

MOSAIC TAIWAN 2017

Mosaic Taiwan is a fellowship exchange program for promising US and Canadian individuals wishing to gain firsthand experience of the Republic of China (Taiwan), a vibrant Asian democracy in which a diversity of cultures has prospered. Created by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the program provides young students and professionals with an interest in global affairs the opportunity to better understand Taiwan's culture and society through extensive exchanges with local leaders in various fields and to explore the beauty of its natural environment. It also gives young leaders from Taiwan international exposure by fostering dialogue with their overseas counterparts.



An island of great beauty

The Republic of China, popularly known as Taiwan, is situated in the Western Pacific between Japan and the Philippines. The total area of Taiwan proper and its outlying islands is 36,193.6 square kilometers, about the size of the US state of Maryland or Canada's Vancouver Island. It has more than its share of natural splendor. Forested foothills occupy more than half of Taiwan; other physiographic regions include volcanic mountains, tablelands, coastal plains, and basins. Taiwan's tropical-to-temperate spectrum of climatic zones and wide range of topographies have made the island a paradise of flora and fauna.





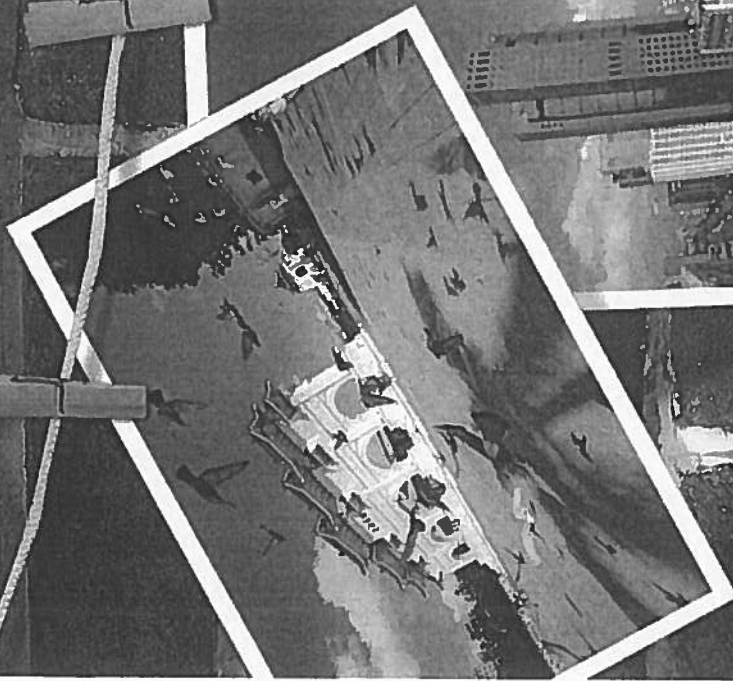
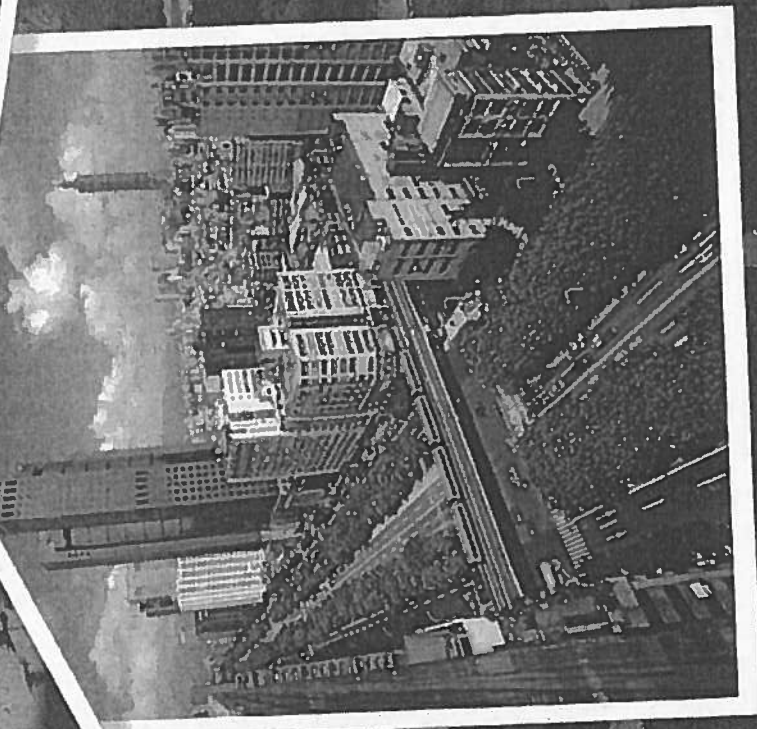
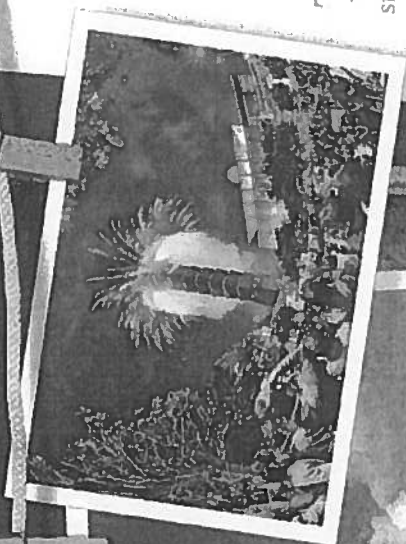
An open society

