

Confidence-building Measures and Taiwan-China Relations

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Abstract

The Taiwan Strait is regarded by many observers as the most dangerous flashpoint that might trigger a war. President Chen has proposed several times that Taiwan and China should conduct confidence-building measures (CBMs) with each other. This article studies the CBMs between Taiwan and China. It will define confidence-building measures, examine the evolution of cross-strait relations, analyze the function of CBMs in preventing the conflict between Taiwan and China, and explore the positions of both Taiwan and China toward cross-strait CBMs.