

## Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions

I. The Ministry of Education (abbreviated below to “MOE”) has formulated the Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions (also known as the “Taiwan Scholarship Program Guidelines”) to encourage outstanding international students (with the exception of students from the Mainland Area, Hong Kong, and Macau) to undertake degree studies in Taiwan to familiarize themselves with the academic environment in Taiwan and promote communication, understanding, and friendship between Taiwan and the international community.

II. The MOE Taiwan Scholarship Program provides the following for each outstanding international student scholarship recipient who comes to Taiwan to undertake a bachelor’s degree, master’s degree, or doctorate:

(i) Tuition and miscellaneous expenses (i.e. the course-credit fees, and miscellaneous basic study-related fees): The MOE will pay up to NTD 40,000 each semester for each recipient’s approved tuition and miscellaneous expenses. If these exceed a total amount of NTD40,000, the remaining amount must be paid to the university/college by the student. The “miscellaneous expenses” do not include any of the following: administration fees, thesis supervision fees, insurance premiums, accommodation, or internet access. These are all the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.

(ii) Living allowance: The MOE provides each recipient undertaking university undergraduate studies a monthly stipend of NTD15,000; it provides each recipient undertaking a master’s degree or doctorate studies a monthly stipend of NTD20,000.

A university/college may give scholarship recipients a discount for tuition and/or miscellaneous expenses. The university/college must submit details of which of its departments/institutes are offering scholarship recipients discounts on fees for the following academic year, and a copy of the fee standards to the MOE by the prescribed date each year, and it must also provide a copy of these to any other unit designated by the MOE.

III. Scholarship Duration and Time Limits:

(i) The maximum period a Taiwan Scholarship may be held is: four years for undergraduate programs, two years for master’s degree programs, and four years for doctorate programs. The maximum total period that any one person may hold a Taiwan Scholarship is five years.

(ii)The Taiwan Scholarship year begins on September 1 and ends on August 31 of the following year. Recipients must arrive in Taiwan and register at their university/college at the scheduled time. It is not permitted to defer taking up a Taiwan Scholarship until the following year. A student who is unable to arrive in Taiwan and register at their university/college at the scheduled time will be considered to have forfeited their scholarship eligibility, unless the student has notified the university/college and the MOE beforehand and been given permission for a delayed arrival and registration.

(iii)Living allowance payments begin from the month when the recipient actually begins attending the university/college, and they end when the maximum scholarship period for their degree level expires, or when the recipient graduates, withdraws from their studies, is suspended or expelled, or has their Taiwan Scholarship revoked.

#### IV. Eligibility:

(i) Applicants must be a foreign national with a secondary school graduation diploma or a post-secondary degree(s), and an excellent academic record, and be of good moral character.

(ii) A person in any of the following categories is ineligible to apply:

1. An R.O.C. national or an overseas Chinese student.

2. A person who already has and is continuing to maintain student status at any university/college in Taiwan or who has already registered to begin studies at such a university/college. This restriction does not apply to a student who will be graduating after completing a degree that year. They may apply for a Taiwan Scholarship to pursue a higher degree.

3. A person who has already studied in Taiwan for a degree at the same level as the one in which they currently intend to enroll.

4. An exchange student or dual/joint degree student who has been admitted to a university/college in Taiwan in accordance with an academic cooperation agreement between that university/college and an overseas university/college.

5. A person who has already been a Taiwan Scholarship recipient for a total of five years.

6. A person who has ever previously had their Taiwan Scholarship or MOE Huayu Enrichment Scholarship revoked.

7. A person who has received any other scholarship or subsidy from any Taiwan Government institution (organization) or any education institution in Taiwan, apart from any subsidies provided for a Taiwan Scholarship recipient by their university/college to cover the outstanding amount if the total amount of their tuition and other fees exceeds the scholarship limit.

(iii) Applicants must apply directly to the university/college for admission within the application deadline. Each university/college sets its own application deadline.

