

《台湾同性恋大游行 数万“同志”涌上台北街头》

导读:近日台湾举行了亚洲最大规模的同性恋大游行，数万名“同志”涌上台北街头。



Many of those who attended carried placards calling on the government to legalise same sex marriage.

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Dressed in colourful costumes and carrying rainbow flags, they paraded in front of Taiwan's presidential palace.

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Taiwan is more liberal than much of Asia on LGBT rights but moves toward marriage equality have stalled.

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The ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), which controls Taiwan's parliament and took power five months ago, is widely considered sympathetic to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

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Many are hopeful that same-sex marriage will become a reality under the DPP.

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Earlier this week, the DPP announced new measures to allow homosexual party employees the same honeymoon leave and wedding gift entitlement that heterosexual couples get, the Taipei Times reports.

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"The call for marriage equality feels stronger than last year," Corinne Chiang, who works in IT, told the AFP news agency.

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"We hope same-sex marriage can be realised as soon as possible so our child can have two legal moms."

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Proposals for gay marriage in Taiwan have stalled in recent years because of resistance from the Kuomintang (KMT) party, which was unseated by the DPP in May.

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But Tsai Ing-wen has voiced her support for same-sex marriage and parliament is expected to consider fresh proposals on the issue soon.

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If it goes into force, Taiwan will become the first in Asian to legalise same-sex marriage.

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