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Abstract	<p>The difficulty in participating in regional economic integration stagnates Taiwan's ranking among world trading countries. This difficulty results from a sequence of failures for Taiwan on signing free trade agreements with major trading partners. In the early 2000s, Taiwan entered into discussion free trade agreement with the U.S. However, due to the reserved position of the Bush administration and the party-alternation of the US, the proposed Taiwan-US FTA is failed to be concluded. In contrary, the Cross-Strait Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) in 2010 was a huge breakthrough of Taiwan's participation in free trade negotiation, making possible the subsequent Taiwan-New Zealand economic cooperation agreement and Taiwan-Singapore economic partnership agreement. However, after the "Sunflower Student Movement" in Taiwan, Cross-Strait Trade Agreement in Service was unable to be ratified. The failure impeded the following negotiation of Cross-Strait Trade Agreement in Goods, cooling down the cross-strait relations sharply and bringing huge uncertainty for Taiwan's future participation in the economic cooperation in East Asia. To seek a breakthrough of the international framework after the changes of Sino-US relations, Taiwan should make effort to turn itself a valuable actor during the bargain between the US and China. This article takes a historical approach to review the difficulties Taiwan had faced and the progress it had made during the period from the discussion of Taiwan-US FTA in the 2000s to Cross-Strait ECFA in the 2010s. Also, this article also discusses the positions and policies of two great powers, the US and PRC, regarding Taiwan's participation in regional integration. Last but not least, this article also discusses Taiwan's possible</p>

	strategy for further participation in economic integration after the changes of Sino-US trade relations in the Trump-Xi era.
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