



Competition Rules

Organized by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ROC (Taiwan)

I. Event Title: #FindingTAIWAN_2.0: Where We Connect International Short Film Competition

II. Submission Period: July 1, 2026 (Wed) – August 31, 2026 (Mon), 23:59:59 (GMT+8)

III. Event Objective

This competition invites creators from around the world to tell stories that connect Taiwan with the global community, inspiring audiences to discover Taiwan through diverse perspectives and authentic experiences.

IV. Official Event Website: <https://findingtaiwan2026.com.tw/en>

V. Eligibility

1. Open to participants of all ages and nationalities. Registration is free.
2. Applicants under the age of 18 must submit the Legal Guardian Consent Form signed by a legal guardian.
3. Individuals invited to serve as judges are not eligible to enter the competition.
4. Entries may be submitted individually or as a team. Team entries must designate one representative as the primary contact for all communications and prize collection.
5. All entries must be original and must not have received awards in any other public competitions. Any entry found in violation of this rule will be disqualified, and any prizes or certificates awarded must be returned.

VI. Entry Requirements

1. Video Length: One short video not exceeding 1 minute (including intro and credits).
2. File Format: .MP4 or .MOV format, with a file size not exceeding 600MB.
3. Orientation: Vertical or horizontal orientation accepted.
4. Language: Any language is acceptable. English subtitles are encouraged to aid international understanding.
5. Content: Entries should highlight Taiwan's unique characteristics. Suggested themes include, but are not limited to, democracy, innovation, culture, nature, cuisine, languages, technology, traditional crafts, and everyday life. Creators are encouraged to showcase Taiwan's connections with the world and its global impact through their unique perspectives.

Notes:

- Entries must be related to Taiwan and must not include illegal, offensive, or political campaign content.

- All visual, music, and font materials used in the entry must comply with applicable copyright laws. Any copyright infringement is strictly prohibited.
- Entries must be original. Any use of AI tools must be disclosed in the registration form, including their purpose and extent of use. This information will be considered during judging.

VII. Taiwan Panorama Special Award

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of *Taiwan Panorama*, #FindingTAIWAN_2.0 proudly introduces the Taiwan Panorama Special Award. For five decades, *Taiwan Panorama* has shared Taiwan's stories with the world through compelling journalism and photography, documenting the nation's history, culture, and development. This year, creators are invited to draw inspiration from the magazine's online archives, reimagining its stories through fresh visual storytelling and creative interpretation.

The winning entry of the Taiwan Panorama Special Award will also be featured at the *Taiwan Panorama* 50th Anniversary Photography Exhibition, scheduled for October.

VIII. Evaluation Criteria

Judging Criteria	Weight	Evaluation Indicators & Focus of Review
Creativity & Originality	30%	✓ Relevance to the #FindingTAIWAN_2.0 theme and the portrayal of Taiwan's diverse stories. ✓ Originality and creativity of the concept and perspective. ✓ For the Taiwan Panorama Special Award entries, this item will additionally evaluate: Connection to and creative interpretation of <i>Taiwan Panorama</i>.
Emotional Impact & Resonance	30%	✓ Storytelling, narrative flow, and emotional impact. ✓ Cross-cultural appeal and the ability to engage international audiences.
Visual Presentation	30%	✓ Overall production quality, including cinematography, editing, color grading, and visual effects. ✓ Effective use of music, sound, and subtitles, with all materials properly licensed. ✓ Appropriate and value-added use of AI tools.
Audience & Platform Fit	10%	✓ Suitability for today's viewing habits. ✓ Suitability for today's social media platforms, such as Instagram Reels and YouTube Shorts.

✖If the shortlisted videos do not meet the evaluation standards of the final judging panel, the organizer reserves the right to leave the awards vacant.

