

2026 OCAC Language Study Program for Compatriot Youth

Admission Guidelines (In-person)

1. Objective

The Overseas Community Affairs Council (OCAC) aims to enhance the Mandarin language skills of overseas compatriot youth who is going to continue the education in Taiwan. The OCAC Language Study Program is designed to improve the overall language proficiency of the students, including listening, speaking, reading, writing, and text input skills. Such language improvement will enhance adaptability to studying and living in Taiwan while deepening understanding of Taiwan's diverse culture.

2. Organizer

Overseas Community Affairs Council, Republic of China (TAIWAN)

3. Program Schedule and Enrollment Quota

Type	Class	Timeline (GMT+8)	Length	Quota	Notes
Regional Program	Thailand Class 1	3/8-4/4	4 weeks	80	1. Course level instruction: Primarily designed for beginners who have never studied Mandarin or who are at Level A (TOCFL).
	Thailand Class 2	4/19-5/16	4 weeks	80	
	Philippines Class 1	5/10-6/6	4 weeks	180	
	Philippines Class 2	6/7-7/4	4 weeks	180	
	Indonesia Class 2	6/14-7/11	4 weeks	180	
	Thailand Class 4	10/4-10/24	3 weeks	100	
Global Program	Summer Class 1	6/21-7/11	3 weeks	60	2. Summer Class 1 and 2 serve for teenagers aged 14 to under 18.
	Summer Class 2	7/12-8/8	4 weeks	120	
	Summer Class 3	7/26-8/22	4 weeks	60	3. Summer Class 3 serves for young adults aged 18 to under 22.

- (1) The first day of the program includes airport pickup and registration, and the final day includes check-out and airport drop-off. The designated airport for these services will be specified in the acceptance notification.
- (2) From Monday to Friday, daily activities include Mandarin language classes, cultural classes, and school visits. Evening activities are flexibly arranged and may include self-study sessions, tutoring, or group recreational activities. On weekends, group activities or nearby excursions are organized as appropriate.

4. Eligibility

(1) Overseas compatriot youth must meet the following criteria:

- A. For the regional program, the overseas compatriot youth must be at least 14 years old and under 20 years old. For the global program, Summer Class 1 and 2 serve for teenagers aged 14 to under 18. Summer Class 3 serves for young adults aged 18 to under 22. (as determined by the date of birth on the passport, with age calculated as of the program's start date).
- B. Currently resides overseas and holds a passport issued by the country of residence, or a R.O.C., TAIWAN passport with Overseas Compatriot Identity Endorsement.
- C. Holds the “i Compatriot Card” issued by the OCAC.

*Please apply online for the i Compatriot Card in advance: <https://icard.taiwan-world.net/tw/login>.

* i Compatriot Card service line and email: +886-2-2327-2929; card@ocac.gov.tw.

- D. Demonstrates a strong willingness to learn Mandarin, capable of basic self-care and able to adapt to group living.
- E. Priority is given to those with supporting documents that demonstrates one's application to the 2026 Academic Year Industry-Academia Collaboration OYVTP Bachelor Degree Program or the 3+4 Vocational Education Program ; subsequently to those with recommendation letters from an overseas compatriot school (which has either registered with the OCAC or has submitted a document for record-keeping in accordance with the “Directions for Contacting and Assisting with Overseas Compatriot Schools”), source Schools of Overseas Students (which has registered with the OCAC), or an overseas compatriot group (which has registered with the OCAC in accordance with the Directions of Overseas Compatriot Groups Registration).

(2) Global Program are for students who are not overseas compatriots but study in one of the Taiwan Center for Mandarin Learning (TCML) or in regular

schools if they meet the following criteria:

- A. For the global program, teenagers refer to those aged 14 to under 18, and young adults refer to those aged 18 to under 22 (as determined by the date of birth on the passport, with age calculated as of the program's start date).
- B. Currently resides overseas and holds a passport issued by the country of residence.
- C. Demonstrates a strong willingness to learn Mandarin, capable of basic self-care and able to adapt to group living.
- D. A recommendation letter from a teacher at a TCML or a regular school. A Taiwanese Mandarin teacher at a regular school can provide recommendation letters for two applicants.

