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NEW COLOMBO PLAN TAIWAN SCHOLARS VISITED TECO IN AUSTRALIA

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Through the 2021-2022 New Colombo Plan (NCP) Scholarship program, the Australian Government has awarded students of Australian universities from a range of disciplines to participate in projects to live, study and undertake internships in Taiwan. Under the NCP Scholarship program, NCP scholars chose Taiwan as their study destination up to 19 months in Taiwan's universities to immerse themselves in the culture to learn Mandarin, to further their studies and gain work experience through internships with organisations.

On 14 April, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Australia welcomed 14 NCP Taiwan scholars and 2 Taiwan alumni by organising an introduction presentation and lunch meeting.

Representative Chang assured scholars of a richly rewarding experience provided by Taiwan's democratic society and inclusive culture. Chaired by Deputy Representative Lai, a Q and A session was held to help students prepare for study in Taiwan. On behalf of the Ministry of Education, Jill Lai, executive director of Education Division, presented a comprehensive 'Study in Taiwan' pack highlighting resources on higher education in Taiwan, Chinese language training and scholarship opportunities.

Since the New Colombo Plan was introduced by the Australian Government in 2014, Taiwan has been hosting more than 1,000 Australian students.

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TAIWAN ALUMNI GATHERING IN CANBERRA

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The alumni of Taiwan and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship in Australia held a social networking gathering in Canberra on the 1st of April, 2022. Chaired by Ms. Jill Lai, the gathering aimed to build a sustainable network to allow the alumni to share their study-in-Taiwan experiences with each other and with young students who are planning to study in Taiwan.

The alumni members included recipients of Huayu Enrichment Scholarship, scholars of Australian Government's New Colombo Plan (NCP) and exchange researchers. After they returned to Australia, many of them work in Canberra's public sector and in higher education.

In this social gathering, alumni members shared their good memories about study-in-

Taiwan, passion on Taiwan's democracy, multiculturalism and cuisine. In addition, they gathered their thoughts and suggested to further strengthen the connection between TECO in Australia and Canberra's local community through cultural events such as holding Taiwan film festivals, Taiwan cuisine stalls, tourism promotion and language exchanges. These events can serve as bridges for cultural and language exchanges between Taiwan and Australia and play valuable roles in giving Australians fresh images of Taiwan's rich culture.

Taiwan Alumni in AUSTRALIA & the Globe

Have you ever wondered how to find Taiwan alumni in Australia or around the globe? Here we sum up some useful networks for you.

- SIT (Study in Taiwan) Taiwan Alumni Database (TAD) [SIT人才資料庫計畫](#)
- Australian Alumni Network - Taiwan/Huayu Scholarships [澳洲校友聯絡站](#)
- Australia Taiwan Youth Association (ATYA) [臺澳青年聯合會](#)

"Taiwan's Ministry of Education (MOE) initiated a systematic talent database and service platform, strengthening the linkage and interaction with global alumni. MOE encourages students who graduate or complete their courses in Taiwan to register in the SIT database and holds a series of seminars and events to maintain the connections with alumni so that they can form friendships."



TAIWAN'S CALENDAR OF CULTURAL FESTIVALS

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Dajia Mazu Pilgrimage

Named as one of the world's top religious events by Discovery, the Mazu Pilgrimage is the largest festival in Taiwan. It's a nine-day procession in which believers follow Mazu 350 kilometers from Dajia in Taichung to Xingang in Chiayi and back again, to pray for peace and health.

Mad about Mazu, a recent report published by Taiwan Panorama magazine, introduces foreigners living in Taiwan and their passion of participating in Mazu's cultural events. Many foreigners living in Asia have dreams of making it big in the media. American YouTuber Logan Beck is no doubt one of them.

Back in 2018, the Ministry of Education (MOE) invited YouTuber XiaoBei (Beck's nickname) to co-produce two promotional videos combining Chinese language learning, in order to attract young people and increase the number of foreign students coming to Taiwan to learn Chinese. Uploaded by MOE's *Learn Mandarin in Taiwan*, his video of 'Dajia Mazu Pilgrimage' has been viewed more than 190,000 times.

Beck is living in Taiwan and studying for a degree in business management at the National Changhua University of Education. He often spends his spare time filming subject matters related to Taiwan's daily life and introducing Taiwanese culture to audiences around the world through his popular YouTube channel.

