



## **Taiwan's Economic and Political Outlook: New Year, New Fears**

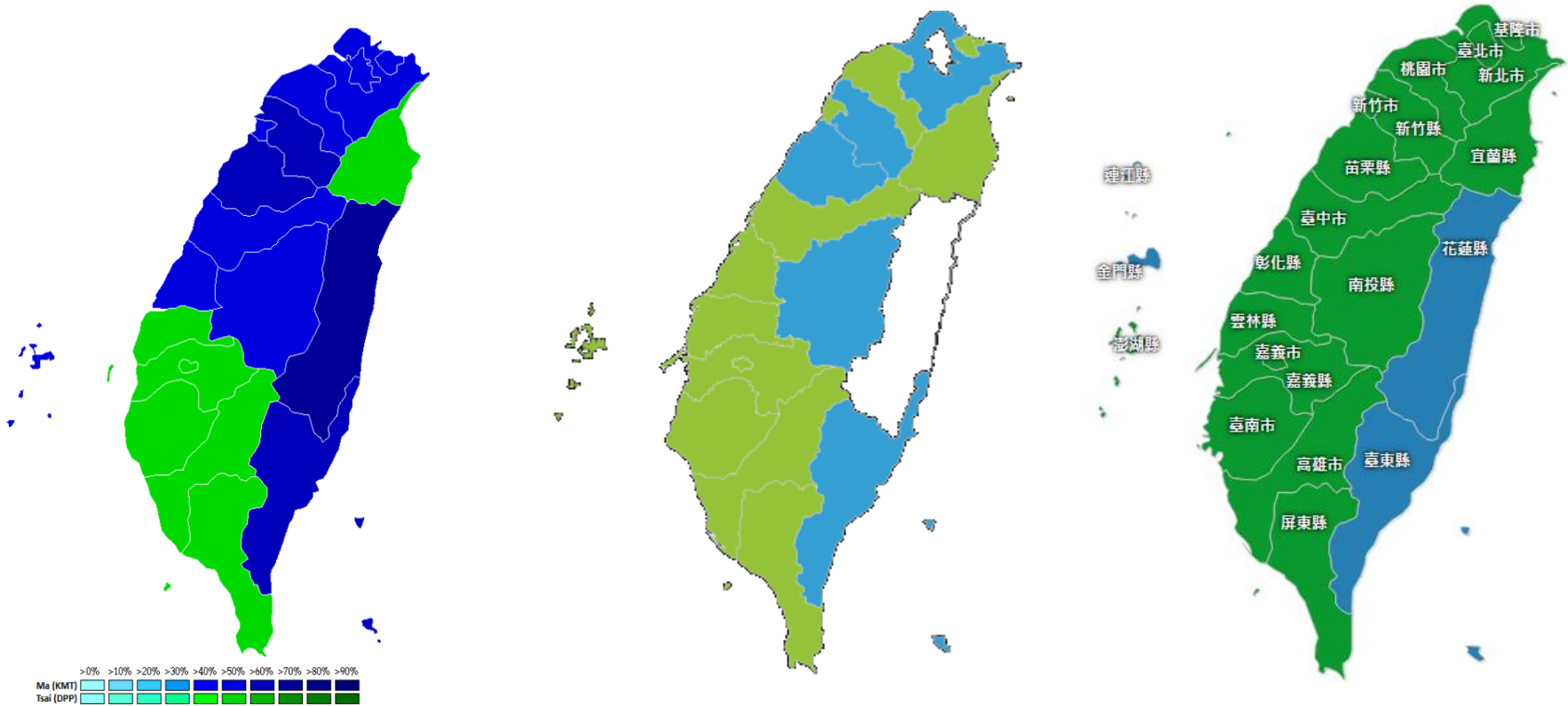
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# Presidential Election Results

