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After Ma Ying-Jeou sworn in as president, May 20, 2008





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JUNE	3Q		4Q		1Q	2Q		3Q	4Q
<p>June SEF/ARATS chiefs meet for the first time since 1993, in Beijing.</p> 	<p>07.03 Restrictions are eased by Taiwan for Taiwan officials (county magistrates and mayors) to visit the PRC.</p>	<p>08.01 Ceiling on PRC-bound investments is lifted; review process is streamlined.</p>	<p>10.15 "Mini-Three-Links" are expanded to include Penghu.</p> 	<p>12.15 Cross-strait Agreement is implemented allowing sea/air transport & direct postal service.</p>	<p>01.12 Bill is passed allowing offshore gambling licenses for Kinmen/Matsu/Penghu.</p>	<p>April SEF/ARATS chiefs meet for a third time, in Nanjing.</p> 	<p>06.30 Rules regulating Chinese investments on the island become effective.</p>	<p>07.13 PRC visitors are allowed to enter Penghu, obtain visa on arrival.</p>	<p>11.16 MOU signed for financial supervision of banks, securities, futures and insurance companies; effective on Jan. 15 2010.</p>
<p>06.19 "Mini-Three-Links" are expanded for Kinmen/Matsu.</p> 	<p>07.04 Weekend cross-strait charter flights are initiated.</p> 	<p>09.07 PRC announces several policies to open up to Taiwan.</p> 	<p>10.16 Hong Kong Trade Development Council is allowed to establish a branch in Taiwan.</p> 	<p>12.15 Chungwa Post begins accepting packages and express mail bound for the PRC.</p> 	<p>01.18 Shopping vouchers of NT\$3,600 per person are distributed as economic stimulus.</p> 	<p>04.30 Agreements are reached on regular passenger and cargo flights, financial cooperation, judicial assistance and joint efforts to fight crime.</p>	<p>06.30 Permit regulations for PRC businesspeople coming to Taiwan to engage in investment activities become effective.</p>	<p>08.07 UnionPay cards from mainland China accepted in Taiwan.</p> 	<p>Dec SEF/ARATS chiefs meet for the fourth time, in Taichung.</p> 
<p>06.30 PRC media are allowed to station reporters in Taiwan.</p> 	<p>07.18 Taiwan is opened to PRC tourists.</p> 	<p>09.12 Restrictions are eased on cross-strait securities investment.</p> 	<p>November SEF/ARATS chiefs meet for the second time, in Taiwan.</p> 	<p>12.23 Pandas "Tuan Tuan" & "Yuan Yuan" arrive at Taipei Zoo.</p> 	<p>01.23 Single tax rate of 10% on inheritance & gift tax becomes effective.</p>	<p>05.01 Legislature approves reduction in corporate income tax to 20% vs. previous 25%.</p>	<p>06.05 Regulations are relaxed governing PRC businesspeople coming to Taiwan.</p> 	<p>08.12 MOEA approves first PRC enterprise to invest in Taiwan.</p> 	<p>12.22 PRC, Taiwan sign fishing, Agricultural and Industrial products Agreements.</p>
<p>06.30 RMB-NT\$ becomes convertible in Taiwan.</p> 	<p>07.31 Approval process on PRC professionals visiting Taiwan is shortened to one month.</p> 	<p>09.30 PRC visitors are allowed to enter Kinmen/Matsu with Visa On Arrival.</p>	<p>11.03 The PRC's SETV and Fushou Daily are allowed to station reporters in Taiwan.</p>	<p>12.25 Senior officials, county magistrates, and mayors are allowed to visit the PRC.</p> 	<p>02.24 Cross-strait remittances are officially initiated.</p> 	<p>05.02 QDIIs are allowed to engage in securities and future trading in Taiwan.</p>	<p>06.09 Regulations are relaxed governing identity rights, work rights, and inheritance rights for PRC spouses.</p>	<p>08.14 Hong Kong and Taiwan begin cross-listing ETFs in their respective markets.</p> 	
	<p>07.31 Restrictions are relaxed for IPOs on TWSE undertaken by overseas enterprises.</p>	<p>09.30 Regulations are further relaxed regarding visitors, shipping, and trade via "Mini Three Links".</p>	<p>11.11 Cross-Strait Food Safety Agreement is signed.</p> 		<p>03.09 The Taipei Port Container Terminal Corporation (TPC) is inaugurated.</p> 	<p>05.15 Taiwan attends 62nd World Health Assembly (WHA).</p> 	<p>06.10 Regulations are relaxed governing PRC people visiting Taiwan.</p>	<p>09.10 KMT Vice-chairman Wu Den-Yih appointed as the new premier in the Cabinet reshuffle.</p> 	

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<p>1.15 MOU for financial supervision of banks, securities, futures and insurance companies goes into effect.</p>	<p>Negotiations to be held on an Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA).</p>	<p>Reciprocal direct flights to be initiated between Taipei's Sungshan Airport and Shanghai's Hongqiao Airport.</p>
<p>01.18 The Cross-Straits 500 index was officially launched by the China Securities Index (CSI).</p>	<p>Signing cross-strait intellectual property rights protection agreement.</p>	<p>PRC students to be allowed to study in Taiwan; Taiwan to recognize PRC diplomas.</p> 
<p>A double taxation agreement to be signed.</p> 	<p>Tax-exempt zones to be set up for business and tourism in Kinmen and Matsu</p> 	
<p>Taiwan and PRC government to open tourism offices in each other's capital.</p>	<p>SEF/ARATS chiefs meet for the fifth time.</p> 	
<p>Plans to be discussed for a "Jindeng Bridge" linking Kinmen (Jinmen) with Xiamen, city of Fujian Province, PRC.</p>	<p>Signing cross-strait medical cooperation agreement</p>	

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