

Welcome to Academia Sinica!

As you join us, allow us to embrace you and wish you success during your stay here. All of us here will be doing our utmost to ensure that your experiences at Academia Sinica and in Taiwan will be personally rewarding and culturally enriching.

For most of you, the next few years should be the beginning of an exciting and stimulating academic journey. You will be challenged to broaden your knowledge, to nurture your creativity, and to sharpen your research skills. Your academic and research achievements will not only bring you a sense of accomplishment and personal satisfaction, but also pride and recognition to your family and to your home country.

Academia Sinica is also proud to have you as a part of the community. Your presence here brings us recognition as an intellectual community of world-class. We do not take the trust that you have bestowed upon us lightly. We are committed to make Academia Sinica a place where you can grow personally and professionally.

Department of International Affairs (DIA) was known as IAO in order to provide a friendly and supportive environment during your stay at Academia Sinica and in Taiwan. DIA currently has 19 staff members to assist you with your needs. DIA Office Director, Dr. Sue Lin-Chao has general supervision over the operations of the enterprise. As a Distinguished Research Fellow working within the Institute of Molecular Biology, she has an excellent understanding of what it takes to thrive and succeed in the Academia Sinica environment.

DIA is divided into two main sections: International Liaison, and Higher Education and Services for Foreigners. The International Liaison section is mainly responsible for developing strong partnerships and collaborations with international organizations, promoting international exchange programs and organizing significant overseas events such as workshops, symposiums, training programs etc.

Besides international liaison, DIA accords a high priority to the internationalization of teaching and research programs at Academia Sinica and thus promotes higher education and collaboration with local universities. DIA manages interdisciplinary Ph.D. programs such as the Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP – official website: <http://tigp.sinica.edu.tw/>), which hosts many international students, and local degree programs (DP).

For international students and staff at Academia Sinica, IAO provides various services such as visa/ARC processing, off-campus housing, free Chinese classes, arrangements for primary education for children and so on. IAO established the Academia Sinica International Community Club (ASICC) to promote cultural exchange and enhance the personal lives of members of Academia Sinica's international community. For more information about services for international students and staff, please contact our office at +886-2-2789-8050, +886-2-2789-9696, or visit our website at <http://iao.sinica.edu.tw/index.htm>.

We are here to assist you. We want to provide you with helpful information to make your stay here as pleasant as possible. With this in mind, we have prepared this Handbook. It is intended to be a compilation of miscellaneous information or facts that might come in handy during your stay here. Much of the information included here can be found elsewhere, including the Academia Sinica international visitors' website (<http://www.ifs.sinica.edu.tw/form.htm>), but we think it is more convenient to have some of the answers to your questions within reach of your fingertips.

Many individuals have contributed to this latest edition of the Handbook. Former Vice President Mei-Yin Chou and DIA Director Yi-Juang Chern have provided the overall leadership for the project. Former Vice President Shie-Ming Peng, Sunney Chan, Lou-Sing Kan, and many members of the faculty from the Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics offered suggestions during various stages of the task. Much of the information included in this Handbook is downloaded from related websites, and acknowledgments to these sources have been highlighted in the Handbook. Finally, we are indebted to the Tourism Bureau and the Ministry of Transportation & Communication of the Republic of China for permission to reprint some of the images that are contained in the Appendix of the Handbook.

Finally, we hope all of you will find this Handbook useful. Academia Sinica cannot be responsible for the accuracy of the information contained in the Handbook. Information changes with time, and the use of the information obviously depends on the circumstances. Suggestions to improve the Handbook are of course always welcome.

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## **Section I. Introduction to Academia Sinica**

### **1. History and Mission**

Academia Sinica, the most preeminent academic institution in the Republic of China, was founded in 1928 to promote and undertake scholarly research in sciences and humanities. After the government moved to Taiwan in 1949, Academia Sinica was re-established in Taipei. The growth of Academia Sinica during the transition period was initially slow due to political instability and meager budgets.

Thanks to the great efforts of the past Presidents, especially former President Yuan-Tseh Lee, Academia Sinica overcame many difficulties to reach its present success. It is now a modern research institution with a worldwide reputation and a proud tradition. Under the leadership of current President James C. Liao, Academia Sinica is making further progress in improving research conditions and results. Many of the twenty-four research institutes and seven research centers are now headed by world-renowned scholars and staffed by highly trained, motivated, and creative young investigators. Major strides have also been made toward raising the standards of academic research, and Academia Sinica is presently positioning itself to move its research activities to the international level. Aside from placing greater emphasis on opening up new areas of intellectual endeavor, Academia Sinica is also taking a leadership role in launching new initiatives in applied areas to meet a broad spectrum of social needs in Taiwan.

In order to fulfill these goals, Academia Sinica has adopted various measures to promote the internal integration of research activities in the three research disciplines of mathematics and physical sciences, life sciences, and humanities and social sciences; to improve the planning, implementation, and evaluation of long-term projects in order to enhance the impact of the research activities; to harness basic research results for applications and technology transfer; to engage the entire academic and research community in Taiwan in a modern and forward-looking collective academic vision; to cultivate an intellectual environment that is conducive to the nurturing of young scholars and the recognition of outstanding scholarship in Taiwan; and to promote international cooperation and scholarly exchanges that will accelerate the overall development of academic research in Academia Sinica and the Republic of China.

## 2. Organization

### (i) President and Vice Presidents

Dr. James C. Liao, PhD

President

Academician, Academia Sinica (2014) Fellow,  
National Academy of Inventors (2016)



Dr. Mei-Yin Chou, PhD

Vice President, Academic Affairs

Academician, Academia Sinica, (2014)  
Taiwan Outstanding Women in Science(2013)



Dr. Fu-Tong Liu, PhD

Vice President, Research

Academician, Academia Sinica (2012)  
American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)  
Fellow(2013-present)



Dr. Chin-shing Huang, PhD

Vice President, Administration

Academician, Academia Sinica (2008)  
senior Fulbright scholar from (1994-1995)



### (ii) Convocation of Academicians

The Convocation is made up by academicians of Academia Sinica. The title of academician in Academia Sinica is an honor with no remuneration. According to their expertise,

academicians are grouped into three divisions: Mathematics and Physical Sciences (66), Life Sciences (93), and Humanities and Social Sciences (61). A maximum number of ten new academicians is elected in each of the three divisions during the biennial Convocation. The Convocation's functions are as follows:

1. To elect academicians and honorary academicians.
2. To elect members to the Council of Academia Sinica.
3. To make policies on academic research.
4. To plan and carry out research at the government's request.

### **(iii) Council of Academia Sinica**

The Council of Academia Sinica is the decision making body, consisting of 32 ex officio members (the President, Vice Presidents, and Directors of the Institutes and Research Centers) and 36 elected members with a tenure of three years.

The Council's functions are as follows:

1. To make and review research policies.
2. To evaluate proposals concerning changes to the institutes and research projects.
3. To promote domestic and international academic cooperation.
4. To make plans for academic development when requested by the government.
5. To elect the candidates for the presidency of Academia Sinica when the presidency is vacated.
6. To formulate rules as authorized by the by-laws of Academia Sinica.

### **(iv) Central Academic Advisory Committee**

The Central Academic Advisory Committee was established in August, 1991 according to the Organization Law of Academia Sinica. The committee is composed of the chairpersons of the advisory committees of the individual institutes and six to nine specialists nominated by the President of Academia Sinica.

The Committee's responsibilities include:

1. To collect frontier research information that may be relevant to the academic development of Academia Sinica.
2. To undertake in-depth review of research programs of institutes so as to promote research advancement of Academia Sinica.
3. To establish standard review procedures, and assess recent recruitments, promotions and reappointments of research fellows.
4. To promote scientific and scholarly cooperation and exchanges at home and abroad.
5. To plan and implement academic assignments instructed by the President of Academia Sinica.

### **(v) Institutes (Preparatory Offices) and Research Centers**

At present, there are 24 institutes (including preparatory offices) and 7 research centers in Academia Sinica under the three divisions: the Division of Mathematics and Physical Sciences, the Division of Life Sciences, and the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences. Academia Sinica's annual expenditure is about NT\$ 10 billions.

#### **◆ Division of Mathematics and Physical Sciences**

1. Institute of Mathematics
2. Institute of Physics
3. Institute of Chemistry
4. Institute of Earth Sciences
5. Institute of Information Science
6. Institute of Statistical Science
7. Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences
8. Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics
9. Research Center for Applied Sciences
10. Research Center for Environmental Changes
11. Research Center for Information Technology Innovation

◆ Division of Life Sciences

1. Institute of Plant and Microbial Biology
2. Institute of Cellular and Organismic Biology
3. Institute of Biological Chemistry
4. Institute of Biomedical Sciences
5. Institute of Molecular Biology
6. Agricultural Biotechnology Research Center
7. Genomics Research Center
8. Biodiversity Research Center

◆ Division of Humanities and Social Sciences

1. Institute of History and Philology
2. Institute of Ethnology
3. Institute of Modern History
4. Institute of Economics
5. Institute of European and American Studies
6. Institute of Sociology
7. Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy
8. Institute of Taiwan History
9. Institute of Linguistics
10. Institute of Political Science
11. Institutum Jurisprudentiae
12. Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences

**(vi) Research Fellows and Research Specialists**

As of February 2017, Academia Sinica has **279 Academicians** of which 103 are Domestic Academicians and 176 are Overseas Academicians. Of the total, 61 academicians work in Humanities and Social Sciences; 66 in Mathematics and Physical Sciences; 59 in Engineering Sciences and 93 in Life Sciences; 830 Principle Investigators: 104 Distinguished Research Fellows; 330 Research Fellows; 259 Associate Research Fellows; 137 Assistant Research Fellows; 91 Specialists: 24 Senior Research Specialists; 37 Associate Research Specialists; 30 Assistant Research Specialists; 711 Postdoctoral Fellows, and a total of 2048 students of which 994 are Ph.D. students; 845 Master's degree students; 209 College students.

