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TAIWAN'S RESOURCES FOR MANDARIN TEACHERS


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From 20 August, most ACT Public Schools moved to remote learning so did schools in other states. During COVID-19 pandemic, Australian educators have shown resilience to adapt to online teaching through recorded videos, to build timetables, organise resources, and prepare Chromebooks ready for their students.

Reflecting on the lockdowns and the shift to remote learning, the experience amplified the fact that online course demands lots of resources and thoughts on engagements.

We are here to help support your teaching. In this edition, we have selected resources from Taiwan's institutions to support Mandarin teachers' training and professional development through online platforms. In addition, we take you through to Taiwan's cultural institutions and design studio to give you a general idea of what they can offer to assist your class.

國立臺灣大學語文中心中國語文組
Chinese Language Division, Language Center, National Taiwan University

 100% online  103 hours to complete

The training course for teaching Mandarin programme offered by the National Taiwan University is for learners who would like to teach Mandarin as a profession. With dynamic lessons taught by established and respected professionals from National Taiwan University and National Taiwan Normal University, this 27 course programme will see you develop and strengthen your skills in teaching, professionalism and more.

As you carry on through the programme, you will find yourself strengthening not only your knowledge, but your connection with colleagues across the globe. A professional development opportunity not to be missed.

The enrollment for 2022 is open for submission on 26 October. Programme fees NTD25,000.

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 100% online  54 hours to complete

In 2021, there are two sets of online courses at different level offered by Mandarin Training Centre of National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) to Mandarin teachers globally. Each class requires 20 course participants to begin. The enrollment for 2022 is scheduled to open soon. [View more](#)

This course will guide you through your journey of understanding many aspects of Chinese language and pedagogy. You will have the opportunity to interact directly with experts in the field to enhance your teaching strategies. In the advanced level, you will be encouraged to design and reflect upon your own capabilities for use in your own class.

The course contents for beginner and advanced levels are subsequently listed below:

Beginner level:

- Mandarin pronunciation and diagnosis
- The rules and application of Chinese Pinyin
- An Introduction to Chinese characters and Chinese character teaching
- Elementary Chinese teaching
- Intermediate Chinese teaching
- Advanced Chinese teaching
- Chinese Grammar
- Prepare your teaching plan
- Chinese vocabulary - principals and pedagogy

Advanced level:

- Analysis of Chinese Phonetic Errors and Teaching
- Teach Mandarin to K-12 students
- How to teach Chinese reading and Chinese Writing
- Chinese language pedagogy and teaching activities design
- Q & A skills in teaching
- Mandarin in professional fields: teach how to read Chinese newspaper and study business Mandarin
- Mandarin classroom management skills
- The International trends and visions of Mandarin teaching
- Develop effective online teaching practices and use different technologies on presentation

Huayuworld.org website was established by the Overseas Community Affairs Council (OCAC) for the purpose of assisting global learners with heritage background to learn Mandarin and its culture. It provides a rich variety of teaching resources, including a dedicated section to upload videos on professional development for Mandarin educators. [Watch on YouTube](#)

This section has 6 categories include the following:

- Hardy teaching strategies for junior teachers
- Foundations of Mandarin teaching
- Apply digital technologies to enhance Mandarin teaching practices
- Teaching Mandarin K-12
- Teaching culture and creative activities
- Training classes for Mandarin teachers

Chinese E-learning Centre at Taiwan's National Open University hosted 'Go To TCSL 華語教師加油站' Youtube channel to solve your questions on teaching Mandarin to second language learners. It will be useful to teachers or those interested in learning to teach Mandarin, but it is not an introduction to teaching course. You will learn about some specific problems students may have as second language learners and find out new ways to help students conquer them. [Watch on YouTube](#)

