2024 MOE Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) Directions For Emirati and Iranian Applicants

The Commercial Office of Taipei, Dubai, U.A.E.

I. Purpose

To encourage Emirati and Iranian students to undertake Huayu (Mandarin) courses in the Republic of China (Taiwan), to provide them with opportunities to increase their understanding of Taiwanese culture and society, and to promote mutual understanding and interactions between Taiwan and the international community.

II. Award Value: A monthly stipend of NTD 25,000

III. Duration:

- 1. Huayu Enrichment Scholarship may last for six months or twelve months.
- 2. The duration of the scholarship is from September 1st, 2024 to August 31st, 2025. If recipients fail to come to Taiwan for enrollment during the designated time, they will forfeit their right to retain their scholarships.
- 3. Scholarship funding will become effective on the date of the recipient's enrollment. Scholarship funding will end on the scholarship's expiration date or if the scholarship is revoked.

IV. Eligibility:

- 1. Emirati and Iranian applicants above the age of 18, who possess a high school diploma or above, have shown excellent academic performance, and are of good moral character, are eligible.
- 2. Candidates with one of the following situations may not apply:
 - (1) An overseas Chinese student or a national of the R.O.C.
 - (2) Currently registered as a student at a Mandarin Language Center or has sought a degree from a university or college in Taiwan.
 - (3) A previous recipient of a HES or a Taiwan Scholarship.
 - (4) An exchange student to Taiwan, during the scholarship period.
 - (5) Currently receiving financial benefits from the Taiwan government or another educational institution.

V. Application

Applicants are required to submit online application form that includes the following documents by March 31st, 2024.

- 1. Fill in the HES application form.
- 2. A photocopy of the applicant's passport and national ID.
- 3. A photocopy of the highest degree and the associated original academic transcripts. Documents in a language other than Chinese or English must be translated into Chinese or English and authenticated.
- 4. A signed copy of Terms of Agreement for the MOE HES.
- 5. A photocopy of the documents that prove the applications to the Mandarin Language Center (any application documents, any emails or letters that prove the application has been submitted are acceptable).
- ♦ Applicants should apply on the website below starting from February 1st until March 31st, 2024: https://gov.tw/f1K
- **♦** Please register your account on the website first to continue.
- ♦ If applicants have any questions, please contact us at dxb@mofa.gov.tw.

VI. Selection Process:

- 1. Document evaluation.
- 2. Interview

VII. Terms and Conditions for Scholarship Recipients:

- 1. The recipient should study only at a registered Mandarin Language Center approved by the Ministry of Education. For information about university-affiliated language centers in Taiwan, please visit the following website for reference: https://lmit.edu.tw/lc/school/
- 2. The recipient should apply for admission according to the regulations of the center. Once admitted, the recipient should send a photocopy of the admission letter to dxb@mofa.gov.tw before June 30th, 2024 for confirmation. Recipients who do not send their documents before the deadline will be disqualified from the scholarship selection process.
- 3. The recipient should undertake at least 15 hours of language courses each week. The 15 hours does not include cultural visits, speeches, and other self-learning curriculum or activities.
- 4. The recipients enrolled in the three-month or six-month programs are not allowed to transfer to another Mandarin Language Center once they have enrolled.

- 5. If the recipient concurrently accepts scholarships/grants from other sources, he/she will lose their placement in the HES scholarship program. He/she will also have to return the funds granted for those months that he/she received multiple scholarships.
- 6. The termination and cancellation of a scholarship is based on regulations specified by each individual Mandarin Language Center. Mandarin Language Centers have the right to terminate or revoke a scholarship if the recipient's academic performance, moral character, or attendance record does not meet their standards.
- 7. Recipients of a six months or longer scholarship are obligated to join the National Health Insurance (NHI) program in Taiwan. Before joining the NHI, recipients should purchase student accident insurance and other relevant insurance.
- 8. Recipients are not allowed to work the Taiwan during the award period.

VIII. Suspension and Cancellation

- 1. The Scholarship will be suspended for one month, of one or more of the following conditions occur:
 - (1) The Scholarship will be suspended for one month, if the recipient has missed 12 hours or more of their language course within a single month.
 - (2) Starting from the first semester (quarter), if the recipient fails to obtain the specified standard score by the university (an average of 80 points out of 100), his/her scholarship will be suspended for a month in the next semester (quarter).
 - (3) The recipient of a twelve months scholarship without a level 3 or above TOCFL certificate within 2 years prior to enrollment must hand om the certificate or transcript one month before the end of the scholarship term. If he/ she fails to do so, the scholarship will be suspended for one month.
- 2. Scholarship Cancellation, if one or more of the following conditions occur:
 - (1) The recipient fails to obtain the standard score (an average of 80 points out of 100) for two consecutive semesters (quarters), he/she will be disqualified from receiving the scholarship.
 - (2) Any recipient missing a final achievement score for any semester (quarter) will be disqualified from receiving the scholarship with the exception of a serious illness or accident.
 - (3) The recipient will not continue to receive the scholarship if he/she violates the R.O.C. laws.
 - (4) The scholarship will be suspended or revoked if the recipient violates University or Mandarin Language Center regulations.