

媒體自由是民主國家自由的關鍵



民間全民電視公司（民視）創辦於1996年3月27日，是台灣第一間由民間小眾投資設立的無線電視台；在台灣首次開放電視台申請之際，台灣人公共事務會（FAPA）向美國國會遊說，試圖**突破中國國民黨、政、軍對於媒體壟斷**，獲得當時國會議員的認同和支持。

過去二十年來，民視成為台灣言論自由的燈塔，除了忠實地傳遞著台灣人的聲音，更致力於揭露事實，讓台灣人民能夠掌握到更公開透明的資訊；**台灣本土媒體的發展得來不易**，台灣全國人民及政府有責任要維護本土電視台，不應該容許任何想要“赤化媒體”或損害台灣有本土文化的電視台之行為。

FAPA 在此呼籲府方積極關切不當力量介入操弄媒體，也同時呼籲台灣人民團結保護媒體自由！民主國家需要有專業負責與獨立的媒體，作為人民的眼睛和聲音，這也是防止台灣被中國併吞和維繫台灣民主與人民自決權利的關鍵之一；因此，台美人也在此強烈呼籲，民視設立初衷和精神長在，繼續為台灣本土和人民發聲，並向世界展現真實、正確、珍貴的台灣面貌。

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Formosa Television (FTV) was established on March 27, 1996 as the first privately and small-investors formed television broadcast company. Prior to that, FAPA worked hard with the United States Congress to **break the Kuomintang monopoly on Taiwan's TV stations.** FAPA's advocacy was strongly supported by many members of the Congress.

Over the years, FTV has shown itself to be a beacon for freedom of speech in Taiwan representing the voice of the Taiwanese people and promoting transparency. As history of democracy reminds all, **the development of an independent and pro-democracy TV station did not come easily.** The government and people of Taiwan share in the responsibility to safeguard the sanctity of a free, independent, and responsible Taiwanese media and oppose any attempt to control, influence, or dilute it by non-democratic forces, foreign and domestic.

FAPA urges due diligence and timely oversight by the government of Taiwan against improper influences or manipulation of the media and also appeals to the people of Taiwan to support the same. We, Taiwanese Americans, staunchly express our desire to see FTV continue as a voice for the Taiwanese populace and democracy, and as a window for the world to see what is true, important, and precious about Taiwan.



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