

6 CROSS-STRAITS MEETING



Behind us is history stretching for 60 years. Now before our eyes there are fruits of conciliation instead of confrontation." — Ma Ying-jeou

“We are brothers connected by flesh even if our bones are broken, we are a family whose blood is thicker than water.” — Xi Jinping



The Standing Committee of the National People's Congress issues a message to Taiwan declaring the Chinese government's position regarding peaceful settlement of the Taiwan question.

Former NPC Standing Committee chairman Ye Jianying issues a statement further elaborating on the policy and principles for the settlement of the Taiwan question.



Taiwan authorities allow Taiwan people to visit their relatives on the mainland, ending 38 years of isolation across the Taiwan Straits.

The Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits and the Straits Exchange Foundation reach an informal agreement that "the two sides of the Straits adhere to the one-China principle." It is the "1992 Consensus".



Former ARATS chairman Wang Daohan (left) and former SEF chairman Koo Chen-fu hold a historic meeting in Singapore.

Former general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and president Jiang Zemin puts forward eight propositions on the development of relations between the two sides of the Taiwan Straits and the peaceful reunification of China.

Former SEF chairman Koo Chen-fu holds his second meeting with then-ARATS chairman Wang Daohan and meets former president Jiang Zemin during his six-day visit to Shanghai and Beijing.

Former Taiwan leader Lee Teng-hui puts forward the infamous "two states" theory in which he defines cross-Straits relations as a "state-to-state or special state-to-state relationship".

Chen Shui-bian from the "pro-independence" Democratic Progressive Party comes into power, ending the Kuomintang's 51-year rule of the island.

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A look at how ties across the Taiwan Straits have grown in the past three decades

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Former president Hu Jintao puts forward a four-point guideline on the development of cross-Straits relations.

Lien Chan (left), former chairman of the Kuomintang, leads a delegation to the mainland to meet with then-president Hu Jintao. It is the first time that the top leaders of the Communist Party of China and the KMT have had a dialogue in the past six decades.



James Soong, chairman of the People First Party in Taiwan, visits the mainland.

Former president Hu Jintao meets Wu Po-hsiung, then chairman of the KMT, in Beijing. Hu urges the mainland's ARATS and the Taiwan-based SEF to resume talks as soon as possible.

The mainland-based Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits and the Taiwan-based Straits Exchange Foundation restart talks in Beijing after a nine-year suspension.

ARATS and SEF resumes talks in Beijing after nine years. The bodies, channels for high-level cross-Straits dialogue, halted talks in 1999 due to the Taiwan authorities' "pro-independence" activities.

Cross-Straits weekend charter flights begin. Eleven airlines — six from the mainland and five from Taiwan — operate 144 cross-Straits return-trip flights.



760 people join the first tourist group from the mainland to Taiwan since 1949.



Two pandas, Tuan Tuan and Yuan Yuan, are donated to Taiwan by mainland authorities.

Direct shipping, air transport and postal services between the mainland and Taiwan were formally launched.

100 swimmers, 50 each from the mainland and Taiwan, swim across the Straits from Xiamen, Fujian province, to Kinmen in Taiwan.



The Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement, a comprehensive cross-Straits economic pact, was signed to reduce tariffs and commercial barriers between the two sides.



The first group of individual tourists from the mainland visit Taiwan. Previously, tourists were only allowed to travel in groups.

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, meets Lien Chan, honorary chairman of the KMT, in Beijing. It is the first time that Xi has met a Taiwan delegation since becoming CPC chief in November 2012.



Communist Party of China chief Xi Jinping meets Kuomintang Honorary Chairman Wu Po-hsiung in Beijing.

Hundreds of students stormed Taiwan's legislative chamber to protest a cross-Straits service trade pact. The protest lasted for weeks until the pact was sent to the island's "legislative chamber" for detailed review.

Yuan Yuan, a panda the mainland donated to Taiwan, gives birth to its first baby.



