



DEMOCRACY FOR DUMMIES: THE ELECTION AND GOVERNMENT OF LEE TENG-HUI, 1988

Bubble tea, Taipei 101, and the phone in your hand—all things made possible by Taiwan. Though it is currently seen as a pillar of democracy in the East, a little over forty years ago, this was not the case. After World War II, Taiwan was under KMT martial law, where democracy existed, at least, technically. This all began to change 1988, when Lee Teng-Hui became the president of Taiwan. Not only was he the first besheng ren to take this position, he also began to replace old KMT politicians, release political prisoners and set the stage for true democracy in Taiwan. Two years later, students mounted the stage through the Wild Lily Student Movement—a six day protest for democracy. We begin committee in 1988 as members of the Central Committee tasked with stabilizing the country, managing civil unrest, alleviating economic turmoils, and continuing to manage the delicate balancing act of Taiwanese independence versus reunification with China. All the while, the call for democracy grows louder and louder: it will be up to you to pave the future of Taiwan. Dear Delegate, we hope you know this means that the future of democracy rests on your shoulders. Tread carefully—the world is watching.

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