

March 13, 2005

Dear Colleague:

We cordially invite you to *Consolidating Taiwan's Democracy: Challenges, Opportunities, and Prospects*, on **Wednesday March 22** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C. The conference is co-organized by the Brookings Institution Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies, the CSIS Freeman Chair in China Studies and the Institute for National Policy Research.

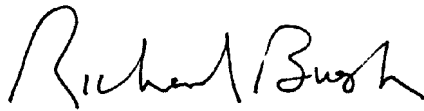
Discourse in the United States about Taiwan's political system is often paradoxical. On the one hand, there is praise for the democratization in Taiwan. On the other, the "outputs" of that democracy sometimes provoke the opposition of the U.S. government and American China specialists (to say nothing of the mainland China government).

What explains this paradox? We will examine this question by posing the following premise: one can understand the gap between positive and negative American views of Taiwan's politics by exploring the challenges, opportunities, and prospects for consolidating Taiwan's democracy.

Senior representatives from the Pan-Green and Pan-Blue camps will take part in our discussions, as well as other prominent scholars, experts and government officials. The agenda is attached.

We hope you will be able to join us on March 22. Because space is limited, please confirm your participation as soon as possible by responding to Savina Rupani at srupani@csis.org, by FAX at (202) 775-3199, or by calling (202) 457-8719. In your response, please include your name as you would like it to appear on the conference attendee list, your affiliation, and your phone, fax and email.

Sincerely,



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- 8:30-9:00: Registration and light breakfast**
- 9:00-9:15: Opening remarks by**
Dr. Richard Bush, Director, Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies, Brookings Institution
Mr. Derek Mitchell, Senior Fellow, International Security Program, CSIS
- 9:15-10:00: Opening Keynote Addresses**
“Developing Democracy: The Challenges and Rewards of Consolidation”, Dr. Carl Gershman,
President, National Endowment for Democracy
“The Course of Taiwan’s Democratization: A Retrospective”, Dr. Richard Bush, Director, Center for
Northeast Asian Policy Studies, Brookings Institution
- 10:00-10:15: Coffee/tea break**
- 10:15-12:00: Key Pillars of Democratic Consolidation**
“Constitutional Structure and Reform”, Dr. Chu Yun-han, President, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation
for Scholarly Exchange
“Electoral System”, Dr. Emile C. J. Sheng, Associate Professor of Political Science, Soochow
University
“Legislative Structure and Reform”, Dr. Shioh-duan Hawang, Department of Political Science,
Soochow University
- 12:00-1:30: Lunch and Luncheon Keynote Addresses**
Address by Dr. John Kuan, Vice-Chairman of the Kuomintang (KMT)
Address by Dr. Lai I-Chung, Director of Chinese Affairs of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP)
- 1:30-3:30: Key Pillars of Democratic Consolidation (continued)**
“Judiciary System”, Professor Jacques de Lisle, University of Pennsylvania
“Economic Consequences”, Dr. Richard R. Vuylsteke, Executive Director, American Chamber of
Commerce in Taiwan
“Democratic Consolidation in Taiwan: Defense and Military Affairs”, Mr. Mark A. Stokes,
President, Quantum Pacific Enterprises
- 3:30-3:45: Coffee/tea break**
- 3:45-5:00: Implications for U.S. Policy and Cross-Strait Relations**
Remarks by Dr. Michael Green, Senior Adviser and Japan Chair, CSIS and fmr. Senior Director of
Asian Affairs at the National Security Council
Roundtable commentary led by Mr. James Steinberg, Dean, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public
Affairs, University of Texas
and including participation by
Ms. Bonnie Glaser, Senior Associate, International Security Program, CSIS
Dr. Lo Chih-cheng, Executive Director, Institute for National Policy Research
Mr. Randall Schriver, Partner, Armitage International
- 5:00: Closing remarks**