



Time for engagement in the civil society if Taiwan shall avoid unification with China

By Michael Danielsen, Chairman, Taiwan Corner

Economic cooperation between Taiwan and China is in the interest of Taiwan. Loss of sovereignty is not. The last 8 years of DPP government proves that it is possible to have both because during these eight years, the economic cooperation between Taiwan and China expanded more than ever.

Apparently, President Ma and the KMT government have a short memory, not capable of realizing it or are not interested. Against obvious evidence, they continue to claim that Taiwan has to accept the One China policy in order to obtain an agreement with China. They may see the historical opportunity in signing an agreement that clearly states that Taiwan and China are one country. This will be a historical moment because Taiwan will then have entered a Hong-Kong kind of agreement. With the current speed of the event, this may happen this year ... [Read the comment here...](#)

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One year after the change of government in Taiwan

Taiwan's President Ma has received historical low approval rating for a long time on less than 30%. Why is this the case? What has happened in Taiwan one year after the inauguration of president Ma? Is Taiwan on the road of unification with China? Is the justice system eroding as some says?

Presentation by Michael Danielsen, chairman of Taiwan Corner

May 19, 19.30, Copenhagen. Exact location will follow.

Taiwan Corner in Taiwan and Denmark

Ma's legacy: No independent Taiwan

By Michael Danielsen

Published in Liberty Times

President Ma will ensure that Taiwan can never be independent. This will be his legacy if Taiwan signs an agreement with China accepting the one China policy as a precondition for a CECA agreement or any other agreement. Such an agreement will be a major historical event since Taiwan and China have never accepted the one China policy in a signed agreement. The so-called 1992 consensus, which is often referred to, consists of verbal statements from a press conference but has never been written down.

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China is down on Taiwan

By Michael Danielsen,

published in Information, March 18, 2009

Taiwan Corner responded to a feature article in the newspaper Information written by the former Danish foreign minister, Mogens Lykketoft and journalist Mette Holm. Tibet was the topic of the article. But they ended the article by stating that China is acting responsibly and with visions toward Taiwan in contrast toward Tibet. Taiwan Corner does not agree.

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Think of Taiwan

By Michael Danielsen,

published in Information, January 16, 2009

The strategy of Taiwan's President is unfortunately working. By constantly including China when we talk about Taiwan, we in the world community shall be accustomed to Taiwan being a part of China.

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Whither Taiwan

By Michael Danielsen,

published in Taipei Times, January 21, 2009

Taiwan has been the leading democratic star of Asia. However, it seems this star has dulled since President Ma Ying-jeou (馬英九) was elected. Violations of freedoms have caused concern and Ma has fundamentally changed policy toward China which is intended to make the world regard Taiwan and China as one.

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Interview with Liberty Times, Taiwan

By Michael Danielsen,

Published on December 15, 2008

Michael Danielsen was interviewed to Taiwan's Liberty Times and the interview was published on December 15, 2008. The interviewer was journalist Zou, Jing Wen from Liberty Times.

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Let Taiwan's voice be heard: Danish writer

By Michael Danielsen,

Published November 27, 2008

He is not a big household name here, but he has great passion for Taiwan. He lives half a world away, but he is fascinated with Taiwanese politics and supports Taiwanese independence. Michael Danielsen, chairman of the Denmark-based Taiwan Corner, said he co-founded the association to provide the international community with "correct" information on Taiwan.

[Read the article in English](#)

Blog from Taiwan

The View from Taiwan

Last year the blog The View from Taiwan was elected the best political blog about Taiwan in English by the English Taiwan-forum, Taiwanerful. Thereby blogger and winner Michael Turton has established an important platform for informative and important analysis of current affairs and politics in Taiwan not to miss.

Go to Michael Turton's [blog here...](#)

The New Status Quo

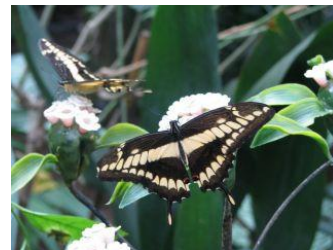
Michael Turton has written has interesting article about the new status quo which is a must to read. [Read the article here...](#)

Taiwan in Denmark

Butterflies from Taiwan in the Zoo

By Taiwan Corner's man on the location

Keep your eyes open next time you visit the Tropical House in the Zoological Garden in Copenhagen. There are plenty of butterflies from Taiwan swarming around in their colourful splendour...



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Books about Taiwan

Review of Taiwan – “Not Made In China”, By Kinga Teremi and Viktor Moorsel

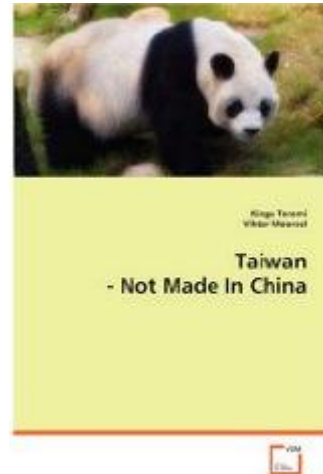
By Michael Danielsen

What a small book was my first reaction after opening the package from the online bookseller. It contains 52 pages. After reading it, I realized that the size did not match the content.

Chapter one focuses on the history of Taiwan which is too short of my taste. However, chapter two gives a wonderful

overview of the economic development between Taiwan and China from the very beginning in the early 1980's. The authors discuss the different economic policies of e.g. Lee Teng-hui in the 1990's and Chen Shui-bian during the 8 years of DPP. Finally, the book ends with a chapter about Taiwan's identity.

This book is really recommendable for those who are interested in an overview of the economical development in Taiwan and between Taiwan and China, and for those who like to get introduced to Taiwan's identity. It is also refreshing to read a book with a political edge which is serious and professional. I can warmly recommend this book.



The good idea

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