Taiwan’s New Approach: Opportunities and Challenges for President Ma Ying-jeou’s Government

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Co-sponsored by
Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago
Schedule of Presentations

8:30-8:45  Registration and breakfast

8:45-9:00  Introduction and Welcome: Professor Dali L. Yang, University of Chicago
           Mr. Thomas T. S. Cheng, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago

9:00-11:00  Panel 1: Taiwan’s Participations in International Affairs
            Chair: Professor Te-Yu Wang, Illinois State University

            Panelist: Professor Chong-Pin Lin, Tamkang University
            Paper: “Sightful Carrot and Shrouded Stick: Beijing’s Adjusted Taiwan Policy”
            Discussant: Professor John J. Mearsheimer, University of Chicago

            Panelist: Professor Shelley Rigger, Davidson College
            Paper: “The Domestic Politics of Taiwan’s Foreign Policy”
            Discussant: Professor Tun-jen Cheng, The College of William and Mary

11:00-11:20  Break

11:20-12:20  Panel 2: Political Engagement between Taiwan and Mainland China
             Chair: Professor Chong-Pin Lin, Tamkang University

             Panelist: Professor Edward I-Hsin Chen, Tamkang University
             Paper: “The Cross-Strait Political Engagement After KMT’s Comeback”
             Discussant: Professor Dennis Hickey, Missouri State University

12:30-2:00  Lunch

2:10-4:10  Panelist: Professor Vincent Wei-Cheng Wang, University of Richmond
           Paper: “Taiwan’s Foreign and Mainland policies under President Ma Ying-jeou: Preliminary Observations”
           Discussant: Dr. David Kopel, Independence Institute

           Panelist: Professor Dennis Hickey, Missouri State University
           Paper: “President Ma’s Chief Challenges: Taiwan, the Chinese Mainland and America”
           Discussant: Professor Shelley Rigger, Davidson College

4:10-4:30  Break

4:30-6:30  Panel 3: Economic Development between Taiwan and Mainland China
           Chair: Professor Edward I-Hsin Chen, Tamkang University

           Panelist: Dr. David Kopel, Independence Institute
           Paper: “Poisoned Milk and the Poisoning of Democracy: Some Cautions about China Trade and Taiwan Sovereignty”
           Discussant: Professor Vincent Wei-Cheng Wang, University of Richmond

           Panelist: Professor Tun-jen Cheng, The College of William and Mary
           Paper: “Cross-Strait Economic Linkage: New Parameters”
           Discussant: Professor Te-Yu Wang, Illinois State University

6:30-7:10  Conclusion: Professor Dali L. Yang

7:20-9:00  Welcome Dinner in the Coulter Lounge
           Co-hosted by Professor Dali L. Yang and Mr. Thomas T. S. Cheng

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