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I. Knowing Taiwan





History

Early settlers in Taiwan settled in the area before Chinese migrants first arrived at the beginning of the Ming dynasty (1368-1644). During the early 17th century, Taiwan was taken over by the Spanish, followed by both the Dutch and Ming loyalist Cheng Cheng-kung (Koxinga).

In 1895, after China's defeat in the Sino-Japanese War, Taiwan was ceded to Japan and became a Japanese colony for fifty years.

Following its retrocession to China in 1945, Taiwan was reestablished as a province. In 1949, the Republic of China's government relocated to Taiwan when the Chinese Communist Party established the People's Republic of China (PRC) on the mainland. The Republic of China was founded in 1912 and it is Asia's first constitutional republic. Taiwan is officially known as the Republic of China (ROC). The ROC government has legal authority over the islands of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, Matsu, and numerous other islets.

Geography

The island of Taiwan is located on the western edge of the Pacific Ocean. It is located between Japan and the Philippines and lies off the southeast coast of mainland China, separated by the Taiwan Strait. Taiwan is 394 kilometers long and 144 kilometers wide at its widest point, with a total area of about 36,179 square kilometers.

Two thirds of Taiwan's area is covered by forested mountains and the remaining area consists of hilly country, open plains, and highlands, coastal plains and basins. The 270-kilometer Central Mountain Range is Taiwan's most prominent geographic feature. It stretches along the entire island from north to south, thus forming a natural line of demarcation for rivers on the eastern and western sides of the island.

The Central Mountain Range has more than 200 peaks over 3,000 meters high, including Mount Jade's highest peak at 3,952 meters, which is the highest mountain peak in Northeast Asia.

Climate

Taiwan's climate is subtropical in the north and tropical in the south. The island is surrounded by oceans and the ocean breezes are the reason for Taiwan's humid weather. Average temperature in summer is 31°C(88°F) and in winter is 18°C(64°F). Summer, from May to September, is usually humid and intensely hot. Winter is usually mild and it lasts from December to February. Snow may be visible on the high mountains. The rainy season lasts from April to August. Typhoon season is mainly between May and September.



Population

Taiwan has a population of 23 million. The population is mostly made up of Han Chinese with a small number of indigenous people, Taiwan's original inhabitants. There are currently 11 major indigenous groups in Taiwan: the Atayal, Saisiat, Bunun, Tsou, Thao, Paiwan, Rukai, Puyuma, Amis, Yami, and Kavalan. Collectively, they comprise less than 2 percent of Taiwan's total population. The population of Taiwan is primarily concentrated in the metropolitan areas.

Capital

Taipei is the current capital of ROC. This rapidly rising city is situated in the northern part of Taiwan. Taipei not only serves as an administrative center of government and private offices, but it is also a cultural center of traditional arts and cosmopolitan life. Taipei has a large number of first-class performance venues for world-class theater and concert activities. The world-renowned National Palace Museum houses a huge collection of Chinese antiques and art works. The city also offers a wide range of other diversions: shopping malls, nightclubs, live-music bars, exotic restaurants and quality hotels.

Taipei 101 Tower is a new high rise office building located in the center of the city. This 508-meter building was once the tallest building in the world. It broke the record of Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur and Sears Tower in Chicago.

Currency

The New Taiwan Dollar (NT\$) is the currency used in Taiwan. It has five denominations in paper money and five in coins. Paper money is available in NT\$2000, NT\$1000, NT\$500, NT\$200, and NT\$100 denominations. Coins are available in NT\$50, NT\$20, NT\$10, NT\$5 and NT\$1 denominations.

Public Holidays

Normal working hours are forty hours a week. Government offices open from Monday to Friday and are closed on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.

Foundation Day: January 1

Chinese New Year: (the first day of the first lunar month) February 7, 2008

Peace Memorial Day: February 28

Lantern Festival: (the fifteenth day of the first lunar month) February 21, 2008

Tomb Sweeping (Ching Ming) Day: April 5

Dragon Boat Festival: (the fifth day of the fifth lunar month) June 8, 2008

Mid-Autumn Festival: (the fifteenth day of the eighth lunar month) September 14, 2008

Double Tenth Day: October 10

People and Culture of Taiwan

People

The larger part of the island's inhabitants are made up of the descendants of immigrants from the various provinces of mainland China, but in particular from the southeastern coastal provinces of Fujian and Guangdong. Because the different ethnic groups have integrated together fairly well, differences that originally existed between people from different provinces have gradually disappeared. About 480,000 indigenous people, the original inhabitants of Taiwan, still live here.

The official language of Taiwan is Mandarin Chinese, other major dialects like Minnanese (or Holo) and Hakka are also widely spoken. The most popular foreign language in Taiwan is English, which is part of the regular school curriculum. Many elderly people can also speak some Japanese, as they were subjected to Japanese education before Taiwan was returned to Chinese rule in 1945 after the Japanese occupation which lasted for half a century.

When you visit Taiwan, you will most certainly be amazed at the diversity of things this beautiful island has to offer, as a rich historical background has provided Taiwan with a multifaceted culture. People from many different places and backgrounds, such as Taiwan's indigenous people, the southern Fujianese from early China, Hakka immigrants, the Dutch, Spanish, Japanese, and the recent immigrants from mainland China, have all played a role in Taiwan's development. While gradually developing a new culture indigenous to Taiwan, they also hold on to their respective customs and traditions; as a result, you will be able to sample indigenous, Taiwanese, and Chinese cultures and even find traces left by the Dutch and the Japanese when traveling in Taiwan.



Culture

Before the earliest Chinese settlers came to Taiwan at least four hundred years ago, the aboriginal people had already left their mark on the island. The aboriginal people lived in tribes, and their art took the form of beautiful houses and clothes that signified tribal authority. The houses were usually decorated with carved objects and utensils, and the clothes were beautifully woven and embroidered. Facial tattoo was also a common art form.

