Welcome to Academia Sinica!

As you join us, allow us to embrace you and wish you success during your stay here. All of us here will be doing our utmost to ensure that your experiences at Academia Sinica and in Taiwan will be personally rewarding and culturally enriching.

For most of you, the next few years should be the beginning of an exciting and stimulating academic journey. You will be challenged to broaden your knowledge base, to nurture your creativity, and to sharpen your research skills. Your academic and research achievements will not only bring you a sense of accomplishment and personal satisfaction, but also pride and recognition to your family and to your home country.

Academia Sinica is also proud to have you as a part of the community. Your presence here brings us recognition as an intellectual community of world-class standing. We do not take the trust that you have bestowed upon us lightly. We are committed to make Academia Sinica a place where you can grow personally and professionally.

The International Affairs Office (IAO) was established on March 1, 2007 in order to provide a friendly and supportive environment during your stay at Academia Sinica and in Taiwan. IAO currently has fourteen staff members to assist you with your needs. As Office Director, Dr. Sue Lin-Chao has general supervision over the operations of the enterprise. As a Research Fellow working within the Institute of Molecular Biology, she has an excellent understanding of what it takes to thrive and succeed in the Academia Sinica environment.

There are two sections in IAO:
1. International Liaison Section
   Section Chief: Ms. Mei-Chih Wu
   Staff members: Mr. Huan-Tang Chang, Ms. Emma Liao, Ms. Shu-Ning Chen, Ms. Svetlana Sam, Ms. Melody Yu and Mr. Justin Lin

2. Taiwan International Graduate Program & Services for Foreign Staff Section
   Section Chief: Dr. Seau-Feng Hong
   Staff members: Ms. Ellen Hsu, Ms. Fiona Wang, Ms. Alice Lee, Ms. Hanna Chen and Ms. Nancy Yang
We are here to serve you. We want to provide you with helpful information to make your stay here as pleasant as is possible. With this in mind, we have prepared this Handbook. It is intended to be a compilation of miscellaneous information or facts that might come in handy during your brief stay here. Much of the information included here can be found elsewhere, including the Academia Sinica website (http://www.ifs.sinica.edu.tw/link/AShandbook.pdf), but we think it is more convenient to have some of the answers to your questions within reach of your fingertips.

Many individuals have contributed to this 2nd edition of the Handbook. Vice President Chao-Han Liu and IAO Director Sue Lin-Chao have provided the overall leadership for the project. A handbook working group consisting of Nancy Yang and Alice Lee coordinated the project, including overall design and organization of the Handbook, editing of the collected information, streamlining of the facts, and so on. Former Vice President Sunney Chan, Dr. Lou-Sing Kan, and many members of the faculty from the Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics offered suggestions during various stages of the task. Much of the information included in this Handbook has been downloaded from related websites, and acknowledgments to these sources have been highlighted in the Handbook. Finally, we are indebted to the Tourism Bureau and the Ministry of Transportation & Communication of the Republic of China for permission to reprint some of the images that are contained in the Appendix of the Handbook.

Finally, we hope all of you will find this Handbook useful. Academia Sinica cannot be responsible for the accuracy of the information contained in the Handbook. Information changes with time, and the use of the information obviously depends on the circumstances. Suggestions to improve the Handbook are of course always welcome.

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Welcome - From the President’s Desk

As the most prominent academic institution in Taiwan, Academia Sinica carries the responsibility of leading the fields of science and humanities and nourishing advanced academic research talent. In the process of accumulating knowledge, academic breakthroughs are made through willingness to embrace the challenges of the unknown, persistence in the pursuit of academic excellence, determination in upholding the truth, as well as a belief in advancing culture. Therefore, the quest for knowledge should not rest on small achievements and lose sight of the ultimate goal of academic perfection, nor should it venture beyond the impossible. It is only with practicality and persistence that the quest can be brought into a new era.

Thanks to the efforts of each of the past presidents as well as all of the members of Academia Sinica, many groundbreaking studies have been completed and the number of research papers published has multiplied. In addition, accomplishments have been made in talent cultivation, academic exchange, and popular science education. In the future, Academia Sinica will make advances in four directions, including recruitment of top researchers, improvement of the research environment, integration of areas of study, and the sharing of intellectual wealth with society. These are the preliminary objectives as we elevate the quality of research in order to position Academia Sinica among the international intellectual elites.

In terms of talent cultivation and development, Academia Sinica, on the one hand, has attracted many exceptional scholars from abroad in recent years, and, on the other hand, has been actively training local talent. The plan for the future is to provide adequate housing, adjust the pay structure and develop sound regulations and standards to ease the transition to a new environment for the overseas scholars. Academia Sinica will also continue working together with domestic universities to train graduate students as well as post-doctoral scholars and expand the scope and improve the quality of our international graduate programs.

Academia Sinica has established firm academic cooperation relationships with institutes from more than thirty countries, including, for example, the Académie des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales of France, the Academy of Finland, and the British Academy. The institute has also started the Taiwan Chapter of the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World to aid developing countries in scientific progress, extending the border of international academic cooperation to cover regions such as East Asia, South Asia, and Eastern Europe. Academia Sinica also serves as a liaison between members of various international scientific unions and Chinese Taipei of the national scientific bodies within the International Council for Science. The institute represents Taiwan in the scientific activities held by the International Council for Science to promote international scientific transfer and cooperation.
The current academic trend is the integration of research areas as well as increased interaction between researchers and research groups. Important areas of study with great prospects and high degrees of competitiveness are to be identified so collaboration can be established. In the future, Academia Sinica, in addition to its solid fundamental research, will seek breakthroughs in methodology and theory in the field of social sciences. More impressive academic accomplishments are to be expected from the endeavor. A more globally significant theory may bloom while being firmly rooted in traditional areas of study.

To give back to society with intellectual wealth, Academia Sinica has established a technology transfer office and an incubation center where research results may be industrialized through technology transfer. In this regard, Academia Sinica will assist the government in drafting more comprehensive technology policies and related regulations so that researchers may serve as scientific advisors for start-up companies to help build strong knowledge-based industries such as the biotechnology, pharmaceutical and information technology industries in Taiwan so as to raise Taiwan's competitiveness.

The purpose of academic research is to improve human life. Academia Sinica will continue its proud academic tradition of pursuing solid research while exploring new knowledge and will remain focused on the needs of modern society in the hope of enriching human civilization.
Section I. Introduction to Academia Sinica

1. History and Mission

Academia Sinica, the most preeminent academic institution in the Republic of China, was founded in 1928 to promote scholarly research in China and to undertake academic research in the sciences and humanities. After the government moved to Taiwan in 1949, Academia Sinica was re-established in Taipei. The growth of Academia Sinica during the transition period was slow due to political instability and meager budgets.

In recent years, under the leadership of President Yuan T. Lee, Academia Sinica has been transformed into a modern research institution. Many of the 24 research institutes and 7 research centers are now headed by world-class scholars and staffed by highly-trained, motivated, and creative young researchers. Major strides have also been made toward raising the standards of academic research, and Academia Sinica is presently positioning itself to move its research activities to the international level. Aside from placing greater emphasis on opening up new areas of intellectual endeavors, Academia Sinica is also taking a leading role in launching new initiatives in applied areas to meet a broad spectrum of societal needs within Taiwan.

Towards fulfilling these goals, Academia Sinica has adopted various measures to promote internal integration of research activities in the three research disciplines - mathematics and physical sciences; life sciences; and the humanities and social sciences - to help with the planning, implementation, and evaluation of long-term projects in order to enhance the impact of research activities; to deploy basic research results in applications and technology transfers; to engage the academic and research community within Taiwan toward a modern, forward-looking and collective academic vision; to cultivate an intellectual environment that is conducive to the nurturing of young scholars and the recognition of outstanding scholarship in Taiwan; and to promote international cooperation and scholarly exchanges that will accelerate the overall development of academic research in Academia Sinica and the Republic of China.
2. Organization

(i) President and Vice Presidents

Dr. Chi-Huey Wong, PhD  
President  
Academician, Academia Sinica  
(1994)  
Member of the US National Academy of Sciences (2002)

Dr. Ts'ui-Jung Liu, PhD  
Vice President, Administration  
Academician, Academia Sinica  
(1996)

Dr. Andrew H.-J. Wang, PhD  
Vice President, Research  
Academician, Academia Sinica  
(2000)  

Dr. Chao-Han Liu, PhD  
Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Academician, Academia Sinica,  
(1998)  

(ii) Convocation of Academicians

The Convocation is made up by the academicians of Academia Sinica. The title of academician in Academia Sinica is an honor with no remuneration. According to their expertise, academicians are grouped into three divisions: Mathematics and Physical Sciences (105), Life Sciences (83), and Humanities and Social Sciences (61). A maximum number of ten new academicians are elected in each of the three divisions during the biennial Convocation.

The Convocation's functions are as follows:
1. To elect academicians and honorary academicians.
2. To elect members to the Council of Academia Sinica.
3. To formulate policies on academic research.
4. To plan and carry out research at the government's request.
(iii) Council of Academia Sinica

The Council of Academia Sinica is the decision making body of Academia Sinica. It consists of 27 ex officio members (i.e., the President, Vice Presidents, and Directors of the Institutes) and 34 elected members, each with a three-year term.

The Council's functions are as follows:
1. To formulate and review research policies.
2. To evaluate proposals concerning changes to the institutes and research projects.
3. To promote domestic and international academic cooperation.
4. To make plans for academic development when requested by the government.
5. To elect the candidates for the presidency of Academia Sinica when the presidency is vacated.
6. To formulate rules as authorized by the by-laws of Academia Sinica.

(iv) Central Academic Advisory Committee

The Central Academic Advisory Committee was established in August, 1991 according to the Organization Law of Academia Sinica. The committee is composed of the chairpersons of the advisory committees of the individual institutes and six to nine specialists nominated by the President of Academia Sinica. The Committee's responsibilities include:

- To recruit world-class scholars.
- To undertake in-depth review of the research programs within each of its research institutes.
- To evaluate the overall quality of research, assessment of recent recruitments, promotions, and reappointments.
- To promote international scientific and scholarly cooperation and exchanges.
- To provide assistance to the President of Academia Sinica on academic matters.

(v) Institutes (Preparatory Offices) and Research Centers

At present, there are 24 institutes (including preparatory offices) and 7 research centers in Academia Sinica under the three divisions: the Division of Mathematics and Physical Sciences, the Division of Life Sciences, and the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences. Academia Sinica's annual expenditure is about NT$ 10 billions.

- **Division of Mathematics and Physical Sciences**
  1. Institute of Mathematics
  2. Institute of Physics
  3. Institute of Chemistry
  4. Institute of Earth Sciences
  5. Institute of Information Science
  6. Institute of Statistical Science
  7. Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences
  8. Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics (Preparatory Office)
  9. Research Center for Applied Sciences
  10. Research Center for Environmental Changes
  11. Research Center for Information Technology Innovation
Division of Life Sciences
1. Institute of Plant and Microbial Biology
2. Institute of Cellular and Organismic Biology
3. Institute of Biological Chemistry
4. Institute of Biomedical Sciences
5. Institute of Molecular Biology
6. Agricultural Biotechnology Research Center
7. Genomics Research Center
8. Biodiversity Research Center

Division of Humanities and Social Sciences
1. Institute of History and Philology
2. Institute of Ethnology
3. Institute of Modern History
4. Institute of Economics
5. Institute of European and American Studies
6. Institute of Sociology
7. Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy
8. Institute of Taiwan History
9. Institute of Linguistics
10. Institute of Political Science (Preparatory Office)
11. Institutum Jurisprudentiae (Preparatory Office)
12. Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences

(vi) Research Fellows and Research Specialists
As of August 2008, Academia Sinica has 249 Academicians of which 82 are Domestic Academicians and 167 are Overseas Academicians. Of the total, 61 academicians work in Humanities and Social Sciences; 105 in Mathematics and Physical Sciences; and 83 in Life Sciences; 934 Principle Investigators: 58 Distinguished Research Fellows; 314 Research Fellows; 222 Associate Research Fellows; 178 Assistant Research Fellows; 81 Research Assistants; 9 Assistants; 12 Senior Research Specialists; 16 Associate Research Specialists; 43 Assistant Research Specialists; and 1 Research Technicians; 598 Postdoctoral Fellows, and a total of 1800 students of which 932 are Ph.D. students; 795 Master’s degree students; 73 students.

(vii) Statistics of Annual Publication
There has been a dramatic increase in the number of papers published by Academia Sinica researchers during the past decade - from 630 papers in 1996 to 1359 papers in 2005 with a total accumulation of 9662 papers. The number of citations with respect to these papers total 81033, an average of 8.39 citations per paper. Of these publications 104 are listed among the top 1% highly cited papers. On average, about one in every 100 papers published by Academia Sinica has attained such status. (Reference: Web of Science: SCI, SSCI, A&HCI; ESI)
Section II. Working at Academia Sinica

1. The Employment Contract

Under current employment legislation, each employee must receive written particulars of the terms for the specific employment. A formal and official employment contract, together with a job description, must be issued to the person to be employed by the appointing institute written in the standard Academia Sinica format. If you are in doubt or have any questions about your conditions of employment, you should first consult the administrator (or equivalent) of your institute. For further information of the “Employment Agreement”, please refer to www.ifs.sinica.edu.tw/down.html.

2. Procedures for Legal Residency in Taiwan

(i) Visa (Visitor and Resident)

Foreign nationals may obtain tourist visas if they hold passports or travel documents valid for more than six months, for purposes of sightseeing, business, family visits, study or training, medical treatment, or other legitimate activities. The Visitor Visa Application Form can be downloaded from the website of the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (http://www.boca.gov.tw/mp?mp=2). The completed form should be submitted to an Embassy or an overseas mission of the Republic of China (ROC) for visa issuance.

Foreign nationals who are planning to work or study in Academia Sinica are advised to apply for a “Visitor Visa” before arriving Taiwan. A “Visitor Visa” is generally valid for three months. The Institute administrator will help with the documents necessary to apply for a “Resident Visa” when the foreigner starts work/study at Academia Sinica. Please note the following government regulation: If a foreigner who had entered the ROC with Visitor Visa is subsequently legally employed in the ROC, he/she must change the Visitor Visa to a Resident Visa. For more information, please consult the following offices.

- **Bureau of Consular Affairs**
  Address: 3~5 Fl., 2-2 Chi-Nan Rd., Sec. 1, Central Union Building North (Behind the Ministry of Education), Taipei, Taiwan, ROC
  Tel: 886-2-2343-2888, 2343-2867 or 2343-2866

- **National Immigration Agency**
  15, Guangjhou St., Jhongjheng District, Taipei, Taiwan, 100-66, ROC.
  Tel: (02) 2388-9393;
  Office Hour: 08:00-17:30 (Monday – Friday)
  Website: http://www.immigration.gov.tw/immig_eng/aspcode/main4.asp

Foreign students who have received a formal letter of admission should apply to the nearest Embassy or an overseas mission of the Republic of China (ROC) for a visitor visa or a resident visa. As soon as you have enrolled in the university and received your student I.D., those who entered Taiwan with a visitor’s visa will need to change to a resident visa at the Visa Section of the Bureau of Consular Affairs (address and phones are shown above).
With a resident visa at hand, one can then apply for the Alien Resident Certificate (ARC).

(ii) **Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)**

- **Who should apply for an ARC?**
  
  According to **Immigration Law and Regulations Governing Alien visits, Residence and Permanent Residence**, all foreigners holding resident visas and intending to live in Taiwan for more than 180 days are required to apply for the ARC.

- **What are the benefits of ARC?**
  
  → One may reside in Taiwan legally.
  → Along with the ARC, upon request, a re-entry permit can be issued to allow one to re-enter the country within the validation date.
  → One may open a savings account (and ATM card) in Chunghwa Post Office and banks.
  → One may join the National Health Insurance (NHI) Program. Refer to the following “Medical Care” section for details.

- **When should one apply for an ARC?**
  
  Once you have been granted a Resident Visa, you should apply for an ARC **within 15 days** upon entering the country or changing status to resident visa.

Please have the following documentation ready to apply for the ARC.

- Two copies of completed application form
- A valid passport with resident visa
- Two recent passport-sized photos
- Relevant certificates (Refer to the back of the application form)
- Application Fee:  
  - One Year: NT$1,000  
  - Two Years: NT$2,000  
  - Three Years: NT$3,000

Once the application materials are ready, you may proceed to either one of the following two offices (shown below) to process the application. The processing needs five working days.

For renewal or re-issuance (lost, stolen, or damaged) application, follow the same procedure above, except only one passport-sized photo is needed.

- **How to extend the validity of ARC?**
  
  The validity of ARC is for one year. Foreigners should pay close attention to the expiration date stamped on the ARC. The extension of an ARC must be applied **one month** prior to the expiration date. A surcharge may be applied to late application. Please be reminded that it is the ARC-bearer’s responsibility to renew annually.
(iii) Reminders

Alien residents wishing to leave Taiwan should carry with them their passports, valid ARCs, or re-entry permits for exit verification at the certificate-verifying unit of airport and harbor. Alien residents wishing to leave Taiwan and return must apply for a re-entry permit through the Service Center, prior to departure. Before terminating your employment, you need to cancel your ARC and re-entry permit within 7 days of leaving your job. The following documents are needed: passport, ARC, plane ticket, and proof of termination of your employment.

Alien resident must report to the 1st Section of the local police precinct between January and March of each year for an annual alien census check.
Alien residents must report any changes of address to the Foreign Affairs Section of local Police Department within 15 days after moving. For example, if one moves from Taipei City to Taipei County, one should notify the new address to Taipei County local Police Department within 15 days. A fine of NT$ 5000 will be applied for failing to report.

3. Income Tax

Foreigners who work or study legally (i.e., with ARC) in Taiwan are required to file an income tax return every year. The filing starts May 1st and ends May 31st following the tax year that has ended. Please contact the accountant or treasurer of the host Institute (Preparatory Office) or Research Center for assistance. Guidelines for the filing of income tax for a foreigner can be found on the National Tax Administration website:

or
Taipei City Tax Bureau

4. Health Insurance

(i) The National Health Insurance (NHI) Program

- The Monthly Premium
  
  A foreign employee can join the NHI immediately after he/she has obtained the ARC. Foreign visitors, students and Mainland China employee/visitors with a valid ARC and have resided in Taiwan for more than four months are entitled/required to enroll in the NHI Program of Taiwan. The NHI monthly premium is prorated according to salary. For example, the premium is under NT$ 1000 for a salary of NT$ 72000 per month.

- The Benefits
  
  (A) Outpatient services, inpatient (hospital) care, and medications that are provided by the contracted medical care institutions in the case of illness, injury, or childbirth.

  (B) Preventive health care, such as children's preventive health care, prenatal examinations, and adult's health examinations.

  (C) After receiving emergency treatment at a non-contracted medical institution in Taiwan or at a medical institution overseas, the insured may subsequently apply to the Bureau of National Health Insurance (BNHI) for reimbursement of covered medical expenses.

- The Waiting Period
  
  An alien is eligible to apply for NHI after a four-month waiting period. It is advisable to purchase medical insurance other than NHI to cover the first four months in Taiwan.

For more information on the NHI Program, visit the BNHI website at: www.nhi.gov.tw/english. If you have any enquiries about the NHI Program, please call the toll free number: 0800-212-369, e-mail to nhia@mail.nhi.gov.tw, or contact the offices below:
(ii) AS Group Insurance Program

AS provides a non-compulsory group insurance program (official name: Academia Sinica Employee Insurance Benefit Plan). All full-time employees of Academia Sinica (AS) between the ages of 15 and 65 can apply to join the program. You may also apply to cover your spouse, children and parents. The current insurance company is Kua Hua Life Insurance (http://www.khltw.com/). A link to the summary of the contract is provided above. Please note that with AS approval, the contract may be renewed, even the insurance company can be changed. Monthly premium is $329/$397 NT for each employee and $169 NT for spouse/child.

Customer services are handled by Shi-Dai Insurance Agent Company (http://www.taconet.com.tw/timelife/). The contact person is Ms. Deng. For enquiry, you may contact her at 0912-216589 (Cell) or 2560-1988(Office)
Or visit the website: http://www ifs.sinica.edu.tw/down.html for an application form.

(iii) International Technical Cooperation

For information about the International Technical Cooperation Personnel Comprehensive Insurance, please contact with Department of Life Insurance, Bank of Taiwan:

Ms. An.
Tel 02-2784-9151 # 2107-2109; #2727 (Ms. An)
Fax: 02-2706-8042
Post Account: 00149339
Address: 1F., No. 69, Sec. 2, DunHua S. Rd. Taipei City.

5. Employee Mental Health Counseling Service

Clinical psychologists from Taipei City Hospital Songde Branch are invited to Academia Sinica to provide counseling service from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Tuesdays. In addition, books and CDs on mental health and counseling guidance are available for employees to borrow. Lectures on mental health in the working environment are also held regularly.

Counseling Service Phone: (02) 2789-9427 Ms. Alice Wang

- Counseling Flow (Attachment 1)
- Application Form (Attachment 2)
- Email to: mh@gate.sinica.edu.tw
6. Emergency Information

The following table lists important telephone numbers for various kinds of emergencies.