V. Applicants must submit the following documents within the period specified by the local Taiwan Representative Office for their country to that Office [*\*Note: in these Directions the term “Taiwan Representative Office” refers to the Embassy or Representative Office responsible for a particular country or region where the applicant lives. It will sometimes be located in another nearby country. Please visit [www.taiwanembassy.org](http://www.taiwanembassy.org) for contact details of all Taiwan Representative Offices*]:

(i) A Taiwan Scholarship Application Form (the form for applicants from each country or region is available from their local Taiwan Representative Office)

(ii) A photocopy of the applicant’s passport or other documentary evidence of nationality.

(iii) A photocopy of their highest academic award and of the associated academic transcripts. Applications must be in compliance with the provisions of Subparagraph 2 of Paragraph 1 of Article 7 of the MOE Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan. Documents in a language other than Chinese or English must be translated into Chinese or English and the translated documents must be authenticated.

(iv) Photocopies of documentary evidence that the applicant has already applied to a university/college in Taiwan (for example, photocopies of the application fee remittance, the application form, and a notice or email from the university/college acknowledging receipt of the application.)

(v) A photocopy of a language proficiency certificate. Each Taiwan Representative Office must oversee this requirement in accordance with the following provisions:

1. For applications to undertake a program not completely taught in English:

- (1) If the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) is organized and held by the local Taiwan Representative Office in the applicant's country or region: a copy of the test results or a certificate at Level 3 or above must be submitted. Results or certificates from any other Chinese proficiency test will not be accepted.

If, however, an applicant is unable to take the TOCFL test because of geographical factors and the local Taiwan Representative Office has reviewed their circumstances and approves, then their case may be treated as if their Taiwan Representative Office does not organize TOCFL testing.

- (2) If TOCFL testing is not organized by the local Taiwan Representative Office: An applicant who has not submitted a copy of the test results or certificate at Level 3 or above must take the TOCFL test at Level 3 or above at their own expense by the end of the first semester after they arrive in Taiwan and submit their test results or certificate to their university/college. If the applicant transfers to a different university/college after the first semester, their starting semester in the new university/college is still regarded as their second semester since arriving in Taiwan. The applicant is not permitted to claim the initial semester in the new university/college as the "first semester" referred to in this requirement.

2. If the applicant wants to undertake a program completely taught in English, their local Taiwan Representative Office may decide whether the applicant is permitted to not submit TOCFL test results or a TOCFL certificate and may instead require them to submit TOEFL test scores that meet a standard that it sets or a certificate for some other English proficiency exam that is recognized by the government of the country where they are located, or a an English language program graduation diploma (applicants who are citizens of a country where English is an official language are not subject to this requirement). The degree program completely taught in English that an applicant is applying to undertake must have been accredited by the MOE. If the English-language degree program has not been accredited by the MOE, then the applicant must obtain a document formally issued by the university/college (not a subsidiary department or unit) that the applicant wants to attend certifying that the degree program in question is fully taught in English.

- (vi) Two reference letters – from a principal, a college or university president, professors, and/or supervisors – personally signed, and placed in sealed envelopes.

(vii) Any additional documents specified by the particular local Taiwan Representative Office.

VI. The number of Taiwan Scholarships offered by the MOE each year depends on the MOE's annual budget allocations for the coming year and on the results achieved by each local Taiwan Representative Office that year. By December 31 each year, the MOE will inform each local Representative Office how many Taiwan Scholarships it can award for each degree level for the following academic year.

#### VII. Application and Selection Process:

(i) The MOE has delegated the specification of the particular application procedures and selection requirements, in accordance with the Selection Directions set out below, to the local Taiwan Representative Offices. Each local Taiwan Representative Office may handle Taiwan Scholarship application and selection related activities in conjunction with local government agencies, universities and colleges, and educational and cultural institutions, or it may directly handle applications itself. Information about the Taiwan Scholarship applications (including details of the selection criteria, number of scholarships available, the procedure, and the time schedule) must be made publicly available in the country or region that each local Taiwan Representative Office looks after in both Chinese and the local language(s) by January 31 each year.

(ii) After making the information referred in the previous sub-paragraph publicly available, each local Taiwan Representative Office must submit both hard copies and electronic copies of the details provided in Chinese and in the local language(s) to the unit designated by the MOE for archiving.

