

STUDY IN TAIWAN

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KAMBALA SCHOOL STRENGTHEN TIES WITH SISTER SCHOOL IN TAIWAN

photo provided by Heping Junior High School

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Located in the Heping District of Taichung City of Taiwan, Heping Junior High School is an unique institution that offers Indigenous and Taiwanese students a distinctive Atayal cultural education with a total of 41 students and staff members.

Despite its remote location, the school recently welcomed a group of 21 students and teachers from Kambala School for a six-day visit, commencing on the 30th of September. Kambala School, an independent school in New South Wales, Australia, is exclusively for girls up to 18 years old.

Since 2021, through the efforts of the Education Division of TECO in Australia, Heping Junior High School has been engaging in online school companionship activities with Kambala School. These interactions involve language exchanges and sharing about campus life and Indigenous culture.

To host Kambala School's visit, 14 students were chosen to represent Heping Junior High School and engage in face-to-face visits with their counterparts.

Heping Junior High School extended a warm welcome to Kambala, providing them with a unique cultural experience. Additionally, Kambala's team had the chance to immerse themselves in the native and urban environment of Taichung City, creating immersing educational opportunities and building strong relationships that will encourage future exchanges between the two sister schools.

Heping's teachers organised a variety of cultural experiences for the visiting students. These included outings to the Green Sky Corridor at Taichung Railway Station, the Bureau of Cultural Heritage of the Ministry of Culture, Zhongxiao Night Market, the National Museum of Natural Science, and the Powerhouse of the Semiconductor Industry.

Kambala's students also had the opportunity to attend classes at Heping Junior High School, where they participated in Atayal cultural courses such as weaving, farming, music, and dance, as well as tribal exploration. Through these experiences, students gained insight into the wisdom of natural life in the Heping District.

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A CULTURAL EXCHANGE: KAMBALA'S ITINERARY WITH HEPING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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On the first day of Kambala's itinerary, Heping's students joined with nineteen Australian students to prepare a welcoming snack. Together, they cooked glutinous rice to prepare banana-leaf-wrap rice and pounded mochi.

Donning traditional Atayal costumes, mainly in red, the students symbolised the positivity, enterprising spirit, and vitality of the Atayal people. They also blessed the Australian students and taught them the Atayal dance. This allowed the students to learn about the Atayal traditional society of "men hunting and women weaving" and appreciate their ancestors' wisdom.

Eason Gao, a student from Heping Junior High School, impressed the visitors with his performance during the Atayal welcome dance. While carrying two heavy logs of wood, he embodied the spirit of Atayal men working hard to provide for their families in the mountains and forests.

Eason expressed his joy in sharing local cultural performances with Australian students. The pounding mochi welcome ritual was particularly memorable as it provided an excellent opportunity for cultural exchange. These experiences fostered cultural literacy and encouraged communication among students from both schools.

Kambala's group was formed by its Year 9 and 10 students on a Mandarin elective. Led by Mandarin teacher Mrs. Sam Chen Yang, the students gained valuable cultural exposure and formed lasting bonds with their Taiwan sister schools' counterparts.

Below is a reflection from Kambala Year 9 student Zoe.

"Throughout this trip, we truly fostered all of our school values despite being so far from home. For all of us, huge courage was shown in meeting new people, being highly independent in an unfamiliar environment and taking on new experiences one after another.

Curiosity was constantly satisfied through the wealth of new information that we acquired - whether that was in the form of learning about the lifestyle of the Indigenous peoples of Taiwan, completing the daunting task of navigating Taiwan's complex MRT (transport) system, or simply learning Mandarin colloquialisms appropriate to the conversations of teenage girls.

Humanity and respect were at the forefront of everything we encountered during our weeks away - learning to appreciate a different way of life, taking part in cultural practices from dancing, to cooking, to weaving, and celebrating the heritage and language we had the privilege to immerse ourselves in."



If you would like to watch a 3-mins video about Kambala's Taiwan adventures, click this link for its video



TAIWAN-ANU JOINT PHD SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2024 NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

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The Ministry of Education (MOE) in Taiwan provides scholarships for students to pursue Ph.D. studies at top 100 universities worldwide, including the University of Sydney, Australian National University, Cambridge, Caltech, and UC Berkeley. These programs offer joint funding and the opportunity for Taiwanese students to gain international experience.