The traditional Glove Puppetry has a history of two hundred years. It gradually developed into a splendid cultural and social vehicle to entertain, educate, and preserve traditional values and legends. Traditional Glove Puppetry also served to communicate veiled voices of political opposition. It has developed into hundreds of divisions, forming one of the most symbolic entertainment forms in Taiwan.

Taiwanese Opera originated from I-Lan, and it is also the only traditional local opera developed in Taiwan. It has a century-old history. Taiwanese Opera is a branch of traditional Chinese entertainment, and its performance is composed of singing and acting.

Cloud Gate Dance Theatre is a local dance group. It has its roots in Asian myths, folklore, and aesthetics, but it brings to these age-old beliefs and stories a contemporary and universal perspective. The company is made up of two-dozen dancers whose training includes tai chi, meditation, martial arts, Chinese Opera movement, modern dance, and ballet.

Why studying in Taiwan?

When the Portuguese visited Taiwan in the 16th century, they saw the verdant beauty of the island and called it “Formosa”, which means “beautiful island”. With a variety of distinct topographic landscapes and gentle weather, one can enjoy sight-seeing and sport activities all year round in Taiwan. In addition to its rich natural resources, Taiwan’s admirable scenery and mild weather make it a pleasant place to live and study.

People in Taiwan have a high regard for scholarly attainment. The literacy rate for those over the age of 15 is 97%. People do not only have a keen interest in learning, but they are also very warm and hospitable, especially people in the southern part of the island. When a guest visits a family, the hostess will bring out all sorts of food to set on the table and they will not let the guest go until he is full and has enjoyed the visit. In addition to the friendly environment, people in Taiwan are industrious and loyal. Under the freedom of speech, Taiwan has developed from an agriculturally-based economy into a high-tech force over the past 50 years. Taiwan has had good achievements in research and is now the world's leading producer of many types of information technology products. With a good living standard, inexpensive tuition and low living cost, Taiwan is an ideal place for tertiary studies.

II. Education system





Education System

In Taiwan, two-year preschool education is optional. Students usually start school at age six. Nine years of compulsory education, exercised since 1968, includes six years of elementary education and three years of junior high education.

After graduation from junior high, there are two types of institutes for continuing students: senior high school and senior vocational school. Both take three years to complete.

Specialized training beyond the secondary level is provided by five-year junior colleges, which accept students directly from junior high schools and focus on applied sciences and technology.

Higher education includes two-year junior colleges, technical colleges, liberal arts colleges, four-year universities, and graduate programs.

Most of the university undergraduate programs take four years to complete. Extensions, up to two years, will be granted to students who are unable to fulfill their requirements within the designated time. Specialized undergraduate programs like dental school take six years, whereas medical school takes seven years to complete.

Universities and colleges in Taiwan offer a wide variety of master's and doctoral programs. Graduate programs leading to a master or doctoral degree require two to four years, and two to seven years, respectively. If a student who enters a graduate school as part of on-the-job training fails to finish the required coursework or to complete his/her thesis, he/she will be granted an extension.

Special education includes programs and facilities for gifted children, as well as those with special needs due to handicaps or learning disabilities. Mentally and physically challenged students are admitted to designated schools mainly operated by the government. At the university and college level, resource classes are provided for blind and deaf students.

Supplementary education is also offered to provide an alternative way for citizens to achieve different levels of education, from elementary through college level. Students can obtain a bachelor's degree by taking radio, television, and correspondence classes from the open university.

Category		Established Body	Qualifications of Admission	Period of Study	Conditions of Graduation
Higher Education	University or College	National, Municipal, Private	Graduate from senior secondary school or equivalents; having passed the university & college entrance examination	4 to 7 years	Having earned at least 128 credits
	Graduate School				
	Master Program	National, Municipal, Private	Holder of bachelor's degree, 2-year or 5-year junior college graduate with 3-year working experience, and one passing master's degree program entrance examination.	from 2 to 4 years	1. Having earned required credits, produced thesis and passed the degree test. 2. for the master's degree programs in arts or in applied sciences and technologies, the required thesis may be replaced either by the exhibition performance plus the written report or by the technical report
	Ph. D. Program	National, Municipal, Private	Holder of master's degree, student of master's degree with excellent performance, medical science graduate with 2-year working experience. Holder of bachelor's degree with 6-year working experience of excellent performance, and one passing Ph. D. entrance examination.	from 2 to 7 years	Having earned required credits, passed the Ph. D. candidate qualification test, produced dissertation test, and passed oral examination

Semester

An academic year usually refers to a one year period between August 1st and July 31st of the next year. In Taiwan, the academic year is divided into two semesters: fall semester and spring semester. In between the semesters are a summer vacation and a winter break, which coincides with the Chinese Lunar New Year.

Diploma

Students who successfully complete the study program in high schools or junior colleges with passing grades will be given a diploma. Graduates from universities or independent colleges will be granted a degree.

Most graduates from supplementary schools receive certificates upon graduation, and some may receive diplomas equivalent in level to those in the mainstream system by passing public examinations.

Document Authentication

Many people who come to study in Taiwan bring documents issued by foreign entities/individuals for use in Taiwan. Most of these documents need to be authenticated in order to be recognized by the Taiwan education system. Students are recommended to contact the particular educational institute to determine whether or not these documents need authentication. Document authentication can be done in ROC embassies, consulates or representative offices in foreign countries.

Requirements for the authentication of foreign documents (these requirements may vary depending on the nature and purpose of the documents):

1. Original documents issued by related foreign embassies, consulates or representative offices stationed in Taiwan.
2. One supplementary copy of each document for BOCA's (Bureau of Consular Affairs) records.
3. Applicants and their agents are required to present original identification papers.

The fee for the authentication of each document is NT\$400. There is an extra NT\$200 for 24-hour expedited service.

List of ROC embassies, consulates or representative offices in foreign countries can be found at the following government official website: <http://www.boca.gov.tw/english/index.htm>

Teaching Language

Teaching language used in government elementary and junior high school is Mandarin. Alternative choices may be found in private schools. There are 17 educational institutions for foreign residents in Taiwan. Undergraduate courses in a national university are mainly taught in Mandarin. For foreign language classes or graduate level courses, English is the main language used.