**You are advised to call the hotline at 0800-024-111 for 24-hour assistance if you have difficulty communicating with the duty officer of 119 or 110 because of language barrier.**

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<td>Police</td>
<td>110</td>
<td>Criminal offence, traffic accidents and other incidents requesting police assistance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fire departments</td>
<td>119</td>
<td>Fire, assisting accident casualties and other emergencies requesting urgent assistance.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Domestic violence help line</td>
<td>113</td>
<td>Provides 24 hour emergency assistance in cases of domestic abuse and legal and psychological services for injured parties.</td>
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**Home services telephone**

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<td>Telephone repair.</td>
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<td>Local directory assistance</td>
<td>104</td>
<td>Local telephone number inquiry service.</td>
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<td>Long-distance directory assistance</td>
<td>105</td>
<td>Long-distance telephone number inquiry service.</td>
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<tr>
<td>English directory assistance</td>
<td>106</td>
<td>Domestic telephone inquiry service in English.</td>
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<tr>
<td>International operator</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>International telephone operator services.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Electrical power service line (Taipower)</td>
<td>0800-031-212</td>
<td>Year-round 24-hour service.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Taipei running water service center</td>
<td>8733-5678</td>
<td>Year-round 24-hour service.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Taiwan Provincial Water company service center</td>
<td>0800-000-876</td>
<td>Year-round 24-hour service.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Consumer hotline</td>
<td>1950</td>
<td>Consultation services related to consumer rights and interests.</td>
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<td>Bureau of National Health Insurance inquiry hotline</td>
<td>0800-212-369</td>
<td>Consultation regarding health insurance and using the NHI IC card.</td>
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<td>Sightseeing inquiry hotline</td>
<td>0800-011-765</td>
<td>24-hour consultation services in Chinese, English and Japanese.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Taipei City Government service hotline</td>
<td>1999</td>
<td>Consultation regarding all types of municipal issues. English available.</td>
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<tr>
<td>AIDS hotline</td>
<td>0800-888-995</td>
<td>Year-round 24-hour service.</td>
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Section III. Living in Nankang and Taipei

1. Housing/Accommodations

(i) Inside Academia Sinica Campus

- Academic Activity Center

Academic Activity Center is an ideal place for short visits (less than a month) to Academia Sinica. There are 72 single rooms, 54 double-rooms and one suite in the Academic Activity Center. All rooms are equipped with telephone, internet connection, TV, and a refrigerator. The daily rates for a single room are NT$1100 (superior); for a double room the rates NT$1400 (superior). The check out time is at noon. Only New Taiwan dollars are accepted for payment. However, US dollars (cash) can be exchanged to New Taiwan dollars at the service counter. Details of Academic Activity Center services can be found on the following website: http://db1n.sinica.edu.tw/~tchsu/roomonline/roomonline_e.php
Tel: (+886-2) 2785-2717
Fax: (+886-2) 2783-3905
Reservations should be made through your affiliated Institute (Preparatory Office) or Research Center.

- Scholars’ Guest House

The Scholars’ Guest House provides for visitors who stay longer than a month but less than a year at Academia Sinica. It has 24 furnished apartments in a 6-story building, and is located behind the Academic Activity Center. The monthly rate, paid at the end of every month, telephone, cable TV, and utilities are extra. Reservations should be made through your affiliated Institute (Preparatory Office) or Research Center.

Note: Both the Academic Activity Center and Scholars’ Guest House respond to applications issued by Institutes (Preparatory Offices) or Research Centers only. All visitors are advised to keep close contact with their affiliated Institutes regarding accommodation on campus. A valid ID or passport should be presented during registration.

(ii) Off Campus Housing

There are quite a few rental apartments and boarding houses within the vicinity of Academia Sinica campus and Taipei city. The availability can be found in (English) newspaper. In addition, a few websites offer free rental information.
Note: Not all local residents can speak fluent English. All official documents are in Chinese. An official transcript needs to be public notarized. Therefore, it is very difficult for a foreigner who is not able to speak and/or to read Chinese to find a rental place. For this reason, it is advisable for all visitors to seek help from the host Institute (Preparatory Office) or Research Center.

One may also seek assistance at the International Affairs Office.
128, Yen-Chiu-Yuan Road, Sec. 2, Nankang, Taipei 115, Taiwan
Tel: +886-2-27898050 | Fax: +886-2-27858944 | email:iao@gate.sinica.edu.tw

(iii) Where to buy the furniture?

- '2nd-hand Street'
  Xiamen St., Zhongzheng District, Taipei City 100, Taiwan
  You can buy used furniture at the stores on the Xiamen St.
  Take MRT and get off at Guting Station and walk for 500 meters.


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<th>Address</th>
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<tr>
<td>B1, No. 100, Tun-Hwa N. Road, Song-Shan Dist. 105 Taipei (Asia-World Shopping Mall)</td>
<td>Tel: (02)2716-8900 Fax: (02)2712-5798</td>
<td>Sun. through Thr. and holiday 10:00-21:30 Fri., Sat. and the day before holiday 10:00 - 22:00</td>
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How to go?

**Metro:**
Take Mu-Zha Line to "Nanking E. Road Stop", and walk toward Tun-Hwa N. Road for about 10 min. (follow the map on up right)

**Bus:**
Bus Stop:
Nanking-TunHwa Block (near Nanking E. Road):
Bus Stop:
Nanking-TunHwa Block (near Tun-Hwa N. Road): 33, 275, 277, 521, 285 630, 262, 903, 905, 909 Tun-
2. Transportation

(i) Around Taipei City

(A) Bus

There are more than 400 bus lines (421 exactly) distributed in the 272 square kilometers of Taipei City to serve 2.6 million residents. Thus, the density of bus routes is high in the municipal area. Most of the buses operate from 5:30 a.m. till 11:30 p.m. The average waiting time is about 10 minutes. Fares are charged according to the zoning of individual bus line. The fare for a ride within one zone for an adult costs NT$15. Student with a valid ID enjoys a 20% discount. Senior citizen over 65 pays only half prize. Kids under 115 cm tall and accompanied by a paid adult travel free. Most the bus routes cover only two zones. The bus fare can be paid by coins (exact amount needed, no changes) or an EasyCard. Thus, taking the bus is the most effective, convenient, and economic way for moving around in Taipei.

EasyCard, issued by Taipei Smart Card Corporation, is an IC ticketing system for the metro, buses and car parks. EasyCard can be used by one passenger only. When a passenger leaves through the gate, his or her EasyCard must be read by the sensor. The value of the trip taken will be deducted. If the balance is not enough to pay for the trip, the fare will be deducted from the deposit and the passenger may still exit the station. Value must be added to the card before it can be used again. When adding value to the card, the balance for the previous trip will also be debited.

The details of routes, business hours, and the time interval between two consecutive scheduled runs (i.e., the waiting time) can be found at the following website.

http://www.taipeibus.taipei.gov.tw/index_e.htm

Fourteen bus routes serve Academia Sinica (stop at Academia Sinica): 205, 212 (two routes), 270 (two routes), 276, 306, 620, 645, blue 25, S1, S5, and S12. The names of the terminal stations and a few popular stops are listed at below.
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<th>Bus#</th>
<th>Route Description</th>
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<td>#205</td>
<td>Lingyun 5th Village-Donyuan (popular stops: Academia Sinica, Nankang Administrative Center [Nankang train station], Sungshan Train Station, Chinghua Living Mall, Department of Motor Vehicle, Sungshan Train Station, and Kuanghua Market)</td>
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<td>#212</td>
<td>JiuZhuang-The Youth Park (popular stops: Academia Sinica, Nankang Administrative Center [Nankang train station], MRT Kunyang Station, Taipei Municipal Chungxiao hospital, and MRT Taipei Railroad Main Station)</td>
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<tr>
<td>#212</td>
<td>Chungxiao East Road Express: JiuZhuang-The Youth Park (popular stops: Academia Sinica, a temporary stop [Nankang train station], Nankang Administrative Center, MRT Kunyang Station, Sungshan, Taipei Municipal Chungxiao hospital, MRT Taipei Railroad Main Station)</td>
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<td>#270</td>
<td>Lingyun 5th Village-ZhongHua Rd. (popular stops: Academia Sinica, a temporary stop [Nankang train station], MRT Kunyang station, Taipei Municipal Chungxiao hospital, Dr. Sun Yat Shen Memorial Hall, and National Taiwan University Hospital)</td>
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<td>#270</td>
<td>Lingyun 5th Village and Taipei City Government Building Shuttle (popular stops: Academia Sinica, a temporary stop [Nankang train station], MRT Kunyang station, Taipei Municipal Chungxiao hospital, and Taipei City Government Building)</td>
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<td>#276</td>
<td>JiuZhuang-Hengyang Road (Popular stops: Academia Sinica, Nankang Administrative Center [Nankang train station], Sungshan Train Station, and Adventist Hospital)</td>
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<td>#306</td>
<td>JiuZhuang-Luzhou (Popular stops: Academia Sinica, Nankang Administrative Center [Nankang train station], Sungshan Train Station, Taipei Arena, and MRT Chungshan Station)</td>
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<td>#620</td>
<td>China Institute of Technology-Shinkuang Hospital (popular stops: Academia Sinica, Kangning Hospital and Taipei 2nd Fruits and Vegetables Market)</td>
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<td>#645</td>
<td>Lingyun 5th Village-Taipei Veterans General Hospital (popular stops: Academia Sinica, Tri-Service General Hospital and Taipei Flower Market)</td>
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<td>#Blue25</td>
<td>China Institute of Technology-MRT Kunyang Station (popular stop: Academia Sinica, a temporary stop [Nankang train station])</td>
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<td>#S1</td>
<td>China Institute of Technology-Neigo (popular stop: Academia Sinica, Nankang Administrative Center [Nankang train station])</td>
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<td>#S5</td>
<td>Kuangming Temple-MRT Kunyang Station (popular stop: Academia Sinica, Nankang Administrative Center [Nankang train station])</td>
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<td>#S12</td>
<td>Fude Cemetry-MRT Kunyang Station (popular stop: Academia Sinica, Nankang Administrative Center [Nankang train station], Taipei Zoo)</td>
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<td>Chih-Nan Bus #6</td>
<td>Jinlong Temple-Taipei Zoo (popular stop: Academia Sinica, Shen-keng, Taipei Zoo)</td>
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Note: There is no uniform way on when to pay the bus fare. Some pay when boarding on the bus, and some pay when disembarking. It depends on the bus line and sometimes even depends on the driver. However, one can tell by a sign with a red light panel above the driver facing the boarding passenger. Be sure to learn the Chinese character 上 (get on) and 下 (get off).
(B) Taipei Mass Rapid Transit (MRT)

The Taipei MRT Company operates eight lines, two extensions, and one cable car (Maokong Gondola) to serve the Taipei Metropolitan.

The eight lines are listed at below

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<td>Muzha Line</td>
<td>Zhongshan Junior High School station — Taipei Zoo station, 10.5 km, 12 stations</td>
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<td>Danshui Line</td>
<td>C.K.S. Memorial Hall station — Danshui station (include Xinbeitou branch Line), 23.5 km, 22 stations.</td>
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<td>Zhonghe Line</td>
<td>Guting station — Nanshijiao station, 5.4 km, 4 stations</td>
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<td>Xiaonanmen Line</td>
<td>Ximen station — C.K.S. Memorial Hall station, 1.6 km, 1 station (Xiaonanmen station).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Xindian Line</td>
<td>Xindian station — C.K.S. Memorial Hall station (include Xiaobitan branch Line), 11.2 km, 10 stations.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nangang Line</td>
<td>Starting from Kunyang station and ending at Ximen station, 9.5 km, 11 stations.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Banqiao Line</td>
<td>Starting from Ximen station and ending at Fuzhong station, 7.2 km, 5 stations.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tucheng Line</td>
<td>Starting from Fuzhong station and ending at Yongning station, 5.5 km, 4 stations.</td>
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The red, orange, and blue lines meet at MRT Taipei Railroad Station, which is one of the major transfer stops.

For Metro Network map, please refer to page 106

The MRT running hours are from 06:00 am to midnight. One-way token can be purchased at the ticket vending machine prior to boarding the train. The fare is between NT$20-60 depending on distance traveled. Do not buy more than what you need for the ride because you’ll not get back the ticket/token (and thus the residual fare) for one-way tickets. Frequent riders are encouraged to buy a prepaid Easycard. To use the Easycard, one will get 20% off on the MRT rides and also 50% off on the continued bus ride (with one hour buffer time). A multiple entry one-day and group discount tickets are also available. In addition, the Easycard can be used to pay for parking at municipal operated garages. The Easycard can be purchased at the ticket (service) office of MRT stations and 7-11 convenient stores.

Students with valid ID and senior citizens enjoy the similar discount as the City bus system.

Detailed information, such as the routes map, features of interest, connecting bus routes of each MRT station, etc., can be found in MRT stations and website: http://www.trtc.com.tw/e/

The nearest MRT station to Academia Sinica is Kunyang (about 3 km away). It is connected to Academia Sinica by several bus lines (refer to the previous section). The riding time is about 15 minutes. It is faster to take a taxi. The fare is about NT$110 one way.
(C) Taxi Service

Taxi service is readily available in Taipei. Most taxi cabs are equipped with radio dispatch devices. For this reason, it is advisable to reserve a cab by phone. Taxi fare in Taipei City has increased from Nov. 1, 2007. Since November, the current night-time fare will apply around the clock, with the flag-drop rate remaining at NT$70 for the first 1.25km, after which an additional NT$5 will be applied for every 250m, down from the current 300m. An additional NT$5 will also be applied for every one minute and 40 seconds of waiting time. Passengers will be required to pay NT$20 extra on metered fares between 11pm and 6am. During the Lunar New Year holidays, passengers will need to pay an additional NT$20.

Note: A taxi cannot take more than four persons and the passenger in the front seat must buckle up, a requirement enforced by law.

(D) Getting around Taipei by Bicycle or Motor Scooter

Taipei is not a big city geographically speaking, and walking around is certainly a possibility. It has the most comprehensive public transportation system in the country, featuring fleets of buses, a subway with multiple lines (all being expanded at the moment), and there are hordes of taxis. Roughly 50% of the population owns a motor scooter or motorcycle. Many foreigners take the driver’s test (available in English) or use an international driver’s license, and buy or rent a scooter. Riding a bicycle is also an option. Traveling outside of Taipei can be done by bus, train, car rental, or plane at a fraction of the cost in North America.

Even though motorized traffic is very heavy in Taipei, bicycles are still legitimate vehicles to get around. For less dangerous riding, the Taipei City Cycling Map shows well designated bike routes.
The Cycleland Foundation (自行車新文化基金會) and Taipei City offer a comprehensive map showing, among other things, the locations of all bike trails, rental stations, MRT lines and stations with bicycle access, and ferries that carry bicycles. Visit Taipei City Hall to get a map. More information can be found at http://www.cycling-lifestyle.org.tw/ (Chinese), or by calling (02) 2719-2025.

(ii) Shuttle Buses to Consortium Universities

■ Taida Line (Free)

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<th>Academia Sinica → Taida</th>
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Route: AS Garage → No.3 Freeway → Xinhai Road → National Science Council on Hoping E. Road → NTU Fu Bell → Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences at NTU
The buses follow the same route back to Academia Sinica.

Bus stops are as follows:
● AS Garage
● Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences at NTU / NTU Fu Bell
● National Science Council on Hoping E. Road

■ Taida Line (Bus fare: NT$30 / way)

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NTNU*::National Taiwan Normal University
Bus stops are as follows:
● 07:25 a.m. On Keelung road, in front of the National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) → 17:25 p.m. On Xinsheng South Road (Xinsheng South Road bus stop in front of Taidai)
● AS Garage
National Yang-Ming University (NYMU) Line (Free)

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<th>Date</th>
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<td>12:00</td>
<td>08:15 16:30</td>
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<td>Thursday.</td>
<td>08:00</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
<td>09:00 14:30</td>
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Route: AS Garage → No.1 Freeway (Sun Yat-Sen Freeway) → NYMU → Stop at Institute of Neuroscience, NYMU → Stop at Laboratory Building, NYMU
Buses follow the same route back to Academia Sinica.

Bus stops are as follows:
- AS Garage
- Institute of Neuroscience, NYMU / Stop at Laboratory Building, NYMU

National Tsing Hua University Line (Free):
(This bus operates ONLY on Mon. Wed. & Fri.)

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Route: AS Garage → No.1 Freeway (Sun Yat-Sen Freeway) → National Central University → College of Humanities and Social Sciences of NTHU → Administration Building at NTHU
Return Route: 1. Bus starting at 6:30 pm at NTHU → No.3 Freeway → AS
2. Other Buses: Administration Building of NTHU → College of Humanities and Social Sciences of NTHU → National Central University → No.1 Freeway (Sun Yat-Sen Freeway) → AS Garage

Bus stops are as follows:
- AS Garage
- Research and Development Building at NTHU

Bus schedules are subject to change. Please verify schedules by referring to the “Academia Sinica” website:

(iii) Other Ways of Getting to National Taiwan University (NTU)

Main Campus of National Taiwan University

The Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences and the Institute of Astronomy & Astrophysics, Academia Sinica are located on the main campus of National Taiwan University. The address of the National Taiwan University main campus is: No.1, Sec. 4, Roosevelt Road, Taipei, Taiwan
For more information about National Taiwan University, please visit the website: http://www.ntu.edu.tw/eng2007/about/location.html

To reach the main campus of National Taiwan University:

By MRT
Take the Danshui-Xindian (green) line to Gongguan station. The Main Gate of the campus is located at Exit #3

By Bus
24 bus routes serve NTU (stop at NTU Main Campus):

0-South, 109, 207, 253, 280, 280(StraightLine), 284, 284-StraightLine, 290, 311, 505, 52, 642, 643, 668, 671, 675, 676, 907, SongjiangMainLine, SongJiang-XinShengMainLine, Dunhua Main Line, G11, 530.

Map of National Taiwan University
(iv) Driving in Taiwan

If you decide that public transportation is not for you and you decide to chance the traffic of Taiwan streets, then you will need to know more about drivers’ licenses. Basically the legal driving age is 18. The most important thing you need to have if you decide to drive in Taiwan is the International Driver's License (IDL). The IDL allows you to drive legally for the first 30 days after you arrive in Taiwan, unless you are from following countries: Italy, Vatican, Finland, Saudi Arabia, Amman, Nigeria, Japan, Paraguay, Ecuador, U.S. (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Florida).

If you wish to continue driving legally after this 30 day period you must go down to the nearest Motor Vehicles Office and have your IDL endorsed with a sticker. The procedure to extend your IDL is actually quite simple but can be a hassle if you are planning on staying for a long period. If you have heard the rumor that you can drive a 50cc scooter without a license it's not true. You will still need at least a current IDL to drive a 50cc scooter, a car, or a truck.

If you want to get an official ROC license you must first have an ARC (Alien Residence Card). The main advantages of having an R.O.C. license are that you can actually own your vehicle as well as purchase insurance. The procedure to get a R.O.C license is a little more involved but being able to legally own your vehicle and buy insurance is a big advantage.

If you didn't bring any kind of license with you, you can still get a license but you do require an ARC card. You will then have to start with a learner's permit for 3 months, or go to a driving school to shorten this period to 35 days. The same procedure to get an R.O.C license applies, which includes a written test as well as a road test.

The following summarizes procedures for application of a driver’s license for visitors from the countries of Australia, Canada, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, UK, or the USA only. If you are from India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, or the states of Oklahoma, Missouri or New Mexico in the US, the procedure for getting a license is much easier. Skip the next two sections and proceed to the section entitled “Exchanging your license” below.

Procedure to Extend an IDL As mentioned earlier, this must be done within 30 days of your arrival in Taiwan or your last IDL extension. You must take your International Drivers License, your passport and one recent passport picture to the nearest Motor Vehicles Office. As long as your passport indicates that you have not overstayed they will give you a sticker to put on your IDL. This sticker will allow you to drive a car, truck or 50cc scooter in Taiwan for another 30 days. Keep in mind that even if you leave and return to Taiwan this 30 day expiry date still applies. It is also a good idea to bring along your local driver's license because they also ask for this sometimes. There is no charge for this service. NOTE: If you want to drive a motor vehicle 100cc or more, you must take both a written and road test, and there will be a fee.

Procedure to get an R.O.C license In order to get a R.O.C license you must have an ARC. If you don't have one, you will just have to do with the extending your IDL. If you do have an ARC, then read on. Go down to your nearest Motor
Exchanging your license

The procedure to get a license can be very easy if you have a IDL or a driver’s license from your own country, and if you happen to fall into one of the categories below. Simply take your license to your nearest Motor Vehicle Branch and exchange it for a R.O.C. license. You will receive whatever driving privileges you had in your country and you don't even have to take a written test or a road test.

A. Those who have a valid international driver's license issued in one of the following countries may be issued an ROC driver's license without testing: Hungary, Belgium, Denmark, India, Vietnam, Cambodia, Burma, Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Burkina Faso, Bahamas, Honduras, Panama, St. Lucia, St. Christopher and Nevis, Belize, Tonga, Nauru, Nicaragua, Peru, Venezuela, Colombia, Dominican Republic, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Gambia, Libya, Swaziland, Malawi, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, Mauritius, Angola, Liberia, Central African Republic, Haiti, Costa Rica, Solomon Islands, Salvador, Bolivia, United States (Virginia, New Mexico).

B. Those with valid driver’s license issued in the following countries may be issued an ROC driver’s license without testing: Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, Darussaalam, Uruguay, Bahamas, Honduras, Panama, St. Lucia, St. Christopher and Nevis, Belize, Bolivia, Solomon Islands, Granada, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Nauru, Nicaragua, France, Hungary, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Zaire, Niger, Libya, Swaziland, Malawi, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, Mauritius, Angola, Liberia, Central African Republic, Haiti, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Colombia, Denmark, Jordan, Dominican Republic, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Gambia, and United States (Missouri).

Written Test The written tests are in English and are taken on a computer. They are actually quite easy; however, understanding some of the recorded English might be difficult at times. If you drove back in your own country, then you should have no problem passing this test. The passing score for the written test is 85 %. If you fail the test you must wait another 7 days before taking it again, and pay another fee. So you may want to study up on some of the road signs before taking the test. You can prepare yourself beforehand by borrowing a road manual from your nearest Motor Vehicle Office or taking a look at a sample of the written test on line.

Road Test "The road test in Taiwan” is not actually a "road test”. It is more of a "track-test”. The motor vehicle branches have set up a driving course within their office...
buildings, so in reality you never have to go on to the streets of Taiwan. Most branches will even rent you a vehicle to take the test in: a scooter for NT 20 and a car for NT 70. The passing score for the road test is 70%. It takes about a total of two hours to go through the whole procedure (written and road test). The major cities in Taiwan allow the written and road tests to be taken on a walk-in basis throughout the day at your nearest Motor Vehicle Office first. If you really don't want to take a road test you can still obtain a local license for just a 50cc motorcycle by taking the written test.

**Costs**

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**Motor Vehicle Branches**

**Taipei City Motor Vehicle Branch**
No. 21, Sec. 4, Bade Rd (Pa-Te Rd.), Sungshan Chiu, Taipei, Taiwan 105,
Tel: (02)2763-0155

Metropolitan Bus: By 257, 205, 276, 203, 202 off at MVO stop
Subway (MRT): Get off at Dr. Sun Yet-Sun Memorial Hall Station. The MVO is within 10 minutes by walking.

**Motor Vehicles Office Hour**
Monday through Friday/daily from 09:00 a.m. to 05:30 p.m.

Service hours to apply for the driving test
(1) Motorcycle
   Monday through Friday /daily 09:00~11:40 am and 13:30~16:20 pm.

(2) Motorcycle and car
   Monday from 13:30 to 16:20 (note: On Monday mornings, there is no driving test for cars.)
   Tuesday through Friday /daily 09:00~11:40 am and 13:30~16:20 pm.

