

PRESS RELEASE

Bureau of Consular Affairs (BOCA) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ROC (Taiwan) reminds applicants not to apply for eVisa through business website not affiliated with the government.

BOCA has launched the eVisa Program starting January 12, 2016 and has never delegated or authorized any business website or agency to process eVisa. Recently, BOCA received reports that some applicants applied for eVisa through a business website (<https://www.taiwanimmigration.com.tw>) operated by the Global Immigration Services Ltd. that claims to provide expediting services for eVisa and charges a fairly large amount of processing fee. BOCA reminds all applicants to apply for eVisa through BOCA's own official website to protect yourself against financial losses or identity theft.

Taiwan's eVisa program offers eligible applicants one-stop online service, from filling out the eVisa application form, paying the visa fee to receiving their eVisa through email upon approval of their application. The eVisa processing time is about three working days and the application fee (including visa fee and credit card

processing fee only) for an eVisa is NT\$1,632. Taiwan's eVisa does not provide expediting services nor extra charges incurred. To apply for an eVisa, please visit the BOCA's website (https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw/BOCA_MRVWeb). For more information on Taiwan's eVisa, please refer to the eVisa FAQ (<https://www.boca.gov.tw/content.asp?mp=1&CuItem=7281>).