

從臺灣視角如何看新加坡 1955 年至 1965 年的政治發展

Taiwan's perspectives of political developments in Singapore, 1955-1965

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在 20 世紀 50 年代，隨著幾個東南亞國家在冷戰期間開始去殖民化進程，臺灣為了在與中華人民共和國的外交角力中贏得新盟友，並遏制共產主義的擴散，積極推行了反共議程。國民黨政府也自視為所有海外華人的代表，而新加坡尤其引人關注，因為其 75% 的人口是華裔。本次演講將聚焦國民黨對新加坡的兩大關切：政治發展（包括共產黨活動和被感知的中華人民共和國影響）以及華人族群。並將探討國民黨政府如何監控新加坡的去殖民化過程，從 1955 年新加坡勞工黨大選獲勝，1959 年脫離英國獲得自治，到 1963 年加入馬來西亞，以及印尼通過對抗行動做出的回應，直至 1965 年 8 月獨立成國為止。

In the 1950s, as several Southeast Asian states began the process of decolonization during the Cold War, Taiwan pursued an active anticommunist agenda in the region to win new allies in a diplomatic tussle with the People's Republic of China (PRC), and to contain the spread of communism. The KMT government also considered itself as the representative of all overseas Chinese, and Singapore is of particular interest as 75 per cent of its population is ethnic Chinese. My presentation will be on the KMT's two major concerns about Singapore: its political developments (including communist activities and perceived PRC influences), and the ethnic Chinese. I will examine how the Kuomintang (KMT) government in Taiwan monitored the decolonization process in Singapore, starting with the election of the Labour Front in 1955. I will examine how the KMT government viewed internal politics in Singapore, the road towards full autonomy from the British in 1959, joining Malaysia in 1963

and Indonesia's response through Confrontation, and independence in August 1965.

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