

## Final Presentation of the Consensus Document

*Delegates of the 2011 Brown University Strait Talk Symposium*

Since 2005, fifteen students and young professionals from mainland China, Taiwan and the United States have come to Brown each November as delegates of the Strait Talk Symposium to engage in a weeklong process of Interactive Conflict Resolution (ICR) and public events on the Taiwan Strait issue. ICR is an intensive methodology that has been successfully applied to other situations of conflict or stalemate around the world. Dr. Tatsushi Arai, Associate Professor of Conflict Transformation at the School of International Training Graduate Institute, is an expert in this approach and facilitates over 30 hours of ICR for the delegates.

Today's event is a presentation made by the delegates of this year's Strait Talk Symposium. They will be discussing the ideas of the final product of their ICR workshops, the Consensus Document, which has been conceived of and drafted by the fifteen delegates. It is a series of policy recommendations, visions for the future, and suggestions for initiatives that can be undertaken by all levels of society across the Taiwan Strait to promote awareness of the issue and a more peaceful and sustainable future.

The process of Interactive Conflict Resolution dictates that all fifteen delegates must be in agreement on every part of the document, including the content, the structure and even the wording and language that is used.

Needless to say, this is no easy task, yet it is one to which the delegates have risen admirably. The document's insight, creativity,

and passion is a testament to the delegate's deep personal engagement to Strait Talk's goal of engaging young leaders through dialogue and equipping them with the skills to become peace-builders in their own communities. In today's presentation, the delegates will share their ideas and their vision for a peaceful and sustainable future of cross-Strait relations, and reflections on their personal experiences during the Symposium week.

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## STRAIT TALK

### Mission

Strait Talk is a non-partisan dialogue program that seeks to transform international conflict by connecting young people from both sides of the Taiwan Strait and the United States and empowering them to strive for peace and understanding.

### Our Model

We convene DIALOGUE among outstanding university students from both sides of the Taiwan Strait and the United States.

We work with our alumni as they take ACTION for peace and understanding in their communities.

We sustain a COMMUNITY of young people dedicated to pursuing peaceful resolution of the Taiwan Strait issue as they enter positions of influence in politics and society.

### Who We Are

We are young people who believe that direct dialogue can break the impasse in relations across the Taiwan Strait. Working together across communities and oceans, we can build a platform of trust that will help us on the path to lasting peace.

Frustrated by the political deadlock between the governments on both sides of the Taiwan Strait and inspired by the willingness of young people to reach out to each other, a group of undergraduate students at Brown University advocated an alternative approach to resolving the Taiwan Strait issue. They launched the first Strait Talk Symposium in November 2005. Since then, Strait Talk has formed a strong network of delegates, involved numerous experts in the project, and even expanded its work to include U.C. Berkeley and the University of Hong Kong. Staying true to its roots, each Symposium is still student-run and student-focused.

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## Strait Talk Symposium Final Presentation: Consensus Document

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