(iii) In principle, the application period is from February 1 to March 31 each year. The actual application period for each local Taiwan Representative Office will be detailed in its publicly available information.

(iv) Each applicant must lodge their application at the local Taiwan Representative Office in their country of citizenship or at the Taiwan Representative Office in that area of the world that is responsible for looking after matters concerning citizens of the applicant's country.

#### VIII. Selection Procedure Guidelines:

(i) The local Taiwan Representative Office must take into account whether a scholarship recipient would contribute to Taiwan's national development, as a professional contributing to their own country and to Taiwan, and assist in the growth of Taiwan's business and industry, economy, and education.

(ii) Scholarship recipients wanting to do a bachelor's degree must have an average GPA of at least 3.0, those wanting to do a master's degree must have an average GPA of at least 3.5 or above during their studies so far (where 4.5 is the highest score). If a different grade method is used in the applicant's country, the local Taiwan Representative Office will use these figures as the basis for its calculations or take the results indicative of excellence by universities and colleges in that country/region to select outstanding students.

(iii) Interviews must be conducted in person or by video conferencing, so as to interact with the applicants and better judge their demeanor and moral character.

(iv) Preference must be given to applicants with a TOCFL certificate at intermediate or higher level. People applying to go to Taiwan to undertake a program completely taught in English must submit their TOEFL test scores or submit a certificate that they have passed another English language proficiency exam recognized by the government in that country at the intermediate level or documentary evidence that they scored at least 75% in such an exam.

(v) The application form must be fully completed and the application form and other documents will not be returned.

#### IX. Selection Notifications:

(i) The Taiwan Representative Offices will review the applications and conduct interviews and then select the successful candidates and place some candidates on a waiting list. In principle, each successful candidates and the university/college the candidate has applied to attend must be notified about the selection decision by May 31 each year.

(ii) Successful candidates must submit a photocopy of their letter of admission to their local Taiwan Representative Office by June 30 each year to confirm that they satisfy the eligibility requirements; if a candidate does not submit this letter within the specified time period, the candidate must submit a written explanation of the reason to their local Taiwan Representative Office which will review the circumstances. A person who is not admitted into a university/college will lose their eligibility to receive a Taiwan Scholarship. A

person who fails to submit documents within the specified time period will be considered to have forfeited their eligibility to receive a Taiwan Scholarship, and the local Taiwan Representative Office will offer the forfeited scholarship to the candidate highest on the waiting list. The list of recipients must be finalized no later than July 31 each year.

(iii) Taiwan Representative Offices must issue each Taiwan Scholarship recipient with a certificate stating that they have been awarded a Taiwan Scholarship (using the format shown at Appendix I) by July 31 each year, and inform them of the duration of their award, based on the type of degree they will be undertaking specified in the letter of admission received from the university/college. The scholarship recipients' basic details must also be accurately recorded on the on-line Taiwan Scholarship Information Platform.

X. A Taiwan Scholarship recipient who has completed their degree program within the prescribed may then apply for a Taiwan Scholarship to undertake a higher degree at the next level. Such applications must be submitted by February 28 each year and in accordance with the provisions of Article 5, the new application and all the required documents must be submitted to the local Taiwan Representative Office that awarded their first Taiwan Scholarship. This will be treated as a completely new application and be subject to the same selection process. They are not permitted to apply for a second Taiwan Scholarship to do another degree at the same level or another degree at a lower degree level. A scholarship recipient is not permitted to hold a Taiwan Scholarship longer than the maximum total period of five years, which would be in breach of Article IV, Paragraph (ii), Subparagraph 5.

XI. The process for determining whether each scholarship recipient whose scholarship has not yet expired will continue to receive scholarship benefits is as follows:

(i) Each university/college must review each scholarship recipient's academic performance and conduct, and their eligibility to continue to receive scholarship benefits for the second semester of the academic year by February 28 each year and notify each scholarship recipient and the unit designated by the MOE of the results of the review within seven days. In addition, by September 10 each year, each university/college must upload the results of the review of students' eligibility to continue to receive scholarship benefits for the current semester to the on-line Taiwan Scholarship Information Platform in order to be able to submit a funding appropriation request.

