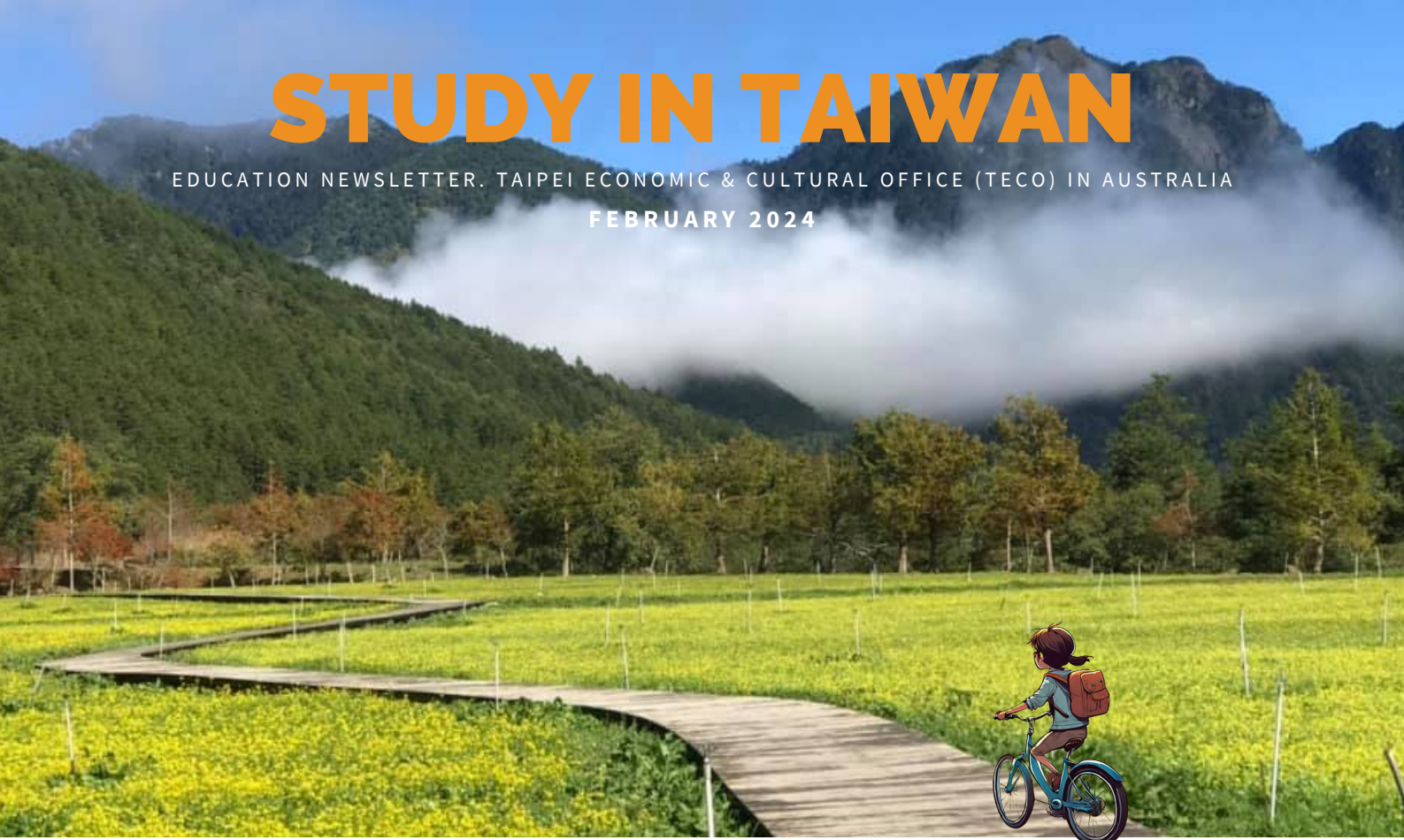


STUDY IN TAIWAN

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2024 TAIWAN SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN TO AUSTRALIAN APPLICANTS HUAYU ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIP & TAIWAN SCHOLARSHIP

BY EDUCATION DIVISION
TECO IN AUSTRALIA

Are you an Australian looking to study in Taiwan? If you're over 18, the Ministry of Education in Taiwan offers an annual scholarship that might be perfect for you. The Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) is designed to support your pursuits.