This month, we are excited to highlight two scholarship programs in the Southern Hemisphere, jointly funded by MOE and two highly regarded Australian universities - the University of Sydney and The Australian National University (ANU).

ANU is a world-leading university located in Australian Capital, which focuses on excellence in research and education ensuring its graduates are in demand worldwide.

In 2023, the Ministry of Education of Taiwan renewed an agreement with ANU to continue the Taiwan - Australian National University Scholarship until 2028.

Taiwan-ANU joint Ph.D. scholarship program commenced in 2013 and provides tuition fees and stipends for up to 5 Taiwanese students per year to undertake Ph.D. studies at ANU over the course of the five year agreement.

Eligible Program/ Field of Study

Doctor of Philosophy (PHD); All areas except for professional doctorates. Study must be commenced between 1 May 2024 and 31 August 2024.

Who can apply

Scholarship is awarded on the condition that the scholar is **a citizen of Taiwan (R.O.C.)** who is admitted to and continues to pursue a full-time program for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at The Australian National University. Applicants should normally be resident in Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, and Ma Tzu, although those currently residing outside Taiwan are not excluded.

How to apply

- Applicants should submit a separate scholarship application to ANU and MOE.
- Prospective applicants must first apply for admission to ANU for their Ph.D. program before 30 November 2023. Only those who have received a subsequent offer of admission to ANU will be considered for the scholarship.
- Applicants should submit a separate scholarship application to MOE between 13 November to 7 December 2023.



MOE 
ANU 

Value

AU\$34,000 pa + full tuition (3.5 years)

Places

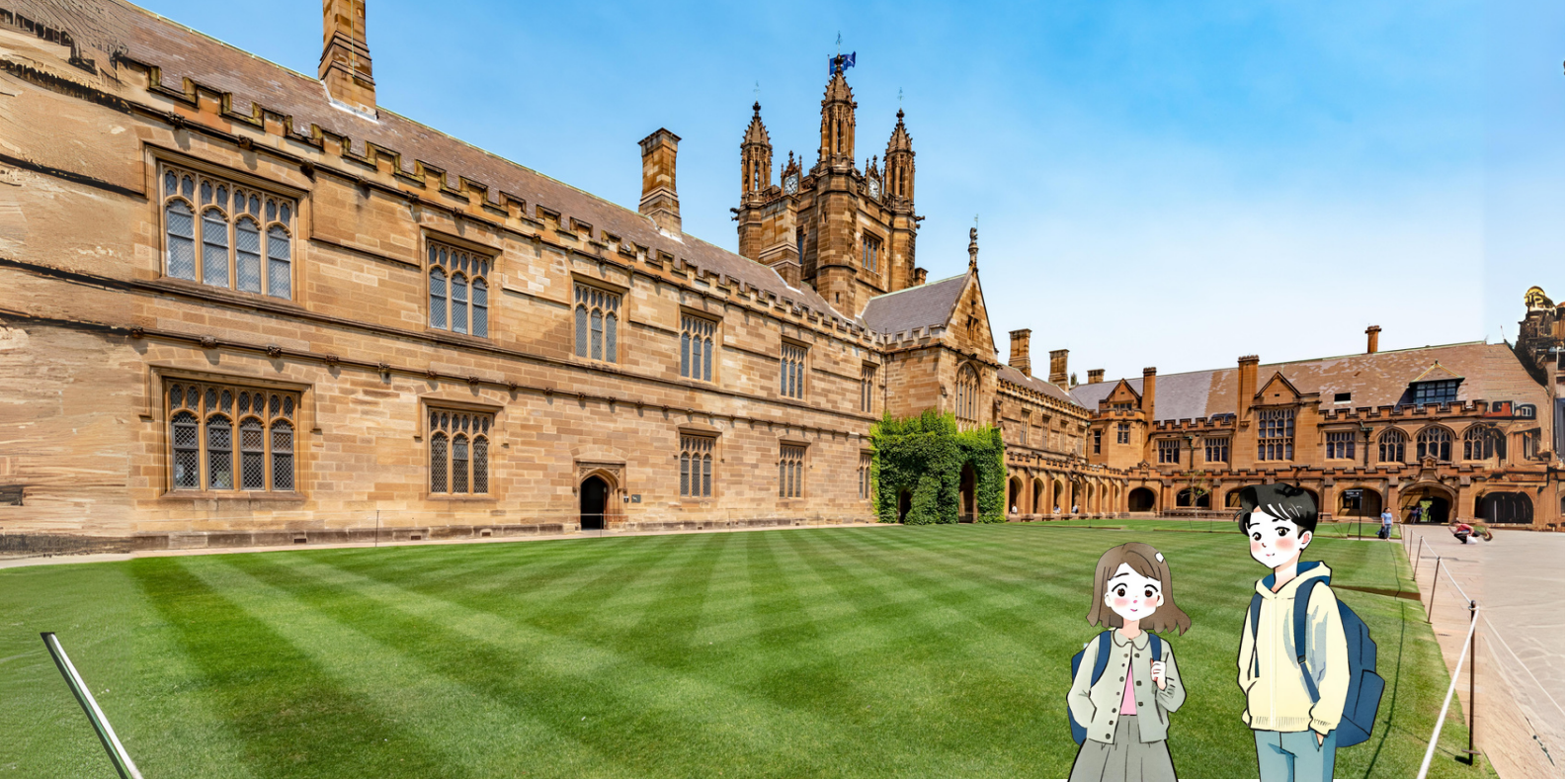
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Key dates

