

Timeline of Events

Date	Event
02/19	China warns US President Obama not to meet Dalai Lama.
02/19	Japan starts to formulate its new National Defense Program Outline to cope with future threats from North Korea and China.
02/20	Taiwan Vice President Vincent Siew claims that the passage of ECFA will be supervised by the parliament and thus it is not necessary to hold a referendum.
02/21	KMT decides to still hold the sixth Cross-Straits Economic, Trade and Cultural Forum in China this year.
02/22	Incumbent Taipei County Magistrate Chou Hsi-wei announces his decision not to run for the upcoming reelection of mayoral post of New Taipei city.
02/23	Su Chi resigns from National Security Council Secretary-General and Hu Wei-chen is selected to fill the void.
02/24	Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou proposes long-term plans to assist Haiti. Chiang Chi-chen becomes the new Government Information Office chief.
02/25	Taiwan Premier Wu Den-yih agrees to disband the H1N1 Center.
02/25	Ministry of Finance decides to give priority for activating the uses of large areas of national land
02/26	Ministry of Economic Affairs submits a new version of the draft industrial innovation statute to KMT lawmakers.
02/27	The opposition DPP wins three of four seats (Taoyuan, Hsinchu, Chiayi) in legislative by-elections.
02/28	President Ma Ying-jeou states that the 228 Incident is the key point of the democratization of local self-governance in Taiwan.

03/01	<p>The elections of council speakers and deputy speakers in Taiwan take place.</p> <p>US Deputy Secretary of State James B. Steinberg leaves for a visit to China and Japan.</p>
03/02	<p>Taiwan Premier Wu Den-yih asks the National Property Administration and related agencies to suspend sales of state-owned prime city land.</p> <p>The Examination Yuan announces the proposed revisions of the rules of the Performance Evaluation Law; according to the rules, people with three C ratings in annual evaluation will be laid off or forced to retire.</p>
03/03	<p>Former Premier of the DPP government Su Tseng-cheng announces his bid for mayor of Taipei city in December.</p> <p>Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference begins.</p>
03/04	<p>A magnitude-6.4 earthquake hits Chia-hsien township, Kaohsiung; the damage of industrial facilities is estimated at over NT\$1.1 billion.</p>
03/05	<p>China's National People's Congress begins.</p> <p>"Taiwan Brain Trust" launch party is held.</p>
03/06	<p>PRC's Minister of Commerce Chen Deming says that it would take two to three years for China's exports to return to pre-financial crisis levels.</p>
03/07	<p>At the eve of International Women's day, the Executive Yuan announces a plan to allow working women to take unpaid leave for pregnancy-related purposes.</p> <p>Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi stresses that Japan and China should discuss over the gas field dispute in the East China Sea.</p>
03/08	<p>Department of Health Minister Yaung Chih-liang resigns for his failure to implement health insurance reforms. (Later on March 16th, Yaung decided to stay after President Ma endorsed his health insurance plan.)</p>
03/09	<p>SEF chairman Chiang Pin-kun looks forward to getting the ECFA signed in June.</p>
03/10	<p>China again has acquired a ten-year lease of Rajin port in North Korea; it arouses the suspicion from Japan, South Korea and other neighboring countries.</p>

03/11	<p>US State Department's annual human rights report states that the situation in China is worsening.</p> <p>Minister of Justice Wang Ching-feng resigns over death penalty dispute.</p>
03/12	<p>According to Wang Mengshu, a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, he will meet with officials from Taiwan in May to discuss the construction of Taiwan Strait sub-sea railway tunnel.</p>
03/13	<p>The opposition DPP Chairwoman Tsai Ing-wen says that her party will propose a "10-year" policy platform when holding its plenary assembly in August.</p> <p>China's Vice Commerce Minister Jiang Zengwei states that it is an appropriate time for Taiwan and China to sign the ECFA.</p>
03/14	<p>Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao addresses that China will sacrifice some of its interests to Taiwan when both sign the ECFA.</p>
03/15	<p>Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou says that the abolition of the death penalty should be addressed separately from suspending the executions of the convicts on death row.</p>
03/16	<p>Taiwan Premier Wu Den-yih states that both sides across the Taiwan Straits may discuss the establishment of a mutual trust mechanism based on two premises, "guaranteeing Taiwan safety" and "step by step negotiation."</p>

Future Events

Date	Event
03/21-03/26	US President Obama will visit Guam, Australia and Indonesia. (the trip was postponed later)
03/21-03/27	Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou will embark state visits to all six of Taiwan's diplomatic allies in the South Pacific region.
03/24-03/30	SEF chairman Chiang Pin-kun will visit Hunan, Anhui, and Jiangxi; the Deputy Minister of the Mainland Affairs Council Kao Charng will accompany Chiang.

Late March	Wang Fuqing, the Deputy Director of the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits, will lead a delegation to visit Taiwan.
April	The provincial and municipal leaders from Shanghai, Hubei, Shaanxi and Guangxi Autonomy, accompanied by a business delegation, will visit Taiwan.
04/06	Shanghai Mayor Han Zheng will visit Taiwan to attend a “twin-city forum.” US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner will travel to India to take part in the first “US-India Economic and Financial Partnership meeting.”
04/12-04/13	Japan’s Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama will seek meeting with US President Obama at “Nuclear Security Summit.”
04/15	The US Treasury will decide if US should designate China a currency manipulator.
04/19	Luo Qingquan, the secretary of Hubei Provincial Committee, will visit Taiwan.
04/20	Expo 2010 Shanghai will start operation.

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