

Admission Guidelines

2024 Language Study Program for Compatriot Youth

1. Objective

To improve the Mandarin ability of overseas compatriot youth and improve the listening, speaking, reading, writing, and text computer input skills of overseas compatriot students accepted admission to a university in Taiwan or registering for the 2024 Academic Year Industry-Academia Collaboration Overseas Youth Vocational Training Program(OYVTP) Bachelor Degree and 3+4 Vocational Education Program for Overseas Compatriot Students, and to boost their adaptability to studying and living in Taiwan and to deepen their cultural understanding of the country.

2. Program schedule

(1) The class length is divided into 3 weeks, 4 weeks, and 6 weeks. Monday through Friday is dedicated to Mandarin language instruction, cultural exploration, and educational visits. In the evening, self-study, auxiliary teaching or leisure activities take place. Saturdays and Sundays offer flexible arrangement of arts, culture and entertainment activities.

(2) Please refer to Attachment 1 for the start date and enrollment schedule for each class.

(3) The first day of the training is for airport pick-up and check-in, and the last day of the training is for airport drop-off. Airport pick-up and drop-off is limited to Taoyuan International Airport.

3. Eligibility

(1) Overseas youth

a. Overseas compatriot youth aged 14 to under 20, age calculated to the first day of the program (based on date of birth in passport,) holding a passport issued by his/ her country of residence or Overseas Compatriot Identity Endorsement, currently residing overseas, in good health and of good conduct, with strong desire to learn Mandarin and able to adapt to group living; should hold an i Compatriot Card.

b. Eligibility for priority acceptance: New students accepted admission to a university in Taiwan or registering for the 2024 Academic Year Industry-Academia Collaboration Overseas Youth Vocational Training Program(OYVTP) Bachelor Degree and 3+4 Vocational Education Program for Overseas Compatriot Students; provide proof of study or registration for priority acceptance.

(2) Non- overseas compatriot students of a Taiwan Center for Mandarin Learning (TCML) and overseas mainstream school (limited to Class 2 and Class 3 of the Global Program):

a. TCML can recommend students aged 14-20 to take part, with a teacher's recommendation letter to be submitted when registering.

b. Mandarin teachers at mainstream schools in Europe and the Americas can each recommend two students aged 14 to 20 years of age, with no restriction on ethnic group, with a teacher's recommendation letter to be submitted when registering.

4. Application Procedure

(1) Registration period (Taiwan time)

1. Global Program (Class 2), Global Program (Class 3): Registration will be accepted from January 10, 2024 and will end when the class is full.
2. Regional Program: Registration will be accepted before the start and will end when the class is full.

(2) Registration method:

1. Global Program (Class 2), Global Program (Class 3): Register before the registration deadline on the OCAC's "Overseas Compatriot Affairs Activities Registration System" (website: <http://register.ocac.gov.tw/>).
2. Regional program: Please contact the Overseas Compatriot Affairs Section of the overseas missions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the ROC or Culture Centers of Taipei Economic and Cultural Offices (Taiwan overseas mission or Culture Centers) in your country of residence to register before the registration deadline. Please refer to Attachment 2 for contact information.

(3) Review procedures: Student registration information will first be reviewed by the Taiwan overseas mission or Culture Centers (if there are no staff stationed by the OCAC in the area, it will be reviewed by OCAC's overseas personnel), and second phase review will be conducted by the OCAC. After review, the OCAC will periodically send letters to the overseas mission or Culture Center to notify them of the admission results.

(4) Please apply for the i Compatriot Card in advance and scan and upload the electronic files of the following documents to the "Submit Documents" field of the registration system:

1. Electronic file of personal photos.
2. A photocopy of the valid passport of the country of residence.
3. Consent to study signed by the applicant and his or her parents.
4. Health certificate checklist signed by a doctor and marked as conforming (those without chest X-ray for tuberculosis and hepatitis B surface antigen tests will not be accepted).
5. Supporting documents for applying for admission to a university in Taiwan or registering for the 2024 Academic Year Industry-Academia Collaboration Overseas Youth Vocational Training Program(OYVTP) Bachelor Degree and 3+4 Vocational Education Program for Overseas Compatriot Students (no need to attach if not available).
6. Teacher recommendation letter (if not available, please do not attach it).

(5) Entry visa: The passport must be valid for more than 6 months before entry can be approved. There are different numbers of visa-free days depending on the passport held. If participants want to extend their stay so that the total number of days in Taiwan exceeds the 30 to 90 days of visa-free stay, they

will not be able to apply for visa exemption or visa on arrival. Please apply for a visa with an appropriate stay period in advance from a Taiwan overseas mission and use it to enter Taiwan, otherwise the organizer (undertaking unit) will not be responsible if the stay cannot be extended.