Apply to ANU
Close date:
30 November 2023

Apply to MOE
Close dates:
7 December 2023

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APPLY NOW FOR THE 2024 TAIWAN-UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY JOINT PHD SCHOLARSHIP

BY EDUCATION DIVISION TECO IN AUSTRALIA

The Ministry of Education (MOE), Taiwan and the University of Sydney (USyd) jointly fund up to 5 Ph.D. scholarships each year since 2020.

The Taiwan-University of Sydney Joint PhD Scholarship program provides tuition fees and stipends/ living cost for recipients to undertake Ph.D. studies at USyd for a period of three years and six months and a possible extension of maximum of six months.

The University of Sydney is a world-leading university in Australia's populous city, Sydney, which focuses on excellence in research and education ensuring its graduates are in demand worldwide.

Eligible Program/ Field of Study

Doctor of Philosophy (PHD); All areas except for professional doctorates.

Successful awardees

In 2022, this prestigious scholarship has been awarded to a diverse group of Taiwanese students, including a former palliative care nurse, a marine biologist and rescue diver, and a pharmacist-turned-sociologist, all of whom are undertaking their studies at USyd. >>

Who can apply

You must:

- be a **citizen of Taiwan (R.O.C.)**
- be a prospective student (not yet commenced at the University)
- have applied for admission in a PhD at the University by 30 November 2023.

How to apply

- You must first apply for admission to the USyd in your preferred PhD program by 30 November 2023 at 11.59pm (AEST).
- Then you are required to apply through the MOE by 7 December 2023.

Note: Applicants do not have to have received an offer of admission to submit a scholarship application to the MOE. However, only applicants who have received a subsequent offer of admission to the University of Sydney will be considered for the final award of the scholarship.

Generally, the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) requires a minimum IELTS result of 6.5 overall and a result of 6 in each band. Please check your course page for each faculty requirement.



MOE
USYD

Value

AU\$37,207 pa + full tuition (3.5 years)

Places

5 on offer

Key dates

Apply to USyd
Close date:
30 November 2023

Apply to MOE
Close date:
7 December 2023

MORE INFO





TECO IN AUCKLAND HOSTED ITS FIRST "TAIWAN ALUMNI" EVENT AFTER THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



BY TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN AUCKLAND

Following the COVID-19 pandemic, TECO in Auckland organised its first "Taiwan Alumni" event. New Zealand youth who have previously studied Mandarin, participated in exchange programs, interned at Taiwanese companies, or engaged in various cultural, indigenous, and sports exchange projects were brought together. Additionally, several young individuals who are set to go to Taiwan for exchanges at the end of this year also attended the event.