With a population of over 23 million, Taiwan has been a melting pot of diverse Han subgroups (95.6 percent), indigenous Austronesian peoples (2.3 percent) and immigrants from all over the world (2.1 percent). Today in Taiwan, different ethnic groups are fairly well integrated. Thanks to the joint efforts of the government and private organizations, there is also a growing appreciation for the cultural diversity of the 16 officially recognized Austronesian-speaking subgroups, as well as new immigrants, mainly from Southeast Asian countries. This convergence and interplay of currents of humanity in Taiwan have helped transform it into an open, forward-looking society.



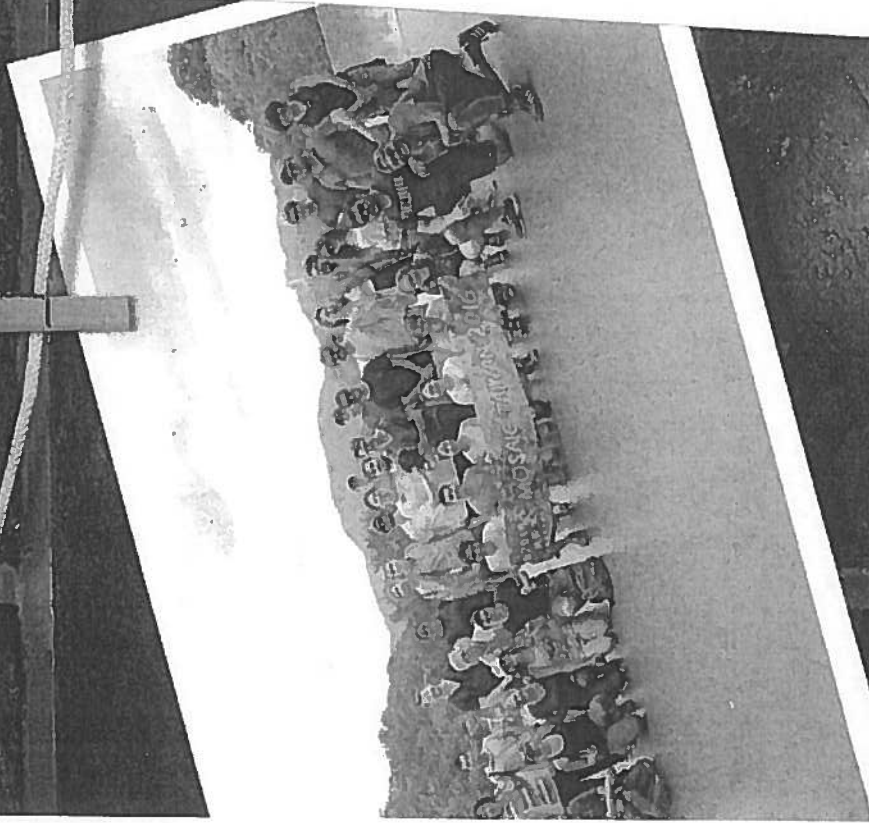
A vibrant democracy

Taiwan is one of the most open, progressive democracies in Asia. Taiwan upholds human rights, which comprise an integral part of everyday life. Legislation to enhance people's welfare, promote social equality, and safeguard labor rights is a manifestation of the government's staunch commitment to its people. In 2016, Taiwan elected its first female president, Tsai Ing-wen, marking the maturity and further consolidation of its democracy.



