

Dialogue on the Status of Taiwan

From: chenc2@MSKCC.ORG
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Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 8:05 AM
Subject: Please leave Taiwan out of Chinese map

To whom it may concern,

I have noticed an error in your web page:www.accci.com.au/keycity/tibet_files/image004.gif

Please remove Taiwan from Chinese territory. Taiwan is an independent country which does not belong to China. Chinese authorities don't extend to this country. Thank you.

Dr. Chen



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Subject: The future of China with Taiwan Province
Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 17:52:07 +1100

Dear Dr Chen,

Thank you for your email.

Taiwan Province has been recognised by all Australian Governments since December 1972 as part of China. The official Olympic Games bodies/communications refer to Taiwan as Chinese Taipei and thus historically at least Chinese Territory.

The defeated Kuomintang Nationalist Government which retreated to Taiwan Province in late 1949 always claimed/recognised Taiwan as part of China despite the 50-year Japanese war/conquest (1895-1945). It is the US Pacific Fleet that has maintained Taiwan's breakaway from the 'motherland' rightly or wrongly depending on your point of view.

The next Kuomintang Government will purportedly emphasise the 'Three NOs' re no independence, no unification and no war. In fact there will be a de facto economic unification just like the Australia New Zealand CER (Common Economic Relations) with hopefully the mutual recognition of the Communist and Nationalist Parties as an international 'fact of life'.

If there is to be 'democracy' in China, the roles of the Hong Kong SAR and Taiwan Province, and especially a thoroughly restructured and re-invigorated Nationalist Party, are vital. At present apart from the CPC and the PLA there are no country-wide institutions operating effectively through all the provinces of China, such as an independent of government trade union movement representing working people or patriotic religious groups free of outside foreign, usually US, influence/funding. The struggle to persuade the PRC/CPC of the value of a 'Freedom of Information' Clause in their Constitution is just beginning - but it will eventually be won if initially only for economic and social reasons.

But Chamber had no doubts about the 'line of march' of the Chinese people when we set up

in September 1976 before the Open Door Policy launched in December 1978. Whilst shaken we were not stirred by the events leading up to June 1989, nor again by the recent weeks/riots in Tibet. Our website www.accci.com.au is full of Human Rights material with an equal emphasis on economic, social and cultural rights as with political and civil rights.

We simply say that during this historical period, a gradually reforming Communist Party of China is the only institution capable of both holding China together and managing the enormous economic/social change in one generation of less than 30 years. Under the current 'Three Represents' Policy of the CPC there is already 'institutional factions' with nationwide connections to peasants, workers and entrepreneurs. There are also many Chinese Taiwanese involved at least indirectly in the affairs of the PRC at Central, Provincial, Municipal, District and County levels.

Time will be the judge of whether the Chamber is correct. But certainly Taiwan is a province of China and you, and the current government during the last decade have done your province great damage and a disservice to the people of China.

I trust you will reflect deeply and change course.

Michael C.H. Jones
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From: "C. chen" <csjchen@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Re: The future of China with Taiwan Relationship

Dear Mr. Jones,

Thank you very much for taking your time explaining your point of view. I respect your position and understand the statement you made. I wish to make a few points clear to you, if I may.

I have nothing to do with the DPP and outgoing DPP government. I am only a lay people. The reason I sent a message to you is to remind you the fact that Taiwan is an independent country that executes its own sovereignty. I agree that sometime in the history, Taiwan was once Chinese territory. Since 1949, there have been two separate sovereigns on each side of Taiwan Strait. PRC has not been able to lay its hand on Taiwan since its establishment, despite several failed attempts. China has built up stronger and stronger influences in the world. The influences, of course, include making Australia recognizes Taiwan as part of China, IOC forcing Taiwan to adopt a very strange name called Chinese Taipei, forbidding showing our own national flag, signing our own national anthem, etc. China has strategically suppressed Taiwan's international identity in every aspects. Any Taiwanese people with heart and sole can not tolerate such unlimited humiliation to their country. Chinese bully does not touch Taiwanese hearts at all.

