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Taiwan Presidential Election

Taiwanese Vice President Lai Ching-te, the front-runner in the presidential election, greeting supporters in Kaohsiung on Monday.

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Lai Ching-te greets supporters

Lai is seen as the candidate most likely to continue Taiwan's current approach to China, including robust engagement with the U.S.

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Hou Yu-ih, Taiwan presidential candidate

Hou Yu-ih is the presidential candidate for the opposition Kuomintang, which favors closer ties with China.

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Taiwan People's Party (TPP) presidential hopeful, Ko Wen-je, seeks a middle ground with China, attracting young voters, and hopes to establish a "third force" outside the two major parties that dominate Taiwans ***politics***.

Presidential candidate Ko Wen-je is pitching himself as an alternative for voters who are tired of the two traditional parties.

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