

Tamkang Forum Held Its Third Discussion on the Current Election of Taiwan Last Saturday

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Tamkang Forum held its 3rd discussion of current topics last Saturday (November 7) at the TKU Taipei campus. It attracted a large audience from the media.

Except for Professor Lu Ya-li, the famed scholar of politics, Graduate Institute of Politics, Chinese Culture University, the rest were all from

TKU. The participating professors include: Prof. Thomas B. Lee, Director, Center for International Affairs & National Security Prof.

Chen Ming-siang, Chair, Department of Public Administration Prof. Lee Mei-hua, Chair, Department of Mass Communication Prof. Tsai Hsin-fu, Dean, College of Technology. The Forum was hosted by Prof. Wei Wou, Dean, College of International Studies.

Prof. Wei maintained that given the exigency facing Taiwan's political/economic situation both at home and abroad, the Chen Shui-bian regime should seek out a best shot to address the economic woes, to admit openly that there is a muted understanding of One-China perception (so-called jiu-er kong-shi) on both sides of the Taiwan Strait. Only with this decisive move can we look forward to the thawing of the "deadlock" between Taiwan and Mainland China. Prof. Lu, however, held a gloomy view of the current situation in Taiwan. Prof. Thomas B. Lee alleged that after the December 1 election, it is most urgent that the government break down the impasse of both sides. Prof. Tsai Hsin-fu predicted that none of the three parties including DDP, KMT and People First Party can grab a major majority (a two third majority), so to speak.

So, he advocated that the number of Parliament representative should be cut by half and an ordinance passed into law that in each precinct, there must be no more than 2 representatives (one for candidate, the other for party for each voter).

Prof. Chen Ming-siang argued that to publish the results of public poles is unfair, because they could be manipulated by certain group to serve its own interests. Prof. Lee Mei-hua had pulled public pole, the “call-in” and campaign posters together and discussed them from the perspective of mass communication.