Housing nearly 700,000 artefacts, Taipei's National Palace Museum (NPM) is a treasure trove of Chinese culture. NPM facilitates digital resources for users around the globe and has a range of digital materials available. For a wealth of free online resources, check out NPM's team for its digital books and E-learning channel delivered by high-quality videos. NPM E-learning [故宮e學園](#)
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What if you are still not satisfied with existing resources and want to create your own learning and teaching materials? No worries. The dynamic of Taiwan's creative industry will bring their creativities into your classroom and serve your need by connecting you with Taiwan's young designers, such as a set of imitation Chinese food that was created by young designers to assist teaching the topic of food culture. Islander Design Studio is one example to explore the possibilities of Taiwan-Australia design collaboration. [View More](#)

Explore the collection of online resources and digital connections Taiwan's educational and cultural institutions have to offer for Manarin educators' professional development as well as on the topics of cultural and history.

TAIWAN'S GOLD CARD FOR PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION & SPORT

BY TAIWAN EMPLOYMENT GOLD CARD OFFICE, NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Launched in 2018, the Taiwan Employment Gold Card is a 4-in-1 card, which allows holders to leave and re-enter Taiwan multiple times over the course of 1-3 years. Applicants can apply online without sponsorship.

Four-in-one

- Work Permit: Allows cardholders to seek employment freely, obtain employment at any time, work any part-time job legally, and freely change jobs.
- Resident Visa: Long-term visa which allows cardholders to stay in Taiwan for more than 180 days.
- Alien Resident Certificate: A physical ID card proving that you can live in Taiwan legally.
- Re-entry Permit: Allows unlimited entry and exit from Taiwan (even during COVID-19).

Qualification is based on an assessment of your professional skills. You don't need to have already secured a job in Taiwan. The Gold Card costs anywhere between USD 100 and USD 310 depending on your nationality and the duration of the card. A perfect application takes 30-days. Yet you can apply from the comfort of your own home.

Industries that are eligible to apply for the Taiwan Employment Gold Card: Science & Technology, Economy, Education, Cultural & Arts, Sport, Finance, Law and Architecture. This introduction focuses on the fields of Education and Sports.

Field of Education

Foreign special professionals possessing special expertise in the field of education MUST meet one of the following requirements.

- The doctoral degree diploma issued by one of the top 200 universities in the most recent QS World University Rankings or Times Higher Education World University Rankings.
- The person has been engaged in teaching and researching for over 5 years and in the past 5 years has worked at one of the top 500 universities in the most recent QS or Times Higher Education World University Rankings.
- The person has won a *Yushan* Scholar Award in Taiwan.
- Have held or currently hold a teaching, or research position, or providing professional services based on their individual knowledge and expertise in one or more schools, colleges, or universities and their affiliated units, educational institutions, or research institutions, or engaged in work listed in the Education Services sector in the Central Product Classification published by the Executive Yuan, for five years or more, with their most recent monthly salary being at least NTD 160,000 (Approx AUD 8,000).

The Taiwan Employment Gold Card is part of the "Act for the Recruitment and Employment of Foreign Professional Talent", implemented in October 2017. It is part of a more comprehensive government initiative to attract highly-skilled foreign talent to Taiwan.



Field of Sports

Foreign Special Professionals Possessing Special Expertise in the field of Sports MUST meet one of the following requirements:

- Have served as a national team athlete, possess outstanding skills that will help raise the level of competitiveness of sports in Taiwan, and have achieved one of the following criteria:
 - (1) Top three finish at the Olympics Games in an official sport.
 - (2) First place at the Asian Games in an official sport.
 - (3) First place in a world championships in a sport on the program of the Olympic Games or Asian Games.
- Have served as a national team coach, guided athletes to achieve excellent results, and he/she will help raise the level of sport competitiveness in Taiwan, and have achieved one of the following criteria:
 - (1) Top three finish at the Olympics Games in an official sport.
 - (2) First place at the Asian Games in an official sport.
 - (3) First place in a world championships in a sport on the program of the Olympic Games or Asian Games.

