

**2025 Taiwan Global Pathfinders Initiative**  
**Diplomatic Allies Inbound Track**  
**Program Participation-based Application Guidelines**

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- A. Background:** On January 24, 2025, President Lai Ching-te announced the launch of the Taiwan Global Pathfinders Initiative. He stressed that a number of slots in the program would be reserved for young people from Taiwan's diplomatic allies. This would allow them to realize their dreams in Taiwan, whether by drafting their own proposals or participating in government programs. And upon returning to their home countries, they could contribute to social progress.
- B. Program overview:** To enhance international youth exchanges, deepen ties with Taiwan's diplomatic allies, and achieve the vision of having prosperous allies, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, has commissioned the International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF) to plan training, visits, and exchange activities. The program will bring selected promising young individuals from diplomatic allies to Taiwan for two weeks of training, visits, and cultural exchanges, held annually in July and December.
- C. Eligibility:**
- a. Outstanding youth (18-30 years old) from Taiwan's diplomatic allies.
  - b. Priority will be given to those who have never visited Taiwan or traveled abroad.
  - c. A portion of the slots will be reserved for economically disadvantaged youth (including low- and lower middle-income

households).

d. Applicants must possess good oral communication skills and the ability to participate in exchanges.

**D. Themes:** The focuses of 2025 are “smart agriculture” and “sustainable tourism.”

**E. Financial support:** The Ministry of Education will subsidize the following expenses for participants from diplomatic allies:

- a. economy-class airfare to and from Taiwan
- b. accommodation and meals in Taiwan
- c. local transportation and insurance costs

**F. Program duration:** The program will be two weeks long and is tentatively scheduled for July and December.

**G. Selection process:** Taiwan’s embassies and the governments of host countries will conduct the selection process. Finalized candidate lists must be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for approval by May 1, 2025.

**H. Application method and timeline:** Taiwan’s embassies will make a public announcement of the application procedure.

**I. Additional information:** Overseas missions are to state in the program announcement that participants from diplomatic allies who fail to follow the designated program and do not make corrections after having been instructed to do so, or who violate relevant regulations or run afoul of Taiwan law, may have their participation in the program terminated, be required to return home, and be liable to repay any subsidies received.