Taiwan's best-case democratization

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Discusses factors promoting relatively smooth and successful transition, including democratic elements, such as local elections, even under KMT rule, and international pressure to democratize after the US and international recognition of the People's Republic of China. Examines how 'evolutionary, peaceful, and protracted' transition also resulted in compromises that created problems for future. Latter part of article examines obstacles to a fully satisfactory democratic system.

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