

# STUDY IN TAIWAN

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## TAIWAN OPENS ITS DOORS TO AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS 2024 APAIE IN PERTH, AUSTRALIA

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Delegates from Taiwan's diplomatic and Academic establishment attended the Asia Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE) 2024 in Perth from the 4th - 8th of March on a mission to promote international exchanges within the Asia-Pacific region.

Approximately 70 representatives from 29 Taiwan higher education institutions attended APAIE. Dr Cheng-Chih Wu, the Chairperson of the Foundation for International Cooperation in Higher Education of Taiwan (FICHET), led the delegation, showcasing Study-in-Taiwan opportunities.

The theme of the Study in Taiwan pavilion at APAIE was "Taiwan, the Technology Hub," highlighting Taiwan's research strengths in key areas - semiconductors, AI, circular economy, biotechnology and medicine.

### Taiwan, the Technology Hub

Taiwan stands out for its advancements in STEM research and industries, particularly in the vital semiconductor sector. Taiwan has launched a bold new plan to engage with international students with attractive incentives to study and then work in Taiwan in one of the world's leading industries.

### Taiwan Night: A Dynamic Platform fostering Cross-Border Ties

On 6 March, FICHET and TECO co-hosted "Taiwan Night" for 110 educators from Asia-Pacific, Europe, and North America, where Taiwanese universities had connected with key partner universities and foster academic networking.

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## COLLABORATING FOR SUSTAINABLE IMPACT: PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS THE ASIA PACIFIC

Taiwan's Chief Representative to Australia, Amb. Douglas Yu-tien Hsu, along with Ms Jill Lai, executive director of Education Division and Dr Ho Lin, executive director of Science & Technology Division from TECO in Australia, visited the Study in Taiwan booth at APAIE on 5 of March. Following in the evening, Amb. Hsu hosted a banquet to celebrate the delegation's work in promoting international education cooperation.

APAIE was established 20 years ago, and this year's conference marked the 17th annual conference. This year's theme is "Collaborating for sustainable impact: partnerships across the Asia Pacific," and over 2,500 delegates from various countries attended.

Taiwan's Ministry of Education has focused on talent development, especially for nations involved in Taiwan's New Southbound Policy. Tailored programs and engaging international students have played a significant role in fostering successful and enduring collaborations.

### National Tsing Hua University vs. Macquarie University

After APAIE in Perth, a notable advance in international higher education collaboration was achieved as Taiwan's National Tsing Hua University and Australia's Macquarie University agreed on a Cotutelle Ph.D. degree partnership. This collaboration will be in effect starting from 11 March, 2024. Students will have the opportunity to obtain a Ph.D. from both institutions by fulfilling the study requirement of both universities.

Additionally, institutional partnerships between Taiwan and Australia include:

- Aboriginal studies collaboration between Western Sydney University and the National Dong Hwa University
- Educational MOU between the University of Melbourne and National Taiwan Normal University focusing on postgraduate studies in global Aboriginal and contemporary Chinese studies starting in 2023.





## EXPLORING TAIPEI & TAINAN: EVALUATING TWO MANDARIN LANGUAGE LEARNING CENTERS

BY DAMIAN OF MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY  
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When applying for the Ministry of Education’s Huayu Enrichment Scholarship, selecting a language centre is crucial. With 64 Mandarin learning centers available in the north, south, central, and east regions of Taiwan, how can you assess and compare these centers to make the best choice?

Luckily, Damian has conducted a preview for us during his exchange to Taiwan, exploring two language centers – one in north Taipei and the other in south Tainan.

### DEFINE YOUR OBJECTIVES & PREFERENCES

Before diving into the websites and brochures of all language centers, it's essential to outline your trip's requirements. Determine your budget, preferred destination, and must-haves. Decide on areas where you are willing to make compromises and those that are non-negotiable. By clarifying your goals and preferences, you can narrow down your choices and focus on the one that aligns with your criteria.

### KEY FACTORS

A few key factors to consider in planning your study journey in Taiwan include:

- Education
- Transport
- Housing
- Travel, Culture & Food
- Nightlife and Expenses

Let’s follow Damian’s guidance to navigate your choices.