**(vii) Analysis of Published Papers**

Academia Sinica endeavors to achieve excellence in research. The number and quality of its papers have increased rapidly. The average number of SCI, SSCI, A&HCI papers (excl. meeting abstracts, editorials, etc.) by each researcher in 2014 was 2.65, far higher than 0.80 twenty years ago. Besides, in view of the graph of 5-year running average citations, the quality of papers published by Academia Sinica reached the world's average level in 1993, and kept increasing since then.

Besides, according to ISI Essential Sciences Indicators (ESI), Academia Sinica has an average of 12.62 citations per paper in the last decade. Furthermore, according to the recent analysis in ESI, Academia Sinica was ranked among the top 1% of research institutions in 17 fields for the number of times papers have been cited. Finally, President of Academia Sinica A Message from the President Pursuing Excellence the number of highly cited papers increased remarkably year by year and the influence of publication published by Academia Sinica was noteworthy in the world.

## **Section II. Working at Academia Sinica**

### **1. The Employment Contract**

Under current employment legislation, each employee must receive written particulars of the terms for the specific employment. A formal and official employment contract, together with a job description, must be issued to the person to be employed by the appointing institute written in the standard Academia Sinica format. If you are in doubt or have any questions about your conditions of employment, you should first consult the administrator (or equivalent) of your institute. For further information of the “Employment Agreement”, please refer to [www.ifs.sinica.edu.tw/down.html](http://www.ifs.sinica.edu.tw/down.html).

### **2. Q&A for Labor Standards Act**

#### **Q&A for Labor Standards Act**

Question	Answer
What are pension contributions?	Employers contribute 2% to 15% of employee’s monthly wages to a special account as a reserve fund of retirement payment for employees. The rate of contribution for Academia Sinica is 6% of the employee’s monthly wages.
How do I apply for retirement payment?	Retirement Payment can commence upon the following retirement conditions being met: (1) When a worker attains the age of 55 and has worked for 15 years. <b>Or</b> (2) When a worker attains 60 years of age and has worked for 10 years. <b>Or</b> (3) When a worker and has worked for more than 25 years. <b>And</b> (4) A worker has been employed by <b><u>one and the same</u></b> business entity.
What is retirement payment?	The lump sum retirement payment is equal to two base units of basic salary paid for each year of service up to 15 years of service. One unit of basic salary shall be paid for each year of service exceeding 15 years. <b><u>The maximum payment shall be forty-five units.</u></b> Any fraction of a year which is equal to or more than six months shall be counted as one year of service, and any fraction of a year which is less than six months shall be counted as half a year of service.
Retirement payment is calculated using base units, what is a base unit?	The base unit for payment of retirement benefits is a standard measure which denotes the average monthly wage received by a particular employee at the time the application for retirement is approved. Average wage means the figure arrived at by taking the total wages for the six months preceding the day on which an event requiring that a computation be made occurs, divided by the total number of days in that period.
How about “pay-as-you-go” contribution benefit?	<i>The “pay-as-you-go” contribution benefit was terminated for foreign employees on adoption of the Labor Standards Act by Academia Sinica on January 1, 2008. It is no longer available to foreign employees of Academia Sinica.</i>

<p>What is the Labor Standards Act? What are the pros and cons of applying this Act to foreigners' at Academia Sinica?</p>	<p><i>The Labor Standards Act began applying to the Academia Sinica's contract-based employees who are under non-personnel fees on January 1, 2008. Many additional rights and benefits have been gained by applying the Act such as: severance payment (Article 18 of the Act); more overtime wages (Article 24 of the Act); leave of absence for finding a new job (Article 16 of the Act); setting up of work rules and submission to the competent authorities for approval and registration (Article 70 of the Act); labor-management conferences held regularly for mutual communication (Article 83 of the Act); more holidays (Article 23 of Enforcement Rules of the Labor Standards Act); wages for the days on which special holidays should have been, but were not taken (Article 24 of the Enforcement Rules); Labor Day holiday (Article 23 of the Enforcement Rules). Rights and benefits are also maintained from the previous system: days of miscellaneous authorized absences and vacations, special holidays, calculation of special holidays on seniority. Where previous regulations adopted by Academia Sinica have more favorable terms than those provided in the Act, then the original terms are preserved. In addition, employees are eligible for labor pension, labor insurance and healthcare insurance.</i></p>
<p>What has happened to the benefits employees received before the implementation of the Labor Standards Act?</p>	<p>Benefits that were provided before the Labor Standards Act was applied are protected well after its implementation. In general, the employees' rights and benefits increased after the adoption of the Act, and a number of <i>regulations adopted by the Academy containing more favorable terms than those provided in the Act have been preserved. The only major change incurred by the adoption of the Labor Standards Act by Academia Sinica is that the new pension system (personal account system) of the Labor Pension Act that applies to domestic employees cannot apply to foreign employees. However, the right of foreign employees to receive a retirement pension remains through other provisions.</i></p>
<p>What leave are Academia Sinica employees entitled to?</p>	<p>The Academy's policy on special leave for contract employees is as follows: Those who have served a complete fiscal year, are entitled to 7 days of special leave from the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.  Those who have served for 3 fiscal years are entitled to 14 days of special leave from the 4<sup>th</sup> year; Those who have served for 6 fiscal years are entitled to 21 days of special leave from the 7<sup>th</sup> year.  Those who have served for 9 fiscal years are entitled to 28 days of special leave from the 10<sup>th</sup> year.  Those who have served 14 fiscal years are entitled to 30 days of special leave from the 15<sup>th</sup> year.  For those who take up a position at Academia Sinica after February in any year, the length of special leave will be given in proportion with actual appointment time and be effective from the next January.  In addition contract employees are eligible to 14 days of</p>

	Academy. [N.B. Since the regulations on special leave adopted by the Academia Sinica contain more favorable terms than those provided in the Labor Standards Act, they are preserved. In addition to the above-mentioned special leave, the Academia Sinica's regulations governing personal leave, pre-maternity leave, maternity leave and funeral leave are also more favorable than those provided in the Act.]
How does the retirement payment for foreigners and domestic workers differ?	Domestic employees are subject to the Labor Pension Act, and retirement pension can be claimed when they reach the age of 60. Foreign employees are subject to the Labor Standards Act, and retirement payment can be claimed when: (1) the employee attains the age of 60 and has worked for 10 years; (2) the employee attains the age of 55 and has worked for 15 years; (3) the employee has worked for more than 25 years. The regulations governing the standards of paying retirement payments in the Labor Standards Act ( <i>2 months of average wage shall be paid for each year of service, provided that each year of service exceeding 15 years shall be entitled to 1 month of average wage</i> ) are more favorable than those provided in the Labor Pension Act for domestic employees (who only receive 72% of their monthly wage per year).
How can a foreign employee become eligible for the same terms that apply to domestic employees?	According to the Nationality Act, foreign nationals who become naturalized Taiwanese citizens are subject to the Acts which apply to domestic employees.
Why was there no prior notice to the foreigners about the changes in the pension provisions for foreigners?	To improve staff and personnel clerks understanding of the Act, Personnel Office has held four seminars respectively on May 6, 20, 21 and 22, 2009 (three of them were held for staff who are subject to the Act, and foreign contract-based staff could be found at each of the seminars. One was held for personnel, accounting clerks and cashiers. Personnel clerks could explain to the staff in the unit). During the seminars, all the relevant rights and benefits concerning the Act and the retirement benefits were explained very clearly.
Are Post Doctorial Fellows who do not complete 10 years of service at Academia Sinica eligible for retirement payments?	1. The conditions for claiming retirement pension are the same as for other foreign employees: (1) Voluntary retirement: has worked for 25 years; Or attains the age of 55 and has worked for 15 years; Or attains the age of 60 and has worked for 10 years. (2) Mandatory retirement: Attains the age of.
Are Post Doctorial Fellows who complete 10 years of service in Taiwan but not continually at Academia Sinica eligible for retirement payments?	According to the Labor Standards Act, the calculation for retirement payments is limited to the same employer. Employees who meet the requirements and apply for retirement at the Academy will receive retirement pension. Employees who have worked less than 10 years or do not work continually at Academia Sinica cannot apply for retirement pension.

Regarding the pay-as-you-go contribution benefit scheme, that was terminated on 1 January, 2008: Many people who left between January and April of 2008 received the full amount of money (including the 6% mandatory contribution), but people who are still employed at Academia Sinica will not get the full amount. Why is there no choice for foreign staff? Is this fair for those who will not get the 6% mandatory contribution?