List of Universities & Colleges in Taiwan Accepting Foreign Students

Universities

Northern Taiwan

Aletheia University	http://www.au.edu.tw/eng/
Chang Gung University	http://www.cgu.edu.tw/eng_cgu/eng_index.htm
Chang Gung University	http://www.chihlee.edu.tw/en/
China Institute of Technology	http://www.chit.edu.tw/www/index.htm
China University of Technology	http://www.cute.edu.tw/eng/
China University of Technology	http://www.cute.edu.tw/main.htm
Chinese Culture University	http://www.pccu.edu.tw/intl/index-e.htm
Ching Yun University	http://aps2.cyu.edu.tw/asp_work/encyu01/english/
Chung Hua University	http://www.csie.chu.edu.tw/
Chung Yuan Christian University	http://www.cycu.edu.tw/cycu_e/cycuwebsite/index.htm
Fu Jen Catholic University	http://www.fju.edu.tw/eng_fju/index.htm
Hsuan Chuang University	http://www.hcu.edu.tw/
Huafan University	http://english.hfu.edu.tw/
Jinwen University of Science and Technology	http://english.just.edu.tw/
Kainan University	http://www.knu.edu.tw/Eng/index.asp
Lunghwa University of Science and Technology	http://english.moe.gov.tw/mp.asp?mp=1030
Mackay Medicine, Nursing and Management College	http://english.education.edu.tw/mp.asp?mp=1282
Ming Chuan University	http://www1.mcu.edu.tw/Apps/SB/SB_Site.aspx?PageID=164
Mingchi University	http://www.mit.edu.tw/
Minghsin University of Science and Technology	http://www.must.edu.tw/index_en.aspx
Nanyan Institute of Technology	http://www.nanya.edu.tw/english/style01/e01.asp
National Central University	http://www.ncu.edu.tw/e_web/index.php
National Chengchi University	http://2007.nccu.edu.tw/english/
National Chiao Tung University	http://www.nctu.edu.tw/english/index.html
National College of Physical Education and Sports	http://www.ncpes.edu.tw/e-main.php
National Hsinchu University of Education	http://www.nhcue.edu.tw/%7Esec/catalogue/catalogue.pdf
National Open University	http://www.nou.edu.tw/%7Eeng/
National Taipei College of Business	http://eng.ntcb.edu.tw/front/bin/home.phtml
National Taipei College of Nursing	http://www.ntcn.edu.tw/english/06_visit/01_overview.php
National Taipei University	http://www.ntpu.edu.tw/english/
National Taipei University of Education Experimental Elementary School	http://www.ntuees.tp.edu.tw/newweb/
National Taipei University of Technology	http://www.ntut.edu.tw/english/
National Taipei University of the Arts	http://www2.tnua.edu.tw/etnua/index.php
National Taiwan University	http://www.ntu.edu.tw/eng2007/
National Taiwan Normal University	http://www.ntnu.edu.tw/ntnu-eng.html
National Taiwan Ocean University	http://english.moe.gov.tw/mp.asp?mp=0012
National Taiwan University of Arts	http://www.ntua.edu.tw/home.jsp
National Taiwan University of Science and Technology	http://www-e.ntust.edu.tw/front/bin/home.phtml
National Tsing Hua University	http://www.nthu.edu.tw/index-e/index.htm
National United University	http://www.nuu.edu.tw/english/index.html
National Yang-Ming University	http://www.ym.edu.tw/english/

Oriental Institute of Technology	http://w3.oit.edu.tw/eng/oit_eng.html
Shih Chien University	http://www.usc.edu.tw/uscenglish/
Shih Hsin University	http://english.shu.edu.tw/
Soochow University	http://www.scu.edu.tw/eng/index_style_eng.html
St. John's University	http://english.moe.gov.tw/mp.asp?mp=1044
Taipei Medical University	http://english.moe.gov.tw/lp.asp?ctNode=9110&CtUnit=515&BaseDSD=7&mp=1028
Taipei Physical Education College	http://web.tpec.edu.tw/eng/
Takming University of Science and Technology	http://www.takming.edu.tw/en/index2.htm
Tamkang University	http://foreign.tku.edu.tw/TKUEnglish/
Tatung University	http://www.ttu.edu.tw/english/
Technology and Science Institute of Northern Taiwan	http://english.moe.gov.tw/mp.asp?mp=1163
Tungnan University	http://140.129.140.215/
Vanung University	http://www.vnu.edu.tw/vnu_eng/
Yu Da College of Business	http://www.ydu.edu.tw/english.asp
Yuan Ze University	http://www.yzu.edu.tw/eng_2003/
Yuanpei University	http://english.ypu.edu.tw/

Central Taiwan

Asia University	http://www.asia.edu.tw/Main_pages/English_Pages/index_English.htm
Central Taiwan University of Science and Technology	http://www.ctust.edu.tw/english2006/
Chaoyang University of Technology	http://www.cyut.edu.tw/english/
Chienkuo Technology University	http://www2.ctu.edu.tw/english/
China Medical University	http://english.cmu.edu.tw/
Chung Chou Institute of Technology	http://www.ccut.edu.tw/adminSection/front/showContent.asp?site_id=ccutEN&m_id=74
Chung Shan Medical University	http://english.csmu.edu.tw/
Da Yeh University	http://www.dyu.edu.tw/english/index.htm
Feng Chia University	http://en.fcu.edu.tw/
Hung Kuang University	http://www.hk.edu.tw/english/
Ling Tung University	http://english.ltu.edu.tw/
Ming Dao University	http://www.mdu.edu.tw/2006/English/index_E.htm
Nan Kai Institute of Technology	http://english.nkc.edu.tw/onweb.jsp?webno=333333333;
National Changhua University of Education	http://www.ncue.edu.tw/~english/index.htm
National Chi Nan University	http://english.ncnu.edu.tw/
National Chin-Yi University of Technology	http://www.ncut.edu.tw/EN/index_english.html
National Chung Hsing University	http://www.nchu.edu.tw/New_nchu_3/english/index.php
National Taichung Nursing College	http://www.ntnc.edu.tw/onweb.jsp?webno=333333136
National Taichung University	http://web.ntcu.edu.tw/onweb.jsp?webno=333333130
National Taiwan College of Physical Education	http://english.ntcpe.edu.tw/
Overseas Chinese Institute of Technology,	http://www.ocit.edu.tw/english/
Providence University	http://web.pu.edu.tw/~english/
Tunghai University	http://www.thu.edu.tw/english/enindex.htm