- Have served as a referee at an Olympic Games or Asian Games for an official sport and will help raise the level of sport competitiveness in Taiwan.

How to apply

Regarding qualification, professionals from eight different industries are eligible to apply for the Gold Card program. However, note that you may only apply under one field.

Application Website: [Details](#)

FAQ: [Details](#)

Useful websites

Education Resources Platform for the Children of Foreign Professionals [visit](#)

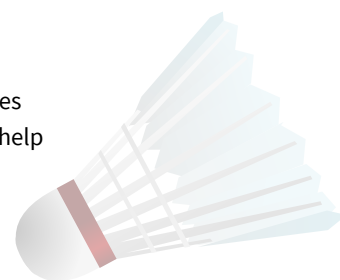
To assist the children of foreign professionals to settle in Taiwan's education environment.

Taiwan Gold Card Community [visit](#)

A community of more than 300+ Gold Card Holders supporting each others. We meet regularly through monthly events.

Discussing Taiwan's Gold Card Visa Program with Tom Fifield, by Asia Options [visit](#)

Australian and Taiwan Gold Card visa holder shared his experience through an interview.



In 2020 Tokyo Olympics game, the Taiwanese badminton duo Lee Yang and Wang Chi-lin have rewritten the history book, winning Taiwan's first gold medal in the sport. Taiwan's badminton victory has also surged its popularity and status as a national sport.





2021 CREATIVE FILM PROJECT VIDEO I MÓNICA & JUAN STUDYING IN TAIWAN

BY EDUCATION DIVISION
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This creative film project intends to draw the attention of Australians who are interested in visiting Taiwan for the purpose of studying Mandarin and to experience its rich culture. This year, there are two films created by two teams which are sharing their experience of Taiwan from two different view points.

Video I: Mónica & Juan Studying in Taiwan

This 3-mins film was created by Mónica Chávez and Juan Garrido under the supervision of their Chinese teacher Wen Cheng-Wen at Chinese Language Centre of the National Chung Hsing University (NCHU) in Taichung.

Mónica and Juan met in NCHU. Mónica is a Salvadorian. Juan is from her neighbouring country Guatemala. Juan came to Taiwan two years ago, and since then he has had the opportunity to participate on many activities related to his experience as a foreign student in Taiwan. From parades representing his country for the national day to promoting the life of a student in Taiwan on various platforms, he has seen how Taiwan is open and very happy to receive the international representation of students from all around the world.

"What I really love about this nation is the accessibility it has to anything one can imagine. The public transportation is so efficient that you don't really need your own transportation to move around the island. Everyone around is friendly and helpful, even though you might encounter a language barrier from time to time, Taiwanese people will always find a way around those boundaries. Convenience is a main word to describe Taiwan, after a couple of months of experiencing the facility to all services here, you will feel spoiled going back to your country," Juan said.

Mónica is undertaking her Bachelor in Agriculture and business together with a master degree in Global studies in NCHU. She has been in Taiwan approximately five years, seems like a long time. She shared her view and told us why.

"I decided to stay in Taiwan this long because it is an amazing county to study, travel and meet people from all over the world. Coming to Taiwan was an exciting decision which I do not regret. Taiwan has given me knowledge, experience Chinese language and connections to different industries in the country," she said.

Learning Chinese as her third language was challenging but she sees it as a fun event. Different universities offer different Chinese language programs which can adjust to what you want to learn and flexibility with time which is perfect as a student.

Upon the release of this film, Mónica has departed to Germany for her next phase of study. She expressed her expectations for the near future is to have the opportunity to share and give back what she has learned in Taiwan to other students, companies and organisations in Asia and Latin America. "I encourage students to come to Taiwan because nothing is better than learning from Asian culture, Chinese language, the greatest technical and medical advances that Taiwan offers".