HUAYU ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIP (HES): QUICK FACT

With 64 accredited Mandarin learning centers affiliated with universities to choose from, scholarship recipients can pursue short-term Mandarin studies and receive a monthly stipend that covers most of the tuition fees.

The HES program provides a monthly stipend of NTD 25,000. The program length is determined by the recipient and selection committee but cannot exceed one year. HES typically covers a 3, 6, or 9-month program.

Follow the "Apply Now" button to access the selection guide, milestone dates and the online application page.

TAIWAN SCHOLARSHIP: QUICK FACT

If you are interested in pursuing an academic degree, the Taiwan Scholarship supports outstanding recipients who wish to undertake a bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degree in Taiwan.

The scholarship not only covers most of the tuition fees, but also provides a monthly stipend of NTD 15,000 for undergraduates and NTD 20,000 for master's or doctorate students.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Education Division team is delighted to inform you that the application period for two scholarships in Australia will commence on 1 February. The deadline for HES application is 16 April, while the deadline for Taiwan Scholarship is 5 of May, 2024. Don't miss this opportunity to apply!

[APPLY NOW >](#)

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NAVIGATING TAIPEI: A LANGUAGE-LEARNING CHRONICLE

BY VANESSA CHUAH
2023 HES RECIPIENT

As an Australian-born Chinese, the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) granted me not only a linguistic adventure but a chance to connect with another culture. This experience has truly been a once in a lifetime opportunity.

CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

I started classes at National Taiwan Normal University's Mandarin Training Centre in September 2023. The curriculum covers grammar, vocabulary, sentence structures and we often discuss cultural topics during our class. I am currently in my second term at the Mandarin Training Centre and it has been highly rewarding to see how far I have come with my language progression.

CONNECTING MY LANGUAGE TO MY PROFESSION

Prior to my arrival in Taiwan, I served as a physiotherapist, working with children with disabilities in Brisbane. During my two and a half years of work, I came across many clients with diverse backgrounds and cultures. With my improved language skills, I hope I can better serve Mandarin-speaking clients in the future.

MEETING LIKE MINDED INDIVIDUALS

One unexpected joy of studying in Taiwan was the ability to connect with like-minded individuals from all around the world such as USA, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Croatia, Vietnam and Indonesia. My class predominantly comprises students who, similar to me, were raised in a Western society but possess Asian heritage and speak Chinese at home. Connecting with individuals who shared similar life experiences has been very special.

PERSONAL GROWTH

Navigating a new environment with different cultural and language barriers, has taught me adaptability and resilience. Living in Taiwan while studying Chinese has broaden my horizons and revealed immense possibilities in the world. This worthwhile experience has shifted my personal outlook on life, for which I am grateful.

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TO ANYONE THAT IS CONSIDERING A SIMILAR JOURNEY, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY. THE EXPERIENCE WITH THE HUAYU ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIP HAS BEEN AN ENRICHING AVENUE FOR LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT, SELF-DISCOVERY AND ENGAGEMENT WITH A DIVERSE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.



2023-2024 AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND STUDENT GROUPS STUDYING MANDARIN IN TAINAN & TAIPEI

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Located in Tainan, the historical capital of Taiwan, National Cheng Kung University (NCKU) is one of Taiwan's leading universities. The Chinese Language Center (CLC) at NCKU is dedicated to fostering Mandarin proficiency and cultural exchange among international students.

The CLC recently hosted a four-week Mandarin training program for a group of 18 students from University of Auckland, Macquarie University, and University of Melbourne. The program began on December 11, 2023 with funding partially sponsored by Taiwan's Ministry of Education.