1. The Academy conducted several negotiations between the Academy and the Council of Labor Affairs from January 2008 to April 2009, asking for exclusion of the Academy from the application of the Labor Standards Act. During the period when the Academy was seeking exclusion from the Act, the “pay-as-you-go” contribution benefit was still operated pursuant to the previous regulations in order to protect the employees’ rights and benefits in accordance with Article 5 of Regulations of Pay-as-you-go Contribution Benefit for Personnel Served in all Organizations and Schools under Civil Contractual Relationship, whereby the employee and the Academy contributed 6% respectively to a special account and the whole amount is transferred to the employee’s account when he/she resigns.  
The matter concerning the adoption of the Act for contract employees was proposed at the Conference of Executives in April 2009 for the President’s approval of adopting the Act dating back to January 1, 2008. Therefore, the mandatory contribution of “pay-as-you-go” contribution scheme which were contributed from January 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009 for contract employees were contributed to the labor retirement pension (for domestic employees), and the labor retirement reserve fund (for foreign employees).
2. *To protect the rights of foreign employees, the Academy submitted an official document to the Council of Labor Affairs asking for permission to allow foreign employees to take back the mandatory pension contributions which were contributed from January 2008 to April 2009. The Council refused the permission. Therefore, the mandatory pension contributions paid from January 2008 to April 2009 were transferred to the labor retirement pension (for domestic employees) or the labor reserve fund account (for foreign employees) according to the Act. The voluntary (personal) contributions and the mandatory contributions paid before January 2008 were returned to employees. Number of years of service for retirement is computed starting from January 2008.*
3. *The total amount of mandatory pension contributions of “pay-as-you-go” pension scheme which were contributed from January 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009 for foreign employees are now contributed to the labor retirement reserve fund. When an employee meets the retirement requirements, retirement payment can be claimed in accordance with Article 55 of the Act [2 months of average wage shall be paid for each year of service, for each year of service exceeding 15 years 1 month of average wage shall be paid up to a maximum of 45 months of average wage.]*

<p>When we signed employment contracts in the past, why were domestic employees asked to choose between the “Labor Standards Act” and the Academy’s “pay-as-you-go contribution benefit system,” but foreigners could only choose the Academy’s pension system?</p>	<p>Before the adoption of the Act on January 1, 2008, domestic employees could choose between the labor retirement pension and the pay-as-you-go contribution scheme according to the Executive Yuan’s No. 0940085232 official letter in 2005 stating that “temporary employees in civil institutions who are employed by non-civil servant regulations... shall start contributing voluntary retirement pension from January 1, 2006, according to Article 7 of the Labor Pension Act.”</p> <p>The percentage of the governmental contribution was the same, 6%, either for the labor retirement pension system or in the pay-as-you-go contribution system. To protect domestic employees’ rights, the Academy decided to allow the contract employees to choose between the pay-as-you-go contribution system and the labor retirement pension. Because foreign employees are not subject to the Labor Pension Act, they were only able to follow the pay-as-you-go pension system.</p>
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### 3. Procedures for Legal Residency in Taiwan

#### (i) Visa (Visitor and Resident)

Foreign nationals may obtain tourist visas if they hold passports or travel documents valid for more than six months, for purposes of sightseeing, business, family visits, study or training, medical treatment, or other legitimate activities. The Visitor Visa Application Form can be downloaded from the website of the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<http://www.boca.gov.tw/mp?mp=2>). The completed form should be submitted to an Embassy or an overseas mission of the Republic of China (ROC) for visa issuance.

Foreign nationals who are planning to work or study in Academia Sinica are advised to apply for a “Visitor Visa” before arriving Taiwan. A “Visitor Visa” is generally valid for three months. The Institute administrator will help with the documents necessary to apply for a “Resident Visa” when the foreigner starts work/study at Academia Sinica. Please note the following government regulation: If a foreigner who had entered the ROC with Visitor Visa is subsequently legally employed in the ROC, he/she must change the Visitor Visa to a Resident Visa. For more information, please consult the following offices.

#### ◆ Bureau of Consular Affairs

Address: 3~5 Fl., 2-2 Chi-Nan Rd., Sec. 1, Central Union Building North (Behind the Ministry of Education), Taipei, Taiwan, ROC  
 Tel: 886-2-2343-2888, 2343-2867 or 2343-2866  
 Website: <http://www.boca.gov.tw/mp?mp=2>

#### ◆ National Immigration Agency

15, Guangzhou St., Zhongzheng District, Taipei, Taiwan, 100-66, ROC.  
 Tel: (02) 2388-9393; Office Hour: 08:00-17:30 (Monday – Friday)  
 Website: <http://www.immigration.gov.tw/welcome.htm>

Foreign students who have received a formal letter of admission should apply to the nearest Embassy or an overseas mission of the Republic of China (ROC) for a visitor visa or a resident visa. As soon as you have enrolled in the university and received your student I.D., those who entered Taiwan with a visitor's visa will need to change to a resident visa at the Visa Section of the Bureau of Consular Affairs (address and phones are shown above).

With a resident visa at hand, one can then apply for the Alien Resident Certificate (ARC).

## (ii) Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)

### ◆ Who should apply for an ARC?

According to **Immigration Law and Regulations Governing Alien visits, Residence and Permanent Residence**, all foreigners holding resident visas and intending to live in Taiwan for more than 180 days are required to apply for the ARC.

### ◆ What are the benefits of ARC?

One may reside in Taiwan legally.

Along with the ARC, upon request, a re-entry permit can be issued to allow one to re- enter the country within the validation date.

One may open a savings account (and ATM card) in Chunghwa Post Office and banks.

One may join the labor insurance (for reference: <http://www.bli.gov.tw/en/>) and the pension plan.

One may join the National Health Insurance (NHI) Program. Refer to the following "Medical Care" section for details.

### ◆ When should one apply for an ARC?

Once you have been granted a Resident Visa, you should apply for an ARC **within 15 days** upon entering the country or changing status to resident visa.

Please have the following documentation ready to apply for the ARC.

- Two copies of completed application form
- A valid passport with resident visa
- Two recent passport-sized photos
- Relevant certificates (Refer to the back of the application form)
- Application Fee: NT\$1,000 (One year)/ NT\$2,000(Two years) /NT\$3,000 (Three years)

Once the application materials are ready, you may proceed to either one of the following two offices (shown below) to process the application. The processing needs five working days. For renewal or re-issuance (lost, stolen, or damaged) application, follow the same procedure above, except only one passport-sized photo is needed.

### ◆ How to extend the validity of ARC?

The validity of ARC is for one year. Foreigners should pay close attention to the **expiration** date stamped on the ARC. The extension of an ARC must be applied **one month** prior to the expiration date. A surcharge may be applied to late application. Please be reminded that it is the ARC-bearer's responsibility to renew annually.

<p><b>National Immigration Agency County - Taipei City Service Center</b></p>	<p><b>National Immigration Agency County - New Taipei City Service Center</b></p>
<p>Address: NO.15, Guangjhou St., Jhongheng District, Taipei City Tel: (02) 2388-9393; Office Hour: 08:00- 17:30 (Mon. – Fri.)</p>	<p>Address: No. 168, Minzu Rd., Banciao City, New Taipei City Tel: (02) 8964-7960; Office Hour: 8:30-17:00 (Mon. – Fri.)</p>
<p>(1)<u>MRT</u>: Take the Banchiao-Nangang Line (or Blue Line) at Kunyang Station, transfer to Ximen – Chiang Kai Shek Line (or Green Line) at Ximen Station and get off at Xiaonanmen Station. Take Exit 2 to Guangjhou St. and look for #15, the National Immigration Agency. (2)<u>Bus</u>: Take Bus 212 and get off at Taipei City Ho-Ping Hospital Station on Chung-Hua Road. Proceed on Chung-Hua Road for a short distance turn left at the Gaungjhou St cross section. Look for #15.</p>	<p>(1)<u>MRT</u>: Take the Banchiao-Nangang Line (Blue Line) at Kunyang Station and get off at Banchiao Station. Take Exit 2 and walk straight ahead for 10 minutes until you see Far Eastern Department Store. National Immigration Agency New Taipei City Service Center is behind Far Eastern Department Store. (2)<u>Bus</u>: Take 306 to Nan Sung Shan and transfer to Bus 307 and get off at Taipei Telecommunications Training Institute Station. Then follow the directions described above for <u>MRT</u>.</p>
	

**(iii) Reminders**

Alien residents wishing to leave Taiwan should carry with them their passports, valid ARCs, or re-entry permits for exit verification at the certificate-verifying unit of airport and harbor. Alien residents wishing to leave Taiwan and return must apply for a re-entry permit through the Service Center, prior to departure. Before terminating your employment, you need to cancel your ARC and re-entry permit within 7 days of leaving your job. The following documents are needed: passport, ARC, plane ticket, and proof of termination of your employment.

Alien resident must report to the 1st Section of the local police precinct between January and March of each year for an annual alien census check.

Alien residents must report any changes of address to the Foreign Affairs Section of local Police Department within 15 days after moving. For example, if one moves from Taipei City to New Taipei City, one should notify the new address to New Taipei City local Police Department within 15 days. A fine of NT\$ 5000 will be applied for failing to report.

#### 4. Income Tax

Foreigners who work or study legally (i.e., with ARC) in Taiwan are required to file an income tax return every year. The filing starts May 1<sup>st</sup> and ends May 31<sup>st</sup> following the tax year that has ended. Please contact the accountant or treasurer of the host Institute (Preparatory Office) or Research Center for assistance. Guidelines for the filing of income tax for a foreigner can be found on the National Tax Administration website: <https://www.ntbna.gov.tw/etwmain?site=en> or National Taxation Bureau of Taipei. <https://www.ntbt.gov.tw/etwmain?site=en>

#### 5. Health Insurance

##### (i) The National Health Insurance (NHI) Program

###### ◆ The Monthly Premium

A foreign employee can join the NHI immediately after he/she has obtained the ARC. Foreign visitors, students and Mainland China employee/visitors with a valid ARC and have resided in Taiwan for more than four months are entitled/required to enroll in the NHI Program of Taiwan. The NHI monthly premium is prorated according to salary. For example, the premium is under NT\$ 1000 for a salary of NT\$ 65000 per month.

###### ◆ The Benefits

- (A) Outpatient services, inpatient (hospital) care, and medications that are provided by the contracted medical care institutions in the case of illness, injury, or childbirth.
- (B) Preventive health care, such as children's preventive health care, prenatal examinations, and adult's health examinations.
- (C) After receiving emergency treatment at a non-contracted medical institution in Taiwan or at a medical institution overseas, the insured may subsequently apply to the Bureau of National Health Insurance (BNHI) for reimbursement of covered medical expenses.

