Admission Guidelines

2024 OCAC Language Study Program for Compatriot Youth (long distance learning) - Global Program (Class 1)

1. Objective

To improve the Mandarin ability of overseas compatriot youth and improve the listening, speaking, reading, writing, and text computer input skills of overseas compatriot students accepted admission to a university in Taiwan or registering for the 2024 Academic Year Industry-Academia Collaboration Overseas Youth Vocational Training Program(OYVTP) Bachelor Degree and 3+4 Vocational Education Program for Overseas Compatriot Students, and to boost their adaptability to studying and living in Taiwan and to deepen their cultural understanding of the country.

2. Program schedule

- (1) Class will be held every Saturday and Sunday, 2.5 hours each class, for a total of 40 hours of class time over eight weeks, and divided into 2 classes:
- 1.Class 1: Every Saturday and Sunday, 0900-1130(GMT+8)
- 2.Class 2: Every Saturday and Sunday, 1500-1730(GMT+8)
- (2) The Program class times are as follows: March 2-April 21 (GMT+8)

3. Eligibility

- (1)Overseas compatriot youth aged 14 to under 20,age calculated to the first day of the program (based on date of birth in passport,) holding a passport issued by his/ her country of residence or Overseas Compatriot Identity Endorsement, currently residing overseas, in good health and of good conduct, with strong desire to learn Mandarin; should hold an i Compatriot Card.
- (2) Eligibility for priority acceptance: New students accepted admission to a university in Taiwan or registering for the 2024 Academic Year Industry-Academia Collaboration Overseas Youth Vocational Training Program(OYVTP) Bachelor Degree and 3+4 Vocational Education Program for Overseas Compatriot Students; provide proof of study or registration for priority acceptance.
- 4. Number of Students to be Enrolled: 180 people.

5. Application Procedure

- (1) Registration period(Taiwan time):
- from January 10th until Februery 1th or the program is full.
- (2) Registration method: Register before the registration deadline on the OCAC's "Overseas Compatriot Affairs Activities Registration System" (website: http://register.ocac.gov.tw/).
- (3) Review procedures: Student registration information will first be reviewed by a Taiwan overseas mission or Culture Center (if there are no staff stationed by the OCAC in the area, it will be reviewed by OCAC's overseas personnel), and second phase review will be conducted by the OCAC. After review, the OCAC will periodically send letters to the overseas mission or Culture Center to notify them of the admission results.
- (4)Please apply for the i Compatriot Card in advance and scan and upload the electronic files of the following documents to the "Submit Documents" field of the registration system: a.Electronic file of personal photos.

b.A photocopy of the valid passport of the country of residence.

c.Supporting documents for applying for admission to a university in Taiwan or registering for the 2024 Academic Year Industry-Academia Collaboration Overseas Youth Vocational Training Program(OYVTP) Bachelor Degree and 3+4 Vocational Education Program for Overseas Compatriot Students (no need to attach if not available).

6. Course contents:

- (1) Mandarin teaching: intensive courses, the courses designed to gradually improve student hearing, speaking, reading and writing ability
- (2)Mandarin Computer input teaching and Internet application courses: The classes will use OCAC "Huayuworld" (www.huayuworld.org) resources and activities, allowing students to learn Mandarin and character computer input methods through class activities.
- (3) Cultural courses, Taiwan exploration and professional introduction by OCAC FB fan page.
- (4)Lectures on higher level study in Taiwan: In order to encourage students to study in Taiwan, outstanding overseas compatriot students from more than two domestic universities will be invited to share their experiences of studying in Taiwan online. This aims to help overseas young people understand the channels for studying in Taiwan, and its student life and study environment.
- (5)TOCFL lecture: To encourage students to take the Test of Chinese as Foreign Language (TOCFL), a lecture on the TOCFL will be held to let students understand the questions and use of the test.

7. Special Features of the Study Program

- (1) The program is intensive and will gradually improve student listening, speaking, reading, writing and character input skills.
- (2) Classes are small and separated by Mandarin ability.
- (3)Synchronous Mandarin online courses (1 teacher to less than 10 students), complemented by online asynchronous self-study courses for preview and review purposes.
- (4)Small class system. After registration, students undergo TOCFL rapid screening system grading tests. Classes are taught according to student level, and online oral examinations are arranged to accurately track student level.
- (5)After the program, certificates and prizes will be awarded to the top 10% of students in each class as encouragement.

8. Registration information:

- (1)Date: take the TOCFL rapid screening system grading tests according to acceptance notification regulations; those checking in late should first receive approval from the OCAC, with a limit of three days late.
- (2) The OCAC will cover the program's fees. Students are required to adhere to all regulations of the activity during the training period. In cases of serious violations, the OCAC reserves the right to expel a student from the program as per the established regulations.

9. Matters for attention

- (1)It is suggested to use a computer during class, and be sure to prepare microphones, headset, video lenses and other related equipment to facilitate course interaction.
- (2) This program will arrange class placement tests before the start, which are the Mandarin proficiency rapid screening online test and the online oral test. Students must complete these placement and registration procedures

as required; failure to do so may result in expulsion from the program by the OCAC in accordance with the regulations.

- (3)If students are absent from class for any reason, they must apply for leave the day before. They can also discuss and arrange make-up classes with their teacher and complete them before the next session. In principle, the number of make-up classes should not exceed 20% of the total course hours.
- (4)Students who attend at least 32 hours of simultaneous courses (excluding opening and closing ceremonies), completed class placement, final exams, questionnaires, and pass the learning assessment will receive a digital completion certificate in Mandarin and English, noting the hours of language study.
- (5)Unless due to force majeure, a student who is unexcused for less than 32 hours during the study period, or who fails to complete class placement and check-in procedures, will have their eligibility to register for the next year's program restricted.
- 10. If there is any doubt about registration matters, the Mandarin Admission Guidelines will prevail.