- Map shifted with 2014 elections



2012 Presidential Election    2014 Local Elections    2016 Presidential Election

# Presidential Election Results

- Shift to DPP in population centers

	2012 Presidential					2016 Presidential				
	KMT (Ma+Wu)		DPP (Tsai+Su)		KMT-DPP %	KMT+FPF		DPP (Tsai+Chen)		KMT-DPP %
	Votes	%	Votes	%		Votes	%	Votes	%	
	6,891,139	51.6	6,093,578	45.63		5,390,226	43.88	6,894,744	56.12	
Taipei City	928,717	57.9	634,565	39.54	18.33	700,295	48.04	757,383	51.96	-3.92
New Taipei	1,245,673	53.7	1,007,551	43.46	10.27	961,860	45.21	1,165,888	54.79	-9.59
Keelung	128,294	59.3	79,562	36.77	22.52	100,312	51.78	93,402	48.22	3.57
Taoyuan	639,151	57.2	445,308	39.85	17.35	525,531	48.97	547,573	51.03	-2.05
Hsinchu County	190,797	65.8	89,741	30.93	34.83	154,113	57.48	114,023	42.52	14.95
Hsinchu City	134,728	57.4	92,632	39.49	17.94	107,969	48.78	113,386	51.22	-2.45
Miaoli	206,200	63.9	107,164	33.18	30.67	156,567	54.55	130,461	45.45	9.10
Taichung	792,334	52.2	678,736	44.68	7.48	648,815	44.99	793,281	55.01	-10.02
Changhua	369,968	50.6	340,069	46.49	4.09	291,924	43.53	378,736	56.47	-12.94
Nantou	158,703	54.6	123,077	42.37	12.26	124,472	47.77	136,104	52.23	-4.46
Yunlin	159,891	41.7	214,141	55.81	-14.14	126,283	36.59	218,842	63.41	-26.82
Chiayi County	120,946	39	181,463	58.58	-18.94	96,894	34.63	182,913	65.37	-30.74
Chiayi City	69,535	46.3	76,711	51.04	-5.37	55,748	40.14	83,143	59.86	-19.72
Tainan	435,274	39.8	631,232	57.72	-17.92	322,628	32.48	670,608	67.52	-35.04
Kaohsiung	730,461	44.2	883,158	53.42	-9.23	551,588	36.61	955,168	63.39	-26.78
Pingtung	211,571	42.9	271,722	55.13	-12.2	164,059	36.51	285,297	63.49	-26.98
Yilan	115,496	44.9	135,156	52.53	-7.64	88,504	37.94	144,798	62.06	-24.13
Hualien	118,815	70.3	43,845	25.94	44.36	97,645	63.06	57,198	36.94	26.12
Taitung	72,823	66.5	33,417	30.5	35.97	60,146	61.59	37,517	38.41	23.17
Penghu	22,579	49.8	20,717	45.65	4.11	20,965	49.19	21,658	50.81	-1.63
Kinmen	34,676	89.2	3,193	8.22	81.02	30,179	82.00	6,626	18.00	63.99
Lienchiang	4,507	86.6	418	8.03	8.58	3,729	83.46	739	16.54	66.92

Source: Central Election Commission

# Presidential Election Results

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- The KMT's *annus horribilis*.
- Tsai's soft mandate:
  - Tsai's 6,894,744 votes only slightly more than Ma's 6,891,139 votes in 2012, and far below Ma's 7,659,014 votes in 2008.
  - Voter turnout of 65% fell from 76.33% in 2008 and 74.38% in 2012.
- Upcoming difficult policy decisions.

# Domestic Political Challenges

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- Personnel selections.
- President / EY / LY relations.
- Ideological demands by DPP, NPP:
  - Sun Yan-sen, Chen-Shui-bian, history curriculum, KMT assets, independence, other transitional justice initiatives.
- Budgets (economy, defense, social).
- Honeymoon period length.

# Cross Straits Relations

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- Mainland election response still unknown.
- Tsai's formulation still unknown.
- South, East China Sea does China prefer:
  - One China, Similar Sovereignty claims?
  - Taiwan focus only on home islands?
- Use of alternative tracks such as foundation to foundation, or party to party talks.

# Taiwan – U.S. Relations

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- Possible U.S. criticism if Tsai rejects 1992 Consensus (Taiping visit reaction).
- Political capital cost if Tsai allows U.S. pork.
- LY view on weapons budgets, pork.
- Unknown if U.S. supports local weapons.
- Unknown if U.S. will offer TPP entry.
- New U.S. president, new Taiwan policy.

# Taiwan – Foreign Relations

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- Japan: High DPP expectations.
- Asean: RCEP depends on China; bilateral opportunities limited.
- India: Turning talk into substance is hard.
- Korea: Will keep its distance.
- EU: Trade agreements depends on China.
- Vatican: Possible derecognition.



# Key Political Figures

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**Ma Ying-jeou**



**Tsai Ing-wen**



**Premier**



**Su Jia-chyuan**



**New Power Party**



**Chen Shui-bian**

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