(ii) Scholarship recipients' average semester results must achieve the standards set out below to be permitted to continue to receive their scholarship benefits:

1. Undergraduate students must achieve a minimum average semester mark of 70, postgraduate students must achieve a minimum average semester mark of 80; if the university/college has set a higher standard, then that standard must be met.

2. If a scholarship recipient is in the 3rd year or later year of a doctoral program, the manner in which their results are assessed and the criteria used to determine their semester results will be in accordance with the regulations of their university/college.

(iii) If a scholarship recipient has completed their program before their scholarship expires and has been given approval to undertake a degree course at the next level by their university/college, the university/college that they are attending may inform the MOE in writing that this has been approved, with a scholarship application form filled out by the student, transcripts of their academic studies in Taiwan, and details of the appraisal of their degree attached, and submit an application to change the student's Taiwan Scholarship level and expiry date. The MOE will notify the university/college, the unit designated by the MOE, and the Taiwan Representative Office that awarded the student the scholarship for the degree they have just completed of its decision.

## XII. Transfers:

(i) A scholarship recipient who has completed one semester or more of studies at a particular university/college or in a particular department or institute there is allowed to transfer to another university/college or department/graduate school, if the two educational institutions involved approve the request. The transfer is handled in accordance with the regulations formulated by the educational institutions. A transfer to another university/college or department/graduate school to a degree program at the same level may only be undertaken once while receiving a Taiwan Scholarship.

(ii) A scholarship recipient who wants to transfer to a different degree program at another university/college/department/graduate school must re-apply to the local Taiwan Representative Office that awarded their Taiwan Scholarship for the degree that they want to transfer from and no longer continue. They are not permitted to continue to receive their current Taiwan Scholarship if they transfer to a different degree.

(iii) When a scholarship recipient transfers to another university/college, their current university/college must give that student and the university/college they are transferring to written details of the type of scholarship the student has been awarded, its start and end dates, and the transfer date. The

university/college the student is transferring to must notify both the scholarship recipient and their current university/college in writing that it agrees to the transfer and the date of the transfer. Both educational institutions must send copies of all the transfer-related documents to the MOE, to the Taiwan Representative Office that awarded the Taiwan Scholarship, and to any other office designated by the MOE.

XIII. Each year any university/college where any Taiwan Scholarship recipient is studying must request scholarship funding payments from the office designated by the MOE and undertake verification and finalization of any scholarship account matters in accordance with the schedule and procedures set out below:

(i) After a scholarship recipient has registered and enrolled each semester, the university/college will verify and provide their living allowance monthly. The MOE will transfer funds to the university/college twice a year. The first transfer is of the funds for January to August, and the university/college must submit the appropriation request by January 5. The second transfer is of the funds for September to December, and the university/college must submit the appropriation request by September 30 after first finalizing expenditure accounts for the first funds transfer and returning any unused funds. When submitting an appropriation request, the university/college must also submit a name list of scholarship recipients with receipts signed by the student(s) attached. If exceptional circumstances occur and a university/college is unable to submit an appropriation request in time, it must first advance funds and pay any scholarship related expenses, in order to verify and pay the monthly living allowance for the scholarship recipients.

(ii) Each university/college must submit three copies of their balance sheets and three copies of a form setting out their undertakings and results that have each been verified, approved, and stamped by the university/college president, chief accountant, and cashier, twice a year in accordance with the MOE funding schedule. The first account finalization deadline is September 30; the second account finalization deadline is December 20, and any unused funds must be returned to the MOE at the same time as the account finalization. The university/college must retain the original copies of all receipts for inspection by the National Audit Office and relevant units.

(iii) Each semester, each university/college must submit a name list of all the Taiwan Scholarship recipients who have completed registration and enrollment, a financial statement of income and expenditures setting out the Taiwan Scholarship tuition and miscellaneous fees for each (using the format in Appendix II), a financial income and expenditure statement, and appropriation

request receipts to the unit designated by the MOE, and submit the appropriation request for funding for the recipients' tuition and miscellaneous fees and undertake associated verification and finalization.

