

## *Chronology of Events*

*(July 16 – August 15)*

### July 2010

- 16** Taiwan High Court Chief Justice Huang Shui-tong tendered his resignation after the exposure of a corruption scandal involving a group of Taiwan High Court judges' acceptance of bribes.
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- 17** A rally titled "717 Farmers' Overnight Sit-down Protest Against Illegal Farmland Expropriation" was staged on Ketagalan Boulevard to demonstrate against the government's wanton expropriation of farmland in Dapu, Miaoli County and sacrifice of farmers' interests.
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- 18** Judicial Yuan President Lai In-jaw's resignation was accepted.
- 18** The Democratic Progressive Party held the first meeting of its 14<sup>th</sup> national delegates' congress and elected new members to the party's central executive and central standing committees.
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- 19** At a conference titled "A Rising Chinese Hegemony and Challenges to the Region" held by the think tank Taiwan Brain Trust, former U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs Randall Schriver said he hoped China's emergence is not becoming a threat to the Taiwanese and other Asians.
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- 20** Japanese Defense Minister Toshimi Kitazawa said the Japanese Defense Ministry is considering deploying troops to Miyako, Ishigaki and Yonaguni Islands in stages in five to eight years due to the Chinese Navy's increasing operations in waters close to the Sakishima island chain near Okinawa Island.
- 20** President Ma Ying-jeou announced a proposal to establish an anti-corruption commission under the Ministry of Justice, which in its initial stage will consist of four units (General Planning Unit, Corruption Prevention Unit, Corruption Wipeout Unit, and Government Agency Unit) and three offices (Administration Office, Personnel Office, and Accounting Office). Under the proposal, investigation teams will also be set up in northern, central, and southern Taiwan.
- 20** Raela Tosh, the oldest daughter of the leader of the Uyghur people Rebiya Kadeer, arrived in Taiwan for a visit.
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- 21** The first "2-plus-2" talks between U.S. and South Korean foreign and defense ministers were held in South Korea.
- 21** The Association of Southeast Asian Nations' (ASEAN) foreign ministers' meeting decided to invite the U.S. and Russia to be new members to the East Asia Summit. The two countries will attend the regional dialogue starting 2011.
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- 22 The International Court of Justice said in a ruling that Kosovo's unilateral declaration of independence from Serbia in 2008 did not violate international law.
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- 23 U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton urged Asian countries to vigorously apply sanctions against North Korea at the ASEAN Regional Forum held in Hanoi, Vietnam.
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- 25 The U.S. and South Korea held large-scale joint military exercises in the Yellow Sea and the Sea of Japan with the aim of deterring North Korea from launching invasion actions.
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- 25 China's Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said internationalizing and multi-lateralizing the issue of the South China Sea can only make matters worse and more difficult to solve.
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- 25 A major fire broke out at Formosa Petrochemical Corporation's Mailiao complex.
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- 26 Uichiro Niwa, Japan's new ambassador to China, said in a press conference in Tokyo that Japan's position was that it only "understood and respected" rather than directly recognizing the assertion of Chinese sovereignty claims on Taiwan in the 1972 Japan-China Joint Communiqué.
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- 27 Minister of the Interior Jiang Yi-huah inspected and reaffirmed Taiwan's sovereignty over the Dongsha Islands.
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- 28 The Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics' 2009 annual report pointed out that the consumer vouchers distributed last year contributed approximately 0.28 percent to 0.43 percent to the economic growth rate of 2009, falling short of the expected 0.66 percent.
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- 29 The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reiterated that the sovereignty of the Republic of China (Taiwan) over the islands and waters of the South China Sea is unquestionable.
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- 30 Spokesman for China's Ministry of National Defense Geng Yansheng remarked that issues regarding the removal of missiles targeting Taiwan and military deployment can be discussed under the "one China" principle and based upon the foundation of military mutual trust.
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- 31 Chinese Defense Minister Liang Guanglie said on the eve of the 83rd anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army that the Chinese army will continue to oppose Taiwan independence, while firmly safeguarding national sovereignty, security and territorial integrity and making necessary contributions to the unification of the country.
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# August 2010

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China launched its fifth satellite BeiDou-2 IGSO-1 into orbit as part of its project to establish its global navigation satellite system by 2020.

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The Executive Yuan's Mainland Affairs Council said the establishment of a military confidence-building mechanism (CBM) between Taiwan and China should proceed in accordance with the principles of "economics before politics," "handling urgent matters before not urgent ones," and "addressing easy issues first and difficult ones later on."

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The Presidential Office urged China to dismantle its missiles targeting Taiwan on the basis of the "1992 consensus."

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Former Academia Sinica president Lee Yuan-tseh and 1,173 academics signed a petition against a Kuokuang Petrochemical Technology development project.

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The Executive Yuan's Financial Supervisory Commission (FSC) announced that Taiwan's life insurers will be able to invest in Chinese securities. To make such investments, the insurance companies must have their risk-based capital (RBC) ratio meeting the requirement of the FSC and obtain the status of China's qualified foreign institutional investors (QFIIs).

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Taiwanese and Japanese officials started the first round of talks on a bilateral investment agreement in Tokyo.

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Minister of the Executive Yuan's Mainland Affairs Council Lai Shin-yuan called on Beijing to abandon its policy and law on the use of force against Taiwan during her visit to the U.S.

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Taiwan and Singapore announced in a joint press release in Chinese and English that both sides had agreed to explore the feasibility of an economic cooperation agreement.

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The U.S. ambassador to Japan, John Roos, became the first U.S. representative to attend the Hiroshima atomic bomb memorial service and said in a statement that countries must commit themselves to realizing a world without nuclear weapons.

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The Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) held an extraordinary session of its 18th Party National Congress and 2nd Central Executive Committee.

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The first anniversary of the Typhoon Morakot disaster.

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The nuclear-powered U.S. aircraft carrier USS George Washington arrived at the waters of the South China Sea off the Vietnamese port Danang.

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The U.S. Department of Defense called for the elimination of the Joint Forces Command and planned to cut at least 50 general and flag officer positions and 140 senior civilian executive positions over the next two years.

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China launched another remote-sensing satellite, “Yaogan X,” from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center.

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At a forum on cross-Strait peace and wealth creation, Vice Chairman of China’s Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait (ARATS) Li Yafei explained the contents of the “1992 consensus” as the consensus reached by the ARATS and Taiwan’s Straits Exchange Foundation in 1992 on respective verbal interpretations of both sides’ adherence to the one China principle.

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The Executive Yuan’s Referendum Review Committee again rejected a proposal for a referendum on the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement with China submitted by the Taiwan Solidarity Union.

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The U.S. aircraft carrier USS George Washington and the destroyer John S. McCain conducted joint naval exercises with the Vietnamese navy.

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Burma’s military government announced November 7 as the date for parliamentary elections, the first in 20 years.

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The Citizens Congress Watch held a rally titled “The August 14 Parade—I Was Blind Enough to Vote for Such Legislators.”

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Members of the Japanese Parliament from different political parties paid a visit to the Yasukuni Shrine on the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II. No Cabinet members joined the trip.

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