

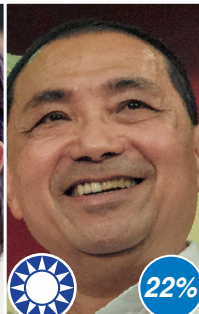
# Taiwan's presidential contenders

民主進步黨

Democratic Progressive Party of Taiwan



33%



22%



24%

■ **Lai Ching-te** (above): Current Vice President is running for ruling **Democratic Progressive Party (DPP)**.

Lai, who is also DPP's chairman, will name **Hsiao Bi-khim** (above right), Taiwan's de facto ambassador to U.S. since 2020, as his running mate.

Hsiao can act as go-between for Taipei and Washington – Taiwan's most important backer and arms supplier



8%

■ **Terry Gou** (inset left): Billionaire former founder of Apple supplier, Foxconn, is running as **independent**. Gou is under investigation by Chinese authorities for tax evasion, move interpreted by some as Beijing warning Gou not to continue his campaign



■ **Hou Yu-ih** (above left): Candidate for Taiwan's main opposition party, **Kuomintang (KMT)**. Hou supports closer ties with China but denies being pro-Beijing

■ **Ko Wen-je** (above): Former mayor of Taipei, Ko is candidate for **Taiwan People's Party (TPP)**.

Ko and Hou have agreed

to unite on joint ticket – standing as president and vice president – saying they will restart talks with Beijing over future of Taiwan

Survey by broadcaster TVBS of 1,275 voters released on October 24

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