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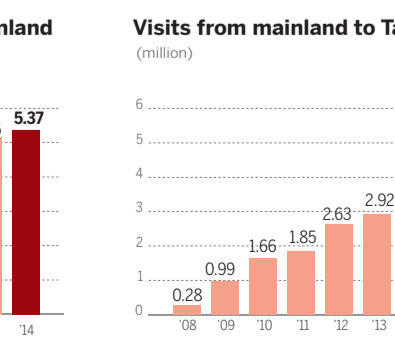
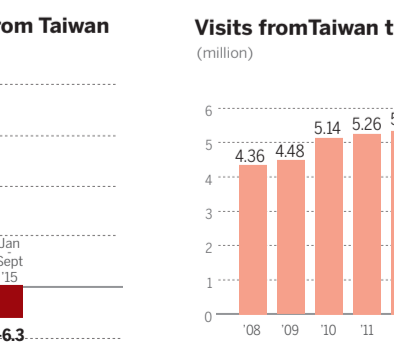
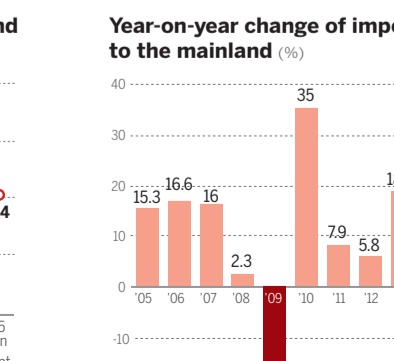
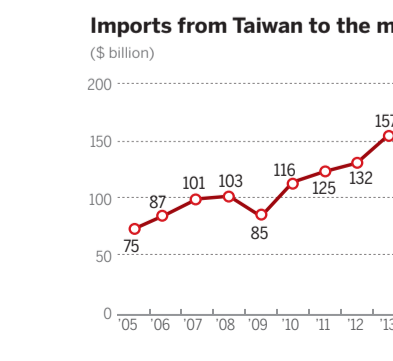
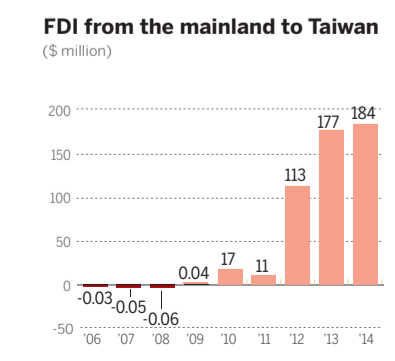
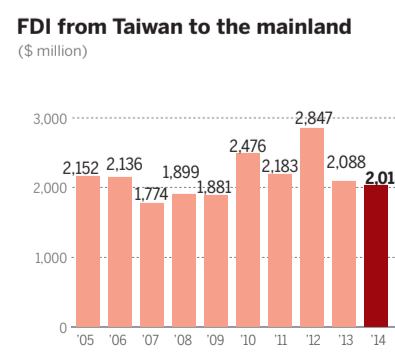
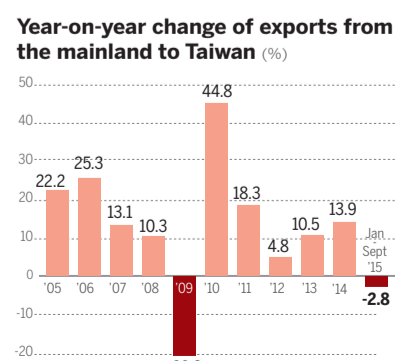
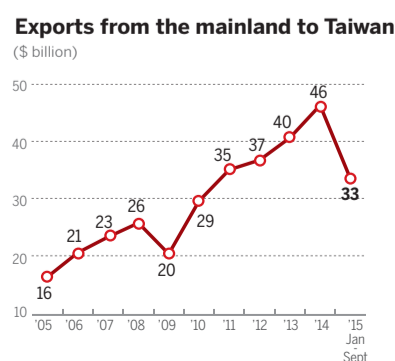


Zhang Zhijun, chief of the State Council Taiwan Affairs Office, pays a four-day visit to Taiwan.

Xi Jinping meets Ma Ying-jeou in Singapore, marking the first meeting between leaders of the two sides in more than six decades. Xi says the Chinese mainland and Taiwan are at the crossroads for choosing the direction and path for future development in cross-Straits relations.

The first batch of students from the mainland graduate in Taiwan.

Xi Jinping meets visiting Kuomintang Chairman Eric Chu in Beijing.



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