Ministry of Culture

Grant for the Publication of Taiwanese Works in Translation (GPT)

Application Guidelines

I. Purpose

The Grant for the Publication of Taiwanese Works in Translation (GPT) is established by the Ministry of Culture (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") to encourage the overseas publication of original Taiwanese works, raise the international visibility of Taiwanese cultural content, and help Taiwan's publishing industry expand into international markets in non-Chinese-speaking regions.

II. Supervising Authority

Ministry of Culture, Republic of China (Taiwan).

III. Grant Categories and Eligibility

1. Grant for the Publication of Taiwanese Works in Translation

Applications must be submitted by overseas publishing houses or publishing entities (legal persons) legally registered or incorporated in accordance with the laws and regulations of the relevant foreign jurisdiction.

2. Grant for Taiwanese Authors' Participation in Promotional Activities

Applications must be submitted by overseas publishing houses or publishing entities (legal persons) that have already received a Grant for the Publication of Taiwanese Works in Translation under the GPT Program and are legally registered or incorporated in accordance with the laws and regulations of the relevant foreign jurisdiction.

3. Grant for Translators Who Have Received Major International Translation Awards

Applications must be submitted by individual translators, including nationals of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and foreign nationals.

IV. Application Periods

1. Grant for the Publication of Taiwanese Works in Translation

Applications are generally accepted twice a year: from April 1 to 30 and from October 1 to 31 (Taiwan time, GMT+8). The application periods announced by the Ministry shall prevail.

2. Grant for Taiwanese Authors' Participation in Promotional Activities

Applications must be submitted to the Ministry within two years after the applicant has received a Grant for the Publication of Taiwanese Works in Translation under the GPT Program. Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

3. Grant for Translators Who Have Received Major International Translation Awards

(1) Applications must be submitted to the Ministry within three years of the translator's receipt of the relevant major international translation award. Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

(2) Only translators who received the relevant award on or after January 1, 2026, are eligible to apply.

V. Application Procedure

All applications must be submitted online. During the applicable application period, applicants shall access the Ministry's Grants Information System website at https://grants.moc.gov.tw/Web_ENG/index.jsp and complete the application process. Late applications will not be accepted.

VI. Application Requirements and Grant Provisions

1. Grant for the Publication of Taiwanese Works in Translation

(1) The maximum grant amount is NT$600,000 per project. Eligible expenses include licensing fees, translation fees, and book production costs. The grant amount includes income tax, calculated at 20% of the total grant, and bank transfer fees. Each applicant may submit no more than two applications during each application period.

(2) The Taiwanese work to be translated must be a book written in Traditional Chinese characters, authored by either a natural person holding a Republic of China (Taiwan) national identification card or a foreign national holding a work permit or other relevant work authorization document issued by the competent central authority of the Republic of China (Taiwan), unless otherwise stipulated in the Employment Service Act. The book must have been assigned an International Standard Book Number (ISBN) in Taiwan. Specifically, the first six digits of the ISBN must be one of the following prefixes: 978-957, 978-986, or 978-626.

Eligible works include, but are not limited to, fiction, nonfiction, illustrated works, and anthologies.

(3) Applicants must submit, together with their applications, an authorization document or licensing agreement from the copyright holder of the Taiwanese work consenting to its overseas publication and specifying the rights and obligations of both parties, including the licensing period and licensing fees. A sample translation of the work must also be provided.

Applicants must additionally submit a promotional plan and information on the outcomes of previously funded projects, if applicable, for reference during the review process.

(4) In principle, the proposed translation must be translated directly from the original Chinese-language book. The translator’s résumé must indicate whether the translator has prior experience translating from Chinese. Applicants must also provide a translation agreement or other documentation demonstrating the working relationship between the parties.

If the translation is to be made from an edition in another language, written authorization must be provided from the intellectual property rights holder of that edition.

(5) If an application proposes to publish a book directly using the complete English translation produced under the Ministry’s “Books from Taiwan” program, or to use an English sample translation from the program as the basis for translating the remainder of the work into English for publication, this must be clearly stated in the application.

(6) Funded projects must complete translation and publication within two years from the opening date of the relevant application period.

Before the deadline for submitting project results, grant recipients must submit the following documents and materials to the Ministry:

(a) The original receipt, signed or stamped as required;

(b) An itemized statement of all project expenditures and the actual or expected sales volume of the translated book; and

(c) Ten physical copies of the published book as evidence of overseas publication. For books published exclusively as native digital editions, recipients shall instead provide access to the relevant sales platform for ten purchases.