###### ◆ The Waiting Period

An alien is eligible to apply for NHI after a four-month waiting period. It is advisable to purchase medical insurance other than NHI to cover the first four months in Taiwan.

For more information on the NHI Program, visit the BNHI website at: [http://www.nhi.gov.tw/english/index.aspx?menu=8&menu\\_id=30&webdata\\_id=0&WD\\_ID=30](http://www.nhi.gov.tw/english/index.aspx?menu=8&menu_id=30&webdata_id=0&WD_ID=30). If you have any enquiries about the NHI Program, please call the toll free number: 0800-212-369, e-mail to [nhia@mail.nhi.gov.tw](mailto:nhia@mail.nhi.gov.tw), or contact the offices below:

NHI Headquarters	140, Sec. 3, Hsinyi Rd, Taipei, Taiwan 106 ROC Tel: 0800-212-369 Office Hours: 8:30-17:30 Mon. to Fri.
Taipei Branch of BNHI	5F., No.15-1, Gongyuan Rd., Zhongzheng District, Taipei, Taiwan, 10048 ROC Service Hotline: 886-2- 2523-2388 Office Hours: 8:30-17:30 Mon. to Fri.

Note: There are medical consulting services offered in mandarin, Taiwanese & English languages during the office hours of both agencies.

**(ii) AS Group Insurance Program**

AS provides a non-compulsory group insurance program (official name: Academia Sinica Employee Insurance Benefit Plan). All full-time employees of Academia Sinica (AS) between the ages of 15 and 65 can apply to join the program. You may also apply to cover your spouse, children and parents. The current insurance company is Farglory Life Insurance (<http://www.fglife.com.tw/>). Please note that with AS approval, the contract may be renewed, even the insurance company can be changed. Monthly premium is \$398/\$446 NT for each employee and \$200 NT or less for spouse/child.

Customer services are handled by Shi-Dai Insurance Agent Company (<http://www.taconet.com.tw/timelife/>).

The contact person is Ms. Chen. For enquiry, you may contact her at 0933-924-969 (Cell) or 2560-1988, 2766-2641(Office)

**(iii) International Technical Cooperation**

For information about the International Technical Cooperation Personnel Comprehensive Insurance, please contact with Department of Life Insurance, Bank of Taiwan:

Ms. An.

Tel 02-2784-9151 # 2107-2109; #2727 (Ms. An)

Fax: 02-2706-8042

Post Account: 00149339

Address: 1F., No. 69, Sec. 2, DunHua S. Rd. Taipei City.

**6. Employee Mental Health Counseling Service**

Clinical psychologists from Taipei City Hospital Songde Branch are invited to Academia Sinica to provide counseling service from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Tuesdays. In addition, books and CDs on mental health and counseling guidance are available for employees to borrow. Lectures on mental health in the working environment are also held regularly.

Counseling Service Phone: Ms. Alice Wang (02) 2789-9427

Counseling Flow (<http://hro.sinica.edu.tw/psy/attachment1.doc>)

Application Form (<http://hro.sinica.edu.tw/psy/attachment2.doc>)

Email to: [mh@gate.sinica.edu.tw](mailto:mh@gate.sinica.edu.tw)

## 7. Emergency Information

The following table lists important telephone numbers for various kinds of emergencies.

**You are advised to call the hotline at 0800-024-111 for 24-hour assistance if you have difficulty communicating with the duty officer of 119 or 110 because of language barrier.**

Service units	Phone	Services summary
Police	110	Criminal offence, traffic accidents and other incidents requesting police assistance.
Fire departments	119	Fire, assisting accident casualties and other emergencies requesting urgent assistance.
Domestic violence help line	113	Provides 24 hour emergency assistance in cases of domestic abuse and legal and psychological services for injured parties.

### Home services telephone

Service	Telephone	Service summary
Phone repair	112	Telephone repair.
Local directory assistance	104	Local telephone number inquiry service.
Long-distance directory assistance	105	Long-distance telephone number inquiry service.
English directory assistance	106	Domestic telephone inquiry service in English.
International operator	100	International telephone operator services.
Electrical power service line (Taipower)	0800-031-212	Year-round 24-hour service.
Taipei running water service center	8733-5678	Year-round 24-hour service.
Taiwan Provincial Water company service center	0800-000-876	Year-round 24-hour service.
Consumer hotline	1950	Consultation services related to consumer rights and interests.
Bureau of National Health Insurance inquiry hotline	0800-212-369	Consultation regarding health insurance and using the NHI IC card.
Sightseeing inquiry hotline	0800-011-765	24-hour consultation services in Chinese, English and Japanese.
Taipei City Government service hotline	1999	Consultation regarding all types of municipal issues. English available.
AIDS hotline	0800-888-995	Year-round 24-hour service.

## **Section III. Living in Nangang and Taipei**

### **1. Housing/Accommodations**

#### **(i) Inside Academia Sinica Campus**

##### ◆ Academic Activity Center

Academic Activity Center is an ideal place for short visits (less than a month) to Academia Sinica. There are 72 single rooms, 54 double-rooms and one suite in the Academic Activity Center. All rooms are equipped with telephone, internet connection, TV, and a refrigerator. The daily rates for a single room are NT\$1250 (superior); for a double room the rates are NT\$1700 (superior). The checkout time is at noon. Only New Taiwan dollars are accepted for payment. However, US dollars (cash) can be exchanged to New Taiwan dollars at the service counter. Details of Academic Activity Center services can be found on the following website: <http://gao.sinica.edu.tw/huo-dong/room-online-en.php>

Tel: (+886-2) 2785-2717 / Fax: (+886-2) 2783-3905

Reservations should be made through your affiliated Institute (Preparatory Office) or Research Center.

##### ◆ Scholars' Guest House

The Scholars' Guest House provides for visitors who stay longer than a month but less than a year at Academia Sinica. It has 24 furnished apartments in a 6-story building, and is located behind the Academic Activity Center. The monthly rate, paid at the end of every month, telephone, cable TV, and utilities are extra. Reservations should be made through your affiliated Institute (Preparatory Office) or Research Center.

Note: Both the Academic Activity Center and Scholars' Guest House respond to applications issued by Institutes (Preparatory Offices) or Research Centers only. All visitors are advised to keep close contact with their affiliated Institutes regarding accommodation on campus. A valid ID or passport should be presented during registration.

##### ◆ Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP) Student Dormitory

TIGP operates a student dormitory independently. The building is located 100 meters directly across the street from the Academia Sinica Main Gate. The dormitory is dedicated to TIGP students. It has 130 en-suite rooms for single occupancy only. A nominal residential fee(s) (NT\$5500 includes the utility) is charged monthly. A deposit of one month rent is required at the time the residential contract is signed. The deposit is refundable at the end of the tenancy. The facilities of the room include a single bed and mattress, a desk and chair, a bookshelf, a wardrobe, two cabinets, one wastebasket, one internet hook-up port, a telephone (service is excluded) and a bathroom with shower and toilet. Linen, blankets, towels, pillow and duvet are not supplied. Please refer to page 70 for further details.

#### **(ii) Off Campus Housing**

There are quite a few rental apartments and boarding houses within the vicinity of Academia Sinica campus and Taipei city. The availability can be found in (English) newspaper. In addition, a few websites offer free rental information.

TSUEI MA MA Foundation for Housing and Community Service	<a href="http://www.tmm.org.tw/English/index.html">http://www.tmm.org.tw/English/index.html</a>
Taiwan Houses	<a href="http://www.twhouses.com.tw/netc/chengSearch/englishsearch.html">http://www.twhouses.com.tw/netc/chengSearch/englishsearch.html</a>
Academia Sinica website (in Chinese):	<a href="http://app.sinica.edu.tw/rent/">http://app.sinica.edu.tw/rent/</a>
591 rental network (in Chinese)	<a href="http://rent.591.com.tw/">http://rent.591.com.tw/</a>
TeaLit (Teaching English and living in Taiwan)	<a href="http://www.tealite.com">http://www.tealite.com</a>

Note: Not all local residents can speak fluent English. All official documents are in Chinese. An official transcript needs to be public notarized. Therefore, it is very difficult for a foreigner who is not able to speak and/or to read Chinese to find a rental place. For this reason, it is advisable for all visitors to seek help from the host Institute (Preparatory Office) or Research Center. You can ask your institute to help you.

### (iii) Where to buy the furniture?

#### ◆ '2nd-hand Street'

Xiamen St., Zhongzheng District, Taipei City 100, Taiwan

You can buy used furniture at the stores on the Xiamen St.

Take MRT and get off at Guting Station and walk for 500 meters.