IX. Shortlists & Awards

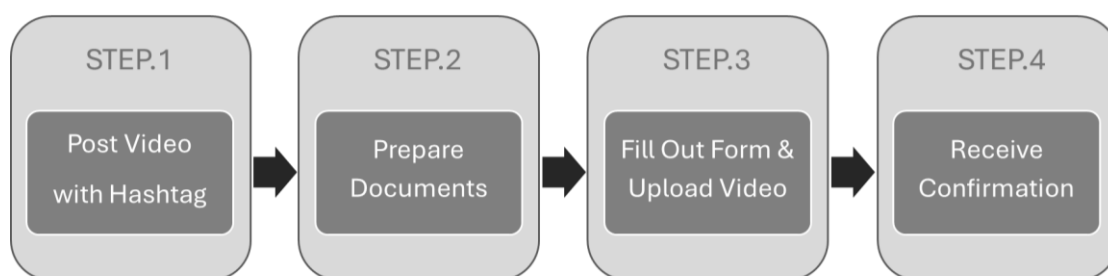
1. Shortlist Announcement: 25 shortlisted entries will be announced on the official website. All shortlisted entries will receive a certificate.
2. Award Ceremony: The award ceremony will be held in late September. Details will be announced on the official website.
3. Winners Announcement: Winners will be announced at the award ceremony and on the official website.

#FindingTAIWAN_2.0 International Short Film Competition		
Grand Prize	1 winner	NT\$ 200,000
Second Prize	2 winners	NT\$ 80,000
Third Prize	3 winners	NT\$ 50,000
Honorable Mention	4 winners	NT\$ 30,000
【 Taiwan Panorama Special Award 】		
Grand Prize	1 winner	NT\$ 100,000
Second Prize	1 winner	NT\$ 50,000
Third Prize	1 winner	NT\$ 20,000

※ All entries for the #FindingTAIWAN_2.0 competition are eligible to compete for the Taiwan Panorama Special Award on an optional basis. Please refer to the "Participation Steps" for details.

※ The prize will be subject to applicable tax deductions according to the Income Tax Act and the National Health Insurance supplementary premium regulations of Taiwan.

X. Participation Steps



※ Registration for this event is completely free and must be submitted online.

STEP 1:

Post your video (matching all specifications) publicly on YouTube or Instagram (restricted to these two platforms only) with the official competition hashtag: #FindingTAIWAN2026. Ensure the video remains publicly viewable throughout this year's competition period.

STEP 2:

Download the declaration form from the official website. It must be signed (by hand or digitally) by the entrant, team representative, or other authorized person, then uploaded as a clear, legible PDF in A4 format.

STEP 3:

- Online Registration: Complete the Google Form (<https://forms.gle/JoRh9FvzBjhm4SkSA>) to submit your entry information.
- Document Upload: Use the "File Upload" function within the Google Form to upload the signed declaration scan from Step 2.
- Video Upload: Upload your short video entry file (in .MP4 or .MOV format, under 600MB).
- Still Upload: Upload 1 film still to be used for promotional purposes on the official website (Resolution must be at least 300 dpi).
- To apply for the Taiwan Panorama special award, please select "Yes" in the Google Form and describe how your work connects to *Taiwan Panorama* magazine.

STEP 4:

After submission, entries will undergo a preliminary eligibility review within two working days. Successful applicants will receive a confirmation email.

XI. Terms & Conditions

1. Entries must not infringe on the rights or privacy of others, violate public order or applicable laws of Taiwan, or contain plagiarized or unauthorized content. Participants are responsible for securing all necessary permissions for any third-party materials (including images, text, audio, and music) and must provide proof of authorization upon registration. Any infringement may result in disqualification, revocation of awards, and legal liability.
2. Entries must be original, unpublished, and must not have received awards in any other competition. Any violation may result in disqualification, cancellation of awards, and the return of all prizes and certificates. Participants are solely responsible for any resulting legal claims or damages.
3. Shortlisted and winning participants must provide high-quality master files, including the full video, a clean version (without subtitles or logos), and the subtitle file within 10 days after the award ceremony. Winners must also comply with Taiwan's tax withholding requirements.
4. The organizer and executing agency may use winning entries for non-commercial promotional purposes without additional compensation.
5. Participants are responsible for ensuring that all submitted information is true and accurate. False or misleading information may result in disqualification and, if applicable, cancellation of awards and recovery of prizes and certificates.
6. By entering the competition, participants acknowledge that they have read and agreed to these rules and must submit the signed declaration form. Any violation may result in

disqualification.

7. Personal data collected for this competition will be used solely for event administration and judging in accordance with *Taiwan's Personal Data Protection Act*. Winners' names and winning entries may be published on the official website and through other media.
8. The organizer is not responsible for any loss, damage, or errors caused by technical issues, network failures, natural disasters, or other force majeure events. Participants may be asked to provide backup files if necessary.
9. The organizer reserves the right to amend these rules at any time. Any updates will be announced on the official website.

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