The grant will be disbursed in a single payment only after the Ministry has reviewed and approved the submitted documents and materials.

2. Grant for Taiwanese Authors' Participation in Promotional Activities

(1) The maximum grant amount is NT$300,000 per project. Grant funds may be used exclusively to cover expenses related to the participation of authors who are nationals of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in overseas promotional activities, such as panel discussions and book launches. Advertising expenses are not eligible for funding.

The grant amount includes income tax (calculated at 20% of the total grant amount) and bank transfer fees.

(2) Applicants must submit a detailed promotional plan specifying the event schedule, number of sessions, venues, and other relevant arrangements, such as participation in local book fairs or literary festivals.

Applicants must also provide the author's written consent to travel to the relevant location and participate in the proposed promotional activities. All activities must be completed in accordance with the approved project plan before the project results are submitted.

(3) Grant recipients must complete the promotional activities within one year from the approval date specified in the grant notification.

Before the deadline for submitting project results, recipients must submit the following documents and materials to the Ministry:

(a) The original receipt, signed or stamped as required;

(b) An itemized statement of all project expenditures; and

(c) A report detailing the implementation and outcomes of the promotional plan.

The grant will be disbursed in a single payment only after the Ministry has reviewed and approved the submitted documents and materials.

3. Grant for Translators Who Have Received Major International Translation Awards

(1) The maximum grant amount is NT$600,000 per project. The grant amount will be assessed based on the word count of the book proposed for translation and the proposed promotional plan for the translated work.

(2) The book to be translated must be written in Traditional Chinese characters, created by either a natural person holding a Republic of China (Taiwan) national identification card or a foreign national holding a work permit or other relevant work authorization document issued by the competent central authority of the Republic of China (Taiwan), unless otherwise stipulated in the Employment Service Act, and assigned an International Standard Book Number (ISBN) in Taiwan. Specifically, the first six digits of the ISBN must be one of the following prefixes: 978-957, 978-986, or 978-626.

Eligible works include, but are not limited to, fiction, nonfiction, illustrated works, and anthologies.

(3) Applicants must provide proof of having received a major international translation award, written authorization from the author or publisher of the book to be translated, and a detailed project proposal identifying prospective publishing partners for the translated work and outlining planned promotional activities.

(4) If an applicant has received two or more awards for the same translation, the applicant may apply for this grant only once.

(5) Grant recipients must complete the project within two years from the approval date specified in the grant notification.

Recipients may first submit the completed translation manuscript together with the original receipt, signed or stamped as required. Upon review and approval by the Ministry, 80% of the grant will be disbursed.

Before the deadline for submitting project results, recipients must submit a report documenting the process and outcomes of their approaches to and promotional efforts with publishers, together with the original receipt, signed or stamped as required. Upon review and approval by the Ministry, the remaining 20% of the grant will be disbursed.

(6) As a general rule, applicants will not be awarded a new grant under this category until their previously funded project under this category has been formally closed.

VII. Review Procedures and Evaluation Criteria

1. Preliminary Review (Eligibility Screening)

The Ministry will examine applicants' eligibility and the completeness of the required application documents.

Applicants whose submissions do not meet the requirements will be notified to provide corrections or supplementary materials. Applications will not be accepted if the requested corrections or supplementary materials are not submitted by the specified deadline or remain incomplete after submission. Each application may be supplemented or corrected only once.

2. Final Review

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A review committee comprising experts, scholars, and government officials appointed by the Ministry will conduct a competitive review of applications that pass the preliminary eligibility screening. The committee will assess the specificity of the proposed project, the reasonableness of the proposed budget, the publishing house's distinctive characteristics and its influence and significance in the relevant country, its marketing and promotional strategies for the proposed project, and its track record in promoting Taiwanese authors and books.

The committee will recommend grant amounts for applications selected for funding. Committee resolutions require the attendance of at least two-thirds of all

committee members and the approval of more than half of the members present. All resolutions are subject to approval by the Ministry. Committee members must observe the principle of conflict-of-interest avoidance and perform their duties impartially.

The following additional considerations apply:

(a) Applicants with previously funded projects that remain overdue and have not been formally closed will be taken into consideration during the review.

(b) Priority will be given to books that have received the Golden Tripod Awards, the Golden Comic Awards, the Golden Picture Book Awards and the Taiwan Literature Awards; books on Taiwanese history and culture; books written in national languages of the Republic of China (Taiwan) that face a risk of losing intergenerational transmission; and series or complete sets of Taiwanese books.

(c) Applicants whose translated and published Taiwanese books have received international publishing awards will be given preferential consideration.