5. Application Procedure

- (1) Application Process: The application periods for each class are as follows; once the slots are filled, application will close early.

Type	Class	Application Period (Taiwan Time)
Regional Program	Thailand Class 1	2025/12/1-2026/1/23
	Thailand Class 2	2025/12/1-2026/2/19
	Philippines Class 1	2026/1/1-3/10
	Philippines Class 2	2026/1/1-3/10
	Indonesia Class 2	2026/1/1-3/31
	Thailand Class 4	2026/6/1-7/31
Global Program	Summer Class 1	2026/1/1-3/1
	Summer Class 2	2026/1/1-3/14
	Summer Class 3	2026/1/1-3/31

- (2) Application Method:

- A. Regional program: Please contact the following offices or cultural center to apply before the deadline.

	Tel	Fax	E-mail
Expatriate Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural	+66-2-119-3555	+66-2-119-3566	thailand@ocac.gov.tw

Office in Thailand			
Culture Center of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines	+63-2-8243- 0059~61	+63-2- 8242- 2266	manila@ocac.gov.tw
Expatriate Division, Taipei Economic and Trade Office, Jakarta, Indonesia	+62-21-515- 3939 Ext. 411/420	+62-21- 515-4228	indonesia@ocac.gov.tw
Secretary, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Surabaya	+62-31- 99014600 Ext. 124	+62-31- 99014611	Fathippo@ocac.gov.tw

B. Global Program: Please apply online before the deadline at <http://register.ocac.gov.tw/>.

(3) Required Documents:

- A. Enrollment Agreement (see Annex). The form must be signed by the applicant and a legal guardian.
- B. Copies of a valid passport of the country of residence, or a valid R.O.C., TAIWAN passport and the page of Overseas Compatriot Identity Endorsement.
- C. Supporting application documents for the Industry-Academia Collaboration OYVTP (Bachelor's Degree) or a 3+4 Vocational Education Program (if applicable).
- D. A recommendation letter from a teacher (compatriot youth applicants are not required).
- E. A recommendation letter from a local overseas compatriot school, source Schools or an overseas compatriot group (if applicable).

(4) Registration is deemed to have read and agreed to this admission guidelines and the notification regarding gathering, handling and using personal information of participants.

6. Application Review Process

The application documents will be reviewed by Taiwan overseas embassies and OCAC Cultural Center during the first stage (if OCAC does not have officers stationed in the region, the preliminary review will be handled by our OCAC officers assigned to oversee that region). The OCAC will then conduct the second stage review. The final admission results will be communicated through our overseas embassies and OCAC Cultural Centers.

7. Passport and Visa Requirements

The participant's passport must be valid for at least six months to be approved for entry into Taiwan. The duration of visa-exempt stays varies by nationality. If you plan to stay beyond the visa-exempt period (such as staying over 30 to 90 days), you cannot use the visa-free entry or landing visa, and must apply for an appropriate visa before arrival at our overseas embassy or consulate. Otherwise, the organizer will not be held responsible if the stay cannot be extended.

8. Enrollment

- (1) **Date:** Please follow the instructions provided in your acceptance notification. If you need to delay your enrollment, obtain prior approval from OCAC through the registration units; extensions are generally limited to three days.
- (2) **Location:** Refer to the acceptance notification for details.
- (3) **Upon Enrollment:** Participants are required to pay their portion of the fees and a security deposit, and will receive their participant ID card and accommodation details.
- (4) **Fees:**
 - **3-Week Program:** The total cost is NT\$38,800 per person; participants pay NT\$23,800, with NT\$15,000 subsidized by the OCAC.
 - **4-Week Program:** The total cost is NT\$51,700 per person; participants pay NT\$31,700, with NT\$20,000 subsidized by the OCAC.