China has enough domestic problems. Whether the Communist Party is the savior of otherwise chaos-prone China, history will tell. I as a foreigner, respect Chinese people's own choice. The fate of Taiwan is not in the hand of any political party in Taiwan. 23 million

people on Taiwan decide their own sovereignty. Let me quote Taiwan's new President Elect Mr. Ma Ying-Jiao's words during a recent interview with CNN:

"Taiwan is not Tibet. Neither Taiwan is Hong Kong. We are a sovereign country, a democratic country".

See link:

<http://edition.cnn.com/video/#/video/world/2008/03/20/yoon.taiwan.election.advancer.cnn?iref=videosearch>

If you look at the history, the international boundaries change all the time. No one can predict what will happen in the future. Will Australia annex New Zealand? Will China maintain as great China or break into Tibet, East Turkistan, and other smaller nations? May be, when the right time comes, Taiwanese people will choose to join great China. As long as the process is civilized, democratic, peaceful, we welcome and accept any change in the future. For now, please respect the will of 23 million Taiwanese men and women.

Thank you.

Dr. Chen



From: "Michael C.H. Jones" <chamber@accci.com.au>
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Dear Dr Chen,

I also thank you for your time and ideas.

Chamber values dialogue as you no doubt understand from reading our ACCCI Website.

Taiwan Province has an historic role to play throughout China and as you imply is one part of the Tibet, Hong Kong and Taiwan /ideas' contribution together with perhaps Xinjiang, Heilongjiang and Hainan/Guangxi - the border areas about which many historians and political scientists have written. This maybe the true destiny of a 'reformed' Kuomintang.

Taiwan is unique at this period of time for many well known reasons. The analogy is with the 'English Speaking Peoples' of Churchill reference - Australia have never been a truly free and independent country/government despite Federation in 1901 and a so-called national government in Canberra - we are and remain the product and 'plaything' of formerly the UK and currently the USA. Only now there is a challenge to global hegemony, obviously by China and rising quickly India, but latently the European Union which previously through their 'civil wars' tore themselves apart to give the USA a 'free ride' to global dominance - a United Germany now 'economically rules' Europe for a third time and inevitably will 'overcome' the humiliation of Soviet/US conquest in the post second world war period. Culturally re 'soft power' they increasingly play an enormous global role.

So Taiwan's 'concern' about sovereignty is a toy for children to amuse themselves - the USA or the PRC rule, and Taiwan has chosen America probably all things considered correctly. But Taiwan is a province of China and will eventually be 'traded' back in a deal whether economic or political or both.

How then does Taiwan change China more to its liking - that is the only question. Hence the 'alliance' with the border areas in the councils of the current PRC/CPC government institutions, always in the context of the global human rights movement with all its deficiencies including the insufferable US claim to have a mortgage on freedom, liberty and the pursuit of happiness - hopefully the Europeans have learnt their lesson and can moderate the actions of future American Governments - historically Australia has played a dismal role in advising the US. But times are changing.

As with New Zealand, which is in reality a part of Australia, Taiwan is part of China - your \$130 billion exports to China dwarf Australia's \$33 billion exports and you have a \$78 billion surplus where as we have more than a \$4 billion deficit despite the 'resources boom'. As an aside Taiwan and New Zealand should sign a Sister 'Province' Relationship ASAP so as to more effectively influence Australia and China.

These are just ideas.

Kind regards,

Michael



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Dear Mr. Jones,

Again, I enjoyed your thoughts very much. Your points of view are quite interesting. Although I am not quite thrilled with your criticism on US, but, I do agree with your view of global power shifting. Yes, China and India are on the rise. But don't forget about the awakening polar bear. US will depend upon Japan more and more to guard against China's aggression. Taiwan will be and as always be in the center of the conflict between superpowers. It is Taiwanese' best interest to stay status quo. But, it also depends on Taiwanese' wisdom to stay balance between China and US. Like you said, dialogue is always very important. New government in Taiwan may have a chance to initiate a better relationship with China. It will be interesting to watch the development of cross-strait talks in the next few years.

Regards,

Jason