Mainland to hold symposium to mark 20th anniversary of "1992 Consensus"

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BEIJING, Nov. 16 (Xinhua) -- The Chinese mainland will hold a symposium to mark the 20th anniversary of the "1992 Consensus", a mainland spokesman confirmed on Friday.

Yang Yi, spokesman for the State Council Taiwan Affairs Office, said the meeting, which will be held on Nov. 26, will be jointly sponsored by the Taiwan Work Office of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, the State Council Taiwan Affairs Office and the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits (ARATS).

Yang told a press conference, mainland Taiwan affairs chief Wang Yi and ARATS president Chen Yunlin will address the meeting, explaining the significance of the "1992 Consensus" in promoting cross-Strait negotiations and peaceful development of ties between the mainland and Taiwan.

Yang said adhering to the One-China Principle as its core and seeking common ground and setting aside differences, the 1992 Consensus is a key political foundation for the two sides to conduct negotiations, build mutual trust, and promote peaceful ties.

The 18th CPC national congress, which has just concluded, for the first time incorporated the "1992 Consensus" into its report, Yang said.

The report stated that the two sides of the Taiwan Strait should uphold the common stand of opposing "Taiwan independence" and of following the "1992 Consensus", and increase their common commitment to upholding the one-China framework.

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