Over the past years, he has shot hundreds of videos featuring on Taiwan's local attractions, food, and culture. Under his playlist 'Taiwan culture', Beck's Mazu videos are rich with content related to Taiwan's religious events and historical sites supported with bilingual subtitles. He also produced a video on how to apply universities in Taiwan.

Taiwan Festivals Month by Month

While some festivals in Taiwan have a fixed date on the Gregorian Calendar, most are tied to the traditional lunar calendar. Below we listed the top events month by month to help people plan their trip to Taiwan.

Jan-Feb

- Lunar New Year

Feb-early Mar

- Pingxi Sky Lantern Release
- Yanshui Beehive Fireworks Festival
- Bombing of Master Handdan Festival
- Miyasvi (war) festival (Tsou tribe)

Mar-Jul

- Flying fish festival (Tao tribe)

Apr

- Tomb Sweeping Festival
- Mazu Pilgrimage

Apr-May

- Ear-Shooting Festival (Bunun tribe)
- Hakka Tung Blossom Festival
- Penghu International Fireworks Festival

May-Jun

- Dragon Boat Festival
- Taipei Film Festival

Jul-Aug

- Ghost Month
- Harvest Festival (Amis tribe)

Sep-Oct

- Moon (Mid-Autumn) Festival
- Pasta'ai (Saisiyat tribe)

Significance of Taiwan's Temple Heritage

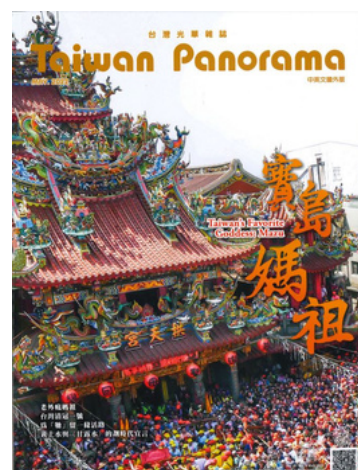
Taiwanese love temples. In addition to being a house of worship, a temple is seen as a historical site, an art museum, a market place, a pilgrim site, and the community centre for recruitments. The objects, ornaments, and decos in temples showcase Taiwan's traditional craftsmanship with rich historical stories and legends for one to explore.

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“Taiwan's festivals include traditional and modern ones, aboriginal festivals, farm and temple fairs, art and music festivals. Most festivals are tied to the traditional lunar calendar. In many ways, Taiwan has the best of all worlds covered. The website of Taiwan Tourism Bureau has a search engine to find the right festival for you.”

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2022 TAIWANESE ASSOCIATIONS OF SCHOLARS & STUDENTS IN MELBOURNE

BY EDUCATION DIVISION TECO IN AUSTRALIA

Melbourne regularly tops the most liveable cities in the world rankings due to its attractions that make Australian lifestyle appealing.

Melbourne and Victoria state have a wide selection of universities offering world-class education to students from all over the globe, no exception to Taiwanese students.

In this edition, we introduce two associations based in Melbourne.

Melbourne University Taiwanese Student Association **MUTSA**

MUTSA, previously known as Melbourne University Taiwanese Postgraduate Association, was established to better serve The Taiwanese student's community in Melbourne University.

In January 2022, led by its chairman Dennis MUTSA organised an orientation session in Taipei, in which information on enrolment, administration and services were provided. The latest events and social groups were introduced for new members to connect with the wider university community who share similar interests.



The Australasian Taiwan Studies

Association, **ATSA**

ATSA is established as a non-for-profit organisation in Australia for the promotion of the following purposes.

- advance research and teaching about Taiwan;
- promote Taiwan's culture, language, film and literature;
- enhance mutual understanding between Australia and Taiwan;
- host academic, cultural and social events in Australia relating to Taiwan studies, including Taiwan Film Festival, Taiwan Update Forum, seminars and workshops;
- provide a platform for academic exchange, support and keep track of Taiwan studies.

On 12-14 May, the first Melbourne Taiwan Film Festival organised by ATSA and held at Melbourne iconic ACMI. Four selected films by Taiwan's best filmmakers were screened.

2022 National Education Summit

The official exhibition of the National Education Summit (NES) will be held at Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, Fri 17 - Sat 18 June 2022.

At NES, you will discover the latest developments in teaching and learning resources, programs and services for classrooms, schools and educators. TECO in Australia for the first time will set up its 'Study in Taiwan' information stand at NES. We welcome students and educators to visit us at A18.

Exhibition tickets are free! Simply click below image to learn more and register your free ticket today.



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The task of the Education Division of TECO in Australia is to facilitate cooperation between Taiwan and Australia in the areas of education.

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