Official Website: [http://163.29.36.51/tcmvd/index.jsp](http://163.29.36.51/tcmvd/index.jsp)

The following procedures for application of a driver’s license apply to visitors from these countries only: (Australia, Canada, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, UK, or the USA).
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(v) Traveling to other parts of Taiwan

(A) Train

There are two train systems operated in Taiwan: Taiwan Railway Administration and Taiwan High Speed Rail Company.

■ Taiwan Railway Administration

The government-owned Taiwan Railway Administration operates the railroad system around the island. There are two classes of train: the express trains (Tze-Chiang, Ju-Kuang, and Fu-Hsing) with reserved seats and the local shuttles. The ticket of the latter trains can be purchased in the station. A monthly pass is also available. The former one can be purchased in the station or ordered via internet (ID required). One may ride from any of the four stations in Taipei: Nankang, Sungshan, Taipei Main, or Wanhua. The express trains stop only at Sungshan and Taipei Main, though. The schedule, ticket prices, and reservation procedures can be found in Taiwan Train Administration official website:


The closest train station to Academia Sinica is Nankang, the next, Sungshan. They can be reached by several bus lines (see the “Bus” section). It takes about 10 minutes to reach the Nankang Station and about 20 minutes to Sungshan, by bus.

Note: The train ticket tab can be saved after stamping at the exit. It is recognized (or required in some instances) as a receipt of the ticket procurement.

■ Taiwan High Speed Rail (http://www.thsrc.com.tw/en/index.htm)

The Taiwan High Speed Rail (HSR) links Taipei to Kaohsiung over a total distance of 345km with ca. 90 minutes traveling time. Currently, eight stations of the high speed rail are under operation, namely, Taipei, Banciao, Taoyuan, Hsinchu, Taichung, Chiayi, Tainan, and Kaohsiung (Zuoying). By 2010, four more stations will be added: Nangang, Miaoli, Changhua and Yunlin.

For information about Taiwan High Speed Rail Timetables, Fare Tables and Travel Guide, please go to the following links to download the information needed to plan your trip:

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■ How to purchase tickets:

Phone Booking Service Hotlines
To make a booking from local landlines, please dial 4066-5678. For Miaoli area, 4266-5678; Taitung and Kinmen areas 4666-5678; and Matsu areas and mobile phones, 02-4066-5678 or Customer Services 02-6626-8000. For international calls, please dial +886-2-6626-8000 or +886-2-4066-5678.
Note: Calls are not toll-free.

- **Hours of Operation**
  
  Phone Booking English Service Hotlines are open for booking from 9am until 6pm daily.

- **Ticket Payment and Pick-up**
  
  The Booking Confirmation Number and customer’s passport number are required for ticket payment and pick-up. Customers can make payments and obtain tickets from either the Ticket Windows or Ticket Vending Machines at any of the stations. Foreign customers who booked senior discount tickets over Phone Booking Service must pick up tickets from the Ticket Windows with their Booking Confirmation Number and passport number, as well as their passports or valid photo identification as proof of age.

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<td><strong>Zuoying</strong></td>
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*Currency: NTDS*

Please click on the following link for more details:

**(B) Long distance buses**

There are quite a few privately owned long-distance bus companies serving Taiwan. A consortium station is located near the Taipei Railroad Main Station. The name and website of a few companies are listed below.

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<th>Company Name</th>
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Note: Unfortunately, none of the above websites is in English.
(C) Air Transportation

There are municipal airports or airfields in major cities of Taiwan and isolated islands to serve travel by air. Needless to say, it is preferable when time is of major concern. For instance the air travel time from Taipei to Hualien, a city in Eastern Taiwan is about 30 minutes, whereas it takes at least two hours by train or five to six hours by car due the meander mountainous roads. Air travel is also advisable to reach isolated islands such as Kinmen, Mazu, Green Island, and Orchid Island.

The Songshan Domestic Airport serves Taipei Metropolitan area. One may obtain more information by the following website.


A website http://ticket.ezfly.com/domestic/ provides flying schedules, fares, and reservation service for all airlines.

Taiwan's main domestic carriers are Mandarin Airlines, a China Airlines subsidiary, UNI Air, controlled by EVA, and TransAsia Airways. Flights are frequent, and it is usually unnecessary to book flights in advance. Taipei and Kaohsiung have regular services and links to most other domestic airports; however, it may not be possible to fly from one domestic airport to another. However, the popularity of the high-speed train has drastically cut flights on the once popular west coast sectors, with Taiwan-Kaohsiung flights only a shadow of what they once were.

Still, if you want to visit Taiwan's smaller islands, the plane is still the best option. Fares are not too expensive, and local planes are very good. The domestic airport in Taipei is Song Shan Airport, which is located in the north of the Taipei and easily reached by Taxi. Domestic destinations include Kaohsiung, Tainan, Chiayi, Taichung, Pingtung, Taitung, Hualien, Makung (Penghu / Pescadores), Kinmen, Hengchun, Nangan and Beigan. Travelers heading to Kenting can avail themselves of the direct and frequent bus service from Kaohsiung airport that connect with flights arriving from Taipei.

Note: A valid ID (passport for foreigners) is required to board the plane. The domestic flies observe the same safety standard as the international ones.

(D) Driving your own vehicle or a rental car

An international driving license is required for driving in Taiwan and may be used for up to 30 days, after which you'll need to apply for a local permit. Some municipalities may impose additional restrictions, so check ahead with the rental shop. VIP Rentals in Taipei is quite happy to rent cars to foreigners, and will even deliver the car to a given destination. A deposit is often required, and the last day of rental is not pro-rated, but calculated on a per-hour basis at a separate (higher) rate.

The numbered highway system is very good in Taiwan. Most traffic signs are in international symbols, but many signs show names of places and streets in Chinese only. Nevertheless, most official directional signs will be written in both Chinese and English. However, the unstandardized Romanization means that English names can vary between road signs, making it rather confusing. The highways are in excellent shape with toll stations around every 30 km. Currently, the toll for an auto is NT$40 per toll station on a highway. Prepaid tickets may be purchased at most convenience stores, allowing faster passage and eliminating the need to count out exact change while driving.
While driving may be the best way to get around the countryside, in larger cities like Taipei and Kaohsiung, traffic jams are a problem, especially during the rush hour and traffic tends to get chaotic so you might be better off relying on public transport instead.

Cars are driven on the right hand side of the road, similar to US and most countries in the world. Speed limit signs are posted in km/hr. For information on how to obtain a driver’s license, please see section on Driving in Taiwan above. Additional details may be obtained by contacting the Taipei Motor Vehicle Office. There are three branch offices in Taipei. The closest one to Academia Sinica is listed at below.

Address: 21 Bade Rd., Sec 4, Taipei
Tel: 2763-0155 and 2767-1900
Website: http://163.29.36.51/tcmvd/index.jsp
Hours: 09:00 to 17:30, Monday through Friday.

Highway information can be obtained at the following website: http://www.freeway.gov.tw/en_index.ASP

Note: Car drivers and motorcycle riders should be extremely cautious on the over-crowded roads in Taiwan. A no-fault insurance is compulsory by law.

(E) Renting a Car for the Weekend

Visitors with international licenses may drive a car in Taiwan. However, for those who are not familiar with the road conditions, it is recommended to rent a car with a driver. Cars can be rented at service counters in major airports, train stations and downtown locations. Some of international hotels also provide car rental service which is convenient to visitors who need just airport pick-up or a journey in a few hours.

Some car rental companies allow customers to return cars at more than just one outlet with additional service charge applied. Most car rental companies offer favorable rental packages, but most rental fees do not include insurance, so it is best to make sure of the company's particular policy before taking a car out.

In Taiwan, cars are driven on the right; drivers and passenger in the front must fasten seatbelts. For car-rental traveling, visitors are advised to familiarize Taiwan's driving regulations.

(vi) Ways for Getting to Academia Sinica

- From Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport

Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport is situated 40km (24.8 miles) southwest of Taipei. The trip takes about an hour by car/taxi.

By Taxi

Taxi cab can be hired outside the Arriving Hall (referred to earlier). It is very convenient whether or not you are a frequent visitor. There is a flat rate of NT$1200 to Academia Sinica.

Note: Please ignore any solicitations of taxi service inside the Arriving Hall. Do hire one at the official taxi stop.
By Bus

There are several bus companies in service. The bus terminal is located inside the Arriving Hall (please follow the sign). Luggage is self served. The bus fare ranges from NT$ 120 to 135 depending on the location of the terminal stop in Taipei. For instance, Kuokuang Bus ends either Taipei Railroad Main Station or Songshan Domestic Airport. Freego Bus’ terminal stop is Songshan Domestic Airport. These locations are close to Academia Sinica. Taxis are readily available at the bus terminal stop. The fare is between NT$ 200 to 300 to Academia Sinica. Another option is to take MRT, especially for the bus stops at MRT Taipei Railroad Main Station. One may take the Blue MRT to Kunyang (referred to earlier), then transfer to bus (available lines referred to earlier) to Academia Sinica.

Airport buses leave roughly every twenty minutes from 6 a.m. until 1:30 a.m. English flyers are distributed on the ticket counter. Most clerks are able to speak English and Japanese.

From other cities (or harbors) in Taiwan

By Bus or Train

Disembark at Taipei Railroad Main Station first. Then take taxi, MRT, or bus to Academic Sinica as described in the previous sections.

By Aircraft

The local airport is Sungshan Domestic Airport in Taipei. A taxi is the most time-saving and convenient way to get to Academia Sinica. The fare is about NT$250.

3. Currency

The Republic of China's unit of currency is the New Taiwan Dollar (NT$), which has five denominations in paper money and five in coins. Paper money comes in NT$2000, NT$1000, NT$500, NT$200, and NT$100 denominations. Coins come in NT$50, NT$20, NT$10, NT$5 and NT$1 denominations.
Foreign currencies can be exchanged at government-designated banks and hotels. Receipts are given when currency is exchanged, and must be presented in order to exchange unused NT dollars before departure.

### Banks to exchange foreign currency

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<tr>
<th>Bank</th>
<th>Address</th>
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<td>Taipei Fubon Bank</td>
<td>50, Chung-Shan N. Road, Sec. 2, Taipei</td>
<td>02-25425656</td>
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<tr>
<td>SinoPac Bank</td>
<td>36, Nanking E. Road, Sec. 3, Taipei</td>
<td>02-25063333</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Taiwan Cooperative Bank</td>
<td>77, Kuan-Chieng Road, Taipei</td>
<td>02-23118811</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>First Bank</td>
<td>30, Chung-Ching S. Road, Sec. 1, Taipei</td>
<td>02-23481111</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chang Hwa Bank</td>
<td>27, Chung-Ching S. Road, Sec. 1, Taipei</td>
<td>02-23617211</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hua Nan Bank</td>
<td>38, Chung-Ching S. Road, Sec. 1, Taipei</td>
<td>02-23713111</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cathay United Bank</td>
<td>65, Kuan-Chieng Road, Taipei</td>
<td>02-23125555</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Shanghai Commercial &amp; Savings Bank, Ltd.</td>
<td>2, Ming-Chuan E. Road, Sec. 1, Taipei</td>
<td>02-25817111</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mega International Commercial Bank</td>
<td>123, Sec. 2, Jhongsiao E. Rd., Jhongjheng District, Taipei City 100, Taiwan</td>
<td>02-25633156</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bank of Taiwan</td>
<td>120, Chung-Ching S. Road, Sec. 1, Taipei</td>
<td>02-23493456</td>
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<tr>
<td>CitiBank</td>
<td>117-1, Sec. 3, Min-Sheng E. Rd., Taipei</td>
<td>02-27155931</td>
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**Office Hours**  
(Mon.-Fri.) 09:00 - 15:30
4. Banking Services

(i) Opening a Bank Account

The banking hours are from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on weekdays in Taiwan. Foreigners may open a saving account and apply for an ATM card at Chunghwa Post Office or bank by presenting a valid passport and ARC. Inquire at each bank about their banking policies, especially exchanging traveler’s checks, wiring money, opening foreign dollar accounts, etc, before you open an account.

For international transferring and international currency purchasing, please go to commercial banks such as the Bank of Taiwan (www.bot.com.tw), the Citi Bank (www.citibank.com.tw) and The International Commercial Bank of China (www.icbc.com.tw). A small office of the Land Bank located on the 1st floor (Room 1101) of the Central Administration Building provides basic banking services from 9.30 AM-12.00 from Monday through Friday. Please note that Chunghwa Post does not provide international money transfer service. Applications for the credit card issued by Taiwan should include:

(a) Letters of guarantee
(b) Official passport
(c) An ARC with greater than one year validity

The following is a list of banks that have branches countrywide.

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<td>Bank of Taiwan</td>
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<td>Taiwan Cooperative Bank</td>
<td><a href="http://www.tcb-bank.com.tw/tcb/home/frame_eng.htm">http://www.tcb-bank.com.tw/tcb/home/frame_eng.htm</a></td>
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Note: Please keep all statements of bank transactions in a safe place. They are useful for filing income tax, changing resident status, and leaving/re-entry of Taiwan.

(ii) Banking Services On-Campus

There are a Taiwan Post and a Land Bank Branch Office on campus. The Chunghwa Post branch office is located upstairs of the garage adjacent to the main Post Office Building. The office hours were mentioned earlier.

A small office of the Land Bank is located on the 1st floor (Room 1101) of the Central Administration Building. It provides basic banking services from 9.30 a.m.-noon from Monday through Friday.

Most of the Institute’s offices offer (major) foreign currency/NTS exchanging service. An appointment should be made ahead of time. Service charge may apply. Please contact the account-payable clerk in each Institute for details.
5. Medical Care

(i) Medical Services

- **Inside Academia Sinica**

There is an infirmary located on the 1st floor of the gymnasium building. The service hours are basically Monday to Friday from 14:00 to 16:00. Please call 2789-9437 for details.

- **Medical Services near Academia Sinica**

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<td>Tri-Service General Hospital</td>
<td>325, Sec.2, Chenggong Rd., Neihu District, Taipei 114, Tel: 886-2-8792 3311</td>
<td><a href="http://www.tsgh.ndmctsgh.edu.tw/New-e/index.asp">http://www.tsgh.ndmctsgh.edu.tw/New-e/index.asp</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Taipei City Hospital (ZhongXiao Branch)</td>
<td>87, Tongde Rd., Taipei, 115, Tel: 886-2-2786 1288</td>
<td><a href="http://www.tpech.gov.tw/English/eIndex.aspx">http://www.tpech.gov.tw/English/eIndex.aspx</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Taipei</td>
<td>199, Tunghwa Rd., Taipei Tel: 886-2-2713 5211</td>
<td><a href="http://www.cgmh.org.tw/eng2002/index.asp">http://www.cgmh.org.tw/eng2002/index.asp</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chung Shan Hospital (specializes in gynecology)</td>
<td>11, Lane 112, Sec. 4, RenAi Rd., Taipei Tel: 886-2-2708-1166</td>
<td><a href="http://www.csh.com.tw/">http://www.csh.com.tw/</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Caituan Faren (Tsai-tuan Fa-jen) Hospital: Central Clinic</td>
<td>77, Sec.4, ZhongXiao E. Rd., Taipei Tel: 886-2-2751-0221</td>
<td><a href="http://www.clinic.org.tw/">http://www.clinic.org.tw/</a></td>
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(ii) Medications

Prescription drugs are usually filled at the hospital or clinics directly. Nominal co-payment applies if one is insured by NHI. Over the counter medicines can be purchased at grocery stores such as Watson’s, COSMED, and pharmacies marked with a green cross. You can buy medications at the following locations:

(A) Watson's shops (http://www.watsons.com.tw/)

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<tr>
<td>Kunyang Store</td>
<td>Business hours: 8:00-23:00</td>
<td>Tel: 02-27863315 / 02-27864522 Add: No.440, Sec. 6, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Houshanpi Store</td>
<td>Business hours: 10:30-22:30</td>
<td>Tel: 02-26522251 /02-26522253 Add: No.982, Sec. 5, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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(B) Cosmed (http://www.cosmed.com.tw/index.asp)

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<td>Zhongxiao Store</td>
<td>Business hours:</td>
<td>Tel: 02-27864104 Add: 1F., No.446, Sec. 6, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Nangang District,</td>
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<td>8:00-23:30</td>
<td>Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nangang Rd Store</td>
<td>Business hours:</td>
<td>Tel: 02-26546442 Add: 1-2F., No.8-10, Sec. 2, Nangang Rd., Nangang District,</td>
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<td>8:00-23:00</td>
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(C) Clinics (These clinics provide medical care to foreigners.)

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<td>Tang Ophthalmic Clinic</td>
<td>02-2788-8739</td>
<td>1F, No 169, Sec. 1, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>AnMing Dental Clinic</td>
<td>02-2783-8389</td>
<td>No 75, Sec. 1, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HuaDe Dental Clinic</td>
<td>02-2782-4088</td>
<td>No 32, Sec. 2, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chen Clinic</td>
<td>02-2783-6972</td>
<td>No 99-13, Sec. 1, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>YouCheng Clinic</td>
<td>02-2788-5799</td>
<td>No 39, Sec. 2, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>ZhongYan ENT Clinic</td>
<td>02-2788-3861</td>
<td>1F., No 3-9, Sec. 2, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>Liu Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic</td>
<td>02-2788-0713</td>
<td>1F., No.8, Xinghua Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>Huang Clinic</td>
<td>02-2782-0908</td>
<td>No 161, Sec. 1, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>NongMei Skin Clinic</td>
<td>02-2788-0391</td>
<td>1F., No 42, Sec. 1, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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(D) Pharmacies

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<td>YiSheng Pharmacy</td>
<td>02-2782-4937</td>
<td>No 5, Lane 70, Sec. 2, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>YiYi Pharmacy</td>
<td>02-2782-4315</td>
<td>No 12, Lane 54, Sec. 2, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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6. Telecommunications

(i) Telephone

Public Phone Service

Public phone in Taiwan can be operated either by coin or an IC card. There are 14 zones according to 14 counties and cities in Taiwan. The charge for calls is NT$ 1 for every minute within the same zone. All cross zone calls are long distance calls. The charge for long distance calls is NT$1 for every 20 seconds. International calls can be made with public phone marked “International”. Only IC card can be used for international calls. Another option is to make international calls (telegrams and FAX as well) at International Telecommunications Administration building located at 28 Hang-Chow South Road, Sec. 1.

Note: 1. The discount rate time for long distance and international calls is from 11 pm to 8 am the next day.

2. There are six international public phones in Academic Activity Center, Academic Sinica.

Local Phone Service

Documentation is required to subscribe for phone service. Both new and existing customers must bring in the following documentation:

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<th>Charge</th>
<th>How to apply</th>
<th>Required documents</th>
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<td>Installation of new phone</td>
<td>Installation of new or additional single-user phone or relay line.</td>
<td>1. Deposit of NT$1,000 for each number (not required for user-provided phones).&lt;br&gt;2. A device charge of NT$3,000 per number (NT$800 less if an indoor line is already installed).</td>
<td>1. By phone.  &lt;br&gt;2. Online.  &lt;br&gt;3. In person.  &lt;br&gt;4. Someone else may apply on your behalf.</td>
<td>1. Citizens--&lt;br&gt;Main documents: Citizens’ ID card (Seal or personal signature)&lt;br&gt;Secondary documents: Health insurance card, driver's license, military ID card, student ID, household identification book and passport; use any one to support main document</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interim</td>
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<td>1. Deposit of NT$1,000 for each number.  &lt;br&gt;2. A installation charge of NT$3,000 per number</td>
<td></td>
<td>2. Foreigners--&lt;br&gt;Main documents: Alien Residence Certificate(Seal or personal signature)&lt;br&gt;Secondary documents: Passport, health insurance card, driver's license,</td>
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</table>
| Choice of number | A customer may select a new number from a list of available unused numbers at their local service office. | At least NT$480 per number. | 1. In person.  
2. Someone else may apply on your behalf. | employer's ID card and secondary document; use any one to support main document  
3. Other than natural persons--Consumers such as companies, business establishments, and non-profit organizations must provide their business license, their organizational chop, the statutory executive's ID card, and the statutory executive's seal. |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Temporary removal of phone without loss of number | Customers who wish to temporarily stop using their phone may have their outside line removed while keeping their number. | 1. NT$200 charge for temporary phone removal.  
2. Basic monthly leasing charges are collected from the user according to residential user rates during the period of temporary removal. | 1. In person.  
2. Someone else may apply on your behalf.  
3. By phone. |  

| Reactivation of retained number | Customers who have temporarily removed their line may apply for re-installation. | The charge is the same as extra-household transfer if the phone is re-installed (reactivated) at a different location. | 1. In person.  
2. Someone else may apply on your behalf. |  

| User application for removal | A user wishes to terminate his or her lease. | 1. If the phone is re-installed within two years, there is a service charge of NT$200 but no device charge or monthly leasing fees.  
2. If the phone is re-installed at a different location within two years, the charge is the same as an extra-household transfer (there is no re-installation charge). | 1. In person.  
2. Someone else may apply on your behalf. |  

| Temporary cessation of phones services | Customers who, for various reasons, need to cease phone services for a short period of time. | 1. There is no charge for temporary cessation of calling.  
2. Monthly leasing fees are paid as usual during a temporary cessation of calling (circuit and number are retained). | 1. In person.  
2. Someone else may apply on your behalf.  
3. By phone. |  

Restoration of phone services

Customers who have temporarily ceased calls may apply to restore phone services.

No charge.

1. In person.
2. Someone else may apply on your behalf.

Documents needed for applying a phone:

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<td><strong>Main documents</strong></td>
<td><strong>Foreigners</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Citizens</strong></td>
<td><strong>Secondary documents</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Citizens' ID card</td>
<td>Health insurance card, driver's license, military ID card, student ID, household identification book and passport; use any one to support main document</td>
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<td>Seal or personal signature</td>
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The nearest Chungwa Telecom service center is at the following address:

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<th>Address</th>
<th>Telephone</th>
<th>Business Hour</th>
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<tr>
<td>Nangang Service Center</td>
<td>No. 356, Sec.1, Nangang Rd. Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
<td>123 &amp; 0800-080-123</td>
<td>Mon.-Fri. 8:30-17:30, Sat. 09:00-13:00</td>
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**How to make phone calls?**

(A) Local Call

If you would like to make a local phone call from your house phone or public phone within the same zone, you only need to dial the local phone number without the area code. If outside the same zone, please dial the area code following by local phone number.