What sets the CLC's program apart is its equal emphasis on language and culture in the curriculum. CLC provides an immersive Mandarin learning experience, with small class sizes, and Mandarin as the primary mode of instruction and communication. Its program is specifically designed to provide students with an opportunity to learn Mandarin in a fun, supportive, and engaging way.

The highlights of CLC's program include cultural activities and excursions, one-on-one language exchange opportunities, and weekend stays with local families. These opportunities allow students to experience local culture, improve language skills, and gain firsthand knowledge of the way of living in Taiwan.

UQ STUDENTS TO LEARN MANDARIN IN TAIWAN WITH NEW COLOMBO PLAN (NCP) MOBILITY PROGRAM

Another group of 18 students from the University of Queensland (UQ), whose fields of study varied from Engineering to Science, Computer Science, IT and Humanities. Participants in the program were hosted by the Mandarin Training Centre of National Taiwan Normal University. The program aims to enhance participants' cultural awareness and Mandarin proficiency through intensive Mandarin classes, a series of cultural classes, a buddy program, as well as historical and cultural visits across the west coast of Taiwan.

The Education Division at TECO in Australia partnered with the Student Enrichment & Employability Development (SEED) at UQ to secure funding for the language training component of the program.

The tailor-made program also included visits to Taiwan's core strategic industries, such as green energy and solar technology, to encourage critical thinking on Sustainable Development Goals.

The New Colombo Plan Mobility Program is an Australian Government initiative that allows high-achieving undergraduate students from Australia to take part in internships, research, mentorships, practicum, and study in various locations across the Indo-Pacific region.



LOOKING TO ORGANISE A MANDARIN STUDY GROUP TRIP TO TAIWAN? CHECK OUT 'START HERE' FOR A STEP-BY-STEP POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ON HOW TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.



TECO ORIENTATION SESSION FOR TAIWAN SCHOLARS OF 2024 NEW COLOMBO PLAN

BY EDUCATION DIVISION
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On the 6th of December 2023, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Australia hosted an orientation session for five Taiwan scholars of the 2024 New Colombo Plan (NCP).

Representative Douglas Hsu assured scholars a wonderful, culturally immersive experience in Taiwan. During the meeting, Mr. Hsu introduced Taiwan's democratic and inclusive society and encouraged scholars to take advantage of the opportunity to immerse themselves in the Mandarin-speaking environment, explore the island and taste delicious local cuisine.

Mr. Hsu shared his diplomatic service experience on international cooperation in training north American students, emphasised Taiwan's rich resources for Mandarin language learners. He also responded to the scholars' questions on Taiwan students' English proficiency, tips for learning Hokkien, and recommendations for tourist attractions.

Additionally, policy officer Mr. Chang presented a general guideline for visa application to assist scholars in preparing their study journey in Taiwan. Ms. Jill Lai, Executive Director of the Education Division, presented a comprehensive "Education in Taiwan" pack on behalf of Taiwan's Ministry of Education. The pack provides resources on a glance of Taiwan's

higher education, Mandarin learning resources, and scholarship opportunities.

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NCP PROGRAM

Excitingly, the NCP program will be celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2024 since its inception in 2014. We welcome NCP scholars who have chosen Taiwan as their study destination for up to 19 months to immerse themselves in the culture, learn Mandarin, further their studies, and gain volunteer experience through internships with organisations.

This year, we congratulated six NCP Taiwan Scholars who were selected from various universities across Australia, bringing diverse backgrounds and fields of study.

Since the Australian Government introduced the NCP Program in 2014, Taiwan has welcomed more than 1,000 Australian students sponsored by both NCP mobility and Scholarship Programs.



