

TITLE: Relationship Between São-Tomé & Príncipe and Taiwan. Balance of Years of Cooperation

ABSTRACT

The diplomatic relationship between Sao Tome e Principe and Taiwan that was established in May 1997 was considered one of the most controversial agreement in the diplomatic history of Sao Tome and Principe because this agreement forced the severance of the relationship between Sao Tome and Principe and Popular Republic of China, a country that had supported São Tome independence struggle and the post-colonial government. Even so the relationship lasted almost two decades although there were moments of some troubles, having Taiwan implemented several projects, particularly in the areas of health, agriculture and education. It is in this sense that the present works will focus more in the referred relationship, its background, its evolution and terms and analyze to what extent this cooperation will contribute to the development of the archipelago.

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