Southern Taiwan

Chia Nan University of Pharmacy & Science	http://english.chna.edu.tw/
Fooyin University	http://english.fy.edu.tw/
National Kaohsiung Normal University	http://english.nknu.edu.tw/
Chang Jung Christian University	http://www.cjcu.edu.tw/english/History.htm
Chung Hwa University of Medical Technology	http://www.hwai.edu.tw/english/pub/LIT_6.asp
Diwan University	http://www.dwu.edu.tw/web94/index-e.php

Far East University	http://english.moe.gov.tw/mp.asp?mp=1052
Hsing Kuo University of Management	http://english.hku.edu.tw/
I-Shou University	http://english.isu.edu.tw/
Kao Fong College	http://www.kfut.edu.tw/
Kao Yuan University	http://www.kyu.edu.tw/kyuen/index.htm
KaohSiung Medical University	http://english.education.edu.tw/mp.asp?mp=1019
Kun Shan University	http://www.ksu.edu.tw/eng/
Leader University	http://www.leader.edu.tw/eng/e_intro.htm
Meiho Institute of Technology	http://mit5.meiho.edu.tw/onweb.jsp?webno=333333332
Min-Hwei College of Health Care Management	http://www.mhchem.edu.tw/default.asp
Nan Jeon Institute of Technology	http://www.njtc.edu.tw/en/
Nanhua University	http://web.nhu.edu.tw/nnhu/english/index.htm
National Cheng Kung University	http://www.ncku.edu.tw/ver2006/en/
National Chiayi University	http://english.ncyu.edu.tw/
National Chung Cheng University	http://www.ccu.edu.tw/
National Formosa University	http://www.nfu.edu.tw/eng/index.htm
National Kaohsiung First University of Science and Technology	http://www.nkfust.edu.tw/english/
National Kaohsiung Hospitality College	http://cmp.nkhc.edu.tw/nkhcedu/index.htm
National Kaohsiung Marine University	http://english.nkmu.edu.tw/
National Kaohsiung University of Applied Sciences	http://eng.kuas.edu.tw/
National Kin Men Institute of Technology	http://en.kmit.edu.tw/
National Penghu University	http://www.npu.edu.tw/
National Pingtung Institute of Commerce	http://www.npic.edu.tw/2007/English/
National Pingtung University of Education	http://www.npue.edu.tw/npue_eng3/index.htm
National Pingtung University of Science and Technology	http://www.npust.edu.tw/english/index.htm
National Sun Yat-sen University	http://www.oia.nsysu.edu.tw/english/index.php
National Tainan Institute of Nursing	http://www.ntin.edu.tw/English/IntroIndex.htm
National University of Kaohsiung	http://myweb.nuk.edu.tw/~subnuk/2005NUK/eng/aboutnuk01.htm
National University of Tainan	http://web.nutn.edu.tw/English/index.htm
National Yunlin University of Science and Technology	http://www.yuntech.edu.tw/english/index.html
Shu Zen College of Medicine and Management	http://www.szmcc.edu.tw/eng/index.html
Tainan National College of The Arts	http://www.tnnua.edu.tw/english/english.html
Tainan University of Technology	http://www.tut.edu.tw/webmaster/Nenglish/english.htm
Toko University	http://www.toko.edu.tw/eng/
Transworld Institute of Technology	http://english.tit.edu.tw/
Tshu-Te University	http://en.main.stu.edu.tw/
Tung Fang Institute of Technology	http://www.tf.edu.tw/top/EnglishVersion/top_eg.htm
Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages	http://www.wtuc.edu.tw/version/en/
WuFeng Institute of Technology	http://www.wfc.edu.tw/%7Ewfc/english/
Yuh-Ing College of Health Care & Management	http://163.15.186.16/releaseRedirect.do?pageID=374

Eastern Taiwan

Dahan Institute of Technology	http://english.moe.gov.tw/mp.asp?mp=1148
Fo Guang University	http://www.fgu.edu.tw/newpage/fgupageen/showfguen/index.php
Lan Yang Institute of Technology	http://english.fit.edu.tw/mp.asp?mp=1182
National Dong Hwa University	http://www.ndhu.edu.tw/english/index.php
National Hualien University of Education	http://www.nhlue.edu.tw/ENG/
National Ilan University	http://www.niu.edu.tw/private/En/index.html
National Taitung University	http://www.nttu.edu.tw/
ST. Mary's Medicine Nursing and Management College	http://www.smc.edu.tw/en/default.html
Tzu Chi College of Technology	http://english.moe.gov.tw/mp.asp?mp=1150
Tzu Chi University	http://eng.tcu.edu.tw/

III. Learning Chinese





The best way to study Chinese is to study the traditional Chinese characters in a Chinese speaking environment in a modern, developed society, like Taiwan.

Chinese characters are one of the most ancient written languages in the world. They have a history of three thousand years and they are still in use daily in Taiwan. Chinese characters are the only ancient characters that are still being used. Traditional characters are an important part of Chinese tradition that has been best preserved in Taiwan.

There are 18 colleges and universities in Taiwan offering high quality Chinese language education. Each language center has its unique curriculum and teaching materials, edited with phonetic transcription and phonetic symbols.

