

Highs and lows in China-Taiwan ties

○ Hostile development ○ Diplomatic or domestic ○ Improvement



Xi Jinping



Mao Zedong's (left) Chinese Communist Party gains power in mainland China

Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang (KMT) flees to Taiwan

United States deploys fleet in Taiwan Strait to protect the KMT

1949 1950

Taipei replaced by Beijing at the United Nations

1971

US establishes diplomatic relations with China, commits to defending Taiwan

1979



Beijing suspends high-level talks in protest against visit by Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui (left) to the US

Beijing fires missiles off Taiwan to deter voters in the island's first democratic presidential election



KMT's Ma Ying-jeou elected president on Beijing-friendly platform, high-level talks resume

First direct talks

'95 '96 '99

'93

'98

2000

Chen re-elected

'04

'05

'08

'10

2014

Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement

Beijing and Taipei hold first government-to-government talks

November 2015
Chinese President Xi Jinping and Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou to meet in Singapore

Ma Ying-jeou

