

Announcement

**Bureau of Consular Affairs
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As of December 25, 2010, five Special Municipalities (直轄市) in Taiwan were proclaimed: Taipei City, New Taipei City, Taichung City, Tainan City and Kaohsiung City. While the name of “Taipei City” remains unchanged, that of Taipei County has been renamed “New Taipei City” as the result of the upgrading status to a Special Municipality since then. Likewise, Taichung County, Tainan County and Kaohsiung County have merged with their respective cities. Afterwards, Taoyuan County has upgraded into a new Special Municipality of “Taoyuan City” since December 25, 2014. The place of birth listed in passports issued, therefore, is accordingly adjusted as follows:

Place of birth On ID card	Place of birth in passports issued before December 25, 2010	Place of birth in passports issued after December 25, 2010
Taipei City	Taipei City	Taipei City
Taipei County	Taiwan	New Taipei City
Taichung City	Taiwan	Taichung City
Taichung County	Taiwan	Taichung City
Tainan City	Taiwan	Tainan City
Tainan County	Taiwan	Tainan City
Kaohsiung City	Kaohsiung City	Kaohsiung City
Kaohsiung County	Taiwan	Kaohsiung City
Place of birth On ID card	Place of birth in passports issued before December 25, 2014	Place of birth in passports issued after December 25, 2014
Taoyuan County	Taiwan	Taoyuan City

