited Taiwan for the third time since her appointment in March, during her visit, she emphasized that US support for Taiwan remains a “priority” for the Biden Administration regardless of global events like the recent Israel-Hamas conflict.
- Rosenberger met with the three major presidential candidates (Lai from the DPP, Ko from the TPP, Hou from the KMT) to convey US priorities and discuss their visions for Taiwan. Rosenberger did not meet with independent presidential candidate Terry Gou because he has yet to be deemed officially eligible to run for the presidency by Taiwan’s Central Election Commission.

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Vice President Lai and AIT Chair Laura Rosenberger visit the Taiwan Hakka Tea Culture Museum

MOFA and Mainland Affairs Council Respond to Former President Ma’s Speech at NYU

- Former President Ma Ying-jeou spoke at NYU, in his speech he called for the Taiwanese government to abide by the 1992 consensus and hold peace talks rather than moving toward independence or turning Taiwan into the next Ukraine.
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) responded to Ma's speech by stating that Ma's remarks seem to cater to China's stance towards the issue.
- The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) responded to Ma's speech by reiterating the "Four Commitments" and criticizing the "1992 Consensus" due to its premise on the "one China" principle.

[Link to Full Statement by MOFA >>](#)

[Link to Full Statement by Mainland Affairs Council \(English\) >>](#)

Reagan Foundation Interviews Hsiao Bi-khim

- Taiwan Representative to the US, Hsiao Bi-khim was interviewed by the Reagan Foundation. In the interview, they discussed her role as representative the the US, cross-strait relations, US-Taiwan relations, as well as the upcoming elections.

[Link to the Full Interview >>](#)

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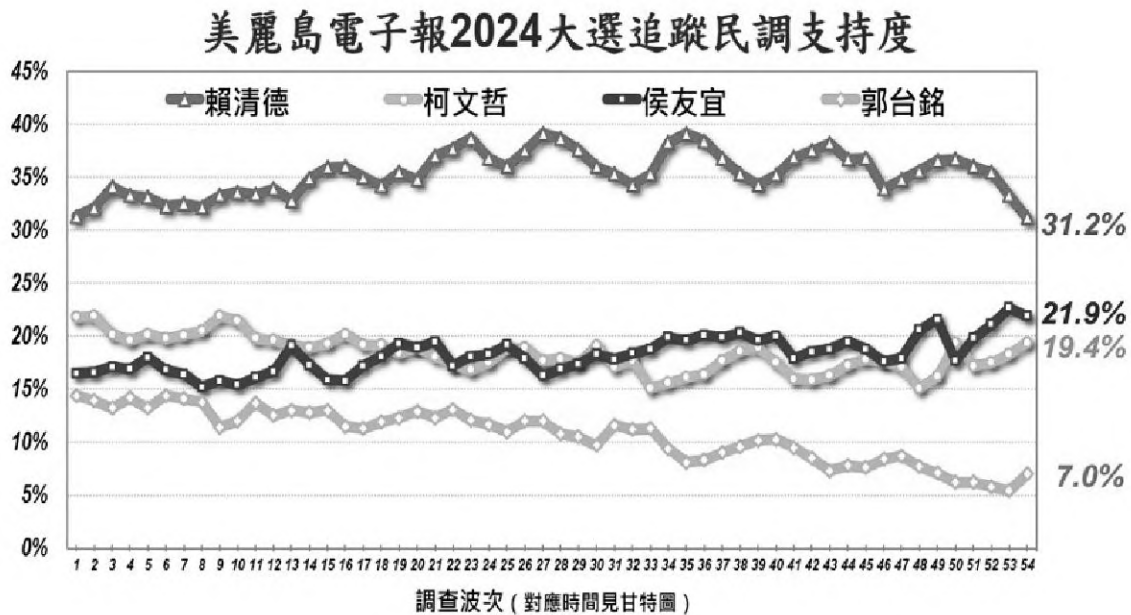
My-Formosa Poll: 2024 Presidential Election Poll from Oct. 11 to Oct. 13 (Oct. 19, 2023)

- In the My-Formosa Poll conducted from October 11 to October 13, Lai Ching-Te of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) leads with 31.2%, followed by Hou Yu-Ih of the Kuomintang (KMT) at 21.9%, Ko Wen-Je of the Taiwan People's Party (TPP) at 19.4%, and Terry Guo, the founder of Foxconn, as an independent candidate at 7.0%.
- The poll, which was conducted through Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI), successfully interviewed 1,200 people with a maximum sampling error of $\pm 2.8\%$ at a 95% confidence level, ensuring its representation of the general population's demographics and characteristics.

- This poll is one of the Taiwanese media's most cited polls, highlighting its credibility and significance in the political landscape.
- Comments from Dai Li-an (the designer of the My-Formosa Polls) about Lai's drop in the polls:
 - 「『以巴衝突』的殘酷畫面和國際上發生戰爭，會對台灣民眾心理產生影響」
 - “The brutal imagery from the Israel-Palestine conflict and a war happening in the international community seems to have influenced Taiwanese sentiments”

[Link to Full Article from My Formosa >>](#)

[Link to Full Article on Dai's Comments >>](#)



New Global Voices on Taiwan **Episode on Global Tech Decoupling**

- The DPP just launched a brand new all-English podcast, *Global Voices on Taiwan*, with hosts Vincent Chao and Rath Wang. The podcast centers around why Taiwan matters to the world, from protecting global democracy through a wide range of other topics, covering the country's strategic position on technology, economics, progressivism, liberal values and more. We aim to bring out international influential voices and their perspectives on Taiwan. Feel free to watch, listen, subscribe, and share per the links below.



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