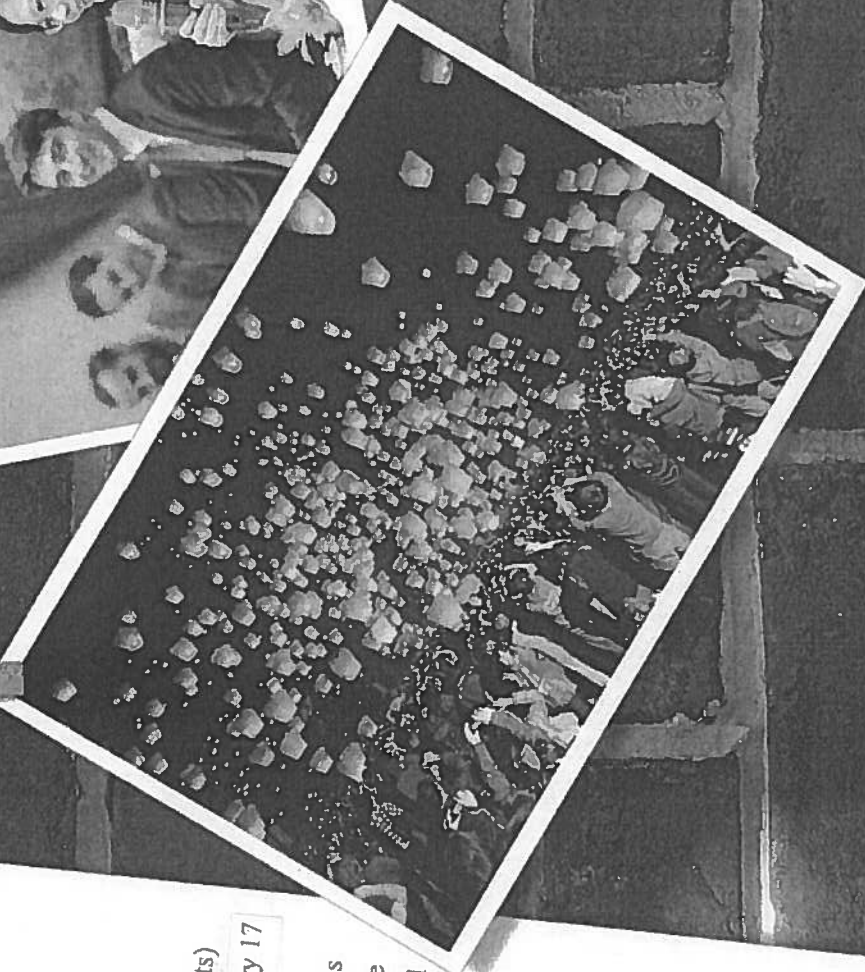
Reaching out to the world

The ROC's steadfast diplomacy has come to encapsulate Taiwan's willingness to expand its international space through sure-footed means and to build mutually beneficial ties with countries that share common values. As a model member of the global community, Taiwan continues to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, and actively participate in international efforts to tackle epidemic diseases, climate change, terrorism, and transnational crime. As part of this drive to make the world a better place, the ROC has highlighted the importance of youth exchanges. Mosaic Taiwan aims to serve as an effective route to greater mutual understanding and cooperation among this demographic.



Applications

- The application form (and its attachments) will be accepted from January 9 to February 17 via e-mail: mosaic taiwan@mofa.gov.tw
- Interviews will be conducted by the missions of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the United States (TECRO or TECO) and Canada (TECO).
- Admitted applicants will be informed of their status by TECRO or TECO.
- Required documents
 - Application form
 - Brief bio and CV
 - Minimum of two (2) recommendation letters
 - Academic transcript
 - Essay
 - Award certificate(s) (if any)
- A medical certificate will be required of admitted applicants.



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About the 2017 Program

Mosaic Taiwan 2017 will run from May 28 to June 10. Fellows will take part in team-building and leadership development exercises, as well as workshops and lectures on topics concerning Taiwan. There will also be visits to businesses and NGOs, and tours of indigenous areas and scenic sites around the island. Fellows will also meet with government officials and some of their peers for discussions. Travel and living arrangements in Taiwan will be covered by the sponsor.

Eligibility

- *US and Canadian citizens between the ages of 20 and 35
- *Little or no previous travel to Taiwan
- *Active interest in public affairs, politics, government, and international affairs

