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MARATHON IN TAIWAN

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Running a marathon elsewhere, it may be the runner's own event. But coming to run the Tianzhong Marathon is an event for the whole township.

Running in Taiwan's Rice Heaven - Tianzhong Marathon

On 13 of November 2022

Thinking about running a marathon in Taiwan? Do you want to run one of the Taiwan's most scenic events? Run across Taiwan's rice heaven in Changhua (彰化), and finish in the vast expanse of paddy fields with rice fragrance!

The most hospitable marathon in Taiwan, showing the most authentic village scenery: the Taiwan Rice Heaven - Tianzhong Marathon. The township dispatches 6,000 villagers to demonstrate the enthusiasm of Tianzhong, helping all along the way to cheer up the runners.

Taipei Marathon entries open 30 August - 28 September 2022

The Taipei Marathon is a marathon held annually in Taipei, Taiwan each December. The event offers both the full marathon and half marathon distances. The marathon is one

of two World Athletics (WA) Label Road Races in Taiwan, being categorised as a Bronze Label Road Race.

People wanting to enter the annual Taipei Marathon can register now for the event, which is to be held on 18 December for runners aged 18 and up. Registration lasts until 28 September, with up to 9,000 athletes to be accepted.

Taiwan's Most Beautiful Coastline Road Race - New Taipei City Wan Jin Shi Marathon

On 19 of March 2023

Since its official recognition by the WA as the Bronze Label Road Race in 2015, New Taipei City Wan Jin Shi (萬金石) Marathon has been the highest WA certified road race in Taiwan. It was upgraded to the Silver label in 2018 and the Road Race Elite Label in 2022.

To be one of Taiwan's largest and most iconic marathon events, the road course showcases Taiwan's stunning landscape and views of the coastline.

In 2022, Wan Jin Shi celebrated 20 incredible years and can't wait to welcome thousands of runners back to the start line on 19 March 2023.

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THE AUSTRALIA-TAIWAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP ACTION PLAN 2022

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On 17th August, Taiwan's Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Australian Office in Taipei together with the National Development Council (NDC) launched the Australia-Taiwan English Language Learning Partnership Action Plan.

To help Taiwan achieve its goal of becoming bilingual by 2030, the Action Plan will promote a wide range of English language learning initiatives and deepen the already close education, vocational training, talent and youth links between Australia and Taiwan.

The signing ceremony took place in Taipei, attended by the Minister of Education, Dr Wen-Chung Pan; Jenny Bloomfield, Representative of the Australian Office Taipei; Minister Kung Ming-hsin of National Development Council; and joined by Australia's New Colombo Plan Scholars in Taiwan.

Minister Pan, Minister Kung, and Representative Bloomfield each made remarks to commemorate the occasion.

Quotes attributable to Minister Pan of the MOE:

The MOE is implementing bilingual education under three themes - comprehensively increasing capabilities, narrowing gaps, and focused cultivation - and hoping that the bilingual education in all stages of education will spark new opportunities for broadening and deepening cooperation. Minister Pan also emphasised Taiwan's strength on Mandarin language education. Read the official press release of the MOE [here](#)

Quotes attributable to Representative Bloomfield:

Australia is one of the most multicultural and multilingual countries in the world, and ranks among the world's top three destinations for international education. This makes Australia a natural partner for Taiwan as it takes forward its Bilingual 2030 goals. Read Representative Bloomfield's remarks [here](#)

Quotes attributable to Minister Kung of the NDC:

The Action Plan lays out a framework for the contents of future cooperation between both sides, and adopts different approaches to expand links between the two sides in English language learning and teacher training. It also includes Mandarin language education, and comprehensively links together resources and connections between Taiwan and Australia, facilitating talent circulation and professional skills exchanges between the two sides. Read NDC's press release [here](#)

"The MOE is implementing bilingual education and hoping that the bilingual education and online teaching modules of both sides (Taiwan & Australia) in school education and vocational education will spark new opportunities for broadening and deepening cooperation."



TAIWAN ALUMNI GATHERING IN SYDNEY

BY EDUCATION DIVISION TECO IN AUSTRALIA

On 27 July, Taiwan alumni in Sydney joined a social networking gathering organised by Ms. Jill Lai, executive director of Education Division, TECO in Australia.

The gathering aimed to build a sustainable network to allow alumni to share their study-in-Taiwan experiences and to connect with other alumni in Australia. Attendees were recipients of the Taiwan Scholarship, Huayu Scholarship and the Australian Government's New Colombo Plan (NCP).

The event was coordinated with assistance by Alex Matos, a recipient of Taiwan Scholarship in 2016, who volunteered to set up a FB social group named Australian Alumni Network - Taiwan/ Huayu Scholarships [澳洲校友聯絡站](#).

Alex graduated with a Master's in International Business (taught in Mandarin) from the National Chengchi University. After graduating, he worked at Austrade Taipei and then served as the Executive Director of the Australia New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in Taipei (ANZCham).

Alex has recently returned to Sydney and is working for the NSW Government on their Greater China desk promoting NSW Trade and Investment opportunities – feel free to connect with him on [LinkedIn](#).

We have found that Taiwan alumni in Canberra mostly work in public sector, whereas this group of alumni in Sydney were mostly in private sector including legal, banking and consulting.

We hope that Taiwan alumni in Australia continue to meet up and share experiences.

Taiwan Alumni in AUSTRALIA & the Globe

Have you ever wondered how to find Taiwan alumni in Australia or around the globe? Here we sum up some useful networks for you.