List of Mandarin Chinese Language Schools

Chinese Culture University of Mandarin Learning Center

<http://mlc.sce.pccu.edu.tw/admission/default.htm>

Feng Chia University Language Center

http://www.fculc.fcu.edu.tw/Chinese_division.htm

Fo Guang University, Chinese Language Instruction Center

<http://www.fgu.edu.tw/~chinlang/clic.htm>

Fu Jen Catholic University, Language Center

<http://www.lc.fju.edu.tw/>

Ming Chuan University, Mandarin Studies and Culture Center

<http://www.mcu.edu.tw/admin/mscc/chinese/>

National Central University, Language Center

<http://www.lc.ncu.edu.tw/main/index.html>

National Cheng Kung University, College of Liberal Arts, Chinese Language Center

<http://www.ncku.edu.tw/~lang/langcenter/new0314.html>

National Chengchi University

<http://mandarin.nccu.edu.tw/chinese/>

National Chung Hsing University

http://www.nchu.edu.tw/~cnpm/chinese/index_en.htm

National Sun Yat-sen University, Chinese Language Center

<http://www2.nsysu.edu.tw/CLC/English/index.htm>

National Taiwan University, International Chinese Language Program

<http://ccms.ntu.edu.tw/~iclp/>

National Taiwan University, Chinese Language Division Language Center

<http://homepage.ntu.edu.tw/~cld222/>

National Taiwan Normal University, Center for Chinese Language and Culture Studies

<http://www.mtc.ntnu.edu.tw/apply.html>

Providence University , Chinese Language Education Center

<http://clec.pu.edu.tw>

Tamkang University, College of Continuing Education, Chinese Language Program

<http://www.cce.tku.edu.tw>

Tunghai University, Chinese Language Center

<http://www2.thu.edu.tw/~clc/>

Tzu Chi University, Chinese Language Teaching Center

<http://www.language.tcu.edu.tw/>

Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages, Center of Chinese Language

<http://www.wtuc.edu.tw/ccl/>



IV. Scholarships





Scholarships

Taiwan government makes some financial support to international students. (<http://www.studyintaiwan.org/>)

1.Taiwan Scholarship

All applications must be submitted to a designated Taiwan overseas mission, in the country of the applicants citizenship, before the end of March of each year.

2.General Scholarship

The General Scholarship which is sponsored by Ministry of Education is awarded to international students. International students can apply for the General Scholarship in the beginning of every semester.

3.Mandarin Language Enrichment Scholarship

All applications must be submitted to a designated Taiwan overseas mission, in the country of the applicants citizenship, before the end of March of each year.

4.The Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP) of Academia Sinica

The Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP) of Academia Sinica provides full fellowship support for all full-matriculated students for 3 years. The stipend levels are about US\$950 (NT\$32,000) per month. For further information please visit the TIGP website at <http://www.tigp.sinica.edu.tw>

V. Predeparture and Arrival





Choosing school

Many schools and universities welcome foreign applicants. Based on their personal interest and courses offered, applicants can choose among a wide range of schools. A list of universities and colleges, both national and private, can be found on p.10-12, or in the following website: <http://english.mov.tw/>

Application

Foreign students applying for admission to a university, college, or junior college should submit their applications during the school's designated application period, accompanied by the documents listed below. College or university degree studies applicants must be high school graduates and applications should be sent directly to the dean of studies of the host institution.

Institutions will use their own discretion and will apply their own standards to offer admission. Those found qualified through review or special screening tests will be granted admission. The student shall show proof of medical and personal accident insurance or national health insurance at the time of registration.

Applicants must submit the following documents:

- 1.Application for enrollment (the format of which is to be determined by each individual school);
- 2.A photocopy of the graduation certificate from the highest foreign educational institution completed (in Chinese or English translation), and an English translation of the transcript of the student's entire course work at that institution;
- 3.Two letters of recommendation;
- 4.A health certificate (including an HIV test);
- 5.A study plan in Chinese or English;
- 6.Proof of financial statement (proof of sufficient funds for studying in Taiwan);
- 7.Other documents as required by the university, college, or junior college.

For more details regarding application procedures and relevant regulations, please write to the intended institution directly for information about requirements and availability of programs.



Entry Visa Application

Students applying from abroad who have received formal letters of admission should apply at the nearest ROC embassy, consulate or representative agency for entry visas to enter Taiwan. Visitor visas and resident visas are issued to students depending on the length of their study. Students admitted to a degree program will need to apply for a resident visa. To apply for a resident visa, please prepare:

1. A passport valid for at least six months;
2. A duly completed application form with two color photos;
3. Supporting documents or official admission letters;
4. Other relevant documents; and
5. Health Certificate if applicable.

The application fee is NT\$2,200 for single entry. NT\$3,000 for multiple entry; NT\$3,600 for US citizens. A Resident Visa is valid for three months.

Resident visa holders are required to apply for an Alien Resident Certificate at the city/county police headquarters nearest to their residence in Taiwan within 15 days after their arrival.

For foreign nationals from the countries with which the ROC has entered into reciprocal agreements, the resident visa is issued gratis. For students who failed to obtain resident visas from overseas, they may apply for visitor visas to enter Taiwan. They will need to apply for resident visas to the Bureau of Consular Affairs after registration. To apply for a visitor visa, please prepare:

1. A passport valid for at least six months;
2. A duly completed application form with two photos;
3. An outbound airline ticket or verifiable proof of purchase of steamship ticket ;
4. Documents verifying the purpose of visit; and
5. Other relevant documents.

For foreign nationals from the countries with which the ROC has entered into reciprocal visa agreements, the visa is issued gratis. For other foreign nationals, the visa application fees are NT\$1,200 for single entry; NT\$2,400 for multiple entries; NT\$ 3,400 for US citizens.

For foreign nationals from the countries with which the ROC has entered into reciprocal visa agreements, the validity of their visitor visas shall be decided in accordance with these agreements. For other foreign nationals, a visitor visa is generally valid from three months to one year. Most of the students are allowed to stay in Taiwan for about sixty days and may apply at the city police headquarter for a maximum of two extensions.

