

## Eric Chu eager to sell out Taiwan

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Before the meeting between Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) Chairman Eric Chu (吳 敦 義) and Chinese President and Chinese Communist Party (CCP) General Secretary Xi Jinping (習 近 平), Chu advocated a “deepening” of the so-called “1992 consensus,” and prior to that, former Taiwan Provincial Assembly speaker Kao Yu-jen (高 瑜 仁) — Chu’s father-in-law — had said that Chu should “go beyond” the “1992 consensus” and integrate with China on a wider scale. After the meeting, the nature of these statements was finally revealed, indicating that both sides of the Taiwan Strait are part of “one China,” thereby diminishing Taiwan’s status as a sovereign nation. As a result, The Associated Press reported that the meeting confirmed the aim of eventual unification between China and Taiwan.

Any reference to the Republic of China (ROC) that Chu made in Xi’s presence was merely referring to the nation founded by Sun Yat-sen (孫 逸 仙), but he did not once mention the present ROC government. This is because Sun is still used by the CCP in its “united front” work. It is not unexpected then that a lot of people are now talking about “one nation for the CCP,” although some people seem to have misheard Chu and think that he said “one nation for the people,” one of Sun’s principles of democracy.

To play his part in the selling out of Taiwan, Chu praised the close relations between the KMT and the CCP before his trip to China, and asked why the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) does not have open dialogue with the CCP. This is an utterly shameless question. Does the KMT want the DPP to be China’s slave just because it has itself been enslaved by the CCP?

The KMT was ravished by the CCP, and now it wants the DPP to be raped alongside it.

In China, the CCP has eight so-called “democratic” factions within the party, and with Chu’s visit to China representing President Ma Ying-jeou (馬 英 吉 柔), there is now a ninth.

The last thing Taiwan needs is to see the DPP turning it into a threesome and becoming the 10th faction. In this regard, Chu has indeed surpassed Ma in monopolizing relations between Taiwan and China, and the DPP is not taking the bait.

To give Chu some courage and support prior to their meeting, Xi told Taiwan that China would

be unyielding in terms of the “1992 consensus.” Otherwise, as Xi threatened: “The Earth will move and mountains will shake.”

Xi proposed five points on cross-strait relations during the meeting, one of which was that without the “1992 consensus,” there can be no peaceful cross-strait relations, thus implying that if Taiwan does not accept the “1992 consensus,” there is a risk of war.

Over the past several years, Xi and his group of military advisers have made blatant belligerent, provocative remarks, but after receiving strong responses from the US and Japan, they would not dare make a scene about the recently strengthened US-Japan Treaty of Mutual Security and Cooperation.

Yet, at the same time, China cannot function without an enemy that unites the party and fosters solidarity among Chinese citizens.

Thus, China has instead chosen to pick on the feeble and powerless Ma and Chu for its own entertainment and to show off its awe-inspiring might.

Chu took this step disregarding the consequences, which was necessary for him to earn the CCP’s trust after recently having become the new KMT chairman. After whistle-blowing Web site WikiLeaks mentioned Chu’s special relationship with the US, Chu had to take action to make it clear that he is on board with China and has turned his back on the US.

In addition, Taiwanese businesswoman and Tung’s Co president Susan Tung (孫 淑 芬), who is vice president of the global Friends of Ma Ying-jeou Association (全球 馬 英九 之 友 人 會) and a board member of China’s United Front Work Department’s Chinese Overseas Friendship Association, told Chu that there are more than 350,000 cross-strait marriages and that if each couple gave birth to two children and invited the husband’s parents to live in China, there would easily be 1 million people returning to Taiwan to vote.

Chu tacitly agreed with this arrogant and naive comment, because one provision of the constitutional reform he has proposed would allow absentee voting, enabling Taiwanese living

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abroad to vote without having to return to Taiwan.

This is a smarter idea than Tung's, but are Taiwanese so easily deceived?

Having experienced extensive intimidation from China, it is unlikely that Taiwanese will be afraid of China's newest round of threats.

Moreover, the US and Japan already have an organized stance to respond to any threats from China.

Still, Taiwan must remain alert against the CCP's alluring use of bribery.

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