(B) Long-Distance Call (Subscriber Toll Dialing)

All domestic long-distance phone calls made by domestic customers outside of their zone.
Usage:
1. Customers
   Dial long-distance identification code "0" + the area code (for Taipei dial 2, for
   Kaohsiung dial 7) + customer phone number.

2. Customers using other providers
   Dial provider identification code "1809"+long-distance identification code "0" +
   area code (for Taipei dial 2, for Kaohsiung dial 7) + customer phone number.

Note: Long-distance identification code "0" should not be dialed when a customer
makes an incoming call from overseas; the call will not go through when "0"
is dialed.

**Long-Distance Identification Codes and Area Codes for all Taiwan Counties and Cities**

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**Domestic Long-Distance Phone (STD) Price Table**

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<td>Charge per second</td>
<td>Call time per 1 dollar</td>
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<td>Standard time periods</td>
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<td>Reduced time periods</td>
<td>0.025/sec.</td>
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Rate periods

1. Standard time rates apply Mon.–Fri. 08:00–23:00, Sat. 08:00–12:00; reduced rates apply Mon.–Fri. 23:00–08:00, Sat. 12:00–Mon. 08:00, and all day Sunday and holidays.
2. New rates now apply to Tungsha, Nansha, Kinmen, and Matzu.
3. 081 collect calls: the charge for calls within the same long-distance zone is calculated according to local rates.

(C) International Calls

002/009 International Direct Dialing

International Direct Dialing (IDD) service enables customers to directly dial an overseas phone number without assistance of international operator. IDD service is now available to more than 200 countries worldwide.

Calculation of Charges

General Discounts: CHT offers a discount rate for high-volume (002 or 009)
Special Discounts: CHT also offers special discounts for contracted customers.
Please call 0800-080-100 for more information about country codes, calling fees, and time differences, etc.

019 Super eCall

The E-Call recharge card is for adding value to the Ideal Card provided by Chunghwa Telecom (CHT). After recharging your Ideal Card with an E-Call recharge card, simply dial 5277 to call any of the 230 countries around the world when dialing from Taiwan. In addition to the original E-Call card, this card is newly published from CHT. The E-Call recharge card is intended for foreign guest workers in Taiwan (primarily from Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, etc.). To meet the needs of this target market, the E-Call recharge card is available at the cost of NT$200.

(a) Calling method: 019 + country code + area code + local phone number.
(b) Fees reference
(c) Expiration
The prepaid card with the denominations of NT$100, 200, 300 & 520 issued before April 1st, 2007 by Chunghwa Telecom will be valid. If the card has expired, please call 0800-080-100.
(d) Target Market
Foreign guest workers or foreign visitors (especially from the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam)

Pre-paid Card

This prepaid card published by CHTI is a card to pay in advance by customers. It can be used for calls from overseas (49 countries) to Taiwan, or from Taiwan to overseas (230 countries). Calling charges are automatically subtracted from the card, until its
balance has been used up. This card is extremely convenient, and very handy when traveling overseas.

Features

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<th>Convenience</th>
<th>You don't have to put a card or coins in a phone; it's convenient, handy, and useable with all touch-tone phones</th>
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<td>Clarity</td>
<td>Clear and easy-to-understand voice instructions in Mandarin, English, Japanese, Thai, and Indonesian.</td>
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<td>Widespread utility</td>
<td>This card can be used for calls from 47 countries (or regions) to Taiwan, or to third countries (or regions) via Taiwan.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Inexpensive</td>
<td>Much more economical than using local hotel phones or public phones.</td>
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Value

NT$100, NT$200, NT$300, and NT$520 (discount price NT$500).

■ International E-Call Card

This is one of Chunghwa Telecom’s international calling cards. After purchasing the global economy calling card, the customer - from a local phone, public telephone or mobile phone in Taiwan - may enter the system number and password and dial out to 230 countries/territories. Or the customer may also choose to use the value storage function for mobile phone use (only available if the card is at full value; once you have used the card to make a call, this function will not be available). Once the card number is stored in the mobile phone, you may make international calls without entering the card number or password each time.

Features

International E-Call Card also provides value storage on your mobile phone. Provided the card is at full value, you may dial 0800-080-280 to activate value storage and begin making calls from your mobile phone. The details of this service are as follows:

(1) The automated service network will remember your personal preferences. After you have chosen your preferred language it will be prompted automatically thereafter no need to choose the language again.

(2) This company provides information on the amount remaining on card, as well as language changing services.

(3) This company offers special rates for calls to the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam. The longer the call to these countries, the lower is the calling rate. It also offers special rates for calls to China, Hong Kong, US and Canada.

Value

The cards have the following three face values: NT$200, NT$300, and NT$520 (discount price NT$500).
Suitable users
This card is best suited for foreign nationals working or residing in Taiwan that are not concerned with the audio quality of the call and are most sensitive about the calling rate.

Application Method
1. The card can be purchased at any Chunghwa Telecom service centers, Taiwan-wide President Convenience Stores, or Hi-Life Convenience Stores.
2. The card is valid until the date printed on the front of the card. Once the card number has been entered into the service network, it is valid for one year.
   Toll Free service phone: 0800-080-100

Taiwan Direct
Taiwan Direct is a collect call option designed specifically for Taiwan citizens traveling overseas who wish to call family or colleagues in Taiwan. The calling party overseas can either dial the call directly or place the call through an operator, and payment will be charged to the Chunghwa Telecom fixed-line or mobile phone customer receiving the call.

How to Use
1. Direct dialing
   After dialing the local "Taiwan Direct" connection number on an ordinary telephone, a recorded message will instruct the caller to enter a Chunghwa Telecom fixed-line or mobile phone number and then record his or her name. The system will connect to the desired number, and the called party can press "1" to accept the charges. The international collect call is then completed. The fees for these calls are calculated using the same rate as 009 international direct dial calls from Taiwan to the originating country.
   Note: A collect call made via "Taiwan Direct" may not connect a Chunghwa Telecom fixed line subscriber applying for Limited International Incoming Calls (LIIC), a Chunghwa Telecom Ideal Card holder and a Chunghwa Telecom mobile phone subscriber applying for LIIC or limited dialing of International Direct Dialing (IDD).

2. Operator-assisted call
   Press the Taiwan Direct button on a specially designated telephone or enter the local "Taiwan Direct" connection number on an ordinary telephone, and then enter *5#. This will put callers in touch with one of Chunghwa Telecom's international operators, who will place the collect call to the desired Chunghwa Telecom fixed-line number. The fees for these calls are calculated using the same rate as 1+1 operator-assisted calls from Taiwan to the originating country.
   Note: An operator-assisted "Taiwan Direct" collect call may not connect a Chunghwa Telecom mobile phone subscriber.
Advantages
1. Taiwan Direct may be used immediately; no need to apply to use service.
2. Taiwan Direct gives voice instructions in Chinese; instructions are simple and User friendly.
3. Since the called party pays, callers don't need to worry about being cut off because of insufficient balance.

(D) Cellular phones
The operating frequencies for cell phones in Taiwan are 800 and 1900 MHz. Cellular phones operating on the same frequencies from overseas companies can be used in Taiwan but have to pay the international roaming fees. Foreigners with ARC can be a cellular phone patron of Chunghua Telecom (CHT http://www.cht.com.tw/CHTFinalE/Web/) and several private companies. Cellular phones can use the prepaid card or by monthly charge.

If you need to apply for a cellular phone number, please bring your ID card or ARC, with another document such as driver license, passport, student ID, or NHI IC card to the nearest service center.

You may apply in the following companies:

Taiwan Mobile

Fareastone
http://www.fetnet.net/servlet/ContentServer?c=Page&t=efnHomePageT&pagename=@efETnet/Page/efnHomePageT&cid=1118627852869

■ Prepaid card

(A) Ideal Card
Among prepaid cards with no deposit and no monthly fees, the Ideal Card stands out for its many advanced features, which can make your mobile communications life truly effortless and carefree. You not only enjoy Chunghwa Telecom's superb island-wide dual-frequency communications quality, but also get the most advanced intelligent network technology with the Ideal Card. It can additionally provide you with many unique benefits and convenient services.

 Comes with a mobile phone number. Face value NT$1,000 includes NT$300 connection credit. Valid for 180 days. Can be recharged and validity period extended using an additional ID number.

(B) Refill Card
Has a 12-digit number printed on the card. Face values of NT$328, NT$528 and NT$928. Valid for 180 days. Used to recharge Ideal Card and extend its validity period without having to change numbers.

■ Monthly charge
You may pay certain amounts per month for using the cellular phone.
Monthly free minutes must be used within the allocated month. Unfinished minutes may not be carried forward to the subsequent month. Free minutes are only limited to accessing calls and voice mailbox within the country, not applicable toward any voice data services or international calls.
(ii) Internet -ADSL

Chunghwa Telecom's ADSL (http://www.cht.com.tw/CHTFinalE/Web/Personal.php?CatID=19) service consists of an ATU-R (ADSL modem) installed on an existing phone line. ADSL (Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line) technology allows users to use their phone while enjoying high-speed broadband Internet and data transmission (upload rate: 64k-1 Mbps; download rate: 256 k-12 Mbps). Other ADSL providers such as So-Net (http://www.so-net.net.tw/), Seednet (http://service.seed.net.tw/english-service/) or Taiwan Fixed Network(http://www.tfn.net.tw/english/index.asp).

- **Product Features**
  1. Two-way transmission: Upload and download; offers the full benefits of a broadband network.
  2. Superior bandwidth: Every ADSL customer enjoys a fixed bandwidth. An ATM exchange technology platform is used, plus an islandwide 155 Mbps/GE fiber-optic backbone network for high-speed data transmission.
  3. Amazing speed: Enjoy download speeds up to 12 Mbps, and upload speeds up to 1Mbps.
  4. Use one line two ways: Use the phone while you browse the Internet.
  5. "Always-on" connection: You can go online at any time.


The Computing Center provides Academia Sinica with ADSL service over the Taipei Metropolitan Area (the area code 02), allowing Academia Sinica workers to connect to the high speed network of Academia Sinica though ADSL at home and continue with their research work. Features as following:

1. Bi-directional data transfer: Download speed per second is 256 Kbps~2048 Kbps; upload speed per second is 64 Kbps~512 Kbps. Academia Sinica workers may choose a speed appropriate for their requirements. For details on fees for various speeds, please refer to Chunghwa Telecom's ADSL monthly fee table.
2. Dual purpose cable: ADSL can be used for both telephone and network communication.
3. Always-on connection: Users can go online anytime with no need for a dial-up connection.
4. Economical connection: Workers of Academia Sinica only have to pay the basic ADSL circuit monthly fee; no other fees will be charged for network connection.

**Contact Information**
- Team: Network Team
- Phone: (02)2789-9490
- E-mail: noc@ascc.net

(iii) Postal service

(A) Post Office

The Nearest Post Office is located on the Academia Sinica campus, near the Central Administration Building. The office hour is from 8:00 am-5:00 pm, Monday to Friday; 8:30 am-noon, Saturday. There is no service on all national holidays. Postal service divides into Printed Matter, Surface Mail, Air Mail,
Special Delivery, Registered Mail, Express Mail and Parcel Service (domestic and international). Please browse The Chunghwa Post Office’ website for more information.

**Domestic Letter-Post Items**

**Postage rates** (Effective July 15, 1999 Unit NT$)

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**Newspapers**

NTS1.25 for every 50g (weight limit 2kg)

**Magazines**

NTS1.75 for every 50g (weight limit: 2kg)

**Postcards**

NTS2.5 per item?ANTS9,5 per item for each prompt delivery postcard

**Small packets**

NTS10 for every 100g (weight limit: 1kg)

**Aerogramme**

NTS4 per item
## International Letter-Post Items

### Postage Rates (Effective Feb. 1, 2002 NT$)

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### Literature for the blind (weight limit: 7kg)

- Exempting from surface postage
- Same as newspapers

### Remarks

1. Airmail rates for Africa, Europe, Central & South America are applicable to items destined for islands east of longitude 180 degrees, such as Tonga, Tahiti, Western Samoa, American Samoa, etc.
2. Registration charge and insurance charge shall be added for insured letters. Insured letter service is only available to post offices at Keelung, Taipei Taan, Taichung Yingtsai, Tainan and Kaohsiung, where Taiwan customs have an office.

Other postage rates enquiry, please click the website: http://www.post.gov.tw/post/index.jsp

### Track & Trace Service

- **International Incoming Letters Tracking Service**
- **International Incoming Parcels Tracking Service**
- **EMS Tracking Service**

#### 3+2 Find a Zip Code

- **http://www.post.gov.tw/post/index.jsp**

### (B) Parcel service

In addition to Chunghwa Post Office, several private companies offer parcel service. The convenient stores (7-11 for an example) are usual the drop off points. For international deliveries, FedEx (http://www.fedex.com/tw/) and DHL (http://www.dhl.com.tw/publish/tw/zt.high.html) are good choices.

### (C) International Moving Services

**YE-WANG Company**: http://www.far.com.tw/inter_e.htm  
FAX 886-7-332-6028  
TEL 886-7-332-1208
7. Utility Services (Electricity, Gas and Water)

(i) Electricity

Family or household appliances are operated by 110 volts, 50 cycles, AC in Taiwan.

| Taiwan | 110V, 60HZ, 50 cycles | category A |

(ii) Gas

Households in Taiwan generally use one of two types of fuel – natural gas or bottled petroleum gas. Natural gas is piped to each customer’s residence, while the petroleum gas bottle is delivered and put by the gas company at an appropriate place at the residence. Presently, it is common for most urban areas to use natural gas, while other counties and towns decide which type to use based upon their individual situations.

Please order bottled petroleum gas from local gas companies. As for natural gas, in principle, when buildings are completed, all gas lines should also be completed and can be used at anytime. For inquiries about related information, please consult the Gas Association of the Republic of China/Members Companies at http://www.rocga.org.tw/member.htm. (Chinese version)

In NanKang and Neihu District, the gas company is Shin Hu Natural Gas Co., Ltd.
Address: 5F., No.180, Sinhu 2nd Rd., Neihu District, Taipei City 114, Taiwan (R.O.C.)
Telephone : (02) 2791-3491
Hot-line : (02) 2794-3218, 2794-3219
Toll-free number : 0800-023-491

You can order bottled petroleum gas from the following local gas companies

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<td>Qikai Gas</td>
<td>02-2783-6687</td>
<td>1F., No.30, Sec. 3, Nankang Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115,台湾 (R.O.C.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>JieDe Gas</td>
<td>02-2782-3768</td>
<td>No.55, Sec. 2, Academia Rd., Nankang District, Taipei City 115,台湾 (R.O.C.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>ZhongTain Gas</td>
<td>02-2786-1242</td>
<td>1F., No.149, Sec. 3, Academia Rd., Nankang District, Taipei City 115,台湾 (R.O.C.)</td>
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(iii) Tap Water

Tap water quality in Taiwan
Tap water supply in the Republic of China is both safe and convenient. The quality meets international standards and over 99 percent of quality tests pass the criteria set by the environmental protection organizations. But people in Taiwan still maintain the habit of boiling the water before drinking. Users need not worry about water quality as long as they pay attention to the installation and maintenance of water supply equipment (like water pools, water tanks, pipelines, etc.)

Service districts
In principle, the Taipei Water Department (TWD) provides water supply services in the Greater Taipei region – the whole Taipei City area and some parts of Taipei County. All other areas in Taiwan are served by Taiwan Water Corporation (TWC). (Note: The actual service districts of the two organizations are not necessarily divided directly and precisely in accordance with the division of administration districts.)

Service hours
(A) Taipei Water Department (TWD) of the TCG:
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and government-designated holidays.)
Service center Tel: (02) 8733-5678 (24 hours a day, year-round).
(B) Taiwan Water Corporation (TWC)
8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and government-designated holidays.)
Toll-free service center Tel: 0800-000-876

Nankang District Service Office:

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<th>Business Office</th>
<th>Address (all in Taipei City)</th>
<th>Telephone</th>
<th>Fax</th>
<th>Leakage Repair (Service Telephone)</th>
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<tr>
<td>East district business office</td>
<td>3F, 688, Sec. 4, Bade Rd.</td>
<td>(02) 2745-6123</td>
<td>(02) 2745-6143 (02) 2745-6144</td>
<td>0800-000786</td>
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Water bills
Consumers have a wide variety of choices to pay their water bills
(A) At service counters of the offices of the TWD or the water company.
(B) At 24-hour convenience stores (7-Eleven, FamilyMart chain stores, etc.)
(C) Financial institutions: sign an agreement to authorize a bank or post office that will regularly deduct payment from your account.
(D) Bank deposit transfer: (procedure like the above item)
(E) Online banking service
(F) At automated teller machines (ATMs)
(G) Pay *via* credit card account.

**Online information:**
(A) Taipei Water Department (TWD) of the TCG:
   http://www.twd.gov.tw/ (Chinese; may select English version)
   http://www.twd.gov.tw/english/e_index.htm
   Email Address: twd025@twd.gov.tw
(B) Taiwan Water Corporation (TWC)
   http://www.water.gov.tw/ (Chinese; may select English version)

**FAQ:**

Q1: *Where can I pay my water bill?*
A: You can pay it at the nearest banks and convenience stores in Taipei. Even without a water charges notice, you can do that at one of the TWD units indicated here. Except the methods given above, there are other payment methods. You can pay your water bills on-line via internet banking, ATM and Automatic Recurring Credit Card Payments using the most secure on-line payment system available.

Q2: *Where should I file my application for initiation, suspension, and resumption of water supply?*
A: At the Service Center or any of TWD's district business offices. They are always ready to answer your inquiries and complaints about water supply and to provide advice and assistance you need.

Q3: *How much does 1 degree of tap water cost?*
A: On average, 1 degree of tap water used costs NT$7.5 plus water source conservation and feedback fee and charges collected on behalf of other agencies.

Q4: *Basis for calculation of basic charges*
A: Based on (1) the standard basic charge of NT$34 monthly per household installed with a 13 mm water meter and (2) the pipe diameter equivalent value of all other sized meters, basic charges for all households are acquired by multiplying NT$34 by the equivalent values. Low-income households installed with 13 mm meters pay half of the standard basic charge, or NT$17.

8. **Travel Agencies**

   Travel agency operates ticketing service on the first floor of the Administration Office Building. One may purchase air tickets, file visa applications, and make travel schedules with the travel agent. Tel: 2789-9433; Hours: 09:30 ~ 11:00, 13:00~ 16:00, Monday – Friday.

9. **Religious Services**

   (i) **Religious freedom and equality**

   The Constitution of the Republic of China holds the principles of religious freedom and religious equality, respecting the activities of all religious groups.
(ii) Summary of religions

Followers of Taoism comprise the largest group of religious worshippers in Taiwan with 7.6 million believers. Buddhists make the next largest with 5.48 million. There are a number of other significant religions in Taiwan which include I Kuan Tao, Christianity, Catholicism and Moslem, etc.

(iii) Church and Mosque information

In order to meet the needs of foreigners for services in Taiwan, a list of churches that foreigners often attend is provided below:

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<th>Church and Mosque</th>
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<td>Taipei Mosque</td>
<td>No. 62, Shinsheng South Rd., Sec. 2, Taipei City</td>
<td>(02) 2392-7364&lt;br&gt;(02) 2321-9445</td>
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<tr>
<td>St. Christopher Catholic Church</td>
<td>No. 51, Chongshan North Rd., Sec. 3, Taipei City</td>
<td>(02) 2594-7914&lt;br&gt;(02) 2593-6422</td>
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<tr>
<td>Holy Family Church (Catholic)</td>
<td>No. 50, Shinsheng South Rd., Sec. 2, Taipei City</td>
<td>(02) 2392-0701</td>
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<tr>
<td>Grace Baptist Church</td>
<td>No. 90, Shinsheng South Rd., Sec. 3, Taipei City</td>
<td>(02) 2362-5321</td>
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<tr>
<td>Presbyterian Church in Taiwan-ZhongYan Church (Christian)</td>
<td>3F., No.1, Lane 34, Sec. 2, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan (R.O.C.)</td>
<td>(02) 2782-4636</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Presbyterian Church in Taiwan-ChengDe Church (Christian)</td>
<td>No.341, Fude St., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan (R.O.C.)</td>
<td>02-2785-6080</td>
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<tr>
<td>Taiwan Grace Christian Gospel Assembly- Huguang Church</td>
<td>No.608, Sec. 1, Neihu Rd., Neihu District, Taipei City 114, Taiwan (R.O.C.)</td>
<td>02-2797-1000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints(Mormon)</td>
<td>1F., No.217, Dahu Shanjhuang St., Neihu District, Taipei City 114, Taiwan (R.O.C.)</td>
<td>(02)2790-4371</td>
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<tr>
<td>Presbyterian Church in Taiwan-Neihu Church (Christian)</td>
<td>2F., No.138, Sec. 1, Kangning Rd., Neihu District, Taipei City 114, Taiwan (R.O.C.)</td>
<td>02-2799-4948</td>
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<tr>
<td>Southern District Catholic Church</td>
<td>No. 366, Fuhsing Rd., Sec. 3,South District, Taichung City</td>
<td>(04) 2222-2370</td>
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<td>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints(Mormon)</td>
<td>No. 498-11, Wuchian Rd., North District, Taichung City</td>
<td>(04) 2226-1057</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kaohsiung Grand Mosque</td>
<td>No. 11, Yunchun Rd., Lingya District, Kaohsiung City</td>
<td>(07) 749-6812</td>
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<tr>
<td>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints</td>
<td>No. 292, Chungyi Rd.,Chienjin District, Kaohsiung</td>
<td>(07) 221-2943</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kaohsiung Shepherd</td>
<td>No. 218, Dingli Rd., Sanmin District, Kaohsiung</td>
<td>(07) 370-7426</td>
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<tr>
<td>Community Church (Christian)</td>
<td>Kaohsiung City</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lingya Lutheran Church (Christian)</td>
<td>No. 74, Mindun Rd., Hsinhsing District, Kaohsiung City</td>
<td>(07) 281-1291</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stella Maris International Service Center (Catholic)</td>
<td>No. 37, Lainan St., Yancheng District, Kaohsiung City</td>
<td>(07) 533-0239</td>
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<tr>
<td>St. Joseph’s Church (Catholic)</td>
<td>No. 10, Changbian Rd., Hsiaogang District, Kaohsiung City</td>
<td>(07) 801-5556</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mother of Good Counsel Church</td>
<td>No. 356, Ruilong Rd., Chienchen District, Kaohsiung City</td>
<td>(07) 761-1190</td>
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(iv) Reference information

For more detailed information regarding the various religions in Taiwan, please visit the Ministry of the Interior’s Department of Civil Affairs (DCA) Web site at: http://www.moi.gov.tw/dca/religion01.asp (Chinese) Religion division of the DCA Tel.: (02) 2356-5393

10. Supermarkets and Traditional Markets

In addition to the groceries store on the second floor of the garage (see also “grocery shopping” on page 95), there are supermarkets and traditional markets scattered within walking distance of Academia Sinica. To name a few:

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<tr>
<td>Ling-Yun Supermarket</td>
<td>5, Lane 68, Yen-Chiu-Yuan Road, Sec. 3, Taipei</td>
<td>2788 2864</td>
<td>Hours: around the clock</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wellcome Supermarket</td>
<td>1F, 196, Jiu-zhuang Road, Taipei</td>
<td>2651-2639</td>
<td>Hours: most vendors finish the day at noon.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zhongyan Traditional Market</td>
<td>12, Lane 80, Yen-Chiu-Yuan Road, Sec. 2, Taipei</td>
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<tr>
<td>Linsen Traditional Market</td>
<td>Located at Linsen street under Highway 3, Xizhi, Taipei County.</td>
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11. Shopping in Taipei

It could be argued that shopping is the top leisure activity for Taiwanese. Certainly it ranks right up there with singing KTV and going to the movies - and it is definitely the top leisure-time pursuit for Taiwanese women. Foreigners in Taipei will find the shopping plentiful and there are more choices now in the larger cites than ever before. Even smaller townships and cities usually feature a few large retail stores where you can find all kinds of international goods. There are lots of different ways to go shopping in Taipei, from the tiny local shop next to your residence to the major go-to destination experiences complete with movie theaters, restaurants and designer fashions.
(i) Department Stores

One unique feature of the Japanese department stores is the elevator girls (and sometimes young men) that will politely hold the door for you and help push the buttons for which floor you want to go to. They can also usually provide directions on where to visit for what you need. There are also sparkling clean play areas for young kids to enjoy although some do charge a small fee for entrance. While every city has a few of its own department stores, there are two major chains in Taiwan.