9. Course Content

- (1) **Mandarin courses:** A series of intensive Mandarin-learning lessons help participants progressively improve their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.
- (2) **Text input and Internet application courses:** The classes use OCAC "Huayuworld" (www.huayuworld.org) resources and activities, allowing students to learn Mandarin and computer input methods through class activities.
- (3) **Cultural courses:** The classes focus on exploring traditional Chinese culture, Taiwan's diverse cultural heritage, and folk arts. Through various hands-on activities, both active and passive, participants gain in-depth personal experiences.
- (4) **School Visits and Youth Seminars:** Participants will visit one domestic university and one technical or vocational institution that hosts the specialized OCAC

programs for overseas compatriot students (including the 3+4 Vocational Education Program for Overseas Compatriot Student, and Overseas Youths Vocational Training Program for 2-Year associate degree and 4-Year bachelor's degree). The participants will visit two schools in total (only one school for participants at the Global Program (Summer Class 1)). The visits will introduce Taiwanese higher education and technical-vocational education, including experience-based activities, and provide opportunities for participants to engage in discussions with students at the host schools.

- (5) Evening Activities: Flexibly arranged sessions such as self-study, tutoring, and group recreational activities.
- (6) Others: Nearby excursions and a 2-day-and-1-night graduation trip.

10. Program Features

- (1) Intensive courses from Monday to Friday, at least six hours a day. Lesson review or nearby excursions on Saturdays.
- (2) Classes are divided by the participants' Mandarin proficiency level, ranging from 10 to 16 students. Class exercise and homework are provided to help participants better grasp the language.
- (3) Cultural Courses and Visits: These activities allow participants to experience Taiwanese culture and expand their vocabulary in Mandarin across different contexts. Participants can also take home their hands-on projects as souvenirs.
- (4) Meals and Accommodation: During the program, participants are provided with three meals daily featuring Taiwanese flavors with balanced nutrition. Dormitories accommodate 4 to 6 participants per room, fostering interaction among participants from different regions and building lasting friendships.
- (5) Dormitory Facilities: Dorms are equipped with air conditioning, designated spaces for recreational and fitness activities, and self-service laundry facilities.
- (6) **Off-Campus Stays: All participants must provide prior written consent from their parents or designated guardians to stay overnight off-campus.**

11. Notifications

- (1) **The organizer reserves the right to decide whether to proceed with the program based on various factors. If the program is canceled, applicants will be notified separately. However, costs incurred by applicants, such as airfare, will not be reimbursed.**
- (2) This program provides accident or travel insurance for participants. However,

participants must arrange their own personal medical insurance before departure. Should any pre-existing conditions recur or medical emergencies arise during the program, participants are responsible for all related medical expenses. Neither participants nor their guardians may file any claims against the OCAC or the executing agencies.

- (3) The program involves group living, dynamic activities, and off-site trips. Participants will share accommodations and cannot request or pay extra for room changes, private rooms, or additional beds for companions. Special accommodations cannot be provided. Those with medical conditions or symptoms that may significantly impact themselves or others—such as heart disease, cerebrovascular conditions, diabetes, infectious diseases, recent major surgeries, pregnancy, epilepsy, or mental disorders—are advised to carefully evaluate their situation before registering. Participation is not recommended in such cases.
- (4) Participants are expected to follow national laws and program regulations, including the regulations of the OCAC Language Study Program for Compatriot Youth. In cases of legal violations, severe misconduct, or situations warranting dismissal, the organizer may expel the participant without refunding program fees.
- (5) Participants who achieve a passing grade of 70 (out of 100), do not miss more than 20% of the total course hours (excluding government or hospital-imposed quarantine measures), and complete placement and final tests will receive a completion certificate in Mandarin and English. The certificate will also indicate the total hours of Mandarin language learning.
- (6) In accordance with Taiwan's Tobacco Hazards Prevention Act and to protect the physical and mental health of minors, participants are strictly prohibited from smoking or drinking at the program site, including dormitory areas. Violations will be subject to strict disciplinary action in line with relevant regulations.
- (7) In line with Taiwan's environmental policies to reduce waste, participants are encouraged to bring their own eco-friendly utensils, water bottles/cups, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, shower caps, slippers, and other personal items.
- (8) If classes are canceled due to natural disasters (e.g., typhoons), such cancellations are considered force majeure, and make-up classes or refunds will not be provided. Similarly, participants who withdraw early, take leave, or miss activities for personal reasons will not be eligible for make-up classes or refunds.
- (9) Participants who fail to meet the requirements for obtaining a completion certificate, except in cases of force majeure, will be restricted from applying for the

program in the following year.

12. If there are any doubts about the registration requirements, please refer to the Mandarin version of the Admission Guidelines.