STUDY IN TAIWAN



2023 TAIWAN & HUAYU ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS IN AUSTRALIA

BY EDUCATION DIVISION TECO IN AUSTRALIA

Since Taiwan government announced the easing of the international border in October 2022, universities in Taiwan are ready to welcome international students back to campus in 2023.

Taiwan is a popular destination for its affordability and rich heritage, making it an appealing study destination for students. Here at TECO Education E-news, you can find helpful resources for study opportunities in Taiwan. We also share real-life stories by students about their experiences in Taiwan. By engaging in similar programs, we hope more readers will enhance their knowledge about Taiwan and Asia as a whole.

Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) - QUICK FACT

What is HES? The Ministry of Education (MOE) Huayu Enrichment Scholarship is a yearly scholarship that enables students from all over the world to study Mandarin in Taiwan. Students can choose from 62 eligible language centres in Taiwan to do

their short-term Mandarin studies and have most the tuition covered through monthly stipend.

For Australians at age 18 & up, interested in studying Mandarin in Taiwan, HES involves a monthly stipend of NTD 25,000 to cover whatever length the recipient and the selection committee both agree upon but does not exceed one year. HES typically covers a 3, 6 or 9-month program. VIEW MORE

MOE Taiwan Scholarship

For those who are interested to study an academic degree, Taiwan Scholarship provides for each outstanding recipient who goes to Taiwan to undertake a bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degree.

The MOE provides each recipient undertaking university undergraduate studies a monthly stipend of NTD 15,000; it provides each recipient undertaking a master's degree or doctorate studies a monthly stipend of NTD 20,000. VIEW MORE

APPLY NOW

Please note, there is a newly launched online application system for both scholarships available on 1 February 2023.

(Photo credit: Orchid Island by Bonggyu Lee, First Prize of <u>2022 Fabulous Taiwan</u>)

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS 2023

HUAYU ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIP (MOE)

STUDY DURATION

- 3, 6 or 9 MONTHS
 - * SEP 2023 AUG 2024







TAIWAN SCHOLARSHIP (MOE)

STUDY DURATION

- BACHELOR max. 4 years
- MASTER max. 2 years
- Ph.D. max. 4 years









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MY TIME IN KAOHSIUNG

BY HENRY LUND 2022 HUAYU ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT/ TAIWAN ALUMNI

My first day of class felt like a lifetime ago. I have had an abundance of exciting adventures and experiences over these past four months. I sat in the centre of the classroom, surrounded by strangers, with a teacher who spoke to us only in Chinese.

Today I sit surrounded by my close friends, each from a different corner of the world, where we laugh and learn together entirely in Chinese as it has become our shared language. I have classmates from India, Japan, the United States, Germany, Vietnam, Thailand, France and the Philippines. At National Sun Yat-Sen University in Kaohsiung, the Chinese Language Centre staff are professional and created an open learning environment, which has drastically improved my confidence and Chinese speaking ability.

I am a university graduate from Sydney with a passion for Asian cultures. I studied Japanese for six years and after self-teaching Chinese with little progress, applied for the 6-month Huayu Enrichment Scholarship.

When I landed in Taiwan I could barely introduce myself and still didn't understand tones. Today I am conversationally fluent and spend most of my time entirely in Chinese. National Sun Yat-Sen University offers clubs and activities which are great opportunities to meet other foreigners and local Taiwanese people.



My best friend I've made in Taiwan is a girl I met playing Mahjong named Jilan. She has taken me to all sorts of amazing places and helped me make the most of my time in Taiwan. I hope to stay in touch with her after I return home.

Kaohsiung is a wonderful city with so much to offer. Even after four months, I still haven't finished exploring all of it. The city holds lots of fun events like beer festivals, design installations, anime conventions as well as more traditional ceremonies. English is less prevalent here, which means there are more opportunities to practise Chinese.

On weekends and public holidays I have made unforgettable trips to Kenting, Taipei, the Penghu Islands and Tainan. I have plans to explore even more of Taiwan before my time here is over.

I strongly believe applying to the HES was one of the best decisions I've ever made and I will fondly remember my time in Taiwan for the rest of my life.

