

Admission Guidelines

2026 OCAC Language Study Program for Compatriot Youth (Long Distance Learning)

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 Program is also designed to improve the overall language proficiency of the students, including listening, speaking, reading, writing, and text input skills. This enhancement will help them better adapt to studying and living in Taiwan and foster a deeper 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	Indonesia Class 1	5/9-6/28 Sat.& Sun. 15:00-17:30	8weeks 40hours	120	Course level instruction: Primarily designed for learners with prior Mandarin learning experiences or who are at Level A (TOCFL).
	Vietnam& Thailand Class	11/2-12/16 Mon.& Wed.& Fri. 18:00-20:00	7 weeks 40hours	100	
Global Program	Spring Class	3/7 – 4/26 Sat.& Sun. 08:00-10:30	8weeks 40hours	40	experiences or who are at Level A (TOCFL).
		3/7 – 4/26 Sat.& Sun. 15:00-17:30	8weeks 40hours	40	

※Prior to the program, at least once online orientation session will be held to introduce the course schedule, learning assessments, leave policies, completion requirements, program website, and teaching platform. The program also includes lectures covering topics like experience sharing of Taiwan education and the Test of Chinese as Foreign Language (TOCFL).

4. Eligibility

Participants must meet the following criteria:

- (1) Overseas compatriot youth aged 14 to under 20 years old (based on the date of birth on the government-issued identity document, with age calculated up to the program's start date). However, for those with supporting documents for application to an Industry-Academia Collaboration OYVTP Bachelor Degree, the age limit is extended to 25 years old. For those with supporting documents for applying to the 3+4 Vocational Education Program, the age limit is extended to 22 years old. E. Priority is given to those with supporting documents that demonstrates one's admission to the 2026 Academic Year Industry-Academia Collaboration OYVTP Bachelor Degree Program or the 3+4 Vocational Education Program.
- (2) Currently resides overseas, and holds a passport (or an ID document issued by the local government, or a R.O.C., Taiwan passport with Overseas Compatriot Identity Endorsement).
- (3) Hold an 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.
- (4) Priority will be given 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).

5. Application Procedure

(1) Application deadline:

Type	Class	Application Period (Taiwan Time)
Regional Program	Indonesia Class 1	2026/1/1-3/9
	Vietnam& Thailand Class	2026/7/1-9/2

Type	Class	Application Period (Taiwan Time)
Global Program	Spring Class	2026/1/1-2/7

(2) Application method:

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

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	Tel	Fax	E-mail
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
Secretary, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Vietnam	+84-24-38335501 ext. 8463	+84-24-3833- 5508	hanoi@ocac.gov .tw
Expatriate Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	+84-28-39274997	+84-28-38349178	vietnam@ocac.g ov.tw
Expatriate Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Thailand	+66-2-119-3555	+66-2-119-3566	thailand@ocac.g ov.tw

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

(3) Documents to be submitted:

- A. Enrollment Agreement (see Annex). The form must be signed by the applicant and a legal guardian.
- B. A photocopy of the local government-issued identity document, the valid passport of the country of residence, or a valid Republic of China (TAIWAN) passport and the page of Overseas Compatriot Identity Endorsement.
- C. A recommendation letter from a local overseas compatriot school or an overseas compatriot group (if applicable).
- D. Supporting application documents for the Industry-Academia Collaboration OYVTP Bachelor Degree or a 3+4 Vocational Education Program (if applicable).

6.Review and Admission Process

- (1) The documents will first be reviewed by the Taipei Economic and Trade Office, and be ranked according to the supporting documents for applications to the 2026 Academic Year Industry-Academia Collaboration OYVTP Bachelor Degree or a 3+4 Vocational Education Program, recommendation letters, and then the order of application submission. The second phase is reviewed by OCAC. Once approved, successful applicants will be placed in the main list of accepted students. There will also be applicants placed on a waiting list. **If there are vacancies in the first or second week, applicants from the waiting list will be notified and admitted accordingly.**
- (2) The OCAC will send letters to the Taipei Economic and Trade Office to notify the applicants of the admission results.

7.Registration Information

Participants must complete online registration and placement test as instructed in the pre-course notification, including the TOCFL-Speedy Screening test and an online oral examination. Those who do not registration within the timeline should notify the OCAC through the registration units first and seek approval. The additional time for registration is three days.

8.Course Content

- (1) Mandarin courses: The courses are very intensive, progressively improving the participants' listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. A real-time, synchronous distance learning format is adopted. The course themes include topics

that explore the different aspects of Taiwanese culture.

- (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) Lectures on studying in Taiwan: To encourage students to study in Taiwan, outstanding overseas compatriot students from more than two domestic universities are invited to share their experiences of studying in Taiwan, aiming to help overseas compatriot youths understand the channels for studying in Taiwan, as well as the life and environment.
- (4) TOCFL lecture: To encourage students to take the Test of Chinese as Foreign Language (TOCFL), a lecture is held to help students better understand the TOCFL test questions and purpose of the test.

9.Special Features of the Study Program

- (1) Students take the TOCFL-Speedy Screening test and an online oral examination before the start of the courses, so that the program can better tailor to the needs of the students and divide students according to their language proficient levels.
- (2) **Most of the lessons are taught in Mandarin.** Class size is small, with one teacher teaching about 10 students.
- (3) Each class is recorded, so that participants can review the lessons.
- (4) After the program finishes, certificates and prizes will be awarded to the top 10% of the students in each class as an encouragement.

10.Matters for Attention

- (1) **The cost of the study program will be covered by the OCAC. Participants must comply with all regulations during the training period. If they fail to complete the registration, take the placement test, attend classes on time, or if there are significant violations of the rules, the OCAC reserves the right to dismiss them from the program in accordance with the regulations.**
- (2) It is suggested to use a computer during the online classes. Be sure to prepare a microphone, headset, video camera and other devices to facilitate course interaction. The stability of the internet connection affects the class. Please prepare a good internet environment in advance.
- (3) **Attendance will be recorded for each class. If participants are absent without reason in the first week, they will be disqualified and replaced by an alternate. The same rule applies to any absence in the second week. Weekly attendance**

records will also be sent to the recommendation institutions to urge students to attend on schedule.

- (4) If participants are absent from class for any reason, they must apply for leave one day before. Due to force majeure, leave of absence application must be submitted to the teacher or TA before the class ends. The participants who take leave should complete make-up classes before the next class. The total make-up class time should not exceed 8 hours, except in cases of natural disasters or force majeure. Alternates do not count the hours prior to formally participating in the course.
 - (5) The learning assessment scores include course attendance (30%), class participation (20%), homework (30%), and final exam (20%). The full score is 100 points and the passing mark is 70 points.
 - (6) Participants who attend at least 32 hours of synchronous learning courses (excluding opening and closing ceremonies), complete class placement, final exams and questionnaires, and achieve the passing learning assessment score will receive a completion certificate in Mandarin and English, noting the hours of language study.
 - (7) Unless due to force majeure, a student who fails to get the completion certificate or certification of study hours might not be eligible to register for the next year's program.
11. If there are any doubts about the application requirements, please refer to the Admission Guidelines in Mandarin.