

Chen Shui-bian Quotes

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We sincerely ask the Beijing authorities across the Strait to view the election result from a positive perspective, to accept the democratic decision of the Taiwanese people.

~Chen Shui-bian

It has been well over half a century and I'm glad to say we have taken the right path from authoritarianism to democracy and this is a road of no return.

~Chen Shui-bian

Even if I were knocked down by one gunshot it wouldn't affect our democracy and I wasn't knocked down and I have great confidence in our democracy and in Taiwan and in the people of Taiwan.

~Chen Shui-bian

Taiwan is an independent, sovereign country.

~Chen Shui-bian

If we really love and cherish Taiwan, we should hold our hands in unity to protect our country and our democratic values with the most humble and tolerant hearts.

~Chen Shui-bian

The road to democracy may be winding and is like a river taking many curves, but eventually the river will reach the ocean.

~Chen Shui-bian

I believe that this is not only the view of the people on both sides of the Strait. It is also the common expectation of the US, Japan and the international community.

~Chen Shui-bian

A defensive referendum is for avoiding war and to help keep the Taiwanese people free of fear.

~Chen Shui-bian

The grandeur and strength of our people and democracy are as big as a forest.

~Chen Shui-bian

We will make every effort to unify all ethnic groups, to strengthen belief in Taiwan and to persist in reform.

~Chen Shui-bian

Even if one tree falls down it wouldn't affect the entire forest.

~Chen Shui-bian

We also intend to deal with the issue of incorporating basic human rights into our new constitution.

~Chen Shui-bian

The election result is not a victory that belongs to me or my party.

~Chen Shui-bian

I have great confidence in the universal value and in basic human rights and I have great confidence that referenda will eventually take root and become part of our daily lives in Taiwan.

~Chen Shui-bian

Secondly I would like to make continuous efforts of stabilising cross Strait relations, eventually reaching peace across the Taiwan strait and stability and security in the Asia Pacific region.

~Chen Shui-bian

We have had a long wait for democracy.

~Chen Shui-bian

We must not demonstrate any arrogance, and we must refrain from any

irrational or undemocratic behavior.

~Chen Shui-bian

The results of the two referenda demonstrate the majority view of the Taiwanese people.

~Chen Shui-bian

We will strive to make Taiwan a better place and enable our people to live better lives.

~Chen Shui-bian

Over the next four years, I will continue to listen to different views and accept different suggestions.

~Chen Shui-bian

However, I must say that I am very happy to see that we have such a positive result for our first referendum in our history and that gives me more confidence in Taiwan's democracy.

~Chen Shui-bian

I have great confidence in Taiwan's democracy.

~Chen Shui-bian

I expect the ruling and opposition parties to work together for the future of Taiwan.

~Chen Shui-bian

I believe in the greatness of our democracy.

~Chen Shui-bian

Because we can't communicate, there's a lot of misunderstanding.

~Chen Shui-bian

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