

## ***The 2013 International Youth Culture and Study Tour to the Republic of China (Taiwan)***

**OBJECTIVE:** This study tour program, based on the theme “Life of Taiwan”, aims to provide youths from Europe, Africa and Latin America with an opportunity to better understand the Republic of China (Taiwan) from a wide variety of perspectives, such as history, culture, the economy and cross-strait relations. In addition, the program will help Taiwanese youths expand their vision by interacting with people from other cultures.

**SPONSOR:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Republic of China (Taiwan)

**DATES:** Group 1: July 8-19, 2013

Group 2: August 19-30, 2013

**PARTICIPANTS:** Each group will consist of 75 people, including 50 from Europe, Africa and Latin America, as well as 25 from Taiwanese universities and institutions.

**ACTIVITIES:** In order to gain a better understanding of Taiwan, this twelve-day study tour program will provide opportunities for participants to visit government agencies, historic and cultural sites, and public institutions, focusing on the following four topics:

- 1. Peaceful development of cross-strait relations:** The history of relations between Taiwan and mainland China, including recent developments, as well as current policies and future vision of the ROC government.
- 2. Taiwan’s achievements in economic and technological fields:** The latest science and technology developments in Taiwan, as well as ROC government policies towards economic development and environmental protection.
- 3. Participation in and contributions to international society:** The ROC government’s proactive role in international organizations such as ICAO, UNFCCC, and WHO.
- 4. Cultural heritage and innovation:** As a standard bearer of Chinese culture, Taiwan

is actively creating an environment that allows cultural activities to thrive, cultural heritage to be preserved, and people to express themselves culturally.

**EXPENSES:** Lodging, local transportation and tuition fees will be paid by MOFA.

**SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Overseas participants are recommended by ROC embassies or representative offices in Europe, Africa and Latin America.
2. Taiwanese participants are selected by: (1) universities which cooperate with the European Union Centre in Taiwan; the Chung-hua Institution for Economic Research (CIER); or the Taiwan Institute of Economic Research (TIER); (2) NGOs recommended by MOFA's Department of NGO International Affairs.