The review results and list of grant recipients will be published on the Ministry's Grants Information System website at https://grants.moc.gov.tw/Web_ENG/index.jsp within three months after the application deadline. Successful applicants will also be notified by email.

(2) Grant for Taiwanese Authors' Participation in Promotional Activities

Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

The Ministry will determine the grant amount based on a comprehensive assessment of the specificity of the publisher's promotional plan, the reasonableness of the proposed budget, the publisher's track record in promoting Taiwanese authors and books, and the location of the publishing entity.

Applicants with previously funded projects that remain overdue and have not been formally closed will be taken into consideration during the review. Applicants whose translated and published Taiwanese books have received international publishing awards will be given preferential consideration.

The review results and list of grant recipients will be published on the Ministry's Grants Information System website, and successful applicants will be notified by email.

(3) Grant for Translators Who Have Received Major International Translation Awards

Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

The Ministry may invite experts, scholars, and Ministry personnel to form a review committee. The grant amount will be determined based on a comprehensive assessment of the significance of the international award received by the translator, the specificity of the proposed translation project, the proposed publishing partners and promotional activities for the translated work, and the word count of the original work.

The review results and list of grant recipients will be published on the Ministry's Grants Information System website, and successful applicants will be notified by email.

VIII. Notes

1. Grant recipients must comply with the Ministry's requirements concerning income reporting, tax withholding, and related procedures under the applicable tax laws and regulations of the Republic of China (Taiwan). The applicable income tax is calculated at 20% of the total grant amount.

2. To avoid duplicate grants or subsidies, the Ministry will not provide funding for the same or a similar project if the recipient has also applied for and received a grant or subsidy for that project from any of the following entities: the National Culture and Arts Foundation, the National Performing Arts Center, the Taiwan Creative Content Agency, the Ministry or its subordinate agencies or institutions, or the Taiwan Film and Audiovisual Institute.

If duplicate funding is discovered and verified, the Ministry will recover the grant funds. Recipients are responsible for confirming whether they have received duplicate grants or subsidies.

3. Grant recipients who choose to forfeit their grants must notify the Ministry in writing and provide their reasons. The Ministry may, depending on the circumstances, decide whether to offer the grant to an alternate applicant.

4. Grant recipients must acknowledge the Ministry's support by including the following statement on the copyright page or in another prominent location in the published work:

"Sponsored by Ministry of Culture, Republic of China (Taiwan)"

Failure to comply may result in a deduction equivalent to 10% of the approved grant amount.

If the country associated with the translated and published book or its author is identified, it must be designated as "Republic of China (Taiwan)" or "Taiwan."

5. If a funded project infringes the rights of any third party or violates the Copyright Act or other applicable laws and regulations, the grant recipient shall bear full responsibility.

The same applies if the grant recipient violates labor-related laws and regulations, or if the recipient's legal representative or any member of the project implementation team violates laws and regulations related to gender equality.

In such cases, the Ministry may revoke or terminate the project and recover the grant funds. If the Ministry consequently suffers any loss or damage to its rights or interests, the grant recipient shall be liable for compensation.

6. Grant recipients must implement their projects in accordance with the approved project proposal and the Ministry's written notifications. If amendments to the approved project are necessary, recipients must submit a written application to the Ministry stating the reasons for the proposed changes. The revised project may be implemented only after approval by the Ministry. Each project may be amended only once.

7. Where a legal person or organization receives a grant from the Ministry to conduct procurement, and the grant accounts for at least half of the procurement amount and is at least NT$1.5 million, the Government Procurement Act shall apply, and the procurement shall be subject to the Ministry's supervision.

The foregoing requirements do not apply to arts and cultural procurement. However, legal persons or organizations receiving grants for such procurement shall remain subject to the Ministry's supervision in accordance with the *Regulations Governing*

Arts and Cultural Procurements by Juridical Persons or Groups in Receipt of Government Grants.

Where necessary, recipients shall cooperate with the Ministry in inspections concerning procurement quality, progress, and other relevant matters, and shall provide information or documentation relating to arts and cultural procurement as requested by the Ministry. Recipients must also not fall under any of the circumstances specified in Article 12, Paragraph 1 of the aforementioned Regulations.

Regulations: https://law.moj.gov.tw/ENG/LawClass/LawAll.aspx?pcode=H0170154

8. The Ministry shall be responsible for interpreting any questions or matters not expressly addressed in these Guidelines. The Ministry may supplement these Guidelines or request additional explanations from grant recipients as circumstances require.