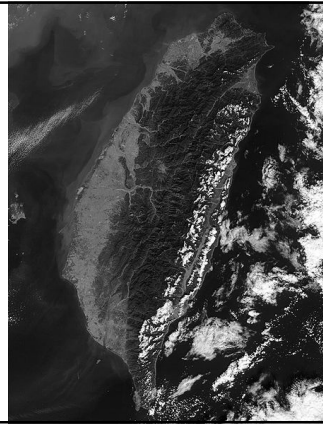


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Taiwan

- Taiwan Strait – 160 km (99 miles)
- Tropic of Cancer
- Population – 23 million
- Area – 35,980 km² (smaller than Netherlands, 44% of Czech Rep., Maryland)
- Length – 394 km
- Width – 144 km
- More than 200 peaks over 3000 m
- 90% of population lives on the west
- Technology: Acer, Asus, Benq, Evergreen, HTC, Merida, Giant

Ilha Formosa

- 1544 – Portuguese “Ilha Formosa”
- 1642 – Spanish settlement near Keelung
- 1628 – Tamsui Fort (Fort San Domingo)
- 1662 – Koxinga captured Taiwan
- 1683 – Qing Dynasty



Japanese Rule of Taiwan

- Japan claims Taiwan since 1592
- 1871 – Mudan Incident
- 1874 – Japanese Colonization
- 1895 – Treaty of Shimonoseki
- Japanese occupation
- 1899 – massive investments by Japanese
- Building infrastructure, banks, industry, dams

Nationalist period

- October 25 1945 – Japanese forces surrenders
- KMT Overtake Japanese monopolies
- Financial aid by USA
- 228 Incident – 27 February 1947 – anti-gov't uprising
- Martial Law- late 1980's



Taiwan- Japan relations

- 1972 – Shanghai Communique
- Established formal diplomatic relations with China
- 1978 – Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Japan and PRC
- 1998 – Japan – China joint Declaration
- 2005 – Visas for Taiwanese
- 2006 - Shinzo Abe

Taiwan – US relations

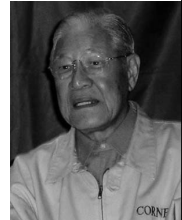
- 1911 - Xinhai Revolution – US Recognized Republic of China
- 1949 - KMT/ CCP – legitimacy of gov't China
- 1 January 1979 – USA recognized PRC
- 10 April 1979 – Taiwan Relations Act
- 1 January 1980 – Mutual Defense Treaty
- USA – does not support Taiwan independence
- USA – peaceful resolution
- Arm sells to Taiwan
- USA – supports Taiwan in international organizations
- On Jan 30 2010 - sell \$6.4 billion worth of antimissile systems and helicopters

China - Taiwan relations

- 1st Taiwan Strait Crisis 1954-1955
- 2nd Crisis 1958
- 3rd Crisis 1995-1996
- One China policy
- 2005 – Anti-Secession Law
- 2008 – Hu met with KMT Chairman Wu Po-hsiung
- Regular KMT-CPC meeting
- Special – non-state to state relations

Lee Teng-hui

- In Office 1988-2000
- First native Taiwanese president (hakka)
- 1968 - PhD. From Cornell University
- Japanese support
- Taiwanization (Republic of Taiwan)
- Involved in Corruption



Chen Shui-bian

- President: 2000- 2008
- Chairman of Democratic Progressive Party 2000-2008
- Mayor of Taipei – 1994-1998
- 2004 - 3-19 – Shooting Incident – Tainan
- 2004 – Taiwanization “China” name replaced by Taiwan
- 2005 – Chen visits Europe
- 2006 – Scandals and Corruptions





Four Noes and One Without

Pledge during his inauguration speech on 20 May 2000

1. Declare Taiwanese independence
2. Change the national title from "the Republic of China" to "the Republic of Taiwan"
3. Include the doctrine of special state-to-state relations in the Constitution of the Republic of China, or
4. Promote a referendum on unification or independence

Four Wants and One Without

2007 – Speech by Chen Shui-bian

1. Taiwan wants independence
2. Taiwan wants the rectification of its name
3. Taiwan wants a new constitution
4. Taiwan wants development; and
5. Taiwanese politics is without the question of left or right, but only the question of unification or independence.

Ma Ying-jeou

- Born in Hong Kong - Hakka
- Mayor of Taipei 1998-2006 (preceded by Chen Shui-bian)
- Assumed presidential office in 20 May 2008
- Chairman of KMT (2005-2007)
- no reunification, no independence and no war
- 2008 – direct sea, air, mail links with mainland China