(iv) Expenditure appropriation requests, payments, verification, and finalization of accounts pertaining to Taiwan Scholarships must be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the MOE Directions for Administering Subsidies and Commissioned Funds.

(v) Any scholarship recipient who for some reason withdraws from their studies will forfeit their scholarship and any scholarship recipient who has been suspended or expelled from the university/college will have their scholarship revoked.

1. The living allowance will no longer be provided for a scholarship recipient who forfeits their scholarship. If the change of status occurs after the 15th of the month, the student withdrawing from their studies will not be required to refund the living allowance for that month. They must pay back the tuition and miscellaneous expenses paid with scholarship funding in accordance with the debt recovery regulations of the university/college they have been attending.

2. A student whose scholarship has been revoked must pay back all the living allowance payments and the tuition and miscellaneous expenses provided by the MOE from the date the scholarship began until the date it was revoked, to the unit designated by the MOE. Such units will finalize the accounts on a case by case basis.

The unit designated by the MOE and each university/college must increase its management of the Taiwan Scholarship funds and establish highly effective control mechanisms; the MOE may do random inspections at a regular time each year and also at unscheduled times.

#### XIV. Other Important Provisions:

(i) International students:

1. Applicants for a Taiwan Scholarship must apply directly to the university/college for admission within the application deadline. Each university/college sets its own application deadline.

2. Scholarship recipients must submit their TOCFL results or a TOCFL certificate to their university/college within the time limit specified in Article V, Point (v), Subparagraph 1, Item (2).

3. Scholarship recipients are responsible for the payment of all other expenses apart from tuition and miscellaneous expenses. A scholarship recipient who is experiencing financial hardship may apply to the university/college at which they are registered for payments for any other expenses to be deducted from their living allowance.

4. If a scholarship recipient's academic performance, or conduct, or their attendance record falls below the standard required by the university/college at which they are registered, their scholarship will be suspended or revoked, in accordance with the rules and regulations of their university/college.

5. If a scholarship recipient is found to be in simultaneous receipt of any other award or subsidy from any Taiwan Government institution (organization) or any education institution in Taiwan, and this has been verified, their scholarship will be revoked and the student must pay back all the living allowance payments and the tuition and miscellaneous expenses paid during the period when they were also receiving the other award or subsidy.

6. All scholarship recipients are required to join the National Health Insurance plan in accordance with Taiwan's national legislation. Before doing so, they must purchase other medical and accident insurance.

7. After enrolling at a university/college in Taiwan, a scholarship recipient is not permitted to travel to any other country as an exchange student or as a dual/joint degree student. If they do so, their Taiwan Scholarship will be revoked. They are not permitted to retain the still unused part of their Taiwan Scholarship or have the award period extended for them to be able to resume receiving the original scholarship when they return to Taiwan.

8. A scholarship recipient whose university/college degree program requires them to undertake an overseas internship may be exempt from being considered to have forfeited their scholarship, but they will not receive any scholarship money for tuition and miscellaneous expenses during the internship semester(s) and will not receive any living allowance for time spent outside of Taiwan.

9. Any scholarship recipient who submits any application document or any document when they are enrolling that is found to be fake, misleading, has been altered in some way, or contains any falsehood will have their scholarship revoked and must pay back all the living allowance payments and the tuition and miscellaneous expenses provided by the scholarship from the date the

scholarship began until the date it was revoked.

10. Scholarship recipients must act in concert with the MOE's policies for students who have a Taiwan Scholarship and participate in language and culture related teaching, exchanges, and activities.

(ii) Universities and colleges:

1. Each university/college must select international students for admission in accordance with its own international student admission regulations and send applicants a written copy of their final decision no later than June 15 each year.

2. If a scholarship recipient does not submit their TOCFL results or a TOCFL certificate within the time limit specified in Article V, Point (v), Subparagraph 1, Item (2), their university/college will stop paying them the living allowance, from the next semester until the month when they submit the TOCFL results or certificate. A scholarship recipient who for some reason has not submitted a photocopy of their TOCFL results or certificate and has had their living allowance payments suspended may still continue to have their tuition paid.