Visa application forms can be downloaded from the website of the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <http://www.boca.gov.tw/>

Tuition and Cost of Living

Students who intend to study in Taiwan have to note that tuition fees vary widely in different schools. Tuition fee in a private university is usually higher than in a national university. The tuition fee may also vary from program to program within a university.

The following is a brief summary of tuition fee for year 2007.

1. Tuition fees for science/engineering students and liberal arts students in a national university per semester are about: NT\$30,000 and NT\$25,000, respectively.
2. Tuition fees for science/engineering students and liberal arts students in a private university per semester are about: NT\$64,000 and NT\$46,000, respectively.
3. Tuition fee for learning Chinese language in a language center in a small group setting may vary from NT\$22,000 to NT\$32,000 for a 12-week course.

Monthly expenses for board and textbooks are estimated to be NT\$7,600 and NT\$3,000, respectively.

International Travel

There are two major international airports in Taiwan. They are the Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, located in Taoyuan county (about 40km from Taipei city) and the Kaohsiung International Airport, located at the southern part of Taiwan. Most international flights land in Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport.

From Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, students can take long distance highway buses to major cities, such as Taipei, Taichung and Kaohsiung. From these cities, students can easily get a transfer to their schools by bus, metro, train or taxi. Taxis are available at the taxi rank at the airport.

Registration

Registration is usually within a week before classes begin but different universities may differ.

Insurance

With the development in social economy and the implementation of National Health Insurance (NHI), Taiwan's medical standard and the quality of healthcare have been upgraded significantly. Foreigners in Taiwan are also able to enjoy these high quality medical services.

Foreigners with an Alien Resident Certificate who have resided in Taiwan for four months must enroll in the National Health Insurance program. They have to go to the local administrative office to enroll in the NHI program.



Before they are eligible for the NHI program, students can either purchase their own insurance or participate in a temporary health insurance program offered by the foreign students' office inside their host institutes.

Foreigners who have lost their residence status because they no longer hold a valid ARC or have left Taiwan permanently, will also lose their right to participate in the NHI program. They must withdraw their subscription to the NHI program through their group insurance applicants (their employers or local administration offices) and then return their NHI card to their applicants and pay the premiums in full before leaving Taiwan.

When traveling overseas for a short period of time, either on business or on vacation, and then returning to Taiwan with a valid ARC, foreigners must remain enrolled in the NHI program.

Apartment Rental

Off-campus housing is approximately NT\$5,000-9,000 per month (not including utilities). Rental information can be found on the web or by visiting a local real estate company. A one-time service charge may be applied to a successful deal by the real estate agent.

Accommodation and Living

Students mainly live in on-campus student dormitories and off-campus apartments. On-campus undergraduate dormitory buildings are divided according to genders and are open to students all year round. Usually four to six students share a room. Pets are usually not allowed.

In university, students usually wear something casual to class. Coin laundry can be found inside the dormitory. There are on-campus dining halls and each meal costs NT\$50-130. Food stalls are usually found within 15 minutes walking distance from campus.

Some campuses have on-campus health centers which offer medical assistance to minor ailments. Some schools may have a post office, a bookstore and a bank on campus. Monthly expenditure is estimated to be NT\$8,000.

Application for Residence

Resident Visa Application

Students arriving in Taiwan with visitor visas who intend to stay longer should go to the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs to apply for a resident visa after registration at their

respective schools. Before registration, students cannot apply for a resident visa, be sure to apply for an extension.

To apply for a resident visa, applicants need to provide: a completed resident visa form, valid passport, two photos, a copy of his/her student ID card and NT\$2,200 processing fee to the Bureau of Consular Affairs office (3-5F, No2-2 Chi-Nan Road, Sec. 1, Taipei, Taiwan). For any questions concerning visa issuance, please call the Bureau of Consular Affairs at (886-2) 2343-2888.

Please note that visitors entering Taiwan under the visa-exempt program or on a landing visa are not allowed to change their resident status in Taiwan.

Application for Alien Resident Certificate

Students entering Taiwan with resident visas are required to apply for an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) and a re-entry permit at the city/county police headquarters within 15 days after their arrival. Students who have successfully switched their visiting visas to resident visas also have to apply for an ARC card and re-entry permit within 15 days after they obtain their resident visas. They may stay in Taiwan as long as their ARC remains valid.

To apply for an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC), students have to bring Xerox copies of their passport and student identification card, together with NT\$1,000 to the city/county police headquarters nearest to their residence in Taiwan for processing.

Bank Account

Most banks offer foreign currency exchange and banking services in NT dollar. Foreign students can open bank accounts with their passports and ARC cards. Individuals who want to open an account without an ARC card need to get a universal identification number at the local police office.





Telephone

Students living off-campus may get phone lines set up at Chunghwa Telecom with their passport, ARC card and a guarantor, who must be an ROC citizen of age 20 or up. The company provides data communication, wireless and regular domestic and international telecom services.

Cellular phones are very popular in Taiwan. Cellular phone line application is similar to fixed-line service. There are several service providers offering services at competitive prices.

Public telephones can be found on the streets. They are either coin-operated or card-operated. Telephone cards can be purchased at most convenience stores. All types of calls are timed and charged according to the length of the call and the calling distance. Basic charge for a local call is NT\$2.

For English-speaking directory assistance, please call 106. For travel-related questions while touring Taiwan, please call the following telephone number: 0800-011-765.

International calls can be made by dialing: international dialing code 002 + country code + area code + local number. Facsimile service is available at most convenience stores, major post offices and tourist hotels.

Domestic Travel

By Air

There are six domestic airlines providing services between major cities such as Taipei, Taichung, Tainan, Kaohsiung and Hualien. Prior reservation is always needed.

By Highway Bus

Long distance highway bus services provided by private transportation companies are very popular. They have an extensive network and a frequent service schedule. Tickets are usually competitively priced and some bus companies even provide 24-hour service.