The event, held on the 24th of August at the Auckland University auditorium, featured attendees sharing their memorable experiences in Taiwan. They praised Taiwan for its excellent learning environment, corporate culture, scenic beauty, and warm hospitality. They all agreed that their trips to Taiwan were enriching experiences worth recommending to more of their New Zealand friends.

Representatives from institutions such as the University of Auckland, Auckland University of Technology, the Asia New Zealand Foundation, and Tupu Toa Māori Trust were in attendance. During the event, participants bonded with each other, exchanged experiences, and discussed the latest information regarding exchange programs in Taiwan.

Ms. Kendra Chen, Director General of TECO in Auckland, highlighted Taiwan's advantages in Mandarin learning, high-tech and information communication electronics industry, and agile and innovative small and medium-sized enterprises. She emphasized the close people-to-people exchanges between Taiwan and New Zealand, including student exchanges, corporate internships, artist residencies, and sports collaborations.

She commended Taiwan alumni as the best bridge for Taiwan-New Zealand friendship and encouraged further cooperation between the two countries.

TECO introduced various scholarships and exchange programs, as well as information about working holidays and the Taiwan Employment Gold Card for youth. Taiwanese treats were also served, bringing joy and nostalgia to alumni attending the event.

Alumni shared their Taiwan experiences in three areas: studying Mandarin, corporate internships, and cultural exchanges.

Tim Marshall, who interned at the Taiwan-U.S. Sister Relations Alliance (TUSA), praised Taiwan's advantage as a business hub in the Asia-Pacific region. Sofara Aiono, the Tupu Toa program manager, shared his experience of corporate internship in Taiwan while also experiencing the closeness of the Māori and Taiwanese Indigenous peoples.

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Matthew, a student at the University of Auckland, enjoyed the language and culture courses, friendly people, and cuisine in Tainan. Ruby, participated in the Tsinghua University Intensive Chinese Language Program, praised Taiwan's progressive learning atmosphere, kind people, and natural landscapes. Craig Cooper, the Director Arts at the Asia New Zealand Foundation, highlighted Taiwan's impressive art and culture and hopes for closer bilateral exchanges.



QUT TSA 

STUDY IN TAIWAN & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WORKSHOP



18 SEPTEMBER, 2023
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Speaker: Jill Lai (Executive Director of the Education Division)

Free bubble tea & Bento Box

FREE ENTRANCE



PROMOTING STUDY-IN-TAIWAN SCHOLARSHIPS AT QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

BY EDUCATION DIVISION
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Dreaming of studying abroad? Join us for an enlightening workshop all about studying in Taiwan and the fantastic scholarship opportunities that await!

On the 18th of September, an information session was organised by Taiwanese Students' Association (TSA) at Queensland University of Technology (QUT). Ms. Jill Lai, executive director of Education Division at TECO in Australia, introduced a comprehensive Study-in-Taiwan package including Taiwan's rich culture and cuisine!

There were over 25 students registered for the session with members of the TSA at QUT onsite assisting throughout the event.

Are you looking for a destination to study Mandarin and broaden your horizons?

Taiwan could be the perfect place for you! With a strong focus on education and a welcoming environment for international students, Taiwan offers a unique cultural experience that will enhance your language skills and expand your worldview.

In addition, there are a variety of scholarship opportunities available for international students, making it an affordable option for those seeking to study abroad. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to grow both academically and personally in a vibrant country like Taiwan.

QUT Taiwanese Student Association

We are Taiwanese Student Association (TSA) – the hub for Taiwanese culture at Queensland University of Technology (QUT). As students at QUT, we are united by our shared passion for the rich and diverse heritage of Taiwan. Our mission is to bring the vibrant essence of Taiwan to our campus and provide an inclusive space that makes international students feel right at home.

At TSA, we go the extra mile to achieve our goals. Throughout the year, we organise a dynamic array of social events that not only celebrate Taiwanese culture but also foster a sense of unity among all students. Our aim is to create a culturally inviting environment that transcends borders and brings people together!!



Please click the logo to connect through QUT TSA's 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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