### National Taiwan University Taipei

More accessibility for learning  
simplify 简体字 or traditional Chinese 繁體字

- General Chinese (twice a week)
- Enhancing Chinese (twice a week)
- Elective classes
- Business Chinese, Daily Chinese, Poetry etc.
- 7 levels of classes

ICL (International Companions for Learning)

- Plenty of food options on campus
- Student clubs/associations

### National Cheng Kung University- Tainan

More emphasis on traditional Chinese 繁體字

- Smaller classes
- better for learning and making connections with people in your class to practice
- 5 days a week for 2 hours
- Added elective classes (pick minimum of 3)
- 9 levels of classes

- Cultural tours and excursions
- Immersive language buddy experience to practice Chinese
- Easier admin and points of contact

- Plenty nearby street food
- Student clubs/associations



## INFORMATION SESSIONS ON STUDY-IN-TAIWAN OPPORTUNITIES AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY & AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

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Starting a new semester or stepping onto a campus you're not familiar with can be a challenging experience. Understanding this, at O-week (aka orientation week) Taiwanese Students Associations (TSA) organised welcome party and activities to help members socialise, have fun, and make new friends while engaging in talks or gatherings.

TSA aims to serve as a community for all its members who have an affection for Taiwan, providing a platform for connection and enjoyment. Additionally, TSA partnered with the Education Division at TECO in Australia to organise a Study-in-Taiwan workshop in their campus.

At Macquarie University, Ms. Jill Lai was invited to present 'study-in-Taiwan' to introduce scholarship opportunities offered by the Ministry of Education in Taiwan. Following the floor was taken by Dr Men-fen Kuo, Damian and John, Macquarie faculty/students as guest speakers.

Damian showcased his authentic study and living experience in Taiwan back in 2023. Additionally, it entailed his Mandarin learning journey in Taipei and Tainan.

Another information session, overseen by Professor Benjamin Penny, took place on 26 March at the China in the World (CIW) of Australian National University (ANU) with assistance provided by ANU TSA. Dr Alison Darby, recipient of the 2023 MOE Huayu Enrichment Scholarship and a visiting fellow at the College of Asia & the Pacific, participated online to discuss her learning journey right after her Mandarin class at National Taiwan Normal University.

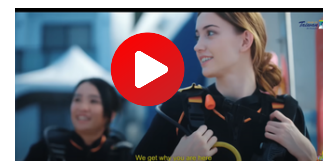
She emphasised how intensive classes played a key role in enhancing her skills in an immersive language environment.

### Study in Taiwan: Be Fantastic

The application window for two scholarships in Australia is drawing to a close soon in 2024. The deadline for the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship application is 16 April, and for the Taiwan Scholarship, it's 5 May. Both scholarships accept online applications from anywhere in the world.

Seize this chance and submit your application now!

[APPLY NOW >](#)



1-min video "Be Fantastic" Study in Taiwan



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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# Getting Around

## NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY, TAIPEI



臺北捷運 taipei metro

- Comprehensive metro system (extends to surrounding cities)
- Comprehensive bus system
- High Speed Rail
- Train system (2 main stations: Taipei Main and Songshan)



- Walkability: walkable amongst your local area, better in terms of walking paths
- You bike - better cycling infrastructure including cycling lanes and more youbike stations

Damian gave us a sneak peek into the transportation scene during his trip to Taiwan, cruising between two language hubs - one up in north Taipei and the other down in south Tainan.

## NATIONAL CHENG KUNG UNIVERSITY, TAINAN



High Speed Rail

- No metro system
- Comprehensive bus system (maybe not always on time)
- High Speed Rail
- Train system (Tainan Station)

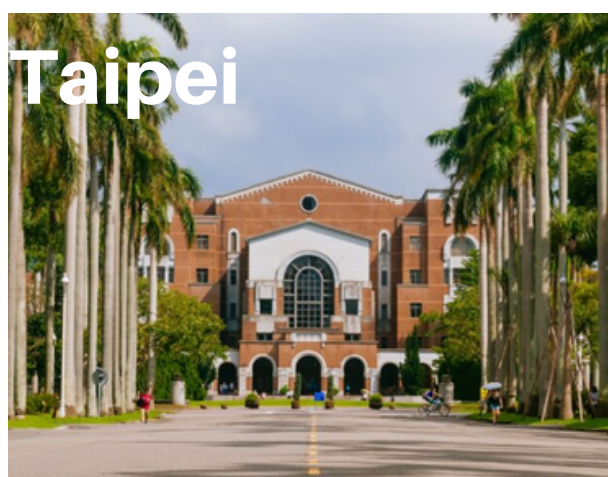


Bikes

- Walkability: Easier walkability and proximity to other locations
- You bike - closer proximity and shorter distances to ride your youbike

