

Instances of Mainland China's Interference with Taiwan's International Presence, 2014

1.	June	As part of the “Treasured Masterpieces from the National Palace Museum, Taipei Special Exhibition” held in Tokyo, the posters, publicity materials and ticketing for the event did not include the National Palace Museum’s full, formal name, leading Taiwan to lodge strong protests with Japanese authorities. Exhibition posters were altered on June 23, and then NPM Director Fung Ming-chu visited Japan to attend the official opening of the event, which started on June 24.
2.	July	For an annual conference of the European Association for Chinese Studies in Portugal, the program included information on Taiwanese academic institutions. However, upon learning about this, Xu Lin, director-general of the Office of Chinese Language Council International and chief executive of the Confucius Institute Headquarters from mainland China, requested that the organizer remove such content on Taiwan from the program.
3.	October	During the 2014 FIBA Asia U18 Championship for Women in Jordan, mainland Chinese team officials objected to Taiwanese overseas students waving ROC flags in support of the Taiwanese team. Following this, the students showed flexibility by not waving the flags further, packing them away in their bags—but without concealing them fully. Since the mainland Chinese contingent could still see parts of the flags exposed, they continued to protest, and requested that event staff be dispatched to stand guard in front of the Taiwanese spectators while the fixture took place.
4.	October	Having published an item promoting the National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan), the <i>Financial Times</i> received a phone call from the mainland Chinese embassy in protest, describing the content of the advert as “offensive.”

5.	November	During the 2014 World Robot Olympiad in Sochi, mainland Chinese contestants protested the hanging of the ROC flag in a work area.
6.	December	At the 50th Brunei ITF Junior Circuit competition, the organizer had hung the ROC flag in line with prevailing conventions; however, an official from the mainland Chinese embassy arrived halfway through the competition and lodged protests with the organizer, forcing the flag to be taken down.