(Photos: left & right) Jilan and Henry at a bar with fellow Australian HES recipient Jesse Dass; Henry and his classmates.

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FIRST GROUP OF NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES STUDYING IN TAIWAN

BY TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN AUCKLAND

Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Auckland held a pre-departure briefing on 24 November 2022 for students of the University of Auckland (UOA) who are travelling to Taiwan for Mandarin study.

Kendra Chen, Director General of TECO in Auckland, said that it was a wise decision to choose Taiwan to learn Mandarin. Taiwan is very proud to have high-quality Chinese language education centres in various universities with excellent teachers and teaching materials, and to use traditional characters to inherit rich cultural connotations. Students will study in a modern society hybrid with the West and the East, in the most open, diverse, and liberal society in Asia that according to indexes Taiwan is No 1 in Asia as a "full democracy", No. 2 in Asia as fully free.

UOA students to learn mandarin in Taiwan this time includes 15 New Zealand Prime Minister Scholarship recipients who will go to National Cheng Kung University for 6 weeks, and 3 recipients of the Taiwan Huayu BEST Scholarship Program of Taiwan's Ministry of Education who will go to National Tsing Hua University for 3 month.

This is the first group of New Zealand Prime Minister Scholarship awardees to go to Taiwan to learn Manderin, and it is also the first time that New Zealand students participate in the Ministry of Education's Taiwan Huayu BEST Scholarship Program, which shows that the reputation and competitiveness of Chinese language teaching in Taiwan has been paid more attention.

During the meeting, the students were also treated with the rare Taiwanese Atemoya air shipped to New Zealand for the first time. Students therefore are quite exited to enjoy those Taiwanese atemoya, in the meanwhile to learn what Taiwanese atemoya is called in Mandarin.

The Prime Minister's Scholarships are funded by the New Zealand Government and administered by Education New Zealand Manapou ki te Ao to support New Zealanders on learning experiences in Asia and Latin America. This 6-week language study and cultural exchange will offer students the unique opportunity to improve their language skills and increase their cultural awareness while exploring a new environment, in a group programme hosted by National Cheng Kung University, based in Tainan, Taiwan. VIEW MORE

"The aims of this language study abroad programme are for students to improve their linguistic Chinese competency in a native environment and to gain a deeper understanding of Taiwanese society, its history and culture and its connection with New Zealand."





2023 NEW COLOMBO PLAN TAIWAN SCHOLARS VISITED TECO FOR ORIENTATION

BY EDUCATION DIVISION **TECO IN AUSTRALIA**

Cultural Office in Australia held an orientation session for four Taiwan scholars of 2023 New Colombo Plan (NCP).

TECO Representative Elliot Charng assured scholars of a richly rewarding experience provided by Taiwan's democratic society and inclusive culture. Charng reminded them amid greater discussions in Australian on Taiwan surrounding the diplomacy, politics, security, business, and culture in the Indo-Pacific region, it will be an opportune time for scholars to seek their own answers while they live in Taiwan.

Chaired by Deputy Representative Regine Chen, a Q & A session was held to help students prepare for their study journey in Taiwan. The session accompanies a general guideline for visa application by policy officer Mr Chang. On behalf of Taiwan's Ministry of Education, Jill Lai, executive director of Education Division, presented a comprehensive 'Education in Taiwan' pack highlighting resources on higher education in Taiwan, Chinese language training and scholarship opportunities.

On 7 December 2022, the Taipei Economic and The four NCP Taiwan Scholars come from a diverse range of backgrounds and fields of study from four different universities in Australia. Three scholars are planning to find law firms in Taiwan for internship experience by the end of their exchange program at the National Taiwan University.

> Under the NCP 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 40 eligible host locations across the Indo-Pacific region.

Following easing of COVID travel restrictions over the last two years, we are excited to welcome NCP scholars who chose Taiwan as their study destination for up to 19 months at Taiwan's universities to immerse themselves in the culture, to learn Mandarin, to further their studies and to gain volunteer experience through internships with organisations.

Since the New Colombo Plan Program was introduced by the Australian Government in 2014, Taiwan has hosted more than 1,000 Australian students. VIEW MORE



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