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TAIWAN ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

2023 HES RECIPIENTS & AUSTRALIA-TAIWAN ALUMNI MEETUP IN MELBOURNE

BY EDUCATION DIVISION
TECO IN AUSTRALIA

On 2 June, recipients of 2023 Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) and Taiwan alumni network meetup was held in Melbourne. The gathering was organised by Education Division, TECO in Australia and aimed to build a sustainable network to allow alumni to share their study-in-Taiwan experiences and to connect with other alumni in Australia.

This year, 38 Australians were awarded Huayu Enrichment Scholarship. 6 recipients based in Melbourne took up this alumni meetup opportunity. Our alumni in Melbourne are from various professions, including entrepreneur, business, legal services, education and engineering.

Both HES recipients and alumni shared their personal journeys in learning Mandarin language and the cultural differences they observed between Australia and Taiwan. Ideas provided by the alumni certainly sums up their navigation of the island and help new comers prepare for their study journey.

Before the meetup, Ms. Jill Lai, executive director of Education Division presented a comprehensive 'Education in Taiwan' pack at the Asia Institute of the University of Melbourne highlighting resources on higher education in Taiwan, Mandarin language training and 2024 scholarship opportunities.

A Q & A session was held alongside of Jill's presentation. HES continues to attract many brilliant Australian students to apply every year. It is acknowledged that dedicating time to learning Mandarin has continued to benefit on the alumni's current career.

Taiwan Alumni in AUSTRALIA

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A GUIDE FOR 2023 MOE HUAYU ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIP

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Thirty-eight Australians have made the decision to go to Taiwan to learn Mandarin under the funding of the 2023 Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES). Congratulations!

This guide is prepared for 2023 HES recipients, which contains a section on frequently asked questions about the HES. Advice to recipients should be read in conjunction with the 'MOE Huayu Enrichment Scholarship International Student Directions', which details the recipient's responsibilities in relation to the scholarship.



Q: FINANCIALLY PREPARED WHAT DOES THE STIPEND COVER?

A: Once the recipients received HES award certificate, the funding source (Ministry of Education) will allocate your stipend in the care of your language centre in Taiwan. The stipend is to provide a contribution towards studying expenses such as tuition, textbook, accommodation, food, medical insurance etc.

Once enrolled, please pay tuition fees upfront to your language centre. Your language centre will arrange stipend to your bank account on a monthly basis. Due to each language centre having its own payroll calendar, we strongly advised that before departure you talk with your language centre about how to be prepared financially.

Q: REGARDING NHI & ARC AM I REQUIRED TO JOIN THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE (NHI) IN TAIWAN?

A: All students should join National Health Insurance (NHI) after 6 months of residence in Taiwan. Get insured upon arriving in Taiwan by joining your university/ language centre's insurance plan.

ALIEN RESIDENCE CERTIFICATE (ARC)
Studying in Taiwan less than 180 days does not require an ARC application. Apply for ARC online, at local National Immigration Agency Service Centre or ask your university for information.



Q: REGARDING VISA APPLICATION AM I REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR VISA TO STUDY IN TAIWAN?

A: Australian citizens are able to travel to Taiwan without a visa by Visa-Exempt Entry for stay of 90 days or less. Australian citizens intending to enter Taiwan temporarily and remain in Taiwan for longer than 90 days are required to apply for a Visitor Visa.

In general, visa category FR is for people traveling to Taiwan to study Mandarin, not for credit toward a degree. See details



In regards to visa application, please follow the guidance of TECO's consular service in your consular jurisdiction area.

Before you apply the visa, please confirm you have obtained:

- An admission letter issued by the Chinese language center affiliated to one of the universities or institutions accredited by the Ministry of Education;
- A copy of HES award certificate issued by Education Division of TECO in Australia to confirm your scholarship recipient status.

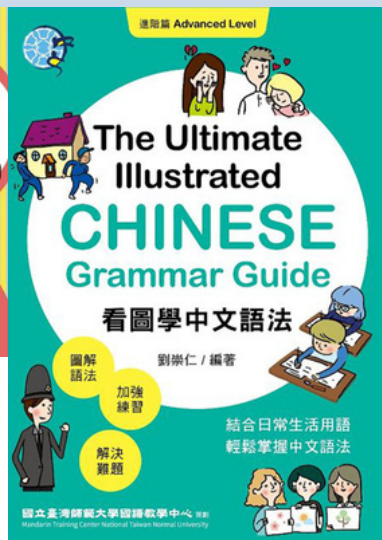
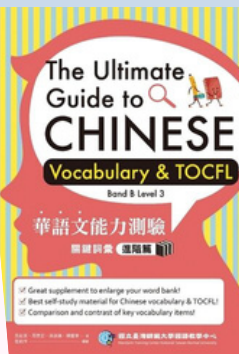
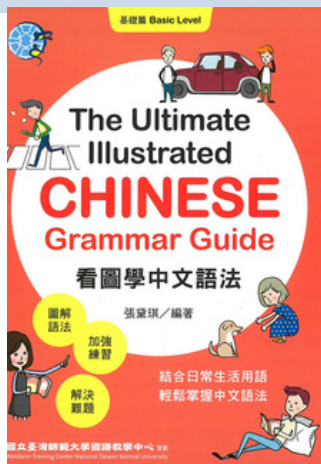
Q: REGARDING PAID WORK CAN I WORK IN TAIWAN WHILE I RECEIVE HUAYU ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIP?