While there are many department stores ranging from small to large ones in each city, there are two large Department stores chains with at least one store in each major city. Shin Kong Mitsukoshi is a joint venture between the Mitsui Company in Japan and the Shin Kong Group in Taiwan. This is probably the hottest and most popular department store chain in Taiwan. It is basically like being in a mall because there are many different international retailers like Gucci, Prada etc. Sogo Department Store also has branches in each city.

(ii) Hyper-Markets

This term applies to all the big stores like Carrefour and Geant that carry everything from automotive parts to clothes to food. These large stores are also often popular hang-outs on steamy weekends, although the air conditioning is typically not as cool as the Department stores. They offer good deals and normally good quality on many standard items, however they typically will not offer any bargaining and there may not be any staff around to help you make a purchase.

(iii) Everything Stores

In all towns and cities across Taiwan there is bound to be an "Everything Store" conveniently located and open late into the night near where you live. These stores are the staple of local Taiwan shopping. When you need to run out and buy a screwdriver, some clothes hangers, dishes or any other small household items - this is the place to go. As the name implies they sell "Everything" and are typically lower priced than many of the larger hyper-market stores. Normally the prices are clearly marked on the items, so there's not much bargaining you can do unless you are purchasing multiple items, or higher priced items. Some stores in this category may sell super cheap and inferior goods that do not last, so once you find a good one, stick with it. In some rural areas, you may even see an "everything store on wheels" where a little truck drives around to small towns offering brooms, pots, pans and other goods.

(iv) Night Markets

It's always fun to go shopping in night markets, although you may be better off just buying food and playing the games instead of really purchasing any goods. Some stands offer an impressive array of products such as "Everything for 10NT." Listen for the taped message on the loudspeaker "... zup ko ... zup ko" which means "10 dollars" in Taiwanese. However, most of these goods you can find at the night market are cheaply made in China and are worth exactly what you paid for them or maybe even much less.

Shilin Night Market has more than just food and has a section which sells bags and clothing. Most of the stuff here are just imitations though. To get there, take the MRT Danshui Line to Jiantan Station. The food court is located directly across the street from the station with the rest of the night market spreading out to the north.
(v) Shopping Malls

It is often said that L.A. has no center. In contrast, one could say that Taipei is all centers, and as such it has been given the epithet - "the emporium without end." Basically, however, the main shopping area can be divided into two districts: East and West. West Taipei is the old city and is characterized by narrow streets crammed packed with small shops. The Western district is also home to most government buildings and the Taipei Main Station. East Taipei boasts wide tree lined boulevards and the four main shopping malls are located in this area. Popular shopping destinations in East Taipei consist of the area around the Zhong Xiao-Dun Hua intersection and Taipei 101.

(A) Xinyi District

Xinyi District is the seat of the Taipei mayor's office and the Taipei city council. The Taipei Convention Hall, the Taipei World Trade Center, Taipei 101, Taipei City Hall, and various shopping malls and entertainment venues make Xinyi the most modern cosmopolitan district of Taipei. Xinyi District is also considered the financial district of Taipei. The Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall is also in the district. Much of the district use to be wetlands, explaining the abundance of space for construction projects as this was one of the last places in Taipei to be developed. The district is arguably the premier shopping area in Taipei, if not all of Taiwan. Xinyi District is anchored by a number of department stores and malls. In addition, numerous restaurants are located in the area, especially American chain restaurants.

(B) Miramar Entertainment Park is mostly your regular shopping center with the usual stuff, though it also houses the only IMAX theatre in Taiwan as well as the Miramar ferris wheel which offers great views of Taipei city.

(C) Eslite Mall (誠品 Chengpin) - an upscale market-style shopping center with 24 hour book shop (with good English selection) on the second floor and ethnic music store in basement. 245 Dunhua South Road - near intersection with Renai Road.

(D) Breeze Center (微風廣場 Weifeng Guangchang), 39 Fuxing South Road, Sec. 1 (near the intersection with Civic Boulevard) Tel: +886 2 6600-8888. Open: 11AM-9:30PM Sun-Thur; 11AM-10PM Fri-Sat.

(E) The Core Pacific Living Mall (京華城 Jinghua Cheng), reportedly Asia's largest shopping center under one roof, has many stores open 24 hours, plus a large food court, cinema complex, and the nightclub Plush, located on Bade Road, near intersection with Guangfu South Road.

(F) A main shopping area is also located around the Sogo Department Store on Zhongxiao East Road, Sec. 4 (nearest MRT Station: Zhongxiao Fuxing), and the lanes and alleys around Da'an Road (behind Sogo) have an interesting array of small shops and boutiques. Buddha Statues, prayer flags and other artifacts associated with Tibetan Buddhism can be purchased at Potala, 2F, 2-4, Lane 51, Da'an Road. Tel: +886 2 2741-6906. The staff speaks English and the prices are reasonable. Also, those interested in all things Nepalese should check out Jay Shiva Shamyoo Himalayan Handicrafts, located in the basement of 1 Lane 146, Zhongxiao East Road, sec. 4. Tel: +886 2 2740 2828.

(G) Those interested in picking up cheap electronic goods and cameras should wander the lanes and alleys around Kaifeng Street and Zhonghua Road (near Taipei Main Station).
Computer buffs will enjoy a visit to Guanghua Market (光華商場 Guanghua Shangchang). Specializing in computer and electronic goods, this market has the largest number of stalls selling hardware and software under one roof in Taiwan, and all at very competitive prices. While there, check out the enormous DVD & VCD selections (remember to check DVD region codes) and used book stores. The location is at the corner of Civic Blvd and Songjiang Road.

The Station Front Area (站前), a section of Downtown just south of the Taipei Railway Station is a bustling area filled with shops and stores of all kinds, but is especially well known for it's high concentration of bookstores, and in recent years, stores specializing in electronics and computer hardware. Electronic and computer junkies take note: some smaller vendors will allow you to bargain down prices on large purchases (i.e. a custom built PC). Popular places in this area to shop for computer hardware and software include:

Nova, a four storey collection of small computer and electronics vendors that can only be described as a high tech bazaar, located across the street from the railway station on the west side of the Shinkong Mitsukoshi department store.

K-Mall, located in the former Asiaworld department store on the east side of Shinkong Mitsukoshi, this trendy mall specializes in electronics of all kinds, and is a location for large companies such as Asus, Samsung, Benq, and Acer to showcase their newest products.

(H)The Taipei Zhongshan Metro Shopping Mall (Easy Mall) is a long underground shopping area that houses several stores selling all manner of items, not necessarily limited to electronics. A few stores in the Easy Mall carry current and vintage video game hardware and software, and perform hardware modifications on consoles. The Easy Mall is accessible through the basement of Taipei Railway Station.

(I) The Ximending (西門町) is the trendy shopping area just west of Downtown popular with local students. If it's pink, plastic, and imported from Japan, you can probably find it on sale in a store here. To get to Ximending, take the MRT Blue (Bannan) Line and get off at Ximen Station.

(J) Zhongshan North Road (中山北路) is a tree-lined boulevard featuring numerous international and local brands. Gucci and Louis Vuitton are among the brands that operate stores along this street. This road, particularly along the 2nd section, is also famous for its numerous wedding picture studios and gown boutiques. It is possible to find a great deal for wedding portraits here as competition is stiff. This road runs parallel to the MRT Red (Danshui/Beitou) line.

(vi) Discount Membership Stores

(A) Costco  http://www.costco.com.tw/eng/

Costco is membership warehouse club, dedicated to bringing our members the best possible prices on quality brand-name merchandise. With hundreds of locations worldwide, Costco provides a wide selection of merchandise, plus the convenience of specialty departments and exclusive member services, all designed to make your shopping experience a pleasurable one.
There are two locations near AS

### NEI HU

- **Address**: No.268, Jiu Zong Road, Sec. 1, Nei Hu Dist. Taipei, Taiwan
- **Regular Hours**: 10:00 am - 09:30 pm, Monday - Sunday
- **Warehouse Telephone**: 886-2-8791-0110
- **Warehouse Features**:
  - 1 Hour Photo
  - ATM
  - Food Court
  - Fresh Bakery
  - Fresh Deli
  - Fresh Fish
  - Fresh Meat
  - Fresh Produce
  - Fresh Sushi
  - Rotisserie Chicken
  - Tire Center
  - Optical Department
  - Pharmacy
  - Wheelchair Available
- **Opening Date**: July 1999

### SHIH CHIH

- **Address**: No.158, Sec. 1, Da Tung Road, Shih Chih City, Taipei County, Taiwan
- **Regular Hours**: 10:00 am - 09:30 pm, Monday - Sunday
- **Warehouse Telephone**: 886-2-2690-7335
- **Bus Routes**: 212 306
  - Academia Sinica → Zhongyan Xincun → Yuangong Bridge → Nangang Water Plant → Chengzheng Junior High School
→ Nangang Elementary School
Then transfer to bus 605 or Blue 15
Nangang Elementary School → Hengke → ocean home (get off)

| Warehouse Features | • 1 Hour Photo
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|                    | • Tire Center
|                    | • Optical Department
|                    | • Pharmacy
|                    | • Wheelchair Available

Opening Date • January 2000


Carrefour carries everything from automotive parts to clothes to food. They offer good deals and normally good quality on many standard items, however they typically will not offer any bargaining and there may not be any staff around to help you make a purchase.

**NAN KANG STORE**
B1-1 5 LANE 20 NAN-KANG ROAD SEC. 2 TAIPEI 115
Business hour: 09:00 - 24:00
TEL: (02)2788-2550
FAX: (02)2788-2549

How to get there from AS?

Bus Routes: 205, 212, 276, 306

Academia Sinica → Zhongyan Xincun → Yuangong Bridge → Nangang Water Plant → Chengzheng Junior High School → Nangang → Nangang Vocational High School → Nangang District Center (get off)
12. Restaurants and Fast Food

There are numerous food stands, noodle houses, cafeterias, pizza stores, vegetarian restaurants and etc. in the vicinity of Academia Sinica. Prices are thrift for a decent meal. One should explore by him/herself to enjoy the varieties of food.

One may find the cuisine all over the world in Taipei since it is an international city. For dining guide, please browse the website: http://www.taiwanfun.com/north/taipei.

Fast food

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<td>PIZZA HUT (NanKang)</td>
<td>02-2785-6287</td>
<td>No.113, Sec. 1, Nangang Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Napoli Pizza (NanKang)</td>
<td>02-2783-9922</td>
<td>1F., No.145, Sec. 1, Nangang Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dominos Pizza (Jiankang)</td>
<td>02-2783-1134</td>
<td>No.212, Jiankang Rd., Songshan District, Taipei City 105, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>McDonald’s (NanKang)</td>
<td>02-27890595</td>
<td>1F., No.16, Sec. 2, Nangang Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<td>McDonald’s (Academia Area)</td>
<td>02-2653-6369</td>
<td>1F., No.99, Sec. 1, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>MOS BURGER (NanKang I)</td>
<td>02-2655-1873</td>
<td>No.19-8, Sanchong Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>MOS BURGER (NanKang II)</td>
<td>02-2785-8441</td>
<td>No.3-2, Yuancyu St., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>T.K.K. Fried Chicken (KunYang)</td>
<td>02-2786-3206</td>
<td>No.392, Sec. 6, Jhongsiao E. Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>Burger King (Bade)</td>
<td>02-2740-6882</td>
<td>No.449, Sec. 2, Bade Rd., Songshan District, Taipei City 105, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>KFC (Bade)</td>
<td>02-2747-3561</td>
<td>No.721, Sec. 4, Bade Rd., Songshan District, Taipei City 105, Taiwan</td>
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13. Local Entertainments

(i) Around Taipei City

(A) Movies

There are more than 10 movie theaters in downtown Taipei. You can check English daily newspapers such as the “Taipei Times” or “China Post” for details.

Or check for the following websites (in Chinese) : VIESHOW CINEMAS 、Ambassador Theatre 、CINEMARK 、HALAR CINEMAS

(B) Bookstores

- Lai Lai Book Co.
  Tel: (02) 2363-4265, 2392-9765
  Address: 4F, 271, Sec. 3, Roosevelt Rd., Taipei

  Random selection of novels, some scholarly books and used books. The staffs are friendly. They give a ten percent discount, so almost everything is considerably cheaper than Eslite bookstore. [http://www.lailai.com.tw/e_default.aspx](http://www.lailai.com.tw/e_default.aspx)

- The Eslite Book Store
  Tel: (02) 8789-8907 for Customer Service Hot-line
  Address: 2F, 245, Sec 1, DunHua S. Rd. Taipei


- Bookman Books
  Tel: (02) 2368-7226
  Address: 88, Sec.3, XinSheng (Hsingsheng) S. Rd., Taipei

  Exclusive agents/distributors for: W.W. Norton & Co. Faber & Faber, and Macmillan ELT. Sizeable selection of English books, including recent books on academic subjects not readily available elsewhere. This is the first place to look for if you are shopping for an English academic book. Prices are lower than at Eslite. [http://www.bookman.com.tw](http://www.bookman.com.tw) (Chinese)

- Central Book Publishing Co.
  Tel: (02) 2331-5726; 2371-9893; 2361-2735
  Address: 2F, 141, Sec. 1, ChongQing (Chunking) S. Rd., Taipei


- Page One The Bookshop Taiwan Branch Private Limited Office and Retail
  Tel: (02)-8101-8282
  Fax: (02)-8101-8283
  Address: Taipei 101 4F-1, No. 45, Shin Fu road 110, Taipei
In order to present reader with the variety view of international books, PAGEONE established their mega general bookstore in Taipei in the year of 2004. After 2 years of operation in Taipei, they decide to have their second branch at Sogo Fuxing department store at the end 2006. The PAGEONE Bookshop design is taking from the concept of Zen master Setsu-syu’s landscape painting. PAGEONE characteristic is to provide readers the cultural aesthetic sense, walking in between the bamboo strip bookshelf, reading and enjoying the harmony with the nature.

One of PAGEONE main duties is to introduce Asian culture and translate Asian literature to the whole world. In order to accomplish this mission. They are willing to excavate the native and original work and to translate it to English and other important languages. At the same time, PAGEONE is positively introducing and connecting the Asian culture, custom, and humanities to the world. We diligently seek Asian author, artist and publisher to cooperate with them, establish the bridge between Asia and the world together.

Caves Books
Two branches - 54-3 Zhongshan North Road, Sec 2 (near Yuanshan MRT Station), Tel:+886 2 2599-1166 (this is a temporary location, while the old store is demolished and rebuilt); and 5, Lane 38, Tianyu Street, Tainmu. Tel: +2 886 2874-2199 - one of the original book stores in Taipei specializing in English titles, and although it has been surpassed by the newer arrivals, it is still a good place to pick up a popular novel and English language text books.

(C) Music and Concerts
National Chang Kai Shek Cultural Center
10048 21-1, Chung Shan S. Rd., Chung Cheng District, Taipei City.
Telephone: +886-2-33939999
http://www.ntch.edu.tw/

The National Theater and the National Concert Hall are within walk distance of the following Taipei Rapid Transit System (TRTS) stations and bus routes:

TRTS Stations
Exit Gate 5 of the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall Station, on the Xindian, Nanshijiao or Xiao Nanmen Lines.

Bus Routes
Routes 15, 18, 20, 22, 38, 70, 204, 208, 227, 236, 237, 248, 249, 251, 252, 253, 274, 275, 293 or 294.

Entry Time for Performance Venues
The National Theater
Access to the Grand Foyer 40 minutes before the performance starts, and to audience seats 30 minutes before the performance starts.
The National Concert Hall
Access to the Grand Foyer 40 minutes before the performance starts, and to audience seats 30 minutes before the performance starts.

The Recital Hall
Access to the Hall and audience seats 30 minutes before the performance starts. The Experimental Theater: Access to the Hall and audience seats 30 minutes before the performance starts.

Area Map

Basement Car Park
699 parking spaces are available in the Basement Car Park. Kindly note that spaces are only available for automobiles, not motorcycles.

Service Hours: 24 hours per day

Fee Payment Methods
- By monthly IC card, or Timer Card.
- People with disabilities can apply at the Car Park Office for free parking (maximum four hours). Please present Timer Card, Disabled ID, driver's license and vehicle registration. ( once a day only)

Standard Fee
- Timer Card: NTS40/hour for the public. NTS80 is charged for audience members attending each performance.
- Monthly Fee: Call the service telephone: +886-2-33939530 or 33939531 for further details.
Performing Arts
Taiwan is developing a nice blend of performing arts. While traditional Chinese and Taiwanese music and opera continue to thrive, work in Western forms and contemporary styles is at an all time high.

The National Concert Hall and National Theater, the twin institutions that stand prominently opposite each other at the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, host a busy calendar of classical music, opera and theater performances of an international caliber.

One of the most rewarding cultural excursions in Taiwan is traditional Chinese Opera. Although this art may be difficult for the uninitiated to appreciate, its enchanting librettos, unique and arresting musical forms and resplendent visual presentation are an essential part of refined Chinese culture. Chinese operas are, of course, first and foremost stories. If possible, read up on the storyline before attending a performance; your enjoyment will increase with understanding.

For the pure classical form of northern-style Chinese opera, Taiwan has two national opera troupes, the National Fu-Hsing Chinese Opera Theater and National Kuo Kuang Chinese Opera Company. The latter has in recent years added newly penned, but very classical scripts to its full repertoire of standard pieces. There is a broad spectrum of other opera styles as well, ranging from tragic to comic, from historical to modern. The most active style in Taiwan, naturally, is Taiwanese Opera, also called gezai opera.

The Cloud Gate Theater Troupe is world renowned for its application of Chinese traditions and Taiwanese folk influences to modern dance. This well established theater company has a loyal following in Europe, but when they're not out of the country on tour, they perform frequently at home, developing an ever-expanding repertoire of performances.

(D) Karaoke
In Taiwan, karaoke's latest incarnation is the KTV, which offers private rooms for groups of friends, and big-screen television sets for the full music video effect. At many KTVs, you can sing-along until the crack of dawn. Very successful KTV chains in Taiwan include Holiday KTV and Cashbox KTV. "KTV" is an abbreviation for karaoke television, derived as a reference to "MTV."

Today, karaoke clubs and bars are one of the most popular forms of entertainment for the Taiwanese. It is difficult to travel through any city in Taiwan without being flashed down in the dark by bright neon lights luring passerby Vegas-style.

Holiday KTV is probably the best option for foreigners since it boasts a large foreign music selection as well as a large collection of the latest Chinese pop songs. Unless you can read characters, it is best to memorize the lyrics before entering since the TV screens don't offer ba pa ma pa or ping ying. On any weekday, Holiday can cost around NT$199 per person for up to two and a half hours of singing. On the weekends, the price jumps to NT$299 per person. Drinks and food are not included in the price. There are up to 40 rooms at each Holiday KTV but it is advisable to go early. All foreigners living in Taiwan should take on the KTV experience before returning home. It may not seem authentic, traditional, or cultural for that matter. And it's not be as fun as majong or as meaningful as tae kwan do and most would
agree that it's artificial entertainment at its best. But when the lights hit you and the music starts, you'll understand the karaoke craze. Maybe you'll want more, maybe you won't. But you'll never know unless you try.

(E) Museums and Galleries


Taiwan is chock full of great museums, which range in scale from a quick half hour's perusal to massive holdings that could take a lifetime to explore.

The most astounding of them all is the National Palace Museum. Transported from mainland China at the end of the Chinese Civil War, the world's premier collection of Asian antiquities found its home in Taiwan in 1949. Modern storage and viewing facilities were later established in the hilly Taipei suburb of Wai Shuang Hsi.

Once the private imperial collection, the National Palace Museum offers an inexhaustible assortment of classical Chinese art, including many masterpieces, making it one of the premier museums of the world, and a must-see item on any visitor's checklist.

While in Wai Shuang Hsi, a visit to the Shung Ye Museum of Formosan Aborigines is well worth your while. Just across the road from the National Palace Museum, it features a lovely collection of indigenous handicrafts and artwork, some impressive large pieces, and an excellent audio-visual center.

If you're in downtown Taipei, devote an afternoon to the National Museum of History. In addition to a good presentation of Chinese history and representational pieces of art from the classical period, it has a busy season of exhibitions, many on various Asian themes.

Another good choice in the capital is the Taipei Fine Arts Museum, which offers a modest permanent collection, but frequent exhibitions of art both local and international. Also try the National Taiwan Museum, which provides excellent exhibits on the anthropology, botany and zoology of Taiwan. Next to the Shann Garden in Peitou, is the Taiwan Folk Arts Museum, a good introduction to the native Taiwanese arts tradition. For a glimpse at modern Taiwanese painting, visit the Yang San-lang Art Museum.

