

## **Instances of Mainland China's Interference with Taiwan's International Presence, 2009**

1.	January 27	In an interview piece with mainland Chinese Ambassador to Switzerland, Dong Jinyi, that appeared in the January 27 edition of the free weekly German-language newspaper, <i>Coopzeitung</i> , published by Switzerland's second largest supermarket chain, COOP, an accompanying map of China did not include Taiwan. After pressure from the mainland Chinese embassy, the map was reprinted in the following week's edition, with Taiwan and the caption "Map with Taiwan" included.
2.	January 28 to February 2	As in past years, Taiwanese companies exhibiting at the Fitur International Tourism Trade Fair in Madrid did so under the name of the Taiwan Visitors Association. This year, however, the mainland Chinese embassy in Spain took exception to the organizer's use of the word Taiwan on the association's booth, and put enormous pressure on the organizers to remove it, which they eventually did on the morning of the fair's last day.
3.	February 24	While Korean Minister of Foreign Affairs was in Beijing for bilateral talks, his mainland Chinese counterpart, Yang Jiechi, again brought up the issues of Taiwan, the Dalai Lama, and Falun Gong, stressing that mainland China adheres to a one China principle, and would never accept one China, one Taiwan, or two Chinas.
4.	February 25	Spokesman for mainland China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ma Zhaoxu, expressed strong dissatisfaction over the resolution proposed in the US House of Representatives on the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, and pointed out that stern representations had been made to the US side.

5.	May 13 to May 17	When the governor general of Guam, Felix Camacho, came to Taiwan on what he declared was an official state visit in the middle of May, the mainland Chinese consulate general in Honolulu demanded that he “rectify the error.”
6.	May 21	During a seminar on ties between Europe and mainland China, at which Taiwan’s representative office in Honolulu was invited to attend, an official named Liu Wei from the mainland Chinese embassy presented a speech entitled “Prospects for China-Europe Relations.” Responding to questions afterwards, Liu said that Taiwan and Tibet were domestic issues.
7.	Middle to end of August	After Typhoon Morakot struck Taiwan, a group of Taiwanese businessmen living in Thailand immediately started a disaster relief fund. Despite this, the mainland Chinese embassy in Thailand issued a press release on August 17, calling for mainland Chinese people in Thailand to donate generously to Taiwan through mainland China’s Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits, either directly or via the mainland Chinese embassy in Thailand.