

National Identity of Ethnic Chinese in Myanmar

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The purpose of this study is to investigate the changes in the political and cultural identities of the Burmese Chinese in Myanmar in light of the Taiwanese policy of winning over Burmese Chinese in the 20th century and of the rise of China in the 21st century.

The results of this study show that : (1) Burmese Chinese in Myanmar experience a double dual identity. That is, "politically" they are Burmese and "culturally" they are Chinese. (2) The support of the Taiwanese government for Myanmar and the rise of China have had little effect on the formation of national identity of the among Burmese Chinese. (3) The anti-Chinese events and the prohibition of Chinese education policy have had little impact on Burmese Chinese, but have caused them to hide their Chinese identity. The rise of China, however, has caused encouraged the Burmese Chinese to publicly express their Chinese identity once again. (4) Myanmar has different evaluations of Taiwan and China.

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