# Where to Stay ?

## National Taiwan University (NTU), Taipei



## National Cheng Kung University (NCKU), Tainan



### Key points

#### Yuantong dorms

- 4-6 beds per room
- Most likely with international or local students
- Social space
- Near Nanshijiao station (approx. 20 mins metro to Gongguan station which is the nearest to NTU)

#### Prince House dorms

- 2 beds per room
- Most likely with international or local students
- 5 minutes walk to Gongguan station

#### Considerations

- If you arrive early, book a hotel first. Your dorm room may not immediately be available for you.

#### Source your own accommodation

- **591** <https://www.591.com.tw/>
- **FACEBOOK** "Rent in Taipei city and New Taipei city !" "Foreigners in Taipei&Taiwan/外國人在台北&台灣 《生活Live&Life/資訊Information/工作Jobs》

#### Ching-Yeh Student Accommodation

- 2 beds per room
- Near Youbike station
- 15 minutes walk from NCKU campus
- Most likely with local student or someone from your Mac Uni cohort

#### Zenda Suites

- Private room
- Comes with room service and cleaning
- More expensive
- 5 minutes walk from NCKU campus

#### Source your own accommodation

- **591** <https://www.591.com.tw/>

### EXPLORE ROOM OPTIONS NTU vs. NCKU



# Taste Taiwan

## National Taiwan University (NTU), Taipei

### Metropolitan



- Modern, metropolitan, convenience
- Greater variety
- Mandarin is the predominant language
- Hustle and bustle, fast-paced, modern
- Very hospitable !!

### Variety



- Greater variety of international foods
- More night markets around

When traveling in northern Taipei and southern Tainan, have you considered exploring the cultural and culinary differences between these regions? Let's dive into Damian's insights on any similarities and distinctions in style.

## National Cheng Kung University (NCKU), Tainan

### Artsy



- More temples, historical sites, architecture
- Artsy, trendy, unique
- Hokkien spoken in everyday settings, Mandarin still used
- Laid back, historical
- Very hospitable !!

### Cafe culture



- Food capital of Taiwan
- Slightly sweeter foods
- Still has night markets!
- Strong cafe culture





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## NORTH

### Yangmingshan National Park

- Qixingshan trail
- Ba Yan natural hot springs
- Qingtiangang grasslands
- Xiaoyoukeng recreation area

### Beitou

- Beitou hot springs
- Beitou thermal valley
- Beitou hot spring museum

### Tamsui (accessible by metro)

### Yilan

- Lanyang museum
- Taipingshan national park
- Neipi black sand beach
- Eat anything with spring onions
- Guishan island day tour

### Keelung and Jiufen

- Houtong cat village
- Shifen waterfall
- Shifen old street, you get to release a lantern!
- Heping island geopark
- Teapot mountain

## SOUTH

### Tainan

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- So many temples & historical sites to see
- Sicao tunnel
- Chimei museum
- Chikan tower
- Anping fort
- EAT EVERYTHING

### Guangziling hot springs

### Alishan

- NCKU includes a 2 day trip as part of your tour
- Kaohsiung
- Lotus pond scenic area
- National Science and Technology museum
- Cijin island

### Kenting



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## Central

### Taichung

- Museums
- See the oldest boba shop in the world!

### Yushan need a permit to climb

### Sun moon lake

- See fireflies at night (around April)

### Matsu & Kinmen islands

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## EAST

### Hualien

- Qingshui cliffs
- Taroko gorge (#1 thing to do in Taiwan)

### Green island

### Orchard Island

- Research guided tours with Indigenous Taiwanese
- Shitiping and sea caves nearby

### Surfing near Taitung

# Embrace The Great Outdoor

A List of Memorable Adventures