3. Each university/college may establish its own regulations to assist a scholarship recipient who is in difficult financial circumstances apply to the university/college to take deductions from their living allowance to make payments the student is personally responsible for.

4. The suspension or revocation of this scholarship is handled in accordance with the academic regulations and other pertinent regulations of each scholarship recipient's university/college and MOE regulations. If a scholarship recipient withdraws from their program, or if they are subject to disciplinary action requiring them to leave the university/college, or if any other incident occurs that incurs their scholarship being suspended or revoked, the university/college must inform the MOE in writing and after receiving MOE endorsement will suspend or revoke the student's scholarship. At the same time Bureau of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Immigration Agency, the local Taiwan Representative Office that awarded the Taiwan Scholarship being suspended or revoked, the student involved, and any unit designated by the MOE must be notified about the matter in writing, giving details of the reason, the beginning and end months of a suspension, or the month that a cancellation of a scholarship takes effect. Apart from where a violation of the regulations put in place by a university/college incurs a scholarship being suspended or revoked, a student's Taiwan Scholarship must be suspended or revoked if any of the following

situations arises:

(1) A scholarship recipient who has registered at a university/college and begun their program fails to submit their TOCFL results or a TOCFL certificate by the end of the second semester. The student's scholarship will be revoked by the university/college, starting from the third semester.

(2) A scholarship recipient who has registered at a university/college and begun their program is absent from their classes for more than one-third of any month excluding university/college summer and winter breaks. When the absences have been verified, the recipient's living allowance for any such month will be suspended (or have to be paid back), and depending on the circumstances, the university/college where the student is registered may decide to revoke the student's scholarship.

(3) Any scholarship recipient who goes overseas to another country as an exchange student or dual/joint degree student will have their Taiwan Scholarship revoked. If they do so, their Taiwan Scholarship will be revoked. They are not permitted to retain the still unused part of their Taiwan Scholarship or have the award period extended for them to be able to resume receiving the original scholarship when they return to Taiwan.

(4) A scholarship recipient who must undertake an overseas internship that is a requirement of their university/college degree program must not be paid any living allowance for the time spent outside of Taiwan and they will not receive any scholarship money for tuition and miscellaneous expenses during the internship semester(s).

(5) A scholarship recipient who violates Taiwan's laws and regulations, who is subject to serious disciplinary action from the university/college where they are studying, or who withdraws or is expelled from the university/college shall have their scholarship revoked. If a scholarship recipient transfers to another university/college or department or voluntarily withdraws from their original university/college, their scholarship will not be revoked.

(6) A scholarship recipient fails to submit a photocopy of their Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) which has "pursuing studies" as the reason for their stay by the deadline specified by their university/college during the registration period each semester or changes the reason for their stay in Taiwan while in receipt of the scholarship.

(7) A scholarship recipient who fails to participate in language and culture

related teaching, exchanges, and activities in concert with the MOE's policies for students who have a Taiwan Scholarship shall have their scholarship revoked.

(8) A scholarship recipient whose academic average for the semester is below the standard set by their university/college will have their scholarship suspended for a month; a scholarship recipient whose academic average for the semester has been below the set standard in the two most recent consecutive semesters will have their scholarship revoked, starting from the next semester.

(9) A scholarship recipient submits any application document or any document when they are enrolling that is found to be fake, misleading, has been altered in some way, or contains any falsehood will have their scholarship revoked and must pay back all the living allowance payments and the tuition and miscellaneous expenses provided by the MOE from the date the scholarship began until the date it was revoked.

5. Each university/college must organize an orientation meeting for newly arrived scholarship recipients after they have completed their registration and explain the rules and regulations they must follow to continue to receive their scholarship, the grading and assessment method(s) used, how and when the scholarship payments are made, and the regulations governing a scholarship recipient forfeiting their Taiwan scholarship, or having it suspended or revoked. Each university/college must also review and issue the scholarship payments each month and is in charge of monitoring whether circumstances call for a student's scholarship to be forfeited, suspended or revoked, and processing the reviews for students to continue to receive their scholarship.

