

Taiwan to maintain existing cross-strait policy



Taipei, Sept. 7 (CNA) The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) reaffirmed its position on cross-strait relations on Thursday, noting there would be no shift in policy in the wake of recent personnel changes in the Cabinet.

During a routine press conference, MAC Vice Minister and spokesperson Chiu Chui-cheng (邱治誠) was asked about the administration's stance on cross-strait relations, given previous pro-independence comments by premier-designate Lai Ching-te (賴清德).

Chiu took the opportunity to reiterate the administration's policy goal of promoting peaceful and stable development of cross-strait ties and maintaining the status quo.

"The government is one body and speaks with one voice," the vice minister said.

He added that the government would handle cross-strait affairs in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of China and the will of the people.

The administration will continue to promote good cross-strait ties while defending Taiwan's sovereignty, dignity and the

rights of its people, he continued.

“Such a policy stance is in the best interest of Taiwan and parties in the (East Asian) region,” he said.

Chiu was also asked about China’s “one country, two systems” policy, reportedly lauded as a good solution for cross-strait peace by former Hong Kong Chief Executive and Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference Tung Chee-hwa (譚錫明).

Chiu responded that Taiwanese society has rejected the idea of “one country, two systems” – as can be seen from repeated polls on the issue as well as statements by major political parties in Taiwan.

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