



# Introduction and list of publications



## Overview

The Wonderful Taiwan Forum (hereinafter referred to as “WTF” or as “the Forum”) was established in December 2018 as a reaction to the political polarization in contemporary Taiwan. The group’s Chinese name is *Taiwan zhi gui xuehui* 台灣之瑰學會 (abbrev. *taiguibui* 台瑰會), and its founders are based in Zürich (Switzerland) and Taipei (Taiwan).

The Forum seeks to provide useful relevant data and information and to contribute finding common ground. In particular, WTF has the following objectives:

- highlighting the accomplishments of the successful democratization in Taiwan and making it better known in the world;
- upholding the right of the Taiwanese to self-determination, speak their minds and shape their own and their children’s futures;
- engaging in the political and civic processes that will ensure that all citizens benefit from the policies and decisions made by the Taiwanese decision makers;
- promoting transitional justice to help healing the wounds still left after decades of martial law and White Terror; and
- contributing to reconciliation and reduction of polarization for a more harmonious society and a stronger Taiwan.

### WTF five core principles

- ★ Self-determination
- ★ Democracy
- ★ Sovereignty
- ★ Justice
- ★ Reconciliation



### WTF four cornerstones

- Tolerance
- Freedom
- Peace
- Prosperity

## Positions regarding Taiwan/the ROC

The Forum recognizes that the polity ruling the Taiwan area uses the official name Republic of China (ROC). The Forum does not challenge that fact, but it also supports the concept that the official name, flag, national anthem and other state

symbols should be adjusted as soon as relevant measures would no longer pose a threat to the national security and existence of the ROC.

The Forum sees the ROC as an independent, sovereign and democratic state that is not a renegade province of any other political entity. The jurisdiction of the ROC includes Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, Matsu as well as smaller islands close to Taiwan proper like Orchid Island, Green Island, Little Ryukyu, Guishan Island, Huaping, Mianhua, Pengjia, and others. The Forum believes that the sanctity of the ROC territory as described above must be respected by all countries in the world and protected accordingly.

The ROC is a modern, multi-party democracy with full respect for human rights, and basic freedoms (conscience and religion, opinion and expression, press, association, peaceful assembly) are guaranteed and protected. The Forum believes that major changes regarding the political system of the ROC and its territory must be approved by a majority of its citizens through referendum. The Forum regards democracy and self-determination as the highest principles for all aspects of Taiwan politics that must not be violated under any circumstances.

## **Positions regarding Taiwan's international relations**

The Forum advocates the ROC/Taiwan joining the United Nations and other international organizations. The Forum urges the international community to recognize the ROC as sovereign and independent state. Taiwan should be granted its rightful place in the global arena, whereas political intervention by other states aimed at preventing Taiwan's international participation should be condemned, rejected and prevented.

The Forum supports policies that help maintain peace in the Taiwan Strait. Likewise, policies that jeopardize the preservation of peace in the Taiwan Strait as well as of democracy, freedom and rule of law in the Taiwan area (i. e. the ROC) are rejected by the Forum.

## **Positions regarding reconciliation and harmony**

The Forum recognizes the need for reconciliation in Taiwan after decades of White Terror in the martial law era came to an end. In order to achieve this, the truth about human rights violations must be revealed. Offspring of perpetrators must not be blamed or held responsible for crimes committed by others. Transitional justice is a necessary process, but it should not be abused by politicians or political parties as a weapon for gains concerning politics of the day.

The Forum is concerned about the polarization in Taiwan's party politics and seeks to make contributions aimed at finding common ground for the main political

camps. The Forum believes that there should be no place for demonizing of political opponents and hatemongering in Taiwan.

## Participation

As there is no formal membership, anybody who agrees with the positions, objectives and core principles of WTF can consider herself or himself a participant, and participation is open to persons of any nationality, gender, race, religious beliefs and sexual orientation.

## Publications

In general, files published by the Forum are intended to be resourceful, balanced, non-partisan, unbiased and undogmatic reference tools for research. Primary WTF publications include the following PDF files, all in A4 format:

<p>»The Constitution of the Republic of China«                  Contains the full text of the ROC Constitution, the Temporary Provisions Effective During the Period of Communist Rebellion, and the Additional Articles (i. e. amendments of the constitution), both in the Chinese original and the official English translation. 71 pages, file size 1.9 MB; click <a href="#">here</a> to open file</p>
<p>»Sun Yat-sen's "Three Principles of the People"«                  Contains the full text of the Three Principles of the People (<i>sanmin zhuyi</i> 三民主義)—the Chinese original by Sun Yat-sen 孫逸仙 and the official English translation by Frank W. Price as authorized by the KMT. 156 pages, file size 4.6 MB; click <a href="#">here</a> to open file</p>
<p>»Selected important texts and documents«                  Shows major treaties and other official text pertaining to sovereignty issues of the ROC. 175 pages, file size 4.2 MB; click <a href="#">here</a> to open file</p>
<p>»Inaugural addresses by ROC Presidents since 1996«                  Contains the full texts of the presidential speeches (Lee Teng-hui 1996, Chen Shui-bian 2000 and 2004, Ma Ying-jeou 2008 and 2012, Tsai Ing-wen 2016 and 2020, Lai Ching-te 2024) held on the day they were sworn in (Chinese original plus official English translation). 63 pages, file size 2.5 MB; click <a href="#">here</a> to open file</p>
<p>»Facts about the "1992 Consensus"«                  Includes explanations and contemporary reports of a ROC government publication pertaining to the subject. 14 pages, file size 1.6 MB; click <a href="#">here</a> to open file</p>

<p>»The History of China: A Summary«                  Provides a complete but concise overview of China's history from the beginnings to the dawn of the ROC. 81 pages, file size 4.6 MB; click <a href="#">here</a> to open file</p>
<p>»Hanyu Pinyin 【漢語拼音】«                  Contains detailed and concise information pertaining to the subject, including comparative tables with other major Romanization systems like MPS, Wade Giles, and Tongyong Pinyin 通用拼音. 29 pages, file size 1.6 MB; click <a href="#">here</a> to open file</p>
<p>»The Chinese Lunar Calendar 1900–2100«                  Contains detailed and concise information pertaining to the subject, including lists of major lunar holidays and an introduction to the Chinese zodiac. 219 pages, file size 31.6 MB; click <a href="#">here</a> to open file</p>
<p>»Greater China's Olympic gold«                  Contains detailed and concise information pertaining to the subject, including all gold medalists from China/PRC, Taiwan/ROC and Hong Kong since 1984 (Summer Games) and 2002 (Winter Games), respectively. 26 pages, file size 1.85 MB; click <a href="#">here</a> to open file</p>
<p>»The Hong Kong files—relevant treaties and laws«                  Full texts of the English translations and Chinese originals of several major documents pertaining to the PRC's rule over Hong Kong. 153 pages, file size 3.6 MB, click <a href="#">here</a> to open file</p>