By Train

The railway network along the coastline is another economic option to travel around the island. There are four classes of seats for passengers to choose: economic, Fu-hsing, Chu-kuang and Tze-chiang. Travel by train is recommended on public holidays because it can avoid the hustle and bustle of the long distance highway bus service. Ticket reservation in advance is recommended.

By Taiwan High Speed Rail

The Taiwan High Speed Rail provides a fast and convenient way of the trans-island travel linking north to south of Taiwan at a total length of 345 km with 90 minutes traveling time. Eight stations are in service and the rest four are estimated to begin service in 2010. The relative cheap fare and transportation safety compared to the airplanes make it very competitive in the long distance travel.

By Metro/Subway

In Taipei, the metro system (MRT) provides a convenient and comfortable type of transportation. There are six major routes covering different parts of the city. Metro fares range from NT\$20 to NT\$60.

By Bus & Taxi

Major cities have their own bus system. If you need to call a taxi, charges are NT\$80 and up. Some taxi drivers do not go with the meter and travelers have to bargain for the price. Most taxi drivers cannot speak English; it is a good idea to have the name of your hotel or address written down in Chinese when you travel.

By Motorcycle & Bicycle

Motorcycle is a very popular means of transportation. Most of the universities provide motorcycle parking around the campus for the students. Bicycles are widely used within the campus. Bicycle parking racks can be found all around the campus.

By Passenger Car

In Taiwan, cars are driven on the right. Students with international driver licenses may drive in Taiwan but it is not recommended for those who are not familiar with the road situation. Driving on the road with motorcycles and pedestrians around is a unique phenomenon in Taiwan. Drivers have to be extra cautious. International or foreign driver license holders can apply for ROC driver licenses at their local Motor Vehicles Office.

Postage

Post office in Taiwan, Tanwan Post, provides international and domestic mail services to the public. It has over a thousand branches all over the island to provide regular and express postal service. Foreign students may also consider applying for a postal box at the nearest branch.

In addition, most convenience stores serve as pick up locations for international and domestic express services.



Working in Taiwan

Foreign students who have studied in school for two semesters or a language program for one year, with an excellent scholastic record, can work in Taiwan when one of the following circumstances applies:

1. Events of a serious nature have affected their financial ability to support themselves or continue their education, and the student can provide evidence of such circumstances.
2. An academic research institution at the student's school requires a foreign student to provide assistance in its work.
3. The student needs to take part in an off-campus internship related to his or her field of study.

For foreign students with proficiency in a special language, the Ministry of Education may, on a case-by-case basis, give its approval for such students, following their enrollment, to take employment as instructors at language institutes affiliated with universities, colleges, or junior colleges, or at language institutes affiliated with foreign cultural and educational organizations in Taiwan.

Application for a work permit

Foreign students who want to work in Taiwan must hold a valid work permit.

With the exception of summer and winter vacations, students with work permit may work a maximum of 16 hours per week while the work permit is valid. The maximum duration of a work permit for foreign students, overseas Chinese students, and ethnic Chinese students is 6 months. A new work permit shall be applied after expiration.

Students can apply for work permits at the Council of Labor Affairs, or each school's office of students can apply collectively for work permits at the Council of Labor Affairs by mail. Application forms can be downloaded from the BEVT website address at <http://www.evta.gov.tw>. The standard process usually takes 5 working days to issue a work permit. For other questions concerning work permit, please visit the BEVT website at <http://www.evta.gov.tw>.

TAX

Foreigners working legally in Taiwan are required to file an income tax return annually in May.

VI. Related Information





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North America

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E-mail: tecoedu@taiwan-canada.org

- **Taipei Economic Cultural Office**

Vancouver 2000-925 West Georgia Street, Vancouver,

British Columbia,

Canada V6C 3L2

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<http://www.moetwdc.org/>

E-mail: cul@moetwdc.org

- **Cultural Division TECO in Boston**

99 Summer St.,

Suite 801 Boston,

MA 02110 U.S.A.

Tel: (1-617) 737-2055

Fax: (1-617) 951-1312

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E-mail: cultural@tecoboston.org

- **Cultural Division TECO in New York**

1 East 42nd Street, 6th Floor,
New York, NY 10017 U.S.A..

Tel: (1-212) 317-7420

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- **Cultural Division TECO in Chicago**

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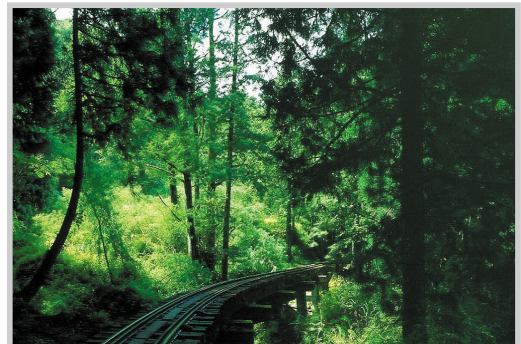
Fax: (1-713) 871-0854

<http://www.houstoncul.org>

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- **Office of the Cultural Counselor Embassy of the Republic of China**
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- **Office of the Cultural Counselor**
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Thailand

- **Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Thailand**
20th Floor, Empire Tower, 195 South Sathorn Road Bangkok, Thailand
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extension Culture Office
Mobile phone: 01-8555-015
Fax: (66-2) 670-0220
<http://www.thailand.ocac.net/>
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- **Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Ho Chi Minh City**
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Fax: (33-1) 44398873

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Deutschland (Germany)

- **Taipeh Vertretung in Deutschland,**

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(49-30) 2036-1355

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<http://www.roc-taiwan.org/de>

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U.K.

