List of Abbreviations

General Terms

CSM  candidate selection method
HC   House of Councillors
HR   House of Representatives
MM   mixed-member
MMM  mixed-member majoritarian
MMP  mixed-member proportional
\( N_{\text{local}} \)  average effective number of electoral parties in each district
\( N_{\text{PR}} \)  effective number of electoral parties in PR tier
\( N_{\text{Pres}} \)  effective number of presidential candidates
\( N_{S} \)  effective number of parliamentary parties
\( N_{\text{SMD}} \)  effective number of electoral parties in SMD tier
\( N_{\text{SNTV}} \)  effective number of electoral parties in SNTV tier
\( N_{V} \)  effective number of electoral parties
PR   proportional representation
SMD  single-member district
SMP  single-member plurality
SNTV single nontransferable vote

Political Parties in Taiwan

DPP  Democratic Progressive Party
KMT  Nationalist Party (Kuomintang)
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NP  New Party
NPSU  Non-Partisan Solidarity Union
PFP  People First Party
TSU  Taiwan Solidarity Union

Political Parties in Japan

CGP  Clean Government Party (Komeito)
DPJ  Democratic Party of Japan
JCP  Japanese Communist Party
JRP  Japan Restoration Party
JSP  Japan Socialist Party
LDP  Liberal Democratic Party
PNP  People’s New Party (Nihon Shinto)
SDP  Social Democratic Party