#### ◆ IKEA (<http://www.ikea.com/tw/>)

Address	Telephone	Business Hours
B1, No. 100, Tun-Hwa N. Road, Song-Shan Dist. 105 Taipei (Asia-World Shopping Mall)	Tel: (02)2716-8900 Fax: (02)2712-5798	Sun. through Thr. and holiday 10:00- 21:30 Fri., Sat. and the day before holiday 10:00 - 22:00

### How to get there?

<p><b><u>Metro:</u></b> Take Mu-Zha Line to "Nanking E. Road Stop", and walk toward Tun-Hwa N. Road for about 10 min.</p>	<p><b><u>Bus:</u></b> Bus Stop: Nanjing-Dunhwa Intersection (near Nanking E. Road): Brown-9、0-East、46、311、652、672、266、279、288、306、307、604、668、605、622、248、282 Kua-Kuan Transportation: Keelung - San-Chong, Keelung - Zhong-Lee Shuttle at Mia-Shuai New Town. Bus Stop: Nanking- TunHwa Block (near Tun-Hwa N. Road): 33、275、277、521、285、630、262、903、905、909 Tun-Hwa Main Trunk、Bo-Ai Bus, San-Chong Transportation: Chang-Geng Univ. - Taipei Municipal Government. Fan-Han Express: Taipei Chang-Geng - Keelung Chang-Geng. Bus Stop: Chang-Geng Univ. (CGU) (near Tun-Hwa N. Road) 652、521、275、630、33、905、906、909、672、285、262、277、0-East Tun-Hwa Main Trunk、Bo-Ai Bus San-Chong</p>
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## 2. Transportation

### (i) Around Taipei City

#### (A) Bus

There are more than 400 bus lines distributed in the 272 square kilometers of Taipei City to serve 2.6 million residents. Thus, the density of bus routes is high in the municipal area. Most of the buses operate from 5:30 a.m. till 11:30 p.m. The average waiting time is about 10 minutes. Fares are charged according to the zoning of individual bus line. The fare for a ride within one zone for an adult costs NT\$15. Student with a valid ID enjoys a 20% discount. Senior citizen over 65 pays only half price. Kids under 115 cm tall and accompanied by a paid adult travel free. Most the bus routes cover only two zones. The bus fare can be paid by coins (exact amount needed, no changes) or an **EasyCard**. Thus, taking the bus is the most effective, convenient, and economic way for moving around in Taipei.

EasyCard, issued by Taipei Smart Card Corporation, is an IC ticketing system for the metro, buses and car parks. EasyCard can be used by one passenger only. When a passenger leaves through the gate, his or her EasyCard must be read by the sensor. The value of the trip taken will be deducted. If the balance is not enough to pay for the trip, the fare will be deducted from the deposit and the passenger may still exit the station. Value must be added to the card before it can be used again. When adding value to the card, the balance for the previous trip will also be debited.

The details of routes, business hours, and the time interval between two consecutive scheduled runs (i.e., the waiting time) can be found at the following website.  
<http://www.taipeibus.taipei.gov.tw/>

Fourteen bus routes serve Academia Sinica (stop at Academia Sinica): 205, 212 (two routes), 270 (two routes), 276, 306, 620, 645, blue 25, S1, S5, S12, and Chih-Nan Bus #679. The names of the terminal stations and a few popular stops are listed at below:

<b>Bus#205</b>	Lingyun 5th Village-Donyuan (popular stops: <u>Academia Sinica</u> , Nangang Administrative Center [Nangang train station], Sungshan Train Station, Chinghua Living Mall, Department of Motor Vehicle, Sungshan Train Station, and Kuanghua Market)
<b>Bus#212</b>	JiuZhuang-The Youth Park (popular stops: <u>Academia Sinica</u> , Nankan Administrative Center [Nangang train station], MRT Kunyang Station, Taipei Municipal Chungxiao hospital, and MRT Taipei Railroad Main Station)
<b>Bus#212 Ex</b>	Chungxiao East Road Express: JiuZhuang-The Youth Park (popular stops: <u>Academia Sinica</u> , a temporary stop [Nangang train station], Nangang Administrative Center, MRT Kunyang Station, Sungshan, Taipei Municipal Chungxiao hospital, MRT Taipei Railroad Main Station)
<b>Bus#270</b>	Lingyun 5th Village-ZhongHua Rd. (popular stops: <u>Academia Sinica</u> , a temporary stop [Nangang train station], MRT Kunyang station, Taipei Municipal Chungxiao hospital, Dr. Sun Yat Shen Memorial Hall, and National Taiwan University Hospital)
<b>Bus#270 Ex</b>	Lingyun 5 <sup>th</sup> Village and Taipei City Government Building Shuttle (popular stops: <u>Academia Sinica</u> , a temporary stop [Nangang train station], MRT Kunyang station, Taipei Municipal Chungxiao hospital, and Taipei City Government Building)

<b>Bus#276</b>	JiuZhuang-Hengyang Road (Popular stops: <u>Academia Sinica</u> , Nangang Administrative Center [Nangang train station], Sungshan Train Station, and Adventist Hospital)
<b>Bus#306</b>	JiuZhuang-Luzhou (Popular stops: <u>Academia Sinica</u> , Nangang Administrative Center [Nangang train station], Sungshan Train Station, Taipei Arena, and MRT Chungshan Station)
<b>Bus#620</b>	China Institute of Technology-Shinkuang Hospital (popular stops: <u>Academia Sinica</u> , Kangning Hospital and Taipei 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fruits and Vegetables Market)
<b>Bus#645</b>	Lingyun 5th Village-Taipei Veterans General Hospital (popular stops: <u>Academia Sinica</u> , Tri-Service General Hospital and Taipei Flower Market)
<b>Bus#Blue25</b>	China Institute of Technology-MRT Kunyang Station (popular stop: <u>Academia Sinica</u> , a temporary stop [Nangang train station])
<b>Bus#S1</b>	China Institute of Technology-Neigo (popular stop: <u>Academia Sinica</u> , Nangang Administrative Center [Nangang train station])
<b>Bus#S5</b>	Kuangming Temple-MRT Kunyang Station (popular stop: <u>Academia Sinica</u> , Nangang Administrative Center [Nangang train station])
<b>Bus#S12</b>	Fude Cemetery-MRT Kunyang Station (popular stop: <u>Academia Sinica</u> , Nangang Administrative Center [Nangang train station], Taipei Zoo)
<b>Chih-Nan Bus #679</b>	Jinlong Temple-Taipei Zoo (popular stop: <u>Academia Sinica</u> , Shen-keng, Taipei Zoo)

Note: There is no uniform way on when to pay the bus fare. Some pay when boarding the bus, and some pay when disembarking. It depends on the bus line and sometimes even depends on the driver. However, one can tell by a sign with a red light panel above the driver facing the boarding passenger. Be sure to learn the Chinese character 上車投票 and 下車投票. The key words are 上 (get on) and 下 (get off).

### (B) Taipei Mass Rapid Transit (MRT)

The Taipei MRT Company operates nine lines (including two branch lines) and one cable car (Maokong Gondola) to serve the Taipei Metropolitan. The lines are listed at below:

Name of MRT Lines	Terminal Stations
Wenhu Line (brown)	Taipei Zoo - Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center
Bannan Line (blue)	Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center- Dingpu
Zhonghe-Xinlu Line (orange)	Nanshijiao - Huilong/Luzhou
Tamsui-Xinyi Line (red)	Tamsui - Xiangshan
Songshan-Xindian Line (green)	Songshan-Xindian

The red and blue lines meet at MRT Taipei Railroad Station, which is one of the major transfer stops for MRT and other transportations (e.g. train, high speed railway).

For Metro Network map, please refer to page 104.

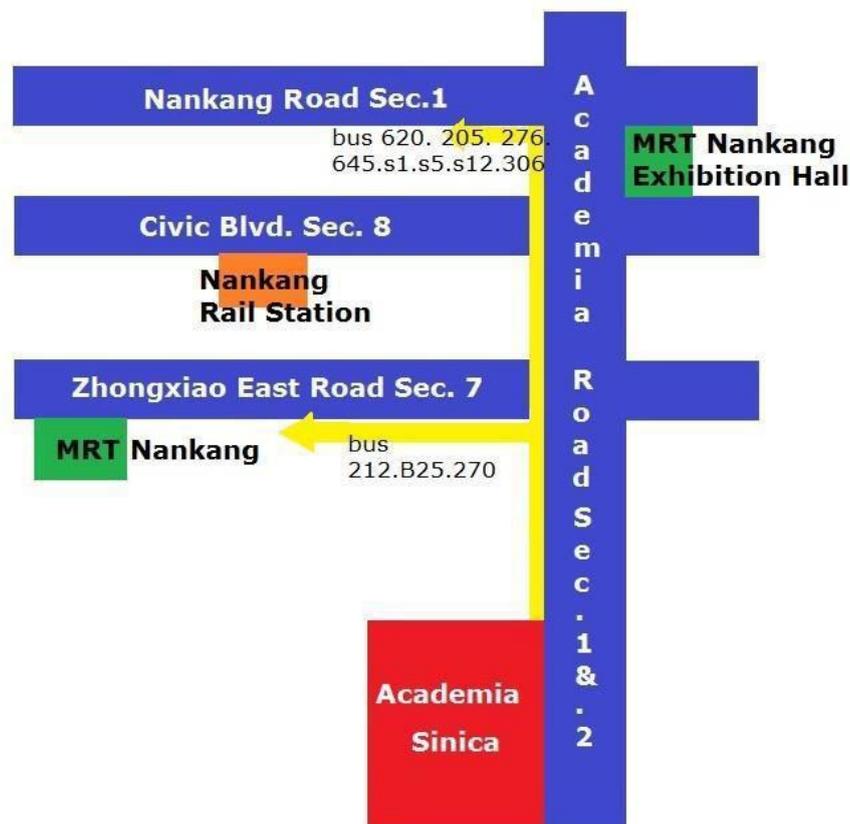
The MRT running hours are from 06:00 am to midnight. One-way token can be purchased at the ticket vending machine prior to boarding the train. The fare is between NT\$20-60 depending on distance traveled. Do not buy more than what you need for the ride because you'll not get back the ticket/token (and thus the residual fare) for one-way tickets. Frequent riders are encouraged to buy a prepaid Easycard. To use the Easycard, one will get 20% off on the MRT rides and also 50% off on the continued bus ride (with one hour buffer time). A multiple entry one-day and group discount tickets are also available. In addition, the Easycard can be used to pay for parking at municipal operated garages. The Easycard can be purchased at the ticket (service) office of MRT stations and convenient stores. Students with valid ID and senior citizens enjoy the similar discount as the City bus system.