- **Cultural Division, Taipei Representative Office in the U.K.**

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- **Cultural Division Representative Office in Moscow**

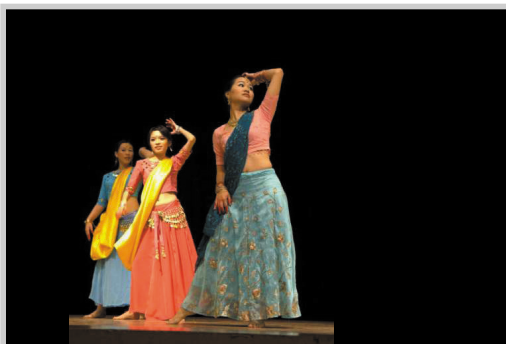
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Asian Pacific countries

Australian Commerce and Industry Office

TEL: (886-2) 8725-4100

Indonesian Economic and Trade Office to Taipei

TEL: (886-2) 8752-6170

Korean Mission in Taipei

TEL: (886-2) 2758-8320

Malaysian Friendship & Trade Centre, Taipei

TEL: (886-2) 2713-2626

New Zealand Commerce and Industry Office

TEL: (886-2) 2757-6725

Manila Economic and Cultural Office

TEL: (886-2) 2508-1719

Singapore Trade Office in Taipei, Trade Division

TEL: (886-2) 2772-1940

Thailand Trade and Economic Office

TEL: (886-2) 2581-1979

European Countries

Austrian Trade Delegation

TEL: (886-2) 2715-5220

Belgian Trade Association, Taipei

TEL: (886-2) 2715-1215

British Trade and Cultural Office

TEL: (886-2) 2192-7000

Danish Trade Organizations' Taipei Office

TEL: (886-2) 2718-2101

Czech Economic And Cultural Office

TEL: (886-2) 2738-9768

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Deutsches (German) Institute Taipei

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European Economic And Trade Office

TEL: (886-2) 2715-0365

Finland Trade Center

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French Institute in Taipei

TEL: (886-2) 3518-5151

Hungarian Trade Office

TEL: (886-2) 8501-1200

Italian Economic, Trade and Cultural Promotion Office

TEL: (886-2) 2345-0320

The Institute For Trade Trade And Investment Of Ireland

TEL: (886-2) 2725-1691

Netherlands Trade and Investment Office

TEL: (886-2) 2713-5760

Norwegian Trade Council

TEL: (886-2) 2543-5484

Slovak Econmic And Cultural Office, Taipei

TEL: (886-2) 8780-3231

Spanish Chamber of Commerce

TEL: (886-2) 2325-6234

Swedish Trade Council

TEL: (886-2) 2757-6573

Trade Office of Swiss Industries

TEL: (886-2) 2720-1001



American Countries

American Institute in Taiwan, Taipei Office

TEL: (886-2) 2162-2000

Canadian Trade Office in Taipei

TEL: (886-2) 2544-3000

Argentina Trade and Cultural Office

TEL: (886-2) 2757-6556

Brazil Business Center

TEL: (886-2) 2835-7388

Chilean Trade Office, Taipei

TEL: (886-2) 2723-0329

Mexican Trade Services

TEL: (886-2) 2757-6526

African Countries

Liaison Office of South Africa

TEL: (886-2) 2715-3250

Government websites

The Government Entry Point of Taiwan

<http://english.www.gov.tw/e-Gov/index.jsp>

Ministry of Education, Republic of China (TAIWAN)

<http://english.moe.gov.tw/mp.asp?mp=1>

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (TAIWAN)

<http://www.mofa.gov.tw/>

National Immigration Agency

http://www.immigration.gov.tw/immig_eng/aspcode/main4.asp

Information for Forigner

Toll Free: 0800024111 (International Community Service Hotline)

<http://iff.immigration.gov.tw/enfront/index.php>

National Health Insurance

<http://www.nhi.gov.tw/english/index.asp>

National Police Agency, Ministry of Interior

<http://www.npa.gov.tw/NPAGip/wSite/mp?mp=4>

Council of Labor Affairs

http://www.cla.gov.tw/cgi-bin/SM_theme?page=431d3444

Ministry of Economic Affairs, R.O.C.

<http://www.moea.gov.tw/>

National Tax Bureau of Ministry of Finance

<http://www.mof.gov.tw/engweb/>

Bureau of Employment and Vocational Training

Tel: (886- 2) 8590-1237

<http://www.evta.gov.tw>

Tourism Bureau

<http://www.tboc.gov.tw/>

Replacing Foreign Driver's Licenses

<http://www.thb.gov.tw/english/left-licences.htm>

Taiwan Cam

<http://twcam.www.gov.tw/webcam/english/index.jsp>

The Taiwan External Trade Development Council

<http://www.taitra.org.tw/index.htm>



Taipei Rapid Transit System (Taipei Metro)

<http://english.trtc.com.tw/>

Taipei City

<http://english.taipei.gov.tw/>

Central Weather Bureau

<http://www.cwb.gov.tw/V4e/index.htm>

National Palace Museum

<http://www.npm.gov.tw/>

National Central Library

<http://www.ncl.edu.tw/english/english.htm>

National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts

<http://www.tmoa.gov.tw/en/calendar/>

Tourist and cultural information

Tourism Bureau

<http://www.tbrc.gov.tw/>

<http://www.taiwan.net.tw>

Taiwan Area National Freeway Bureau

http://www.freeway.gov.tw/en_index.ASP

Taiwan Railway Administration

<http://www.railway.gov.tw/en/index/index.aspx>

Taiwan High Speed Rail Corporation

<http://www.thsrc.com.tw/en/index.htm>

Taipei Rapid Transit System (Taipei Metro)

<http://english.trtc.com.tw/>

Central Weather Bureau

<http://www.cwb.gov.tw/V5e/index.htm>

National Palace Museum

<http://www.npm.gov.tw/>

National Central Library

<http://www.ncl.edu.tw/english/english.htm>

National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts

<http://www.tmoa.gov.tw/en/calendar/>

Taipei Symphony Orchestra

<http://english.taipei.gov.tw/tso/index.jsp>

Emergencies

Police (Tel: 110) NO COIN REQUIRED

Fire or Ambulance (Tel: 119) NO COIN REQUIRED

English Directory (Tel: 106)

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