Taiwan's contemporary visual arts are flourishing and diverse. The best place to browse exhibits of the many new or established artists is the East District of Taipei, where you'll find any number of galleries.

(ii) Academia Sinica On-Campus Museums

(A) Lingnan Fine Arts Museum
14. English Speaking News Media

(i) Newspaper

There are 3 daily newspapers written in English: Taipei Times (news on line: http://www.taipeitimes.com/News), Taiwan News (news on line: http://www.etaiwannews.com/etn/index_en.php) and China Post (news on line: http://www.chinapost.com.tw/).

(ii) Radio

ICRT (International Community Radio Taipei) at 100.7 F.M. is a 24-hour English spoken radio station (radio on line: http://www.icrt.com.tw/en/nowonfm100.htm).

(iii) Television

There is no regular TV broadcast in English in Taiwan. However, the CNN and BBC can be easily reached by cable TV that is very popular in Taiwan. The cable fee is about NTS 600 per month.
15. Primary and Secondary Schools

The education system of ROC provides a nine-year compulsory education from age 6 to 15. Thus, foreign visitors with children or young adult should send them to school, either public or private. There are four elementary schools (for grades one to six) and one middle high school (for grades seven to nine) near Academia Sinica.

(i) Hu Shih Elementary School
(ii) Jiu-Zhuang Elementary School
(iii) Nankang Elementary School

http://www1.nkps.tp.edu.tw/English_web/default.htm

Bilingual Education Class:http://www.nkps.tp.edu.tw/mweb/;

(iv) Pai Yun Elementary School (located in Taipei County)
(v) Chen Cheng Middle High School

The enrollment of public school (tuition free) is assigned according to enrollee’s residential district. However, not all schools offer bilingual education program due to the limited resources. There are private schools for Japanese, Germany, French, British, and American nationalities in the Taipei.

The following is a partial list:

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<td>Grace Christian Academy</td>
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<td>Deutsche Schule Taipei</td>
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<td>Ecole Francaise de Taipei</td>
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<td>TES High School</td>
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<td>Taipei Japanese School</td>
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<td>Morrison Academy-Bethany Campus</td>
<td><a href="http://bethany.mca.org.tw">http://bethany.mca.org.tw</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Dominican International School</td>
<td><a href="http://www.dishs.tp.edu.tw/">http://www.dishs.tp.edu.tw/</a></td>
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16. Child Educational Center

- **Academia Sinica affiliated Kindergarten**

Chung Yen Kindergarten, founded in April, 1969, is a private kindergarten. However, it is run on the Academia Sinica property. For this reason, the children of Academia Sinica’s employees have higher priority to enroll. All children and grandchildren of Academia Sinica workers are eligible to enter. Please visit the webpage: http://www.sinica.edu.tw/~garden (Chinese) or phone 2783-6246、2783-5325；Fax：2788-0342 for detail. Address: 1F, No. 75, Lane 12, Yen-Chiu-Yuan Road, Sec. 2, Nankang, Taipei 115, Taiwan.
17. Foreign Support Organizations

The following is a list of foreign support organizations:

American Institute in Taiwan, Taipei Office 02-2162-2000
Argentina Trade and Cultural Office 02-2757-6556
Australian Commerce and Industry Office 02-8725-4100
Austrian Trade Delegation 02-2715-5220
British Trade and Cultural Office 02-2192-7000
Canadian Trade Office in Taipei 02-2544-3000
Czech Economic and Cultural Office 02-2738-9768
Embassy of the Republic of Costa Rica 02-2875-2964
The European Chamber of Commerce Taipei 02-2740-0236
French Institute in Taipei 02-3518-5151
German Institute Taipei 02-2501-6188
German Trade Office, Taipei 02-2506-9028
India-Taipei Association 02-2757-6112
Indonesian Economic and Trade Office to Taipei 02-8752-6170
The Institute for Trade and Investment of Ireland 02-2725-1691
Israel Economic and Cultural Office 02-2757-9692
Interchange Association, Japan, Taipei Office 02-2713-8000
ITI Ireland (The Institute for Trade & Investment of Ireland) 02-2725-1691
The Jordanian Commercial Office 02-2871-7712
Korean Mission in Taipei 02-2758-8320
Malaysian Friendship & Trade Centre, Taipei 02-2713-2626
Manila Economic and Cultural Office 02-2508-1719
Moscow-Taipei Economic and Cultural Coordination Commission in Taipei 02-8780-3011
Netherlands Trade and Investment Office 02-2713-5760
New Zealand Commerce and Industry Office 02-2757-6725
Slovak Economic and Culture Office, Taipei 02-8780-3231
Spanish Chamber of Commerce 02-2518-4901
Exportradet Taipei, Swedish Trade Council 02-2757-6573
Trade Office of Swiss Industries (TOSI) 02-2720-1001
Thailand Trade and Economic Office 02-2712-1882
Ulaanbaatar Trade and Economic Representative Office in Taipei 02-2722-9740
Vietnam Economic & Cultural Office in Taipei 02-2516-6626
Warsaw Trade Office 02-2722-0139

For details about foreign embassies and missions in the ROC (Taiwan), please visit the following URL:

Section IV. Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP)

1. Overview

To keep up with the pace of today’s fast evolving scientific and technological world and to promote the internationalization of higher education in Taiwan, Academia Sinica established the Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP) in 2002, in collaboration with a consortium of key national research universities. Since its inception, under the stewardship of the successive directors, TIGP has grown and expanded on both the number of inter-disciplinary programs and the number and global distribution of students - currently there are 187 students from 23 countries studying in TIGP.

In 2009, TIGP offers the following 9 interdisciplinary Ph.D. programs:

(1) Chemical Biology and Molecular Biophysics Program (CBMB)
(2) Molecular Science and Technology Program (MST)
(3) Molecular and Biological Agriculture Sciences Program (MBAS)
(4) Molecular and Cell Biology Program (MCB)
(5) Bioinformatics Program (BioInfo)
(6) Nano Science and Technology Program (NST)
(7) Molecular Medicine Program (MM)
(8) Computational Linguistics and Chinese Language Processing Program (CLCLP)
(9) Earth System Science Program (ESS)

To ensure the best teaching support and intellectual environment, TIGP provides world-class faculty and state-of-the-art facilities by working closely with prominent researchers at prestigious local universities (listed below). With all courses and seminars conducted in English, students coming from different countries will find that the learning environment is truly an international one.

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<th>Programs</th>
<th>Our partner universities</th>
<th>Department/institute involved</th>
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| Chemical Biology and Molecular Biophysics          | National Taiwan University [http://www.ntu.edu.tw](http://www.ntu.edu.tw) | 1. Institute of Biochemical Sciences  
2. Department of Chemistry |
| Molecular Science and Technology                   | National Tsing Hua University [http://www.nthu.edu.tw](http://www.nthu.edu.tw) | Department of Chemistry                                               |
|                                                    | National Central University [http://www.ncu.edu.tw](http://www.ncu.edu.tw/index.php) | Department of Physics                                                 |
| Molecular and Biological Agricultural Sciences      | National Chung Hsing University [http://www.nchu.edu.tw](http://www.nchu.edu.tw) | 1. Graduate Institute of Biotechnology  
2. Department of Life Sciences |
| Molecular and Cell Biology                          | National Defense Medical Center [http://www.ndmctsgh.edu.tw](http://www.ndmctsgh.edu.tw) | Institute of Life Science                                             |
TIGP has established the following programs to meet the high standards set by Academia Sinica for the research excellence and the academic accomplishments of its international students as well as those at home.

(A) **TIGP-Distinguish Lecture Series (TIGP-DLS)**

The Ph.D. programs offered by TIGP are for international young scholars to conduct advanced research in a quality academic setting. However, Academia Sinica is aware that a graduate education should not be confined to the classroom and laboratory. The TIGP Distinguished Lecture Series (TIGP-DLS) is aimed to complement TIGP students’ academic pursuits by providing outstanding opportunities for them to meet with prominent scientists from diverse disciplines. Our goal is to invite exceptional scientists to share with the TIGP students their unique stories on achieving success in their respective fields. We also encourage the speakers to address topics that will inspire creative thinking in our young scholars.

(B) **TIGP Student Conference Travel Grants**

Travel grants are available to encourage students to participate in international conferences in frontier fields, offering them the opportunities to meet and learn from experts in their own areas of research as well as related fields.

(C) **Visits to International Renowned Laboratories for Research**

The Academia Sinica has substantial connections with distinguished overseas research universities and institutions, where TIGP students can have the opportunities to visit and perform research in renowned laboratories/institutes.

(D) **Student Exchange Scheme(s)**

Academia Sinica has established foreign collaborative universities, through which TIGP students will be able to extend their academic pursuits and cultural enrichment beyond what AS has to offer.
2. The TIGP Administrative Team

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TIGP personnel coordinating various programs and services

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   Administrative Assistant Student Affairs
   Ms. Ellen Hsu

   Administrative Assistant Admission & Services
   Ms. Alice Lee

   Student Dorm Manager
   Ms. Fiona Wang

2. CBMB: Ms. Kiki Tai

3. MST: Ms. Jennifer Ma

4. MBAS: Ms. Hsuan Wu

5. MCB: Ms. Jessica Shih

6. MM: Ms. Alice Tsai

7. Nano: Ms. Flora Wu

8. Bioinfo: Ms. Elsa Pan

9. CLCLP: Ms. Clara Chen

10. ESS: Ms. Claire Chen
3. Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP) Student Dormitory

TIGP operates a student dormitory independently. The building is located 100 meters across the street from the Academia Sinica Main Gate. The dormitory is dedicated to TIGP students. It has 130 en-suite rooms for single occupancy only. A nominal residential fee(s) (NT$5500 includes the utility) is charged monthly. A deposit of one month rent is required at the time the residential contract is signed. The deposit is refundable at the end of the tenancy. The facilities of the room includes a single bed and mattress, a desk and chair, a bookshelf, a wardrobe, two cabinets, one wastebasket, one internet hook-up port, a telephone (service is excluded) and a bathroom with shower and toilet. Linen, blankets, towels, pillow and duvet are not supplied. (map on page 108[E-7])

The public facilities include:

(A) The Lobby

Lobby at 1st (ground) floor includes a living room furnished with sofas and settees and a bar; a multi-purpose room with several sets of tables and chairs, a TV (with cable), and a magazine stand. A few English newspapers and magazines are provided.

(B) The Kitchen

The kitchen is partitioned into a cooking and a dining area. Facilities such as microwave ovens, rice cookers, toasters, heating plates, and refrigerators are provided.

(C) The Laundry Room

Coin-operated washing machine and dryer, a spinner, sinks and benches are available in the laundry room.

(D) Parking

A parking lot for tenants only is located in the basement of the dormitory. The monthly charges for car, motorcycle, and bicycle are NT$1000, 200, and free, respectively.

(E) Security

The dormitory is secured by 24-hour shift security guards. The main gate is operated by magnetic taped card. The vicinity is guarded by 24-hour surveillance cameras.

The dormitory office is located on the 1st floor.
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For more information please visit the website at http://tigp.sinica.edu.tw/housing.html.

4. Registration with the Partner University

Students are requested to complete the registration process, including payment of the tuition fee payment, with the Partner University to which they have been admitted.

Registration takes place a few days before the beginning of a new semester. All registration arrangements must be completed in person. It is not possible to register
or pay tuition fees by mail. Students are therefore urged to arrive at least one week before the beginning of the semester. Registration consists of three steps:

1. Submission of various forms
2. Course selection
3. Tuition payment

Late Registration

The TIGP encourages students to arrive in time for the scheduled registration, but if this proves impossible, students may register late provided that they notify the TIGP in advance and receive approval.

5. Student Orientation

TIGP orientation is designed to help new students become more familiar with its programs and environment. It is strongly recommended that international students develop exposure to the important issues concerning their study at TIGP and their stay in Taiwan. Additionally, the orientation includes field trips, on-campus tours, and a tour to the neighboring areas around Academia Sinica.

6. TIGP Scholarship

(i) The Scholarship

The scholarship payable to students as a monthly stipend (NT$32,000/month) is granted to every student admitted to TIGP in the first year. Students are eligible for the TIGP scholarship upon their registration to the University/Program. The maximum grant period of the scholarship is 36 months: The first year is guaranteed; the amounts of the stipend for the second and third year will depend on student’s performance. Starting from the 4th year, the thesis advisor will take over the stipend of the student, the amounts to be determined by mutual agreement between the professor and the student.

The general guidelines of TIGP scholarship are as follows:

(A) The initiating date of TIGP scholarship is set at the September 1st of the academic year that the student is admitted to TIGP.

(B) Students will still receive monthly stipend during summer and winter vacations. However, students who defer their study will not receive the stipends during their deferment.

(C) If a student transfers from one TIGP partner university to another TIGP partner university at the end of the first academic year, the student will still be regarded as a second-year TIGP student in his/her first year in the new university; he/she will not receive an extra year of TIGP scholarship.

(D) All stipends should be granted within 4 years.

(E) Local male students who are currently serving National Defense Service will not receive the TIGP stipends until they have discharged their military obligation. The total periods of stipend support from the organization they serve during their study together with stipends from TIGP should not exceed 36 months.

(F) TIGP reserves the right to make changes to terms described in this section.
(ii) Payment of TIGP Scholarship

In general, monthly stipend will be transferred directly to the student’s stipend account at the end of each month. However, the first payment of TIGP Scholarship will be two months late due to the time it takes to process the stipends administratively (The TIGP Office cannot initiate scholarship application procedure for students until they have completed registration at TIGP’s partner universities). First-year students can expect to receive their Sep & Oct stipends on November 1st. Please note that TIGP Scholarship can only be transferred to Chunghwa Post, and no other bank. Therefore every TIGP student is required to open a Chunghwa Post bank account as soon as possible when he/she arrives in Taiwan.

(iii) Income Tax Withholding

According to a new regulation approved in June 2007, the TIGP stipend granted to TIGP students in the first three years is tax-free, whereas the stipend provided by thesis supervisor in subsequent years (4th year and beyond) is taxable. According to the Tax Law and Regulation in Taiwan, foreigners are obligated to pay 20% of their monthly income to the government as income tax, if they have not resided in Taiwan for more than 183 days IN THE SAME FISCAL YEAR (January 1st to December 31st). The number of days of your residency in Taiwan is recounted annually. On the other hand, only 6% of the monthly stipend will be withheld as income tax from domestic students. As foreign students reside in Taiwan for more than 183 days within the same fiscal year, the tax rate will be reduced to 6%. The extra tax (14%) deducted during the first 183 days is refundable through application to the Taipei National Tax Administration Ministry of Finance. For more information on Tax Law and Regulation in Taiwan, please contact the Taipei National Tax Administration Ministry of Finance or visit their website at [http://www.ntat.gov.tw/county/ntat_ch/index.jsp](http://www.ntat.gov.tw/county/ntat_ch/index.jsp).

(iv) Fees Deducted from TIGP Scholarship

- Dormitory Fee(s)
  Students residing in the TIGP student dormitory and receiving the TIGP/AS stipend are required to pay their residential fee(s) by direct debit, i.e. the rent and relevant residential fee(s) will be deducted from the stipend account monthly through an auto-deduction system.

7. TIGP Student Conference Travel Grant

The grant is designated to assist TIGP students to travel abroad to participate in conferences, and not for attending classes/workshops/summer schools, or for research purposes. The grant can only be used to reimburse the following expenses: air fare, conference registration fee(s), board and lodging and travel insurance. In general, each student may receive only one grant during the course of his/her study in TIGP. An additional award, however, may be considered if the application ranks top two among applications in related fields during evaluation. For more information, please link to the following URL: [http://tigp.sinica.edu.tw/news.html](http://tigp.sinica.edu.tw/news.html).
Section V. Exploring Taiwan

1. History and Culture

(i) History

The pre-history of Taiwan can be traced back 50,000-30,000 years. At that time, the island and the mainland were linked, and thus archaeologists generally agree that the paleolithic cultures discovered on Taiwan are related to those found on the mainland. By the end of the last glacier epoch around 18,000-10,000 years ago, the island was separated from mainland. The archaeological findings indicated that different groups of people moved to Taiwan from the southeast coast of mainland and from Southeast Asia in different times and created the neolithic cultures and metal cultures on the island.

To the best of our knowledge, a large gap exists between the pre-history and the history of Taiwan, as the earliest Chinese records related to the Penghu islands (Pescadores) date from around the twelfth century and those related to the island of Taiwan only from the seventeenth century. From the seventeenth century on, Han Chinese gradually immigrated, linking Taiwan culturally to the mainland, even while various aboriginal cultures were also maintained. Moreover, due to its location, Taiwan became a key transit node during the great development of sailing navigation. The Portuguese praised the island as “Ilha Formosa” (beautiful island) in the sixteenth century when they sailed nearby. The Dutch landed on the island in the south in 1624 and the Spanish in the north in 1626, but the Dutch drove them out in 1642. Twenty years later, Chinese took over the island from the Dutch in 1662. Taiwan came under the rule of the Qing Empire in 1683, and was ceded to Japan after its defeat in the 1894-95 Sino-Japanese War. Accordingly, Taiwan was subjected to Japanese colonial rule for 50 years, but was returned to the Republic of China in 1945, after Japan’s defeat in the Second World War. In 1949, the Nationalists (Guomindang) evacuated the mainland and reestablished the government of the Republic of China on Taiwan.

Recovering from the war, great efforts were made to develop Taiwan’s economy and in recent years, much emphasis has been placed on the development of democracy. The Martial Law was lifted in 1987, and the first general election of the president took place in 1996. Four years later, Chen Shui-bian of the Democratic Progressive Party was elected president in 2000 and thus the Guomindang’s 51 years of rule was interrupted and a new epoch of political party rotation emerged on Taiwan.

(ii) Geography

The island of Taiwan is located on the western edge of the Pacific Ocean. It is located between Japan and the Philippines and off the southeast coast of mainland China, separated by the Taiwan Strait. Taiwan is 394 kilometers long and 144 kilometers wide at its widest point, with a total area of about 36,179 square kilometers.

(iii) Climate

Taiwan's climate is subtropical in the north and tropical in the south. The island is surrounded by oceans and the ocean breezes are the reason for Taiwan's humid weather. Average temperature of summer is 29°C (84°F) and winter is 16°C (61°F). Summer, from May until September, is usually humid and intensely hot. Winter is usually mild and it lasts from December to February. Snow may be visible on the
high mountains. The rainy season lasts from April to August. The typhoon season is mainly between May and September.

(iv) Population

Taiwan has a population of 23 million. The population is mostly made up of Han Chinese and a small number of indigenous people, Taiwan's original inhabitants. There are currently 11 major indigenous groups in Taiwan: the Atayal, Saisiyat, Bunun, Tsou, Thao, Paiwan, Rukai, Puyuma, Amis, Yami, and Kavalan. Collectively, they comprise less than 2 percent of Taiwan's total population. The population of Taiwan is primarily concentrated in the metropolitan areas.

(v) Currency

The New Taiwan Dollar (NT$) is the currency used in Taiwan. It has five denominations in paper money and five in coins. Paper money is available in NT$2000, NT$1000, NT$500, NT$200, and NT$100 denominations. Coins are available in NT$50, NT$20, NT$10, NT$5, and NT$1 denominations.

The exchange rate changes daily. Please consult the Bank of Taiwan for information on the exchange rate: http://www.bot.com.tw

(vi) Culture

Before the earliest Chinese settlers came to Taiwan at least four hundred years ago, the aboriginal people had already left their mark on the island. The aboriginal lived in tribes, and their art took the form of beautiful houses and clothes that signified tribal authority. The houses were usually decorated with carved objects and utensils, and the clothes were beautifully woven and embroidered. Facial tattoo was also a common art form.

The traditional Glove Puppetry has a history of two hundred years. It gradually developed into a splendid cultural and social vehicle to entertain, educate, and preserve traditional values and legends. The traditional Glove Puppetry also served to communicate veiled voices of political opposition. It has developed to hundreds of divisions, forming one of the most symbolic entertainment forms in Taiwan.

Taiwanese Opera is originated from I-Lan, and it is also the only traditional local opera developed in Taiwan. It has a century old history. Taiwanese Opera is a branch of traditional Chinese entertainment, and its performance is composed of singing and acting.

Cloud Gate Dance Theatre is a local dance group. It has its roots in Asian myths, folklore, and aesthetics, but it confers a contemporary and universal perspective to these age-old beliefs and stories. The company is made up of two-dozen dancers whose training includes tai chi, meditation, martial arts, Chinese Opera movement, modern dance, and ballet.

(vii) Postal Service

For further information, please check http://www.post.gov.tw/post/index.jsp or contact the Post Service Line: 0800-099246

(viii) Cost of Living in Taiwan

Owing to the scarce natural resources and high population density of the island, agriculture was the main source of wealth in the early years of Taiwan's economic development. However, some mining and industry were developed during the Japanese occupation period, and with the stable and rapid growth of economy initiated in the 1950s, the focus of Taiwan's economy shifted to the manufacturing
and financial sectors. Taiwan was the world's largest producer of computers in 1998. There is no shortage of inexpensive eateries in town. A nutritious Chinese meal costs about NT$100. The city public transportation system, with fares ranging from NT$15 to NT$30, MRT system, from NT$20 to NT$65, are convenient ways to get around town. The range of rent in National Taiwan University area is from NT$7500 to NT$15,000 per month. The monthly rent in the Nankang area ranges from NT$5000 to NT$12,000.

(ix) Natural Hazards

There are two major natural hazards in Taiwan: typhoon and earthquake.

The Central Weather Bureau (http://www.cwb.gov.tw/V5e/index.htm) keeps a close watch on all typhoons. It gives advanced warnings way ahead of time before a typhoon hits Taiwan. Please listen to the radio (e.g. the English program of ICRT radio station after 10:00 p.m.) or watch TV during the typhoon season (April-September), and plan your outdoor activities accordingly.

- **In the event of an Earthquake**

  1. Keep calm and exit the building as soon as possible. During the tremor, stay away from windows, glass, low-hanging ceiling lamps and large pieces of furniture.
  2. Shut off the stove, heater, gas and electricity.
  3. Protect your head with cushions. Take refuge under a sturdy table if possible, in the corner between two walls or under a reinforced doorframe.
  4. Use flashlights rather than matches, lighters or any flame.
  5. If fire breaks out, try to extinguish it immediately.
  6. Keep doors open to prevent them from becoming jammed or accidentally locked.
  7. Quickly locate a safe place when caught on the upper floors of a tall building.
  8. Do not use the elevator to escape.
  9. Do not swarm crowded safety exits or ladders, lest others be crushed or injured.
  10. Immediately obey orders to leave and proceed in an orderly fashion.
  11. When you are confined within a building, it is important to find a safe place inside. Keep a great distance away from buildings, walls, billboards, trees, and electric wire poles.

