

Instances of Mainland Chinese Interference with Taiwan's International Presence, 2015

1.	January	A press release published on the website of Panama's Ministry of Foreign Affairs on January 10 stated that when Vice Minister Luis Miguel Hincapie attended the First Ministerial-level Meeting of the China-Community of Latin American and Caribbean States Forum, he conveyed Panamanian President Juan Carlos Varela's suggestion that the next meeting be attended by heads of state.
2.	January 18	At the urging of mainland China, the host organization of the Abu Dhabi Solar Challenge in the United Arab Emirates forced the National Kaohsiung University of Applied Sciences Apollo VI Team to remove ROC flags on the two sides of its car and remove or cover up ROC flags on their uniforms.
3.	April 1	Regarding Taiwan's application to join the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, mainland China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced on April 1 that Taiwan's application should avoid issues concerning "two Chinas" or "one China, one Taiwan."
4.	May	When mainland China President Xi Jinping visited Belarus in May, the two sides issued a joint statement. In point three of the statement, Belarus supported the one China policy and opposed Taiwan independence as usual. However, the statement also included items opposing Taiwan's inclusion in international and regional organizations that limit membership to sovereign countries, as well as arms sales to Taiwan.
5.	May	During a visit to Colombia, mainland China Premier Li Keqiang called on President Juan Manuel Santos at the Office of the President. After their meeting, a press release was issued, reiterating that Colombia upholds the one China policy.

6.	May-July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anthony Maliki, head of the international department of Nigeria's <i>Daily Trust</i> newspaper, joined the Second Media Delegation to Conduct Interviews on ROC Economic and Political Developments May 17-23. He subsequently wrote the article "Taiwan: An Island Full of Innovations," which was published in the newspaper's <i>Sunday Magazine</i> on July 5. The three-page article reported on Taiwan's innovations in science and technology and the vitality of Taiwan's small and medium-sized enterprises, referring to the country as the Republic of China (Taiwan). 2. On July 7, the Daily Trust published the following erratum: The People's Republic of China does not recognize the Republic of China (Taiwan) as a country. In the realm of international relations, this is still a point of contention.
7.	June-July	<p>When Mr. Tseng Yu-Chien, a violinist from the ROC, took the stage at the XV International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow on July 2, the organizing body caved in to pressure from mainland China, listing his nationality as China, Taipei.</p>
8.	September	<p>When King Abdullah II of Jordan led a delegation to mainland China, he met with President Xi Jinping, and they signed a joint statement on the establishment of a bilateral strategic partnership. In Item 2 of the joint statement, the king reiterated that Jordan remains committed to a one China policy, that it considers Taiwan an inseparable part of China, and that it supports China's efforts to realize cross-strait peace and unify the country.</p>
9.	September	<p>There occurred some instances in which ROC nationals were prevented from using an ROC passport to enter the United Nations Office in Geneva and were asked to produce a passport or ID issued by "China" instead.</p>

10.	September 22- November 6	At the 2015 Damyang Bamboo Festival in Damyang County, South Joella Province, the Republic of Korea flew the ROC flag outside of the grounds, but had to replace it with the Chinese Taipei Olympic flag due to pressure from mainland China.
11.	July 24	Mainland Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Lu Kang expressed deep concern and strong dissatisfaction over Japan’s allowing former ROC President Lee Teng-hui to pay a visit. He not only criticized Lee for “scurrying off to Japan to promote Taiwan independence,” but also demanded that Japan maintain a one China policy so as to avoid creating new political obstacles in Japan-mainland China relations.
12.	September 25- October 2	Mainland Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei expressed deep concern and strong opposition to the planned trip to Japan by Tsai Ing-wen, then Chairperson of the Democratic Progressive Party. He stressed mainland China’s expectation that Japan will uphold the one China policy, honor its promises regarding Taiwan issues, and not provide any person the opportunity, under any pretext, to promote Taiwan independence.
13.	December	At the eighth session of the ministerial level negotiations at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris, Armenia mentioned Taiwan, inciting mainland China to call the moniker inappropriate and demand once again that the one China policy be upheld under the framework of the Charter of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.