Detailed information, such as the routes map, features of interest, connecting bus routes of each MRT station, etc., can be found in MRT stations and website:

<http://english.trtc.com.tw/>

The nearest MRT station to Academia Sinica is Taipei Nankang Exhibition Center (Blue or Brown Line). It is connected to Academia Sinica by several bus lines (refer to the previous section). The riding time is about 10 minutes. It is faster to take a taxi. The fare is about NT\$100 one way.

### Map from MRT to A.S.



Note: There is a limit of two hours for a single ride on MRT. Eating, drinking, smoking, betel nut/gum chewing, and other misconducts are forbidden in the train and in MRT stations. Cellular phone communication is prohibited in the first and the last cars of the train. Violators will be prosecuted and fined to the extent of the law.

### **(C) Taxi Service**

Taxi service is readily available in Taipei. Most taxi cabs are equipped with radio dispatch devices. For this reason, it is advisable to reserve a cab by phone. Taxi fare in Taipei City has increased from Nov. 1, 2007. Since November, the current night-time fare will apply around the clock, with the flag-drop rate remaining at NT\$70 for the first 1.25km, after which an additional NT\$5 will be applied for every 250m, down from the current 300m. An additional NT\$5 will also be applied for every one minute and 40 seconds of waiting time. Passengers will be required to pay NT\$20 extra on metered fares between 11pm and 6am. During the Lunar New Year holidays, passengers will need to pay an additional NT\$20.

Note: A taxi cannot take more than four persons and all passengers must fasten the seat belt, it is a requirement enforced by law.

### **(D) Getting around Taipei by Bicycle or Motor Scooter**

Taipei is not a big city geographically speaking, and walking around is certainly a possibility. It has the most comprehensive public transportation system in the country, featuring fleets of buses, a subway with multiple lines (all being expanded at the moment), and there are hordes of taxis. Roughly 50% of the population owns a motor scooter or motorcycle. Many foreigners take the driver's test (available in English) or use an international driver's license, and buy or rent a scooter. Riding a bicycle is also an option. Traveling outside of Taipei can be done by bus, train, car rental, or plane at a fraction of the cost in North America.

Even though motorized traffic is very heavy in Taipei, bicycles are still legitimate vehicles to get around. For less dangerous riding, the Taipei City Cycling Map shows well designated bike routes.

The Cycleland Foundation (自行車新文化基金會) and Taipei City offer a comprehensive map showing the locations of all bike trails, rental stations, MRT lines and stations with bicycle access, and ferries that carry bicycles. Visit Taipei City Hall to get a map.

More information can be found at <http://www.cycling-lifestyle.org.tw/> or by calling (02) 2719- 2025. Or you can also take use of Taipei City bicycle:

Youbike

<http://www.youbike.com.tw/>.

### **(ii) Shuttle Buses to Partner Universities**

There are several shuttle buses between Academia Sinica and some partner universities of AS, like NTU, NTHU, NCTU and NYMU during school semester time. Bus schedules are subject to change. Please verify schedules by referring to the "Academia Sinica" website at [https://www.sinica.edu.tw/en/articles/23\\_Academia Sinica Shuttle Bus Service Schedule](https://www.sinica.edu.tw/en/articles/23_Academia_Sinica_Shuttle_Bus_Service_Schedule).

### **(iii) Other Ways of Getting to National Taiwan University (NTU)**

The Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences and the Institute of Astronomy & Astrophysics, Academia Sinica are located on the main campus of National Taiwan University. The address of the National Taiwan University main campus is: **No.1, Sec. 4, Roosevelt Road, Taipei, Taiwan.**

For more information about National Taiwan University, please visit NTU official website: <http://www.ntu.edu.tw/english/>

**To reach the main campus of National Taiwan University:**

### By MRT

Take the Danshui-Xindian (red/green) line to Gongguan station. The Main Gate of the campus is located at Exit #3 of Gongguan station.

### By Bus

24 bus routes stop at NTU Main Campus: 0-South、109、207、253、280、280(StraightLine)、284、284-StragihTLine、290、311、505、52、642、643、668、671、675、676、907、SongjiangMainLine、SongJiang-XinShengMainLine、Dunhua Main Line、G11、530。(Please check <http://www.e-bus.taipei.gov.tw/> for routes details)

## Map of National Taiwan University



#### **(iv) Driving in Taiwan**

If you decide that public transportation is not for you and you decide to chance the traffic of Taiwan streets, then you will need to know more about drivers' licenses. Basically the legal driving age is 18. The most important thing you need to have if you decide to drive in Taiwan is the International Driver's License (IDL). The IDL allows you to drive legally for the first 30 days after you arrive in Taiwan, unless you are from following countries: Italy, Vatican, Finland, Saudi Arabia, Amman, Nigeria, Japan, Paraguay, Ecuador, U.S. (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Florida).

If you wish to continue driving legally after this 30 day period you must go down to the nearest Motor Vehicles Office and have your IDL endorsed with a sticker. The procedure to extend your IDL is actually quite simple but can be a hassle if you are planning on staying for a long period. If you have heard the rumor that you can drive a 50cc scooter without a license it's not true. You will still need at least a current IDL to drive a 50cc scooter, a car, or a truck.

If you want to get an official ROC license you must first have an ARC (Alien Residence Card). The main advantages of having an R.O.C. license are that you can actually own your vehicle as well as purchase insurance. The procedure to get a R.O.C license is a little more involved but being able to legally own your vehicle and buy insurance is a big advantage.

If you didn't bring any kind of license with you, you can still get a license but you do require an ARC card. You will then have to start with a learner's permit for 3 months, or go to a driving school to shorten this period to 35 days. The same procedure to get an R.O.C license applies, which includes a written test as well as a road test.

The following summarizes procedures for application of a driver's license for visitors from the countries of Australia, Canada, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, UK, or the USA only. If you are from India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, or the states of Oklahoma, Missouri or New Mexico in the US, the procedure for getting a license is much easier. Skip the next two sections and proceed to the section entitled "*Exchanging your license*" below.

***Procedure to Extend an IDL*** As mentioned earlier, this must be done within 30 days of your arrival in Taiwan or your last IDL extension. You must take your International Drivers License, your passport and one recent passport picture to the nearest Motor Vehicles Office. As long as your passport indicates that you have not overstayed they will give you a sticker to put on your IDL. This sticker will allow you to drive a car, truck or 50cc scooter in Taiwan for another 30 days. Keep in mind that even if you leave and return to Taiwan this 30 day expiry date still applies. It is also a good idea to bring along your local driver's license because they also ask for this sometimes. There is no charge for this service. NOTE: If you want to drive a motor vehicle 100cc or more, you must take both a written and road test, and there will be a fee.

***Procedure to get an R.O.C license*** In order to get a R.O.C license you must have an ARC. If you don't have one, you will just have to do with the extending your IDL. If you do have an ARC, then read on. Go down to your nearest Motor Vehicles Office bringing along your 1) ARC; 2) International Driver's License and/or local license; 3) passport; and 4) two photos. (NOTE: If your license is not in English, you will have to get it translated into English by a government recognized translation company). The Motor Vehicles Office will give you a written test (don't worry it's in English), and a road test. They will also give what is called a

physical, but all this involves is measuring your weight, height, testing your vision, and writing down what color your eyes and hair are, that's it. Not all branches of the Motor Vehicles Office provide the physical service, so you may have to take the proper form and get it completed at a recognized hospital or clinic. NOTE: If you want to drive a motor vehicle 100cc or higher, you must take an extra test, and there will be additional costs for this type of license.

***Exchanging your license*** The procedure to get a license can be very easy if you have a IDL or a driver's license from your own country, and if you happen to fall into one of the categories below. Simply take your license to your nearest Motor Vehicle Branch and exchange it for a R.O.C. license. You will receive whatever driving privileges you had in your country and you don't even have to take a written test or a road test.

**A.** Those who have a valid international driver's license issued in one of the following countries may be issued an ROC driver's license without testing: Hungary, Belgium, Denmark, India, Vietnam, Cambodia, Burma, Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Burkina Faso, Bahamas, Honduras, Panama, St. Lucia, St. Christopher and Nevis, Belize, Tonga, Nauru, Nicaragua, Peru, Venezuela, Colombia, Dominican Republic, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Gambia, Libya, Swaziland, Malawi, Guinee-Bissau, Madagascar, Mauritius, Angola, Liberia, Central African Republic, Haiti, Costa Rico, Solomon Islands, Salvador, Bolivia, United States (Virginia, New Mexico).

**B.** Those with valid driver's license issued in the following countries may be issued an ROC driver's license without testing: Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, Darussalam, Uruguay, Bahamas, Honduras, Panama, St. Lucia, St. Christopher and Nevis, Belize, Bolivia, Solomon Islands, Granada, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Nauru, Nicaragua, France, Hungary, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Zaire, Niger, Libya, Swaziland, Malawi, Guinee-Bissau, Madagascar, Mauritius, Angola, Liberia, Central African Republic, Haiti, Costa Rico, Venezuela, Colombia, Denmark, Jordan, Dominican Republic, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Gambia, and United States (Missouri).

***Written Test*** The written tests are in English and are taken on a computer. They are actually quite easy; however, understanding some of the recorded English might be difficult at times. If you drove back in your own country, then you should have no problem passing this test. The passing score for the written test is 85 %. If you fail the test you must wait another 7 days before taking it again, and pay another fee. So you may want to study up on some of the road signs before taking the test. You can prepare yourself beforehand by borrowing a road manual from your nearest Motor Vehicle Office or taking a look at a sample of the written test on line.