The tremor usually lasts a few seconds to a minute or so. You may not have time to do all of above. However, to be calm and not panic is the most important thing to do.
2. Ecology

Taiwan lies on the western edge of the Pacific "rim of fire," and continuous tectonic movements have created majestic peaks, rolling hills and plains, basins, coastlines, and other wonders. It has been generously equipped with forests. Some 258 mountain peaks are more than 3,000 meters high, geographically making Taiwan unique as compared to any other country in the world. As there are many beautiful mountains in Taiwan, mountain climbing is a popular leisure activity all year around. In addition to this, six national parks offer a variety of distinct topographic landscapes: the Taroko National Park, a narrow ravine created by a river which has cut through the mountains, Yushan (Jade Mountain) National Park highest containing the highest landmark of Taiwan and also the highest peak in Northeast Asia, Shei-Pa National Park, featuring with its dangerously steep slopes; Yangmingshan National Park, offering volcanic craters and lakes; Kenting National Park, encompassing Taiwan's only tropical area which breathes a truly Southeast Asian atmosphere; and Kinmen National Park, with its storied granite hills.

There are about 18,400 species of wildlife on the island, with more than 20% belonging to rare or endangered species; among these are the land-locked salmon, Taiwan mountain goat, Formosan rock monkey, Formosan black bear, blue magpie, Mikado pheasant, Hsuehshan grass lizard, and many more. The government has established 6 national parks and 13 national scenic areas to preserve Taiwan's best natural ecological environment and cultural sites. Take in the splendor and sheer heights of the cliffs at Taroko Gorge; take a ride on the Alishan train--one of only three mountain railways in the world--and experience the breathtaking sunset and sea of clouds; hike up to the summit of Northeast Asia's highest peak, Jade Mountain. You can also soak up the sun in Kenting, Asia's version of Hawaii; stand at the edge of Sun Moon Lake; traipse through the East Rift Valley; or visit the offshore islands of Kinmen and Penghu. It's fun in capital letters as well as an awesome journey of natural discovery!

For tourism information, please link to the following website:

The Tourism Bureau also provides service at the Travel Information Service Center in Taipei, which is open 365 days a year. You may get free copies of the latest free brochures on travel in Taiwan. In addition, the information desk offers tourist information in Chinese, English, Japanese, and emergency assistance. The Travel Information Service Center is located at

345, Jungshiau E. Rd., Sec. 4, Taipei, 106.
Tel: 02-2717-3737; Office Hours: 8:30 ~ 17:30 daily


Direction: Exit 5 of the Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall Station of the MRT Blue line.
3. Biological Diversity

(i) Taiwan – Island of Biodiversity

Taiwan is on the boundary of the tropics and subtropics, and although the island covers only a small area, the environment of Taiwan is diversified, possessing unique landscapes, wildlife resources and rich ecosystems. Taiwan’s diversity of ecological habitats and separation from the main land by the Taiwan strait has resulted in genetic isolation, and a division from Asian species to the formation of entirely new species. Thus Taiwan is a hotspot for biological diversity, and a profusion of endemic species. A fourth of Taiwan’s plant resources are endemic to Taiwan, of which 4,800 species are vascular plants, 1,100 are mosses and liverworts, and 5,700 are fungi. As for animal resources, it is estimated that Taiwan has 150,000 species, a third of which are endemic to Taiwan. Animal species discovered so far include 71 mammal species, 520 bird species, 99 reptiles, 36 amphibians, 2,800 fish, and around 20,000 named insect species. Numbers of recorded species are continuously increasing as more research is carried out.

To conserve Taiwan’s precious flora and fauna resources and to uphold biological diversity, around 749 species of wildlife are currently protected under conservation laws, including the clouded leopard (Neofelis nebulosa), the Formosan black bear (Selenarctos tibetanus formosanus), the bird-wing butterfly (Troides magellanus), and the Formosan landlocked salmon (Oncorhynchus masou). Protected plant species included Taiwan beech (Fagus hayatae), Taiwan keteleeria (Keteleeria davidiana). Database groundwork and storage of germ plasm have already been established for grain, vegetable, flower, industrial and medicinal plants in Taiwan as well as local livestock.

Taiwan’s subtropical climate is moderate and bestows abundant rainfall. Due to tectonic plate movements and effect of the early glaciers, a long mountain range with high mountain peak (reach 4,000m altitude) and a network of river valleys spans across the entire island. These factors have created a distinctive and complex geographical landscape that fosters a proliferation of elaborate plant and animal resources. Such conditions have not only preserved relic species that have survived the ice age, but have also given rise to diverse ecosystems, including a multitude of marine, island, estuary, wetland, lake, river, forest and agricultural environments. Each ecosystem nurtures an abundance of species and genetic resources, and fosters a rich complexity of wildlife, plants and microbial resources.

Taiwan is located off the eastern edge of the Eurasian continent and is surrounded by sea on all sides. Taiwan has many types of marine ecosystems: open ocean and deep sea in the offshore waters from northeast down to southwest clockwise. Topographical and geographical variations along the island’s long coastlines give rise to a range of terrain including coral reef shorelines, rocky coastlines, sandy and muddy shorelines. As a result, an abundance of species inhabit Taiwan’s marine areas. According to research data, as many as one tenth of the world’s marine species number are present in Taiwan.

Orchid Island and Green Island are located on the southeast of Taiwan. The volcanic eruptions have formed various lava terrains and peculiar landscapes; the clear Kuroshio passing by has also fostered the lush growth of coral. Over thousands-of-years-old corals have created the magnificent and complex coral reef coasts, turning these two islands into the most dazzling jewel in Taiwan. They are
the paradise for marine organisms and divers; with the colorful marine lives bathing in the warm sun, they have become the richest biodiversity areas in Taiwan waters. However, the small islands cannot afford excessive exploitation and utilization; it will take everyone’s effort in order to preserve the precious scenes.

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Fig. 5: The well-known Common Clownfish (anemonefish) are the recent fondling aquarium pets; seldom seen in Taiwan waters now.
4. Places of interest in Taiwan

(i) Taipei 101

The TAIPEI101 office center offers a world-class office environment and is worthy of consideration as an advantageous location for multinational corporations located in Taiwan. Aside from its location in the national, master-planned Hsinyi District, TAIPEI101 possesses numerous competitive advantages such as 2,644 square meters of unobstructed floor space, ceilings that exceed the height of most other office buildings, as well as spacious lobbies, exhibition chambers, and public spaces.

Moreover, TAIPEI101 has been planned from the beginning to take into account features most important to multinational corporations, including information networks, power and climate control systems, and the designing in of high-volume, high-efficiency output capabilities and upgrade flexibility. Businesses can be assured that not only are their present needs but that their future growth is anticipated as well. In addition, TAIPEI101’s internationally oriented customer service team, round-the-clock, year-round security services, and convenient suite of software solutions offer the ideal office setting for top business professionals. Hence, multinational corporations who locate themselves in the internationally known landmark of TAIPEI 101 assure themselves of a global business profile of the highest value.

Business Hours
Taiwan’s premier international shopping destination, featuring luxury goods, fashions, and fine dining.

★ B1-3F 、5F (SUN - THU) 11:00-21:30
★ 4F (SUN - SAT) 11:00-22:00
★ B1-5F (FRI - SAT & Holiday) 11:00-22:00

Observatory
★ Ticket to 91F can only be purchased after issue of 89F ticket.
★ Complimentary: Children under 110 cm, should be accompanied by adults.
★ Group Tickets: Telephone reservations made 3 days in advance are required. No same day sale of Group Tickets. Reservation: 02-8101-8899.

Operating Hours
★ 10am to 10pm daily
★ Last Ticketing & entry: 9:15 pm
★ Operating hours during holidays are subject to change.

General Contact Information
Address: 89th Floor, No7 Hsinyi Road Section 5, Taipei City Ticketing Booth and Entrance are located at the 5th Floor of the TAIPEI 101 Shopping Mall.
For Inquiry and Group Reservation, please call TEL: (02)8101-8899  FAX: (02)8101-8897 FAX: (02)8101-8897
Transportation

The Taipei 101 Mall shuttle bus has begun service, and stands ready to serve you.

Departure times:
Hours of operation are 1100-2100, with buses coming every 15 minutes on weekends and every 20 minutes on weekdays.

Stations:
Taipei City Hall MRT station, at exit No.2.
Entrance to Taipei 101 Mall at City Hall Rd

(ii) The Tribes in Taiwan


There are many ethnic groups living on the beautiful island of Taiwan. Among them are 430,000 indigenous status persons, which is about 1.9% of the total population. Although the number is relatively small, they perform superbly well in music, culture, and sports endeavors. The name "YUAN CHU MIN" in fact is a collective term. It includes Atayal, Saisiyat, Bunun, Tsou, Rukai, Paiwan, Puyuma, Amis, Yami, Thao, Kavalan, and Truku, to make up the twelve indigenous tribes of Taiwan.

Austronesian Language Family and Taiwan Indigenous Peoples

Since the Paleolithic Age, the earliest inhabitants in Taiwan were the Austronesians. Academic research found that there were once more than 20 aboriginal tribes living in Taiwan and all belonged to the Austronesian family. Some scholars even
concluded that Taiwan might be one of the original homelands of the Austronesians. Currently, twelve of the Austronesian peoples are recognized by the government. They are Atayal, Saisiyat, Bunun, Tsou, Rukai, Paiwan, Puyuma, Amis, Yami, Thao, Kavalan and Truku.

(iii) Taiwan Aboriginal Culture Park (http://www.tacp.gov.tw/INTRO/FMINTRO.HTM)

- **History of the Park Organization**
  
  A site was selected for the "Aboriginal Culture Village" at "Fu-gu-wan" in Machia Township, Pingtung County, by the Department of Civil Affairs of the Taiwan Provincial Government in accordance with the provincial government's 1976 administrative outline. The aim of this facility was to preserve and maintain the culture of the Taiwanese aborigines, encourage academic research and the exchange of knowledge, provide social education, and develop tourism. The Academia Sinica Institute of Ethnology completed overall planning for the village in 1980. It was decided that the village would occupy 82.65 hectares of land and feature the cultures of Taiwan's nine aboriginal tribes. The name was changed to the "Taiwan Aboriginal Culture Park." The establishment of a park management office was authorized on November 15, 1986, and on July 18, 1987 the park formally opened its doors to the public. On November 18, 1994 the provincial government requested that the name be changed to the "Taiwan Aboriginal Culture Park Management Office," but this name change did not actually take place until 1998.

- **Personnel Structure**
  
  The bureau, a subordinate to the Council of Indigenous Peoples, Executive Yuan, consists of the Director, the Secretary, the Accountant, the Personnel Manager, and three divisions: Display and Performance, Education and Promotion, Administration.

- **Functions**
  
  - Director — supervise the management of park affairs.
  - Secretary — assist the management of park affairs.
  - Accountant — take charge of accounting and audit practices.
  - Personnel Manager — take charge of personnel management.
  - Chief, Display and Performance Division — supervise the management of division affairs.
  - Chief, Education and Promotion Division — supervise the management of division affairs.
  - Chief, Administration Division — supervise the management of division affairs.

- **Geographical Location**
  
  The park is located in Peiyeh village, Machia Township, Pingtung County. It is on the south bank of Ailiao Creek, which divides Machia Township from Sandimen Township.

  The park is near the transportation hub of the three aboriginal townships of Machia, Sandi, and Wutai. It is only 24 kilometers from Pingtung, and is quite accessible. The neighboring area contains villages of the Paiwan and Rukai aboriginal tribes, which lends the park a strong flavor of aboriginal culture. The park site is 82.65 hectares in area, and is between 145 and 220 meters in elevation. The topography is hilly and the natural scenery is varied and majestic.
Tickets
- Full ticket -- NT$120
- Student/military/police ticket -- NT$60
- A 20% discount is available for groups of 30 or more.
- Free admission for pre-schoolers, veterans, handicapped citizens, those at least 70 years old, and retired servicemen, civil servants, and teachers.

Open hours
Closed every Monday (the park will be open if Monday is a national holiday)
Tuesday-Sunday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Times of dance performances
Tuesday-Saturday: 10:30 AM, 3:00 PM
Sunday and national holidays: 10:30 AM, 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM

(iv) National Parks & Scenic Areas

(A) Yangmingshan National Park
For further details, please call (02) 2861-3601.
Information Source: http://www.ymsnp.gov.tw/HTML/ENG/INDEX.ASP

(B) Northeast Coast National Scenic Area
The notable feature of this area is the magnificent sandstone promontory rising from the sea at Lungtung, one of Taiwan’s best rock-climbing areas. Tel: (02) 2499-1115
Website: http://www.necoast-nsa.gov.tw/en/

(C) Tainan
Tainan, the ancient capital of Taiwan, is situated on the southwestern coastal plains of the island and enjoys a warm climate year-round. For more information, please click:

(D) Alishan National Scenic Area
Alishan (“Ali mountain” in Chinese) is located in the northeastern part of the Jiayi (Chiayi) County and is renowned for its alpine forests, ethnic culture, people
and the famous Alishan Forest Railway.

(E) Taroko (Tailuge) National Park
It contains Taiwan’s premier scenic attraction, Taroko Gorge, which offers some of the most spectacular views on the island.
http://www.taroko.gov.tw/TarokoPortalEng/0_0_0/default.aspx

(F) Shei-Pa National Park
The important resources for conservation of this park include high mountain ecologies, geology, topography, rivers and creek valleys, and rare animals and plants, as well as plentiful variety of forest types.

(G) Yushan National Park
This fortunate area is one of the few places in Taiwan that still keeps the dignity of nature unexploited. As time passes by, this area records the geological history of millions of years, yields interrelated subtropical, temperate and arctic natural ecosystems, and also preserves one famous historical relic—the Patungkuan old passage, constructed in the Qing Dynasty. http://english.ysnp.gov.tw/

(H) Kending (Kenting) National Park
The park now contains about 20,000 hectares of land and approximately 16,000 hectares of ocean along the three coasts. The park is well-known for its uplifted coral reefs, oceanic natural resources, natural monsoon forests and coastal tropical rainforest.
http://www.ktnp.gov.tw/eng/home/index.asp

(v) Off-Shore Islands
The main offshore islands consist of Penghu, Green Island, Orchid Island, Jinmen (Kinmen), and Mazu (Matzu). The topographical characteristics and human activities differ on each island, which has its own unique scenery and culture.

(A) Penghu
The Penghu archipelago, “bright pearl” of the Taiwan Strait, consists of 64 islands of various sizes, famed for their emerald seas and blue skies, fine beaches, fresh air, rich oceanic resources, and beautiful landscapes.
http://www.penghu-nsa.gov.tw
(B) Green Island

Green Island lies in the Pacific Ocean, 33 km east of Taidong (Taitung City). One of Green Island’s most popular attractions is to be found underwater. The reef which surrounds the island supports more than 150 species of hard coral and at least 50 varieties of soft coral, providing refuge for an enormous range of marine life and making this destination a paradise for scuba divers and snorkelers. http://green.taitung.gov.tw (Chinese) or http://www.eastcoast-nsa.gov.tw/ (English)

(C) Orchid Island

Lanyu, or Orchid Island, is situated off the southeastern coast of Taiwan and, like Green Island, its neighbor to the north, was raised from the sea floor by the accumulation of volcanic lava. In addition to savoring the beautiful island scenery, during a trip of Orchid Island you can also enjoy a glimpse into the fascinating Yami culture. http://www.eastcoast-nsa.gov.tw/en/index.php.

(D) Jinmen (Kinmen)

Lying just 2,100 meters off the coast of mainland China, this hilly island is composed mostly of granite and has a history that derives largely from war. It can, therefore, be termed a “battlefield island”, and it possesses unique battlefield scenery. http://www.kmnp.gov.tw/english/main.htm

(E) Mazu (Matzu)

Named after the goddess Mazu, this archipelago is located northwest of Taiwan in the Taiwan Strait. Due to its sensitive position, Mazu used to be a military fortress like Jinmen. Mazu has a special battlefield culture, with frontline defenses still in place. beaches, sand dunes, precipitous cliffs, and other dramatic features. http://www.matzu-nsa.gov.tw/english/index.asp

For more information about travel in Taiwan, please check the official tourism bureau website: http://www.tbroc.gov.tw
5. Sightseeing in Taipei

(i) A Glance of Taipei City

Taipei city is situated in a basin in northern Taiwan. The capital of the Republic of China, Taipei is a vibrant blend of traditional culture and a modern metropolis of many skyscrapers with about four million people in her metropolitan area.

As the political, economic, educational and recreational center of the country, Taipei offers an array of significant cultural sights. The Taoyuan international airport is about 40 minutes south of the capital. Modern highways, railroads, and domestic flights can take people to any place in Taiwan within hours. With hundreds of excellent restaurants serving a wide range of Chinese cuisines, it is not exaggerated to say that Taipei is the world's capital of Chinese food. Moreover, many impressive sightseeing attractions are located in or around Taipei, including the majestic Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, the National Concert Hall and National Theatre, Longshan Temple, Confucius’s Temple and the outdoor Jade market. Among all, the National Palace Museum, which houses the richest collection of treasures spanning 5,000 years of Chinese civilization is a must for everyone. A 40-minute trip by plane from Taipei towards the east and south of Taiwan, visitors will appreciate the breathtaking views of the Taroko Gorge National Park in Hualian and Ken-ting, the southern tip of Taiwan.

The implementation of Taipei’s CyberCity initiative under Mayor Ma, Ying-Jeou’s leadership has won international recognition once again on June 9 (US Time) at the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF) 2006 in New York. The World Teleport Association (WTA) named Taipei as the 2006 Intelligent Community of the Year. Among the achievements cited by ICF were Taipei’s 88 technology incubators, which continue to produce new businesses, products, and technologies for the global market, as well as stimulate small business and entrepreneurial growth. In addition, the community has 45 R&D centers, including the Nankang Software Park (not far from Academia Sinica), where over 2,000 firms generate US$47 billion in sales. Eastern Taipei has been developed as a financial and commercial district. Here, the modern face of Taipei shines through, with its glass and steel skyscrapers, wide boulevards, and the World Trade Center. Taipei also boasts dozens of world-class performance venues, where you can enjoy world-class theater and concert events. The city also offers a wide range of other diversions -- shopping malls, nightclubs, live-music bars, quality hotels, and exotic restaurants. With the wealth of interesting and fun activities available in Taipei, and its warm hospitality, visitors are certain to have an unforgettable experience in this remarkable city.

(ii) Art

(A) National Theater & Concert Hall

Situated in the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, the National Chiang Kai-shek Cultural Center is comprised of two buildings – the National Theater and the National Concert Hall. The National Theater is designed for performing Chinese opera, traditional Chinese folk arts, western opera, drama, ballet, and other dance forms. The National Concert Hall is designed for symphony orchestra, chorus, and other large-scale music concerts. For more information: 
http://www.ntch.edu.tw
(B) Taipei Eye

“Taipei Eye” is designed as a window on Taiwanese traditional performing arts especially for foreigners. Performers and artists with international reputations are invited here to present fantastic performances, such as Puppet Fun, Renowned Scenes of Dances and Martial Arts in Chinese Opera, Folklores, Tribal Dances, Nanguan (Nan-Kuan), Beiguan, Pa-Yin, and acrobatics.
Address: 113, Sec. 2, ZhongShan N. Rd., Taipei (JinZhou Street Entrance)
Information Source: http://www.taipeieye.com/eng/index.htm

(C) The National Palace Museum

When talking about arts, most people in Taiwan think of the National Palace Museum in Taipei, with its world-famous collection of porcelain, jade, calligraphy and all the other art treasures of ancient China. This museum conveys a sense of the 5,000 years of Chinese cultural history and tradition. To get there from Academia Sinica, take bus #620 or #645. After approximately 45 minutes, you will pass through a tunnel. After the tunnel, get off at the first stop; keep walking and turn right for about 5 minutes, you will see the museum on your left-hand side. Guided Tours are available in Chinese, English, Japanese, and French.
Address: 221, ChihShan Rd., Sec.2, Taipei
For further details, please call (02) 2881-2021

(D) The Shunyi (Shung Ye) Museum of Formosan Aborigines

This museum features not only the cultural background of the Chinese in Taiwan, but also the culture that was here before the Chinese arrived. The museum is located on the same road as the National Palace Museum, just a five-minute walk away. For further information, please check http://www.museum.org.tw (Chinese) or http://www.sinica.edu.tw/tit/museums/1294_shung-ye.html (English) http://202.39.225.132/jsp/Eng/html/attractions/scenic_spots.jsp?id=235 (English)
Address: 282, ChihShan Rd., Sec. 2, Shilin district, Taipei
Tel: (02) 2841-2611

(E) Taipei Fine Arts Museum

Taipei Fine Arts Museum primarily specializes in works of art from Taiwan, followed by works of overseas Chinese and works representative of important trends in 20th century art. The museum is located on ZhongShan North Road, and is convenient from the MRT (Yuanshan stop on the Red Line).
Address: 181, ZhongShan N. Road., Sec. 3, Taipei 104
Tel: (02) 2595-7656
Information Source: http://www.tfam.museum/index.aspx
(F) Yingge (Yingko) Ceramics Museum

This museum itself is a stylish building, and inside offers displays of historical and modern pottery.

For guided tour reservations, please call (02) 2678-8664
Address: 200, Cultural Rd, Yingko Town, Taipei 239

(G) National Museum of History

Most of the items on display were brought to Taiwan from mainland China or were donated by private organizations. Exhibits include bronze vessels and pottery of different Chinese dynasties. The museum is located downtown and is convenient by bus and MRT; a taxi from Academia Sinica costs about NT$400.

Address: 49, NanHai Rd, Taipei
Website: http://www.nmh.gov.tw/nmh_web/english_version/index.cfm (Chinese & English) Tel: (02) 2361-0270

(H) National Central Library

National Central Library is the sole national library of the Republic of China. Its goals are to assist academic research, to sponsor cultural and educational activities, and to promote the professional development of librarianship in all the country’s libraries.