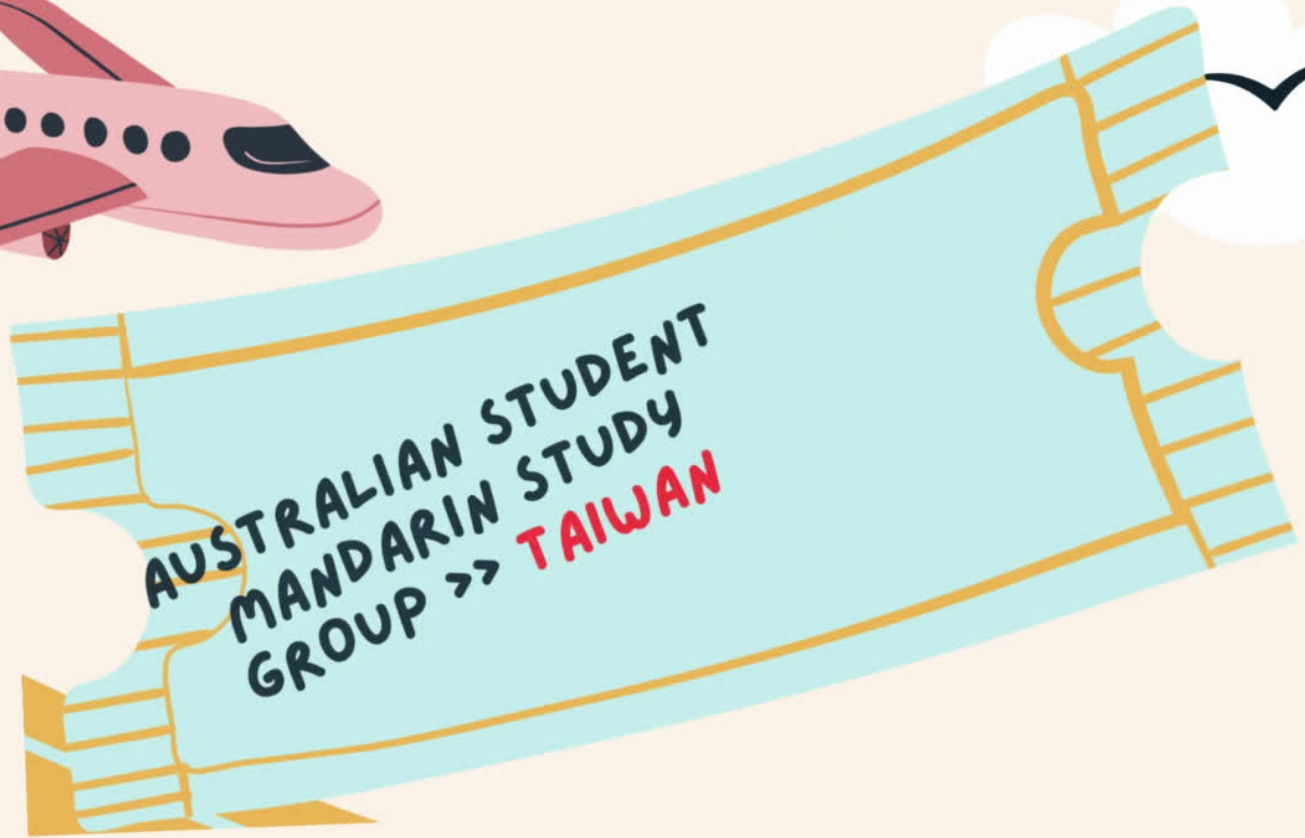
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The task of the Education Division of TECO in Australia is to facilitate cooperation between Taiwan and Australia in the areas of education.

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HOW TO ORGANISE A MANDARIN STUDY GROUP FOR AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS ?

1 FORM A GROUP OF 15 STUDENTS

CRITERIA & RULE

- Current students enrolled in a mainstream school
- Group consists of at least 15 students
- Each student group can be accompanied by one or two teachers
- Attend Mandarin lessons a minimum of 15 hours per week, every day from Monday to Friday.

2 FIND AN ELIGIBLE MANDARIN LEARNING CENTRE AS YOUR HOST

FIND A HOST

Discover 64 Mandarin Learning Centers in Taiwan: Scan the QR code to find the one that suits your needs.



3 SUBSIDIES

TAIWAN'S MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IS OFFERING SUBSIDIES TOWARD YOUR MANDARIN LEARNING

AUD \$288

PER WEEK PER PERSON
Study duration: 2-4 weeks



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