6. The university/college must set up a specific unit or personnel to liaise with scholarship recipients while they are undertaking their studies in Taiwan and provide academic and general support and assistance. They must also encourage the scholarship recipients to actively participate in university/college organized and nationally organized volunteer work during their stay in Taiwan.

(iii) Taiwan Representative Offices:

1. Each Taiwan Representative Office shall inform government organizations (agencies), universities, colleges, and students in the country/region where it is located about the Taiwan Scholarship Program, proactively provide information about studying in Taiwan, process scholarship applications and select the successful applicants. It must ensure that each scholarship recipient signs a Taiwan Scholarship Program Terms of Agreement (at Appendix V),

agreeing to abide by the laws of Taiwan.

2. Each Taiwan Representative Office must submit its name list of scholarship recipients (using the format in Appendix VI) to the MOE for review by July 31. A copy of the list must also be sent to the Bureau of Consular Affairs, the National Immigration Agency, each scholarship recipient's university/college, and any other unit designated by the MOE (a photocopy of all appendices must be included), and the consular section of the local Taiwan Representative Office must also be notified.

3. Each Taiwan Representative Office must issue each scholarship recipient who has received a letter of admission to a university/college with a certificate that they have been awarded a Taiwan Scholarship that states the exact duration of their scholarship, in accordance with the provisions of Article III.

4. Each Taiwan Representative Office shall organize orientations for scholarship recipients before they travel to Taiwan to explain the scholarship regulations, and details about applying for an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC), to provide information about living and studying in Taiwan, and to explain scholarship recipients' responsibility to act in concert with the MOE's policies for students who have a Taiwan Scholarship and participate in language and culture related teaching, exchanges, and activities.

5. Each Taiwan Representative Office shall maintain contact with scholarship recipients after they return to their homelands and organize events and seminars at which they can present the results of their studies and research in Taiwan so that the scholarship recipients can share their experiences of studying and living in Taiwan with others.

XV. An international student who received an MOE Taiwan Scholarship and began their degree studies in any academic year before and including the 2011 academic year will still be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Taiwan Scholarship Program as they were prior to the amendments that came into effect on February 1, 2011.

(i) Undergraduate students will receive a monthly stipend of NTD25,000, and postgraduate students will receive a monthly stipend of NTD30,000.

(i) Scholarship recipients must make the payments of Taiwan Scholarship tuition and miscellaneous expenses to their university/college from the beginning of the award period until the expiration of their award, graduation, withdrawal, or expulsion. Apart from the differences in the stipend, any matter involving a suspension or revocation of a scholarship is subject to the

provisions of the most recent revised Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions. Scholarship recipients who first enrolled in and began a Chinese language program in the 2011 academic year are subject to the relevant provisions of the Ministry of Education regulations governing subsidies to fund international students who come to Taiwan with a Short Term Research Award (STRA) or a Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES).

The verification and provision of benefits for international students who were awarded an MOE Taiwan Scholarship and enrolled at a university/college and began undertaking a degree or doctorate in the 2012 academic year, the 2013 academic year, the 2014 academic year, and/or the 2015 academic year will be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the MOE Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions that were in effect prior to these amended Directions.

(1) Tuition and miscellaneous fees (i.e. course-credit fees, and miscellaneous basic study-related fees): The MOE will pay a maximum of NTD 40, 000 for each recipient for verified and approved tuition and miscellaneous expenses. If these fees exceed a total amount of NTD40, 000, the remaining amount must be paid by the scholarship recipient's university/college. The "miscellaneous expenses" do not include any of the following: administration fees, thesis supervision fees, insurance premiums, accommodation, or internet access. These are all the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.

(2) Living allowance: The MOE provides each scholarship recipient undertaking university undergraduate studies a monthly stipend of NTD15, 000; it provides each scholarship recipient undertaking a master's degree or doctorate studies a monthly stipend of NTD20, 000.

From the 2016 academic year on, students who are newly awarded an MOE Taiwan Scholarship are subject to the provisions of these amended Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions.