

PRESS RELEASE

Taiwan-the Best Education Destination for **Filipino Students**

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines will once again provide various scholarship programs for qualified Filipino students. These scholarships are intended for Filipinos who wish to pursue degree studies in Taiwan (Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral Degrees) or for those who would like to learn Mandarin Chinese in the Republic of China (Taiwan).

In view of the huge demand and positive response from Filipino students in past years, Taiwan's Ministry of Education (MOE) has decided to offer more slots of the scholarships for Filipinos to pursue their studies in Taiwan. The MOE also presents the opportunity for Filipinos to learn Mandarin Chinese, not only through highly qualified teachers in more than 50 language institutions, but also the chance to experience the rich and vibrant Taiwanese culture, and broaden their international perspectives in their daily lives there.

As from February 1, 2020, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines will accept application for the following scholarship programs:

1. **Ministry of Education (MOE) Scholarship:** Grants a 4-year scholarship for undergraduate studies, a 2-year scholarship for Master's, and a grant of up to 4 years for Doctoral Degree. The MOE will shoulder up to 40,000 NTD each semester for the corresponding tuition and miscellaneous expenses. The remaining costs will be shouldered by the scholarship recipient. An additional 15,000 NTD will be given to recipients undertaking university undergraduate studies, 20,000 NTD for those pursuing their Master's and Ph.D. as the monthly stipend.

The application is from February 1 to April 30, 2020.

Website:

<http://edu.law.moe.gov.tw/EngLawContent.aspx?Type=E&id=250>

2. **Huayu (Mandarin) Enrichment Scholarship:** Allows applicants to choose to pursue either intensive Mandarin courses (2 months or 3 months) or up to 12 months Mandarin courses, subject to TECO's approval. The grant provides a monthly stipend of 25,000 NTD to cover all the expenses (tuition, miscellaneous, etc.)

The application is from February 1 to March 31, 2020.

Website:

<http://edu.law.moe.gov.tw/EngLawContent.aspx?Type=E&id=70>

3. **International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF):** The grant covers the full tuition fee, living expenses, economy class airfare tickets, and textbook costs. Scholars pursuing Master's will receive a monthly stipend of 15,000 NTD and 17,000 NTD for those pursuing Doctoral degrees.

The application is from January 1 to March 15, 2020.

Website:

<http://www.icdf.org.tw/ct.asp?xItem=12505&CtNode=30316&mp=2>

Each applicant can only apply for one scholarship program among these offerings and must process first their university admission to their preferred university in Taiwan. They also have to comply with and submit necessary scholarship requirements to Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines for review and recommendation based on the indicated deadlines of each program. **It is important to note that it is ineligible to apply if the applicant currently enrolled in another program in Taiwan.** Scholarship guidelines and additional requirements prescribed by Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines can be found at its official website at

https://www.roc-taiwan.org/ph_en/cat/38.html

You may also refer to the “Study in Taiwan” website for more information on the universities and programs available in Taiwan, as well as some featured universities by the Foundation for International Cooperation in Higher Education (FICHET) through the following links.

<https://www.studyintaiwan.org/discover/education>

https://www.studyintaiwan.org/upload/file/2017-2018FeaturedUniversities_FICHET.pdf

Since the introduction of the scholarship programs to the Philippines, Taiwan has partnered with Philippine institutions and universities to

attract more young and capable talents to study in Taiwan. More and more Filipinos have become interested in pursuing their studies there because of various reasons. Aside from being the Philippines' closest neighbor, Taiwan is also known to be one of the safest countries to reside in the world. Taiwanese share the same qualities as their Filipino neighbors and Taiwan provides a very affordable living environment for those staying there. Taiwan also possesses some of the world-renowned professors and high-class university facilities worldwide. Not only is Taiwan considered to be a melting pot of different cultures, but also it possesses a high-quality living standard suitable to all its international students.

In order to enhance the cooperation with its neighboring countries, President Ing-wen Tsai is pushing forward the "New Southbound Policy" to emphasize greater people to people exchanges in different sectors, especially in the fields of education, tourism, and culture among others. Mr. Peiyung Hsu, Representative of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to the Philippines is hoping that more and more Filipinos seize this opportunity to study and experience Taiwan as he is quite sure that our two countries and its people can complement each other, emphasizing that Taiwan is truly the best location for Filipinos to pursue higher education due to the advantages that it presents.

For further information regarding these scholarship programs, you may check the "STUDY IN TAIWAN" section found in the official website of TECO in the Philippines at

https://www.roc-taiwan.org/ph_en/cat/38.html or contact TECO's

Education Division at philippines@mail.moe.gov.tw

Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in the Philippines

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