TAIWAN

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President TSAI Ing-wen
Head of Government
Premier SU Tseng-chang
Government Type
semi-presidential republic
Capital
Taipei
Legislature
unicameral Legislative Yuan (113 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court (consists of the court president, vice president, and approximately 100 judges organized into 8 civil and 12 criminal divisions); Constitutional Court (consists of the court president, vice president, and 13 justices)
Ambassador to US
None; Stanley KAO heads the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO)
US Ambassador
None; Director William Brent CHRISTENSEN heads the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT)

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
dynamic economy driven largely by industrial manufacturing; heavy dependence on exports exposes the economy to fluctuations in global demand; diplomatic isolation, low birth rate, rapidly aging population, and increasing competition from China and other Asia Pacific markets are major long-term challenges
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$1.189 trillion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$50,500 (2017 est.)
Exports
$329.5 billion (2019 est.)
partners: China 27.9%, US 14.1%, Hong Kong 12.3%, Japan 7.1%, Singapore 5.5%, South Korea 5.1% (2019 est.)
Imports
$285.9 billion (2019 est.)
partners: China 20.1%, Japan 15.4%, US 12.3%, South Korea 6.2% (2019 est.)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
23.6 million (July 2020 est.)
Population Growth
0.11% (2020 est.)
Ethnicity
Han Chinese more than 95%, indigenous Malayo-Polynesian peoples 2.3%
Language
Mandarin Chinese (official), Taiwanese (Min Nan), Hakka dialects, approximately 16 indigenous languages
Religion
Buddhist 35.3%, Taoist 33.2%, Christian 3.9%, folk (includes Confucian) approximately 10%, none or unspecified 18.2% (2005 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 78.9% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 0.8% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
98.5% (2014)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 35,980 sq km
Land: 32,260 sq km
Water: 3,720 sq km
Climate
tropical; marine; rainy season during southwest monsoon (June to August); extensive and persistent cloudiness all year
Natural Resources
small deposits of coal, natural gas, limestone, marble, asbestos, arable land

as of August 2020