

Tsai responds to Xi's speech

TAIPEI: Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen said on Wednesday that the island will not accept a "one country, two systems" political arrangement with China, while stressing that all cross-strait negotiations need to be on a government-to-government basis.

"The vast majority in Taiwan resolutely oppose 'one country, two systems.' This is the 'Taiwan consensus,'" she told reporters during a news conference at the Presidential Palace in Taipei.

"We call on China to bravely step forward for democracy, for only by doing so can it truly understand the people of Taiwan's thinking and insistence."

Tsai's comments came after Chinese President Xi Jinping said in a speech on Wednesday that nobody can change the fact that Taiwan is part of China, and that people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait should seek "reunification". - Agencies