Address: 20, ZhongShan S. Rd, Taipei Tel: (02) 2361-9132

(iii) One-day Activities in Taipei

(A) Yangming Academy

Yangming Academy was a hot-spring villa during Japanese occupation of Taiwan. Former President Chiang Kai-shek loved the beautiful scenery here and built Chung Hsing Hotel to accommodate foreign guests and to spend summer; the hotel was later reconstructed as Yangming Academy.


(B) Xingtian (Hsing-t’ien) Temple

This very busy temple is devoted to Guangong, a famous deified general who lived during the Three Kingdoms period (A.D. 162-219). He is also worshipped as the patron saint of businessmen. The courtyard of the temple is usually busy, with crowds of worshippers bowing their heads or kneeling in devotion. The pedestrian underpass outside the temple is filled with fortune-tellers and vendors who take commercial advantage of the temple's popularity.


(C) Da'an (Ta-an) Forest Park

It offers abundant space for outdoor activities such as jogging, walking or just relaxing. The park features facilities such as an open stage, a playground for children, pavilion, etc.
(D) **Jianguo (Chienkuo) Weekend Flower and Jade Market**

Jianguo Weekend Flower Market is open on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays between 09:00 and 17:00. At more than 100 stalls, vendors sell various kinds of potted plants, garden trees, fresh flowers, water plants, fertilizers, vases, and books related to gardening. Prices are reasonable and supplies are plentiful. The Jianguo Weekend Jade Market is located under the JianGuo South Road Expressway, only a little bit further north between RenAi Road and JiNan Road. It has more than 500 stalls and is open on Saturdays and on Sundays between 09:00 and 18:00. At this popular market, you can find all sorts of jade vessels, jade stones, other precious stones, amber, and pearls. One may take bus#270 from Academia Sinica directly to the jade & flower market.

(E) **Ximending (Hsimenting)**

On holidays and weekends, people gather here for art, cultural events, sports, and musical performances. The district is not only a witness to history but also trendy with Taipei youth. Many middle-aged and elderly people with nostalgia come here to reminisce, while many young people come to see and make the latest fashion statements. Two totally different life styles meet here. You may take MRT “Blue Line” and get off at the Hsimen (Ximen) Station.


(F) **National Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall**

The Zhongshan Square Park features an open space of about 110,000 square meters, including a green lake with flowing water lily, beckoning willow and a delicate bridge. Tourists always find the park the best place for relaxation, while enjoying the scenic yard with blossom of flowers and camphor trees and a walk on wandering health path. From Academia Sinica, you may take bus #270, #212 or MRT “Blue-Line” and get off at the Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall.


(G) **Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall**

The CKS Memorial Hall, built in 1980, was erected to honor the late President Chiang Kai-shek. A huge sculpture of the late President stands solemnly in the middle of the monument. The area is 250,000 square meters and is the most visited site by foreign tourists in Taipei. The great building has become a landmark of Taipei City. A sitting statue of President Chiang is installed in the memorial hall, and an exhibition room demonstrates historical documents and artifacts related to Chiang’s life. The park also houses the National Theater and National Concert Hall. As well, the park features traditional Chinese gardens. During weekends and holidays, the vast square in front of the memorial hall is a favorite gathering point for families, and on special days is the venue for major events like Taipei Lantern Festival. The park can be reached by MRT (CKS Memorial Hall station).
http://www.cksmh.gov.tw

(H) Danshui (Tamshui)

The old town of Danshui sits at the northwestern corner of Taipei’s Basin, at the mouth of the Danshui River, surrounded by beautiful mountains and waters. The town has been shaped by centuries of conflict between the cultures of the East and the West, and is home to numerous historical sites, temples, restaurants and food stalls, and enchanting old streets that fill with visitors during holidays. The best way to Danshui is to take MRT “Green Line”, and get off at the terminal station—Danshui. Walking is the best way to get around. Danshui used to be the center of a bustling port and was a strategic maritime placement during the last century. From here one can look over the broad expanse of the Danshui River, the source of much of northern Taiwan’s commercial prosperity. Now, the open area along the waterfront is crammed with food stalls selling many kinds of snack food for which the town has become famous; a short bus ride takes you to beaches on the bay and ocean. A day-trip to Danshui lets you cover a wide range of things, from history to architecture and from local foods to swimming. Information Source: http://www.tshs.tpc.gov.tw/fore/taindex_en.asp

(I) Longshan (Lung-shan) Temple

Longshan Temple is a famous old temple in Taiwan, dedicated to Guanyin—the Guanshiyin Buddha—and other divine spirits. The temple was built in 1740. There are great decorative lamp fairs and temple activities on historical festivals. On the 1st and 15th day each month of the lunar calendar, regular worshippers come to the temple. Longshan Temple is a flourishing temple, a sightseeing attraction, and also a second-degree historical site. There are traditional streets/shops, antique shops, Buddhists article shops, and Chinese medicine shops surrounding the temple. One may take MRT blue line and get off at the “Longshan Temple” station. http://202.39.225.132/jsp/Eng/html/attractions/scenic_spots.jsp?id=93
(J) Taipei Night Markets

- **Raohe (Jaoho) Street Night Market**
  Raohe Street Night Market is located on Raohe Street and is 600 meters in length. Various products and local foods are sold in the night markets. Raohe Street Night Market is near Sung Shan Railway Station. From Academia Sinica, it is only about 20 minutes by bus #306, 205 or 276 -- get off at the Sung Shan Railway Station.

- **Huahsi Street Night Market**
  Huahsi Street Night Market is located near Lungshan Temple. Various commodities are sold here and it is one of the favorite tourist sites. A Chinese traditional post stands at the entrance of Huahsi Street Night Market. Chinese traditional lamps are hung along the street. Huahsi Street Night Market is also famous for snake shops. However, due to environmental protection considerations, endangered species are not sold here. The loud sales promotions reflect the vigorous and hearty lives of Taiwan people. Foot massage is also very popular here. It's easy getting there; take MRT “Blue-Line” and get off at Longshan Temple station.

- **Shilin (Shih-lin) Night Market**
  Shilin Night Market is the largest night market in Taipei. Many visitors come to Shilin Night Market to enjoy the delicious foods. Goods are sold at less expensive prices compared to regular stores. When you walk around the market, you will often find something unexpected. The night market is packed with many people during holidays. One may take MRT “Green Line” or “Orange Line” and get off at the “Chien-Tan” station.

(K) Taipei County Tour Net
  [http://tour.tpc.gov.tw/English/index.htm](http://tour.tpc.gov.tw/English/index.htm)

(L) Taipei City Government

(M) Eat, Sleep, Play in Taipei

(N) Points of interest inside Academia Sinica campus

- **Hu Shih Memorial Hall**
  Dr. Hu Shih, a famous scholar, philosopher and educator, was born in Shanghai on December 17, 1891. His early education took place in a village school in southern Anhui province, but he received his modern education in Shanghai. In 1910, he passed an examination for a Boxer Indemnity Scholarship to study in the United States. He attended Cornell University from 1910-15, where he received his B.A., and Columbia University from 1915-17, where he earned his Ph.D. He also contributed to China’s modern development by serving as wartime ambassador to the United States from 1938 to 1942, and as president of Academia Sinica from 1958 to 1962. Dr. Hu was the first Chinese poet to write and publish a volume of poems composed in the vernacular (1919). He was also
the first scholar to use vernacular Chinese to write a history of Chinese philosophy, and won renown as the first scholar to apply scientific methods of historical research and textual criticism to the study of traditional Chinese novels and the geographical classic.

Hu Shih Memorial Hall is located at the site of Dr. Hu Shih’s residence on the campus, where he lived from 1958 to 1962 while serving as the president of Academia Sinica. While in Taiwan, Dr. Hu not only worked to further the academic development of Academia Sinica’s research institutes, but also founded the National Council on Scientific Development, while striving to promote scholarship and train top-quality researchers. Following his death in 1962, Academia Sinica formed a “Hu Shih Memorial Hall Management Committee,” and the Memorial Hall was formally established on December 10 of that year. Academia Sinica and the Taipei City Government also cooperated to construct Hu Shih Park near the site of his grave, and work was completed in February 1974.

**Hours:** Wed. & Sat. 09:00 ~ 17:00  
**Admission:** Free. Guided tours can be arranged with advance notice  
**Tel:** (02) 2789-9720; 2782-1147  
**Fax:** (02) 2653-3302  
http://www.mh.sinica.edu.tw/koteki/ (Chinese)

- **Hu Shih Park**
  It is located across the Yen-Chiu-Yuan Road from the Institutes of Ethnology and Economics.
  This park commemorates one of the great thinkers of modern China, Hu Shih. The park has a front garden and Hu’s tomb is up from there on the slope of a hill. The garden is shaded with Cypress trees and the graveyard of Hu Shih is surrounded by azalea flower bushes. Every year on the birthday of Hu Shih, people gather there to pay him tribute. In the valley behind the mountain, there is also a children’s park with a running track and basketball courts. It opens year around.

- **Lingnan Fine Arts Museum**
  The museum officially opened in June 2002 and features around 70 Lingnan (a school of Chinese paintings) paintings on display.
  **Hours:** Tue. - Fri.: 12:00 ~ 17:00  
  Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 ~ 17:00  
  Closed: Mondays & National holidays  
  Location: 2nd Fl., Institute of European and American Studies  
  Website: http://www.sinica.edu.tw/~lnfam/index/ (Chinese)

- **Ecological Pond**
  A small ecological pond was officially established in May 2000. The pond is a wetland preserved for ecological observations and is composed of three parts: the stream, swamp and lotus pond. It is located beside the Sifen Brook, opposite to the Institute of Biological Chemistry. The pond draws attention of passersby during flowering season, even during night hours. It is worth visiting after a day’s throng. Guided introductions are held occasionally.
- **Museum of the Institute of History and Philology**
  This is a well maintained, two-story museum, with thousands of pieces of ancient Chinese artifacts. Guided tours are available. For more information, please go to the website: [http://museum.sinica.edu.tw](http://museum.sinica.edu.tw)

- **Museum of the Institute of Ethnology**
  For further information, please visit the following website: [http://www.ioe.sinica.edu.tw/tool/museum/index.html](http://www.ioe.sinica.edu.tw/tool/museum/index.html)

- **The Research Museum in Biodiversity Center**
  Located in the Research Center of Biodiversity
  Website: [http://asizrm.sinica.edu.tw/home_eng.asp](http://asizrm.sinica.edu.tw/home_eng.asp)

The following two places are not on campus but worthwhile of your attention.

- **A relaxing walk**
  Follow the Sifen brook to up-stream south (against the current). After walking about ten minutes, you will pass Lingyun supermarket. In another five minutes or so, you will see a high-rise building (Chunghua Institute of Technology) on your left, and a National Soldiers’ Cemetery on the right. Keep walking past and to the left side alley by the school, you will see a stone-stepped trail called “Nankang-Hsinyi Trail” on the right hand side. One may take these stairs up for a wonderful hiking on the hills (about 150 m or so elevation). The path leads all the way to WuXing St. — a good four to five hours walk if you are up to it, but there are also numerous paths down to the city at various points before WuXing St. On Sundays, the paths tend to be a bit crowded and the pavilions are occupied by karaoke singers. But during the week, it is tranquil.

  Note: Beware of snakes.

- **Nankang Tourist Tea Plantation**
  The Tourist Tea Plantation of the Nankang District is mainly located along Sec. 2 of JuiZuang St. at an altitude of about 200-300 meters. In 1982, the Development Bureau of the Taipei City Government opened the Nankang Tourist Tea Plantation, to promote Nankang’s most famous product, Baozhong Tea. Along JiuZhuang St., all you can see is tea plantations, including a number of famous tea farms. Follow signs to the farmers’ tea tasting restaurants/pavilions. During harvest season, visitors can also view tea picking and tea production processes.

  Note: You can take Bus#S5 on holidays. (Schedule: 0640 · 0730 · 0900 · 1000 · 1030 · 1120 · 1250 · 1320 · 1440 · 1530 · 1615 · 1745 · 1830 · 1930 · 2000 · 2040 · 2200)

  Note: Images above were reprinted by Tourism Bureau, Ministry of Transportation & Communications, R.O.C
6. Tourism Promotion Offices

Austrian Information

Representative Office of British Columbia, Canada
http://www.canadatourism.com/

British Tourist Authority
http://www.visitbritain.com/

French Government Tourist Office
http://www.franceguide.com/prehome/prehome.htm

Indonesian Tourist Promotion Office
http://www.tourismindonesia.com/

Korea National Tourism Organization

Malaysia Tourist Promotion Board
http://tourism.gov.my/

Official Holland Site-Netherlands Boards of Tourism
http://www.holland.com/splash/

New Zealand Tourism Board
http://www.newzealand.com/travel/

Tourism Authority of Thailand
http://www.tat.or.th/
Section VI. Appendices

A. On-Campus Resources

1. Libraries

On-campus libraries are located in various institutes and centers. A consortium life science library is located in Institute of Biological Chemistry building. Journals are mostly in digital form. Thus, one may obtain information via a pc with an official IP in campus. A person with an official Academia Sinica ID is allowed to access all libraries. For more information about the locations, service and office hours please visit the following website: www.sinica.edu.tw/~libserv/engaslib/engindex.html.

2. Restaurants

(i) Chinese Cuisine

A Chinese Restaurant is located in the first floor dining area of the Activities Center. This Chinese restaurant offers breakfast, lunch, supper, and banquet. The dinning times are:

- Breakfast: 07:30 - 09:00
- Lunch: 11:30 - 13:30
- Dinner: 17:00 - 20:30

The reservation hotline is 02-2785-2717 ext. 1222.

The Chinese restaurant also provides fixed menu meal at lunch and supper. It is partially subsidized to benefit Academia Sinica employees and students. The regular prices are NT$ 40 and 65 for lunch and supper, respectively, Monday through Friday, per person. An Academia Sinica ID is required.

(ii) The Coffee Shop

A coffee shop is also located on the first floor (to the left of the main entrance) of Academic Activity Center. It serves hot and cold drinks, cookies, cakes, ice cream, sandwiches, a western style food on breakfast, lunch, supper, and afternoon snacks. A discount lunch with a designated entry is served on every weekday. The price is merely NT$200. It is interesting to note that one may sit/rest in the “free” area without ordering any food or drink. The hours are 09:00-22:00 daily. Reservation can be made by phone 2785-2717 ext. 1219.

(iii) Western Style Food

A European-Style Restaurant is located behind the Academic Activity Center. It serves western style food. A discount buffet with a choice of one main entree is served at noon for a flat price (NT$220). The hours: Lunch: 11:30 -14:00; Dinner: 17:30 - 20:30. Reservation can be made by phone 2785-2717 ext. 8105.

3. Gymnasium

The gymnasium opens from 7 am to 10 pm everyday except Monday morning (7 am to noon) and the Chinese Lunar Year.

Facilities include:

- (1) one 25x50-meter warm-water indoor swimming pool (a hat and goggles needed)
- (2) one fitness room (based on first come first serve, the maximum for each equipment is 20 minutes at peak times)
- (3) two aerobic dance rooms (reservation is needed)
(4) one indoor jogging track (approx. 200 meter a loop)
(5) three badminton courts (reservation is needed)
(6) two tennis courts (reservation is needed)
(7) one basketball/volleyball court (reservation is needed)

The fees (NT$) charged are itemized below.

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There is no extra charge for using the fitness equipments, jogging track, and swimming pool. The swimming pool is closed for two 30-minute segments (11:30-12:00 and 16:30 – 17:00) for the purpose of cleaning.

Reservations can be made in person or phone 2785-2717 ext. 7328, 7329 during the open time.

Note: (1) Guests in Academic Activity Center and Scholars’ Guest House are treated as employees.
(2) The charges to employees apply to their parents, children, and spouse. A valid ID is required for employees and students.
(3) Frequent users may consider to buy either a yearly admission pass for NT$3000 with unlimited entries or for a 12-entry coupon book for NT$500.
(4) Food (except for drinking water) and smoking are prohibited in the Gymnasium
(5) All safety regulations must be strictly observed.

4. Grocery Shopping
A General Store is located next to the Post Office and on top of garage. The store carries packaged food items (crackers, instant noodles, juice) and daily necessities (toilet paper, toothpaste etc.). No shopping bag is provided by law.

Hours: Mon.- Fri. 09:30-16:30. Tel: 2789-9716

A barber shop and a beauty salon are located on the same floor. Reservation can be for haircuts on 2789 9719 and hairdos by 2789 9718, respectively.

5. Medical Service
An infirmary (as mentioned in “Medical Care”) is located on the 1st floor of the gymnasium building to provide basic medical consultancy and minor ailment treatment. On call doctors are volunteers from prestigious teaching hospitals. A part time pharmacist and full time nurse for dispensing of medicines. The service hours are Monday to Friday from 14:00 to 16:00. For more information and appointment reservation, please call 2789-9437.
6. Sifen Bookstore

This on-campus bookstore is located in the basement of the Academic Activity Center. Hours: 10:30 - 21:00 Monday through Friday. Academia Sinica employees and students with a valid ID enjoy 15% discount for books. Academia Sinica souvenirs (ties, mugs, T-shirts, warming suits, and etc.) are also sold in the bookstore. Tel: 2783-9605

7. Academia Sinica Kindergarten

The Academia Sinica Kindergarten was founded in 1969 to serve employee’s children from age three to six. It is located on the 1st floor of the Taiwan International Graduate Program Teaching and Research Building. One may browse the website at: http://www.sinica.edu.tw/~garden (in Chinese) or call (02) 2783-5325 for further information.

8. Learning the Chinese Language

(i) Learning Chinese in Academia Sinica

Academia Sinica provides Chinese classes for foreign researchers to improve their Chinese communicative skills in daily life.

(ii) The current class schedules are as following

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<td>Class B (Intermediate)</td>
<td>Tuesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM</td>
<td>Teacher: Susan Tang</td>
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<td>Class C (Inter-Advanced)</td>
<td>Thursday 6:00 - 8:00 PM</td>
<td>Teacher: Ms. Lin</td>
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The contents of each class are:

**Elementary:** Mandarin Phonetic Symbols (Hanyu Pinyin), Basic Conversation, Pronunciation Practice, Vocabulary usage

**Intermediate:** Intermediate Mandarin conversation, Taiwan Today, Chinese Customs and Traditions

**Inter-Advanced:** Chatting in Mandarin, Taiwan Today, Customs and Culture, Introduction to tourism spots in Taiwan

Class Location:

Class A, B, C & D: Academia Sinica campus; Academic Activities Center Conference Room 5 (2nd floor)
Class E & F: National Taiwan University campus; Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Conference Room #716, (7F)
(iii) Attendance Policies

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<td>Teaching will be progressed in accordance with the student level.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Students should notify the teacher and Ms. Nancy Yang if they are unable to attend the class further.</td>
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<td>No classes are held on national holidays.</td>
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<td>Comments and suggestions are welcome to improve the class.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Four-month is a term, starting with January every year.</td>
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Please contact Nancy Yang at International Affairs Office
(Tel: 2789-8050, e-mail:nancyy@gate.sinica.edu.tw) for further details.

(iv) Learning Chinese at other institutions

Professional Chinese schools are also easily found in Taipei. The following are a few. Foreigners who want further studies in the Chinese language are encouraged to contact them individually.

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B. Organization of Academia Sinica
C. International Affairs Office (IAO) Staff

Taiwan International Graduate Program & Services for Foreign Staff

IAO Director: Sue Lin-Chao

International Visibility Budget & Student Affairs

Seau-Feng Hong

Ellen Hsu

Fiona Wang

International Affairs Office (IAO) Staff

TIGP Student Dormitory

Hanna Chen

Teaching & Administration Building

Nancy Yang

Alice Lee

TIGP Admissions & Services for Foreign Staff
International Liaison

IAO Director: Sue Lin-Chao

Melody Yu
International Collaboration

Shu-Ning Chen
International Organizations Collaboration with local universities

Mei-Chih Wu
Section Chief

HT Chang
Svetlana Sam
International Collaboration

Justin Lin
Emma Liao
International Conferences
D. Useful Information

(D-1) Hospital

Adventist Hospital  02-2771-8151
Cathy General Hospital  02-2708-2121
Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Taipei  02-2713-5211
Chung Shan Hospital  02-2708-1166
Mackay Memorial Hospital  02-2543-3535
National Taiwan University Hospital  02-2312-3456
Shin Kong Hospital  02-2833-2211
Taipei Municipal Chung Hsiao Hospital  02-2786-1288
Tri-service General Hospital  02-8792-3311
Veterans General Hospital  02-2871-2121

(D-2) Other Useful Telephone Numbers for Emergency

Police  110
Fire, Ambulance  119
Telephone Repair  112
English Speaking Directory Assistance  106
Chinese Speaking Directory Assistance  104
Chinese Long Distance Directory Assistance  105
International Phone Assistance  0800-080-100
Foreign Affairs Police Service Station  02-2556-6007
Nankang Precinct Police  02-2783-0476
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ROC  02-2348-2999
American Express Travel Service  02-2717-8725
China External Trade Development Council (CETRA)  02-2725-5200
Government Information Office  02-3356-8888
Foreign Affairs Department,
National Police Administration  02-2381-8341
Foreign Affairs Division,
Taipei Police Headquarters  02-2381-7475
ICRT (International Community Radio Station)  02-2518-4888
Taiwan Visitors Association  02-2594-3261
Tourism Bureau  02-2349-1500
Tourist Information Hot Line  02-2717-3737

(D-3) Travel Agency

An on-campus travel agency provides ticketing service on the first floor of the Administration Office Building. One may purchase air tickets, file visa applications, and make travel schedules with the travel agent. Hours of operation: Monday - Friday: 09:30-11:00, 13:00-16:00 Tel:2789-9433

(D-4) National Holidays

For national holidays, please visit the Central Personnel Administration website at: http://www.cpa.gov.tw.
E. Maps

(E-1). Map of Taiwan

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(E-2) Districts Map of Taipei City

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(E-3) Map of Taipei City

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(E-5) Metro Network

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(E-6) TIGP Office

Location of TIGP Office and Services for Foreign Staff: 3F, No. 75, Lane 12, Section 2, Academia Road, Nankang District, Taipei 115, Taiwan.
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Direction by walking: Wherever you start, please make your way to Inst. of Biological Chemistry. Take a right turn when you pass the main entrance of IBC and then walk straight down the route by the river until you get to the side gate. Pass the gate and keep walking down the route for 2 mins and you will find a park on your right. Keep walking down and take a right turn when you get to the junction. The 3-story building opposite the park is the TIGP Teaching & Administration Building (T&A Building) where TIGP Office and Services for Foreign Staff are located.
(E-7) TIGP Dormitory

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