(6) The OCAC reserves the right to decide whether to handle the activity depending on the situation and other factors. If the program is cancelled, the registrants will be notified separately. The OCAC will not compensate registrants for air tickets and other expenses already incurred.

5. Course Contents

(1) Mandarin teaching: intensive courses, the courses designed to gradually improve student hearing, speaking, reading and writing ability (20 hours per week).

(3) Cultural courses: Including calligraphy, Chinese painting, children's toys, weaving, paper art, seal cutting, diabolo, kung fu, folk dance, and indigenous arts and culture (8 hours per week, courses can be taken by students as desired, but classes will be adjusted depending on the number of students) .

(4) Mandarin computer input teaching and Internet application courses:

The classes will use OCAC "Huayuworld" (www.huayuworld.org) resources and activities, allowing students to learn Mandarin and character computer input methods through class activities. (2 hours per week).

(4) Evening activities: arrange evening self-study, auxiliary teaching or leisure activities.

(5) Youth discussion: Arrange a discussion between OCAC vocational training program participants and language program students to let them understand domestic technical and vocational education and help them make their future career plans.

(6) Others: Taiwan living experience, film appreciation, visits to suburbs, visits to schools, 3 day and 2 night graduation tour.

6. Special Features of the Study Program

(1) The program is intensive and with two-way interaction to raise the level of student study interest and results.

(2) Classes are small and separated by Mandarin ability.

(3) Lessons are taught by Mandarin teachers and folk culture experts, using various audio-visual aids to increase student study results.

(4) Experience Taiwan's custom's and conditions and cultural characteristics

(5) During the study period, all students will live and eat at the study place; in principle, there will be 4-6 students per room.

(6) Classrooms and dormitories are equipped with air-conditioning, places for leisure and fitness activities, and with self-service laundry facilities provided.

(7) All students must obey the life rules set for each class. Anyone expelled for serious breach of rules

will have to pay the full amount for future participation in OCAC training activities and will not be eligible for OCAC subsidy.

- (8) All students require written permission from a parent or appointed person to spend the night outside.

7. Registration information:

- (1) Date: handled according to acceptance notification regulations; those reporting late should first receive approval from the OCAC, with a limit of three days late.
- (2) Location: see acceptance notification.
- (3) When reporting, students should pay the self-paid amount and hand over passport (to be centrally managed,) and then receive the student ID card and be issued a room.
- (4) Fee:
 - a.) 3-week class: NT\$37,500 per person per session (students pay NT\$22,500 and the OCAC pays NT\$15,000).
 - b.) 4-week class: NT\$50,000 per person per session (students pay NT\$30,000, and the OCAC pays NT\$20,000)
 - c.) 6-week class: NT\$75,000 per person per session (students pay NT\$45,000, and the OCAC pays NT\$30,000).

8. Matters for attention

- (1) For students who pass the test during the study period, the OCAC will make a completion certificate in Mandarin and English, with the number of Mandarin learning hours noted.
- (2) During the study period, all regulations of this program must be observed. If there are serious violations, the OCAC may expel a student in accordance with the regulations, and the fees will not be refunded.
- (3) Smoking and drinking are prohibited in the place of study. Violators will be punished according to the regulations.
- (4) Participants are advised to purchase medical insurance in their countries of residence prior to attending the study program. All medical expenses incurred by participants due to recurrence of illness or sudden requirement for medical treatment during the study period shall be borne solely by the individual. Any requests for medical compensations from the participants or their parents will be denied.
- (5) Persons who have special diseases or medical conditions that may cause major discomfort (such as heart problems, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, epilepsy, mental illness, infectious disease, major surgery prior to the activity and pregnancy) and affect normal participation should not register for the program.

9. If there is any doubt about registration matters, the Mandarin Admission Guidelines will prevail.

Attachment 1

Program	Class	Time	Length	No. of places	Note
Global Program	Class 2 (Adolescent class)	6/25~7/13	3 weeks	40	<p>1. Young people of Taiwanese descent from all over the world aged 14 to under 20 can register.</p> <p>2. The 2nd and 3rd sessions have both adolescent classes and youth classes.</p> <p>3. The registration age for the adolescent class is from 14 years old to under 18 years old; the youth class is from 18 years old to under 20 years old.</p>
	Class 2 (Youth class)			20	
	Class 3 (Adolescent class)	7/15~8/9	4 weeks	80	
	Class 3 (Youth class)			40	
Regional Program	Thailand Class 1	3/24~5/4	6 weeks	120	
	Philippines Class	6/12~7/7	4 weeks	120	
	Indonesia Class	6/24~7/19	4 weeks	180	
	Thailand Class2	7/3~7/28	4 weeks	70	

Attachment 2

Unit	Tel.	Fax	email
Overseas Compatriot Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Thailand	+66-2-119-3555 +6	+66-2-119-3566	thailand@ocac.gov.tw
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