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All those who recognize the tremendous harm that the Chinese Kuomintang has done to the people of Taiwan, from 2-28 1947 to the recent 2014 sellout of Taiwan’s economic interests to the PRC by President Ma Ying-jeou, rejoice at the triumph of DPP presidential candidate Tsai Ing-wen on January 16, 2016. We are glad to see her take office on May 20. This is a triumph of the exercise of sovereignty by the people of Taiwan and their advance towards democracy.

However, all those who affirm the sovereignty of the people of Taiwan and their right to determine their own future must be gravely concerned by the announcement that David Lee, a career officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Government Information Office since the early 1980’s, will be appointed the new head of MOFA. MOFA has consistently pursued and enforced a “one China” policy since 1949, even under former DPP President Chen Shui-bian, who did make some effort to change that. The “one China” policy facilitates the PRC’s claims to sovereignty over Taiwan. This appointment in effect announces to the world that Tsai Ing-wen will continue this policy without revision.

This appointment cannot be acceptable to those who support and seek Taiwan’s real self-determination. For organizations such as North Society and Taiwan Association of University Professors to remain silent is to tacitly approve and collude with a “one China” policy. It seems to contradict their own stated ideals.

While it may be recognized that President-elect Tsai Ing-wen faces many international dangers and pressures, such pre-emptive capitulation cannot be countenanced. Taiwan’s society and organizations must raise their own voices and forcefully represent their own popular aspirations for sovereignty, even if it appears to be a rebuke to Tsai Ing-wen.

The DPP has not exerted leadership in this regard for the last twenty years; and it has only ridden to victory now because of the 3-18-2014 student movement. It is not advisable to passively await the decisions of the DPP administration; it will predictably take the least courageous and most conservative position. In fact, international pressures are not so great, and the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Relations has recently resolved that the U.S. will not force Taiwan to recognize Beijing’s claim to rule it. Therefore, the direction must be set and the opportunities seized by those who see hope in the future of Taiwan, whether or not the DPP stands by the principles on which it was founded. We can hope that leadership from farsighted organizations will create a tidal force.

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我們都很高興在2016年5月20日後蔡英文女士即將就任台灣執政當局的負責人！這是一個彰顯具有台灣人民主權以及民主制度勝利『時代意義』的時刻！

大部份的台灣人對於民主進步黨在蔡英文的領軍下於2016年一月16日的大選中贏得大勝而全面執政，都感到了無限的喜悅。因為，自從在1947年 228 事件以來，從中國流亡來台的中國國民黨在台灣所造成的巨大傷害後，在後國民黨時代的馬英九，又全面傾中，造成台灣的遍體鱗傷。選舉勝利的喜悅是一時的，就在所有對台灣主權以及會對台灣人的前途關心的公民來說，外交部公佈任用 David Lee, 李大維做為外交部長，這是一個令人驚訝而不會被接受的殘酷事實。李大維自1982年左右開始做為一個職業外交特派員，一直稟持ㄧ中原則，心中只有中國（中華民國），沒有台灣！蔡英文居然任用這個人來做代表台灣外交的人？自1949年來， MOFA 一直主張一中原則，直到1971年，在失落許多邦交國後，外交部始終不知失敗的主要原因就是「一中原則」。

就在任用李大維這件事情來看，蔡英文執政當局將會繼續的遵守國民黨的一中原則而不改變。對許多關心台灣自決前途的公民來說，這種任命是是向世界宣示一中原則的繼續，這情形是絕對不能被接受的！

但是詭譎的是，如北社，台灣教授協會等組織，他們對這種任命一直保持著沉默。這一種的緘默不就是間接的默認了「一中原則」嗎？這一種默認不就是對他們一向所主張的，是一個完全相反的結局！

儘管選舉蔡英文為執政當局負責人的結果將會面臨很多國際上的困難與壓力，早已被認知，但對這些困難與壓力有先行投降而認輸的想法是被大家所不認同的。所以台灣各界的社會組織及團體必需要大量的提高自己的聲音去表達對台灣人主權自主的熱望，即使這些行動有時會觸動到非難蔡英文的執政！

民進黨在最近的二十年內並沒有盡力的去維持領導的責任，而它卻因為318的學生運動而收穫到果實。所以被動的去等待民進黨行政當局的決定來帶領台灣是不明智的做法，因為民進黨可以被預期的將採用最少的勇氣以及最大的保守行為來執行它的政策——維持台灣現狀。

 環觀世界局勢，事實上，國際上的壓力並沒有那麼強大，同時美國的眾議院外交事務委員會最近議決表明了美國絕不會強迫台灣去認知北京當局的主權主張。因此，不論民進黨是否能站穩它以前的主張與否，那些看到台灣前途的人們應該把握住方向以及抓緊任何可能的機會！

我們誠摯的希望有遠見的組織能夠有領導力的掀起巨大的浪濤帶領台灣繼續前進！