A: While you are awarded HES scholarship, you are not allowed to take up paid work in Taiwan.



CONSULAR SERVICES

TECO in Australia (ACT, WA residents)
TECO in Sydney (NSW)
TECO in Melbourne (VIC, SA, TAS)
TECO in Brisbane (QLD, NT)



OPPORTUNITIES TO TEST YOUR CHINESE PROFICIENCY IN AUSTRALIA

BY EDUCATION DIVISION TECO IN AUSTRALIA

The Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) is a set of standardised language proficiency tests developed for non-native speakers of Chinese. Applications are now open for the 2023 TOCFL in Australia.

TOCFL in Australia is organised by the Education Division of TECO in Australia and scheduled to take place in Queensland (3 venues) and Victoria (1 venue).

QUEENSLAND

TIME 2:00 pm on Sunday, 17 September, 2023

VENUES

- Chung Tian Chinese School of QLD (中天寺 1034 Underwood Rd, Priestdale, QLD 4127)
- Saint Stephen's College (31 Reserve Rd, Upper Coomera QLD 4209)
- University of Queensland (UQ, St Lucia)

REGISTRATION

Deadline: 23 July, 2023

Contact: Ms Janice Tsai

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The TOCFL is administrated by the Steering Committee for the Test of Proficiency - Huayu (SC-TOP) in Taiwan on three proficiency band and six levels, with these being:

- Band A (Level 1 & Level 2)
- Band B (Level 3 & Level 4)
- Band C (Level 5 & Level 6)

Test takers who pass the requirements will receive certificates. The certificates can serve as a Chinese proficiency credential for:

- Applying for the MOE Taiwan & Huayu Enrichment Scholarship as a reference;
- Applying for the "MOE Taiwan Scholarship" to study non-English degree courses in Taiwan;
- Applying for the academic programs at colleges or universities in Taiwan;
- Serving as a reference of Chinese subject for University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan;
- Serving as a job-required proof of Chinese language proficiency;
- Recognition of Chinese language proficiency to recruit new staff required to possess Chinese language skill by Australia Queensland Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce.

VICTORIA

TIME 2:00 pm on Sunday, 10 September, 2023

VENUE Milgate Primary School (96 Landscape Drive, Doncaster East, VIC 3109)

REGISTRATION

Date: 10 June – 10 August, 2023

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Online payment: ▶▶▶

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TOCFL
華語文能力測驗
Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language

*click to take Mock Test
on TOCFL's website*



聽力閱讀
Listening & Reading

Mock Test



口語
Speaking

Mock Test



寫作
Writing

Mock Test





TAIWANESE STUDENTS CLUB HIGHLIGHT

TANSA, UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND: THE LARGEST & MOST ACTIVE TAIWANESE STUDENT GROUP IN NEW ZEALAND

**BY TANSA & EDUCATION DIVISION
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Taiwanese and New Zealand Students' Association (TANSA) at the University of Auckland is the largest and most active Taiwanese Student Group in New Zealand.

This year, TANSA, led by its President Angeline Sila, set to run a series of social and cultural events. TANSA, with a long history, continues to have another amazing year. This year with Covid nowhere in sight, they have started off the year with a bang! During their orientation week, they set up a stall on campus with a game set up and tons of prizes for the members to win as they sign up. TANSA's first win of the year is reaching over 1k membership sign-ups!

TANSA's first event of 2023, the Semester 1 Welcome BBQ, was held in March, with over 200 members attending. Welcoming BBQ is always the biggest event of the year to provide a place for members, new and old, to turn on their social battery after their long summer holiday. The event was free for TANSA members, with a membership sign-up booth for those without membership looking to join.

Their second event is a Freshers' event specifically targeted to first-year students who are new to university life. The event is set to help them settle into uni and help them explore the whole campus through a fun and challenging competition of scavenger hunt with a Taiwanese twist.

During the Easter break, a camp was organised by TANSA to let the members' university workload take a backseat. This year's destination was Russell, a seaport town in the Bay of Islands of New Zealand's far north. While the summer was over, they still wanted to create a summertime moment with a sandcastle-building challenge as well as free times where almost everyone took a swim in the sea on the first day.

TANSA being a Taiwanese club, hosted "Mando Quiz Night" and "Boba Making Night", which are their cultural events to help members to feel more at home and to share Taiwanese culture with those who are not Taiwanese. With both events being hosted in both Mandarin and English, the boba-making night is a popular event for any member who loves their boba drinks.

They then finished off their first semester with a little competitive spirit, the sports day. Members competed in groups in multiple games of basketball, volleyball, futsal, and, of course, the famous Taiwanese dodgeball.

The end of semester one does not mean a pause to TANSA. Their upcoming event is their annual Queenstown ski trip. With a group of 37 people this year, they will be staying in CBD for four days and three nights, with two full days at Cardrona ski field along with free time during the first and last days for members to explore Queenstown and make some lifelong friendships and memories.



To follow the latest news of TANSA, please click logos to connect through its social media.



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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