In the film we can perceive the great energy and excitement of studying abroad. Mónica concluded "there is a variety of languages, places and goods to try and Taiwan is just an amazing county to do it". Juan added, "I can definitely say that the possibilities are endless for those who have the courage to live and study overseas, and the reward for coming to learn at such a beautiful country is the knowledge and the culture of the people of Taiwan".



Mónica and Juan both attended the National Chung Hsing University's Chinese Language Centre to study Mandarin. In the film we can perceive the great energy and excitement of studying abroad, "there is a variety of languages, places and goods to try and Taiwan is just an amazing county to do it," said Mónica Chávez.

2021 TAIWAN EXPERIENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM, TEEP

BY EDUCATION DIVISION TECO IN AUSTRALIA

Have you considered to explore the job market in Asia while you're currently studying higher education in Australia? Do you want to get a taste of working with and learning from great engineers in a Chinese-speaking market?

In addition to the New Colombo Plan (NCP) initiated by Australian government, Taiwan has one program - the Taiwan Experience Education Program (TEEP), which is tailor made to open opportunities for international students in the field of STEM and beyond to join in professional internship projects .

To find a TEEP program in your field

SEARCH

- Engineer
- Nature Science
- Agriculture & Fishery
- Medicine & Public Health
- Business & Management
- Culture & Humanity
- Social Science

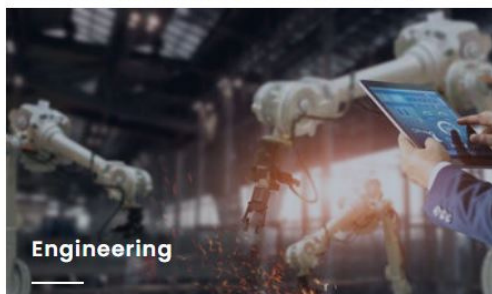
A glance of some emerging industries that participants can apply for: Information Communication Technology (ICT), Internet of Things (IoT), Blockchain Technology, Semiconductors, 5G Wireless Communications, Advanced Manufacturing, Smart Manufacturing, Robotics, Green Energy, Biosensors, Logistics Management, Molecular Biology and Smart Health Care, as well as Mandarin Language Training or Cultural Experience Courses.



Agriculture & Fishery



Business & Management



Engineering



Nature Science

Testimonials [link](#)

Follow the link to watch a collection of videos by the Foundation for International Cooperation in Higher Education of Taiwan (FICHET) to assist you fast grasp a general look of TEEP.

Experience shared by Australian participant

Chloe Dempsey studied a double degree in Law and Arts at the University of Western Australia. Having finished her Diploma in Mandarin, she was selected as a recipient of TEEP's iconic program – Taiwan Nature Treasure Map and undertook 1 month intern program coordinated by the National Taiwan University.

In an interview "Getting lost on the Taiwan Nature Treasure Map program" conducted by Asia Options, a blog guide for Australians interested in exploring education and professional opportunities in Asia, she shared some insights about this TEEP program, and a dedicated blog site called "Taiwonderful"

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Q & A [View More](#)

What's the process of application?

TEEP programs are diverse and independent, their curriculums, timelines, or application process are all independent, those depend on each university and program's chief, namely that you should decide a program and contact them by email to confirm the detail or application process.

Can I say that the requirements for every university or lab will be different?

The requirements for every program will be different. Each program has its flexibility to set up the rules such as the amount of scholarship, duration, or timetable. Applicants are encouraged to check on their university's partner universities in Taiwan to navigate a suitable TEEP.

"I am a software and electrical engineer in Australia. I have been very impressed by the level of engineering and innovation from Taiwanese companies. My keyboard is Ducky, my laptop is Asus, and TSMC powers the world. I believe that Mandarin and Taiwan will be very important for my future as an engineer." shared by Carl Puchner, Huayu Enrichment Scholarship recipient.



The task of the Education Division of TECO in Australia is to facilitate cooperation between Taiwan and Australia in the areas of education.

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