***Road Test*** "The road test in Taiwan" is not actually a "road test". It is more of a "track-test". The motor vehicle branches have set up a driving course within their office buildings, so in reality you never have to go on to the streets of Taiwan. Most branches will even rent you a vehicle to take the test in: a scooter for NT 20 and a car for NT 70. The passing score for the road test is 70%. It takes about a total of two hours to go through the whole procedure (written and road test). The major cities in Taiwan allow the written and road tests to be taken on a walk-in basis throughout the day at your nearest Motor Vehicle Office first. If you really don't want to take a road test you can still obtain a local license for just a 50cc motorcycle by taking the written test.

## Costs

Type of license	Tests	Physical	ROC License	Total
50cc motorcycle	NT125	NT100~250	NT 200	NT425~475
Above 80cc motorcycle	NT250	NT100~250	NT 200	NT550~700
Car	NT450	NT100~250	NT 200	NT750~900
License exchange	N/A	N/A	NT 200	NT200
IDL exchange to Taiwan driver's license	N/A	N/A	N/A	NT250

## **Motor Vehicle Branches**

### **Taipei City Motor Vehicle Branch**

No. 21, Sec. 4, Bade Rd (Pa-Te Rd)., Sungshan Chiu, Taipei, Taiwan 105, Tel: (02)2763-0155

Metropolitan Bus : By 257, 205, 276, 203, 202 off at MVO stop

Subway (MRT) : Get off at Dr. Sun Yet-Sun Memorial Hall Station. The MVO is within 10 minutes by walking.

### **Motor Vehicles Office Hour**

Monday through Friday/daily from 09:00 a.m. to 05:30 p.m.

#### Service hours to apply for the driving test

(1) Motorcycle

Monday through Friday /daily 09:00~11:40 am and 13:30~16:20 pm.

(2) Motorcycle and car

Monday from 13:30 to 16:20 (note: On Monday mornings, there is no driving test for cars.)

Tuesday through Friday /daily 09:00~11:40 am and 13:30~16:20 pm.

The following procedures for application of a driver's license apply to visitors from these countries only: (Australia, Canada, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, UK, or the USA).

If you are from India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, or the states of Oklahoma, Missouri or New Mexico in the US, the procedure for getting a license is much easier. Just go to exchanging your license portion of this page.

#### **(v) Traveling to other parts of Taiwan**

##### **(A) Train**

There are two train systems operated in Taiwan: Taiwan Railway Administration and Taiwan High Speed Rail Company.

##### ◆ Taiwan Railway Administration

The government-owned Taiwan Railway Administration operates the railroad system around the island. There are two classes of train: the express trains (Tze-Chiang, Ju-Kuang, and Fu- Hsing) with reserved seats and the local shuttles. The ticket of the latter trains can be purchased in the station. A monthly pass is also available. The former one can be purchased in the station or ordered via internet (ID required). One may ride from any of the four stations in Taipei: Nangang, Sungshan, Taipei Main, or Wanhua. The express trains stop only at

Sungshan and Taipei Main, though. The schedule, ticket prices, and reservation procedures can be found in Taiwan Train Administration official website:  
<http://www.railway.gov.tw/en/>

The closest train station to Academia Sinica is Nangang, the next, Sungshan. They can be reached by several bus lines (see the “Bus” section). It takes about 10 minutes to reach the Nangang Station and about 20 minutes to Sungshan, by bus.

Note: The train ticket tab can be saved after stamping at the exit. It is recognized (or required in some instances) as a receipt of the ticket procurement.

◆ **Taiwan High Speed Rail (Taiwan High Speed Rail Corporation)**

The Taiwan High Speed Rail (HSR) links Taipei to Kaohsiung over a total distance of 345km with *ca.* 90 minutes traveling time. Currently, eight stations of the high speed rail are under operation, namely, Taipei, Banciao, Taoyuan, Hsinchu, Taichung, Chiayi, Tainan, and Kaohsiung (Zuoying). In the future, four more stations under construction will be added: Nangang, Miaoli, Changhua and Yunlin.

For information about Taiwan High Speed Rail Timetables, Fare Tables and Travel Guide, please go to the following links to download the information needed to plan your trip:

Time & Fare Search	<a href="http://www5.thsrc.com.tw/en/ticket/tic_time_search.asp">http://www5.thsrc.com.tw/en/ticket/tic_time_search.asp</a>
Travel Guide	<a href="http://www5.thsrc.com.tw/en/ticket/tic_guide.asp">http://www5.thsrc.com.tw/en/ticket/tic_guide.asp</a>

◆ **How to purchase tickets:**

**Phone Booking Service Hotlines**

To make a booking from local landlines, please dial 4066-0000 during system opening hours. For Miaoli area: 4266-0000; Taitung and Kinmen areas: 4666-0000; Matsu area and mobile phones: 02-4066-0000. Customer Services 02-4066-3000. For international calls, please dial +886-2-4066-3000 or +886-2-4066-0000. Note: Calls are not toll-free.

**Online booking** <http://www.thsrc.com.tw/>

The system provides on-line reservation for the train which departure date is no more than 28 days later. Nevertheless, on the travel day the on-line reservation is only applicable to the train which departure time is no less than 1 hour before train departure.

◆ **Hours of Operation**

Phone Booking English Service Hotlines are open for booking from 9 am until 6 pm daily.

◆ **Ticket Payment and Pick-up**

The Booking Confirmation Number and customer’s passport number are required for ticket payment and pick-up. Customers can make payments and obtain tickets from either the Ticket Windows or Ticket Vending Machines at any of the stations. Foreign customers who booked senior discount tickets over Phone Booking Service must pick up tickets from the Ticket Windows with their Booking Confirmation Number and passport number, as well as their passports or valid photo identification as proof of age.

**Regular Full Fare Tickets**

Station	Nangang	Taipei	Banqiao	Taoyuan	Hsinchu	Miaoli	Taichung	Changhua	Yunlin	Chiayi	Tainan	Zuoying
Nangang	-	230*	275*	450	630	825	1,195	1,355	1,490	1,690	2,060	2,250
Taipei	40	-	230*	395	575	765	1,125	1,285	1,440	1,635	2,005	2,195
Banqiao	70	40	-	360	530	720	1,085	1,250	1,395	1,600	1,960	2,150
Taoyuan	200	160	130	-	360	555	905	1,085	1,230	1,420	1,790	1,980
Hsinchu	330	290	260	130	-	365	735	905	1,040	1,250	1,610	1,800
Miaoli	480	430	400	280	140	-	545	710	855	1,040	1,420	1,610
Taichung	750	700	670	540	410	270	-	360	495	690	1,060	1,250
Changhua	870	820	790	670	540	390	130	-	330	520	900	1,085
Yunlin	970	930	900	780	640	500	230	110	-	385	745	935
Chiayi	1,120	1,080	1,050	920	790	640	380	250	150	-	555	735
Tainan	1,390	1,350	1,320	1,190	1,060	920	650	530	420	280	-	365
Zuoying	1,530	1,490	1,460	1,330	1,200	1,060	790	670	560	410	140	-

NT. / Dollar

Blue background for Standard Car tickets. | Red background for Business Car tickets.

\* Business Car tickets are not available for travel between Nangang-Taipei, Nangang-Banqiao, and Taipei-Banqiao.

**Non-Reserved Seat Tickets**

Station	Nangang	Taipei	Banqiao	Taoyuan	Hsinchu	Miaoli	Taichung	Changhua	Yunlin	Chiayi	Tainan	Zuoying
Nangang	-											
Taipei	35	-										
Banqiao	65	35	-									
Taoyuan	190	155	125	-								
Hsinchu	320	280	250	125	-							
Miaoli	465	415	385	270	135	-						
Taichung	725	675	645	520	395	260	-					
Changhua	840	795	765	645	520	375	125	-				
Yunlin	940	900	870	755	620	485	220	105	-			
Chiayi	1,085	1,045	1,015	890	765	620	365	240	145	-		
Tainan	1,345	1,305	1,280	1,150	1,025	890	630	510	405	270	-	
Zuoying	1,480	1,445	1,415	1,290	1,160	1,025	765	645	540	395	135	-

NT. / Dollar

Please check <http://www.thsrc.com.tw/> for more details.

**(B) Long distance buses**

There are quite a few privately owned long-distance bus companies serving Taiwan. A consortium station is located near the Taipei Railroad Main Station.

**(C) Air Transportation**

There are municipal airports or airfields in major cities of Taiwan and isolated islands to serve travel by air. Needless to say, it is preferable when time is of major concern. For instance the air travel time from Taipei to Hualien, a city in Eastern Taiwan is about 30 minutes, whereas it takes at least two hours by train or five to six hours by car due the meander mountainous roads. Air travel is also advisable to reach isolated islands such as Kinmen, Mazu, Green Island, and Orchid Island.

The Songshan Domestic Airport serves Taipei Metropolitan area. One may obtain more information by the following website. <http://www.tsa.gov.tw/tsa/en/home.aspx>

A website <http://ticket.ezfly.com/domestic/> provides flying schedules, fares, and reservation service for all airlines.

Taiwan's main domestic carriers are **Mandarin Airlines**, a China Airlines subsidiary, **UNI Air**, controlled by EVA. Flights are frequent, and it is usually unnecessary to book flights in advance. Taipei and Kaohsiung have regular services and links to most other domestic airports; however, it may not be possible to fly from one domestic airport to another. However, the popularity of the high-speed train has drastically cut flights on the once popular west coast sectors, with Taiwan-Kaohsiung flights only a shadow of what they once were.