- SIT (Study in Taiwan) Taiwan Alumni Database (TAD) [SIT人才資料庫計畫](#)
- Australian Alumni Network - Taiwan/ Huayu Scholarships [澳洲校友聯絡站](#)
- Asia Options - [Taiwan Options](#) Do you have an amazing experience in Taiwan? We encourage our alumni to contribute your Taiwan stories to the platform; to get involved [CONTACT](#)

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2022 TAIWAN-THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY SCHOLARSHIP

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Taiwan-The University of Sydney Scholarship is co-funded by the Ministry of Education, Taiwan (MOE) and the University of Sydney. Up to five PhD scholarships is available each year. Five Taiwanese recipients awarded this scholarship in 2022.

On 28th July, a welcome tea party was organised by the University of Sydney. Ms. Jill Lai, executive director of education division at TECO in Australia, on behalf of the MOE welcomed and congratulated the recipients in person.

The following media release is provided by the University of Sydney to share the feedbacks of recipients and give a general direction for future applicants.

A former palliative care nurse. A marine biologist and rescue diver. A pharmacist-turned-sociologist. These are among the diverse group of Taiwanese students awarded a prestigious

scholarship to start PhD studies at the University of Sydney in July.

The group of five students will undertake research projects across science, business, medicine and health, supported by the Taiwan – University of Sydney Scholarship.

The scholarship, co-funded by the University of Sydney and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of China (Taiwan), covers tuition fees and an annual living allowance. It is offered annually to up to five postgraduate Taiwanese students.

The recipients for 2022 include Cheng-Ya (Gloria) Lee in the Faculty of Medicine and Health, Ting-Tse (Jack) Chen and Chia-Ying (Danna) Chen in the University of Sydney Business School, and Tsai-Hsuan (Tony) Hsu and Tsung Jen Hung in the Faculty of Science.

[Learn more](#)

about The Taiwan – University of Sydney Scholarship

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Cheng-Ya (Gloria) Lee's background as a palliative-care nurse sparked a passion for helping people with dementia and their carers. She plans to investigate the role of caregivers in dementia rehabilitation, seeking to improve outcomes for patients and reduce the burden for carers.

“As a nurse, I realised there was a need to speak up for people with dementia and their caregivers because they are likely to receive insufficient support and have limited access to healthcare services,” she said.

For Lee, receiving the PhD scholarship after completing her Master's at the University of Sydney was “just like winning the lottery”.

Tsai-Hsuan (Tony) Hsu is a qualified rescue diver with a Master of Science in Marine Biology and Fisheries from National Taiwan University.

Tsung Jen Hung has a background in pharmacy and sociology. He will combine these areas of expertise in his research into the modernisation of traditional medicine in Indonesia.

In the University of Sydney Business School, **Ting-Tse (Jack) Chen**, who has a double degree in science and business administration, as well as a Master of Information Technology degree, will bring his expertise in computer science to the world of business. He will examine whether artificial intelligence can be used to answer business questions, such as whether a

marketing campaign is responsible for an increase in revenue.

Also in business, **Chia-Ying (Danna) Chen** has a background in marketing and digital platforms. Her research will examine the effectiveness of activities across online and offline channels in a retail context.

“It's been my dream to study abroad since I was a child,” she said. “I'm excited about the University of Sydney's world-class educational resources and its community of students from diverse backgrounds to exchange ideas with.”



ANU SEMESTER 2 MARKET DAY & WELCOME PARTY HELD BY TSA

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Market Day

Market Day at the Australian National University (ANU) is a fantastic opportunity to promote and get to know social clubs. ANU's 2022 Semester 2 Market Day was held at ANU sport hall during the first week of the semester. ANU Taiwanese Students' Association (TSA) is a regular attendee of ANU market days, taking the opportunity again this semester to promote its services to prospective members.

The goal of TSA is to be a platform for all 'Taiwan-Loving people' at ANU to connect and have fun. TSA has been running a new program in 2022 under its Event-Director Sam Wade for English-Chinese language exchange partnerships. The program helps English speakers learning Chinese and Chinese speakers learning English to connect as language exchange partners. The program's aim is to assist people in learning Chinese/English and grow friendship ties between cultures. The program has been well received by participants and successful at bringing people together from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Welcome Party

Starting a new semester or walking onto an unfamiliar campus can be a confronting experience. With this in mind, TSA followed up their market day stall with a welcome party on

Friday the 29th of July. The welcome party was designed to break the ice of new semester nerves, helping TSA members to enjoy themselves and make new friends through participating in fun activities, such as bridge building and get-to-know-Taiwan Bingo.

After being signed in, participants were split into 5 groups of around 9 members. After a short get-to-know-you exercise, each team was supplied a 'building kit' to attempt building a bridge spanning across 2 tables. After 15 mins, each group's bridge was measured and tested for its strength. The team with the longest bridge was crowned the victor!

After bridge building, participants were provided a 'Taiwan feast' of bubble tea, Taiwanese fried chicken, and vegetarian spring rolls. They were also given a get-to-know-Taiwan bingo sheet, a fun opportunity to mingle and get to know others through Taiwan-theme questions. The bingo card included questions like: "Have you been to Taiwan?" "List 3 Taiwanese tourist attractions" "Do you like stinky tofu?". Participants went around the room to find someone who could answer the question for them, finally submitting their bingo card for a chance to win a prize!

Becoming an ANU TSA member

ANU has a vibrant international student community and welcomes students from around the world. TSA acts as a welcoming host for these international students, creating a welcoming space for them to network and share experiences.

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**ANU Taiwanese
Students' Association**
See information
on becoming a TSA
member and
upcoming events on
ANU TSA's social
media.



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