2022-2023 MOE Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) Application Guidelines

In case of any discrepancy between English version and Chinese version, the Chinese version shall prevail.

(For South Asian Applicants)

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1. Purpose

To encourage South Asian students/applicants to undertake Mandarin courses in Taiwan; in order to provide them with opportunities to increase their understanding of Taiwanese culture and society, and to promote mutual understanding and interactions between Taiwan and the international community.

2. Award Value

A monthly stipend of 25,000 NTD. (Approximate Rs. 65,116)

3. Duration

- a) Huayu Enrichment scholarship may last 3 months, 6 months or 1 year respectively.
- b) The duration of the scholarship is from September 1st to August 31st of the following year. If recipients fail to come to Taiwan for enrollment during the designated time, they will forfeit their right to retain their scholarships.
- c) Scholarship funding will become effective on the date of the recipient's enrollment. Scholarship funding will end according to the scholarship's expiration date or if the scholarship is revoked.

4. Eligibility

Applicants above the age of <u>18</u>, who possess a high school diploma or above, have shown excellent academic performance, and are of good moral character are eligible. Candidates with one of the following qualifications <u>can not apply</u>:

- a) an overseas Chinese student or a national of the R.O.C. (Taiwan)
- b) <u>currently registered as a student at a Mandarin Language Center or has sought a</u> degree from a university or college in Taiwan.
- c) <u>has already received a HES or a Taiwan Scholarship, in the past.</u>
- d) an exchange student to Taiwan, during the scholarship period.
- e) currently receiving financial benefits from the Taiwan government or another educational institution.

5. Application

Applicants need to submit or send the following documents to the Education Division, TECC

in India, before March 31st, 2022. (34, Paschimi Marg, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi 110057)

- a) An application form with photo.
- b) A photocopy of <u>passport.</u>
- c) A photocopy of the certificate of the highest credential and transcript.
- d) A photocopy of the <u>admission/application</u> to the Mandarin Language Center. (https://lmit.edu.tw/lc/school)
- e) One reference letter. (eg. Taiwanese Mandarin teacher at Taiwan Education Center)
- f) A photocopy of an English/Mandarin/ other language proficiency certificate. (eg. IELTS/TOCFL)
- g) Other documents required by TECC in India (if necessary).

6. Selection Procedure

A document review or personal interview will be conducted. <u>Preference will give to an applicant with IELTS (6.5 or above) or TOCFL certificate.</u> If a successful candidate waives his/her right to a scholarship before arriving in Taiwan, his/her position will be filled by the next candidate that has been selected by TECC in India.

7. Payment Procedures

Mandarin Language Centers should follow the schedule and procedures stated below to request reimbursement and verification from the agencies appointed by the MOE.

- a. This scholarship is granted twice a year. The first payment, which is due on September 30th, covers the period from September to December and summer classes. The second payment which is due on January 15th covers the period from January to August. The verification process to grant funding should be completed before putting in another request. The recipient list and the receipt made out to the MOE from the Mandarin Language Centers are mandatory for verification purposes. If unable to apply in time for their grant, the Mandarin Language Centers should pay the monthly allowance in advance.
- b. Universities should verify grants twice a year, in accordance with the MOE procedures, to ensure that recipients have been paid. The first verification is due on December 15th and covers the period from September to December and summer classes. The second verification is due on September 30th and covers the period from January to August. A scholarship budget report and income and expenditure statement signed by a designated accountant and the president are required for verification. Unused funds should be returned. The original receipt should be retained by the universities for their audits.
- c. The request, payment and verification of the grant should comply with the Ministry's subsidy and commission expense verification guidelines.

8. Terms and Conditions for Recipients

a) The recipient should study at a registered Mandarin Language Center approved by the

MOE. (https://lmit.edu.tw/lc/school)

- b) The recipient should apply for admission according to the regulations of the center. Once admitted, the recipient should send a photocopy of the admission letter to Education Division, TECC in India before June 30th for confirmation. Recipientswho do not send their documents before the deadline will be disqualified from the scholarship selection process.
- c) The recipient should undertake at least 15 hours of language courses each week. This does not include cultural visits, speeches, and other self-learning curriculum or activities.
- d) The recipients are not allowed to apply to transfer to another Mandarin Language Center.
- e) If the recipient concurrently accepts scholarships from other sources, <u>he/ she will lose</u> their placement in the scholarship program. He/she will also have to return the funds granted for those months that he/she received multiple scholarships.
- f) The termination and cancellation of a scholarship is based on regulations specified by each individual Mandarin Language Center. Mandarin Language Centers have the right to terminate or revoke a scholarship if the recipient's academic performance, moral character, or attendance record are not up to their standards.
- g) Recipients of a six month or longer scholarship are obligated to join the National HealthInsurance Program. Before joining, recipients should purchase student accident insurance and other relevant insurance. Insurance fees can be deducted by the MandarinLanguage Centers from the monthly stipend before granting it to recipients.
- h) Recipients are not allowed to work in Taiwan during the award period.
- i) Recipients shall contact Education Division, TECC in India, to share what they have learned while living in Taiwan and how they felt about their study experience for future reference on official social media.

9. Suspension and Cancellation

A. The Scholarship will be suspended for one month, if one or more of the following conditions occur.

- a) The Scholarship will be suspended for one month, if the recipient has missed 12 hours or more of their language course within a single month.
- b) Starting from the first semester (quarter), if the recipient fails to obtain the specified standard score by the university (an average of 80 points out of 100), his/her scholarship will be suspended for a month in the next semester (quarter).

B. Scholarship cancellation, if one or more of following conditions occur.

a) The recipient fails to obtain the standard score (an average of 80 points out of 100)

- for two consecutive semesters (quarters), he/she will be disqualified from receiving the scholarship.
- b) Any recipient missing a final achievement score for any semester (quarter) will be disqualified from receiving the scholarship with the exception of a serious illness or accident.
- c) The recipient will not continue to receive the scholarship if he/she violates R.O.C. (Taiwan) law.
- d) The scholarship will be suspended or revoked if the recipient violates University or Mandarin Language Center regulations.
- 10. For the rights and obligations of the recipients, please refer to the Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program Office (https://taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw/web/index.aspx).
- 11. Matters not mentioned herein shall be handled in accordance with the "Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) International Student Directions".