Still, if you want to visit Taiwan's smaller islands, the plane is still the best option. Fares are not too expensive, and local planes are very good. The domestic airport in Taipei is Song Shan Airport, which is located in the north of the Taipei and easily reached by Taxi. Domestic destinations include Kaohsiung, Tainan, Chiayi, Taichung, Pingtung, Taitung, Hualien, Makung (Penghu / Pescadores), Kinmen, Hengchun, Nangan and Beigan. Travelers heading to Kenting can avail themselves of the direct and frequent bus service from Kaohsiung airport that connect with flights arriving from Taipei.

Note: A valid ID (passport for foreigners) is required to board the plane. The domestic flies observe the same safety standard as the international ones.

#### **(D) Driving your own vehicle or a rental car**

An international driving license is required for driving in Taiwan and may be used for up to 30 days, after which you'll need to apply for a local permit. Some municipalities may impose additional restrictions, so check ahead with the rental shop. VIP Rentals in Taipei is quite happy to rent cars to foreigners, and will even deliver the car to a given destination. A deposit is often required, and the last day of rental is not pro-rated, but calculated on a per-hour basis at a separate (higher) rate.

The numbered highway system is very good in Taiwan. Most traffic signs are in international symbols, but many signs show names of places and streets in Chinese only. Nevertheless, most official directional signs will be written in both Chinese and English. However, the unstandardized Romanization means that English names can vary between road signs, making it rather confusing. The highways are in excellent shape with toll stations around every 30 km. Currently, the toll for an auto is NT\$40 per toll station on a highway. Prepaid tickets may be purchased at most convenience stores, allowing faster passage and eliminating the need to count out exact change while driving.

While driving may be the best way to get around the countryside, in larger cities like Taipei and Kaohsiung, traffic jams are a problem, especially during the rush hour and traffic tends to get chaotic so you might be better off relying on public transport instead.

Cars are driven on the right hand side of the road, similar to US and most countries in the world. Speed limit signs are posted in km/hr. For information on how to obtain a driver's license, please see section on **Driving in Taiwan** above. Additional details may be obtained by contacting the Taipei Motor Vehicle Office. There are three branch offices in Taipei. The closest one to Academia Sinica is as below:

Address: 21 Bade Rd., Sec 4, Taipei / Tel: 2763-0155 and 2767-1900

Website: <https://tpcmv.thb.gov.tw/English/> Hours: 09:00 to 17:30, Monday through Friday.

Highway information can be obtained at the following website: <http://www.freeway.gov.tw/English/Default.aspx>

Note: Car drivers and motorcycle riders should be extremely cautious on the over-crowded roads in Taiwan. A no-fault insurance is compulsory by law.

### **(E) Renting a Car for the Weekend**

Visitors with international licenses may drive a car in Taiwan. However, for those who are not familiar with the road conditions, it is recommended to rent a car with a driver. Cars can be rented at service counters in major airports, train stations and downtown locations. Some of international hotels also provide car rental service which is convenient to visitors who need just airport pick-up or a journey in a few hours.

Some car rental companies allow customers to return cars at more than just one outlet with additional service charge applied. Most car rental companies offer favorable rental packages, but most rental fees do not include insurance, so it is best to make sure of the company's particular policy before taking a car out.

In Taiwan, cars are driven on the right; drivers and passenger in the front must fasten seatbelts. For car-rental traveling, visitors are advised to familiarize Taiwan's driving regulations.

### **(vi) Ways for Getting to Academia Sinica**

#### **◆ From Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport**

Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport is situated 40km (24.8 miles) southwest of Taipei. The trip takes about an hour by car/taxi.

#### **By Taxi**

Taxi cab can be hired outside the Arriving Hall (referred to earlier). It is very convenient whether or not you are a frequent visitor. There is a flat rate of NT\$ 1200 to Academia Sinica. Note: Please ignore any solicitations of taxi service inside the Arriving Hall. Do hire one at the official taxi stop.

#### **By Bus**

There are several bus companies in service. The bus terminal is located inside the Arriving Hall (please follow the sign). Luggage is self-served. The bus fare ranges from NT\$ 120 to 135 depending on the location of the terminal stop in Taipei. For instance, Kuokuang Bus ends either Taipei Railroad Main Station or Songshan Domestic Airport. Freego Bus' terminal stop is Songshan Domestic Airport. These locations are close to Academia Sinica. Taxis are readily available at the bus terminal stop. The fare is between NT\$ 200 to 300 to Academia Sinica. Another option is to take MRT, especially for the bus stops at MRT Taipei Railroad Main Station. One may take the Blue MRT to Nangang Lin (referred to earlier), then transfer to bus (available lines referred to earlier) to Academia Sinica.

Airport buses leave roughly every twenty minutes from 6 a.m. until 1:30 a.m. English flyers are distributed on the ticket counter. Most clerks are able to speak English and Japanese.

## **From other cities (or harbors) in Taiwan**

### By Bus or Train

Disembark at Taipei Railroad Main Station first. Then take taxi, MRT, or bus to Academia Sinica as described in the previous sections.

### By Aircraft

The local airport is Sungshan Domestic Airport in Taipei. A taxi is the most time-saving and convenient way to get to Academia Sinica. The fare is about NT\$250.

## **3. Currency**

The Republic of China's unit of currency is the New Taiwan Dollar (NT\$), which has five denominations in paper money and five in coins. Paper money comes in NT\$1000, NT\$500, and NT\$100 denominations. Coins come in NT\$50, NT\$10, NT\$5 and NT\$1 denominations.



Foreign currencies can be exchanged at government-designated banks and hotels. Receipts are given when currency is exchanged, and must be presented in order to exchange unused NT dollars before departure.

### **Banks to exchange foreign currency Office Hours (Mon.-Fri.) 09:00 - 15:30**

<u>Taipei Fubon Bank</u>	No.19-5, Sanchong Rd., Nangang Dist., Taipei City 115	02-2655-1177
<u>SinoPac Bank</u>	(E)1F., No.19-12, Sanchong Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115	02-2788-5265
Taiwan Cooperative Bank	77, Kuan-Chieng Road, Taipei	02-23118811
First Bank	30, Chung-Ching S. Road, Sec.1, Taipei	02-23481111
Chang Hwa Bank	27, Chung-Ching S. Road, Sec.1, Taipei	02-23617211
Hua Nan Bank	38, Chung-Ching S. Road, Sec. 1, Taipei	02-23713111
Cathay United Bank	65, Kuan-Chieng Road, Taipei	02-23125555
<u>The Shanghai Commercial &amp; Savings Bank, Ltd.</u>	2, Ming-Chuan E. Road, Sec.1, Taipei	02-25817111
<u>Mega International Commercial Bank</u>	123, Sec. 2, Jhongsiao E. Rd., Jhongheng District, Taipei City	02-25633156
Bank of Taiwan	120, Chung-Ching S. Road, Sec. 1, Taipei	02-23493456
<u>CitiBank</u>	117-1, Sec. 3, Min-Sheng E. Rd., Taipei	02-27155931

## 4. Banking Services

### (i) Opening a Bank Account

The banking hours are from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on weekdays in Taiwan. Foreigner may open a saving account and apply for ATM card at Chunghwa Post Office or bank by presenting a valid passport and ARC. Inquire at each bank about their banking policies, especially exchanging traveler's checks, wiring money, opening foreign dollar accounts, etc, before you open an account.

For international transferring and international currency purchasing, please go to commercial banks such as the Bank of Taiwan ([www.bot.com.tw](http://www.bot.com.tw)), the Citi Bank ([www.citibank.com.tw](http://www.citibank.com.tw)) and The International Commercial Bank of China ([www.icbc.com.tw](http://www.icbc.com.tw)). A small office of the Land Bank located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor (Room 1101) of the Central Administration Building provides basic banking services from 9.30AM-12.00 from Monday through Friday. Please note that Chunghwa Post does not provide international money transfer service.

Applications for the credit card issued by Taiwan should include:

- (a) Letters of guarantee
- (b) Official passport
- (c) An ARC with greater than one year validity

The following is a list of banks that have branches countrywide.

Chunghwa Post	<a href="http://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/U_english/">http://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/U_english/</a>
Bank of Taiwan	<a href="http://www.bot.com.tw/english">http://www.bot.com.tw/english</a>
Land Bank	<a href="http://www.landbank.com.tw/Eng/index.aspx?EpfJdId9UuCSFXnHGuoyLA%3d%3d">http://www.landbank.com.tw/Eng/index.aspx?EpfJdId9UuCSFXnHGuoyLA%3d%3d</a>
Taiwan Cooperative Bank	<a href="http://www.tcb-bank.com.tw/eng/Pages/bank_profile.aspx">http://www.tcb-bank.com.tw/eng/Pages/bank_profile.aspx</a>
Mega International Commercial Bank	<a href="http://www.megabank.com.tw/en/index.asp">http://www.megabank.com.tw/en/index.asp</a>
CitiBank	<a href="http://www.citibank.com.tw/sim/en/index.htm">http://www.citibank.com.tw/sim/en/index.htm</a>

Note: Please keep all statements of bank transactions in a safe place. They are useful for filing income tax, changing resident status, and leaving/re-entry of Taiwan.

### (ii) Banking Services On-Campus

There are a Chunghwa Post and a Land Bank Branch Office on campus. The Chunghwa Post branch office is located upstairs of the garage adjacent to the main Post Office Building. The office hours were mentioned earlier.

A small office of the Land Bank is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor (Room 1101) of the Central Administration Building. It provides basic banking services from 9.30 a.m.-noon from Monday through Friday.

Most of the Institute's offices offer (major) foreign currency/NT\$ exchanging service. An appointment should be made ahead of time. Service charge may apply. Please contact the account-payable clerk in each Institute for details.

## 5. Medical Care

### (i) Medical Services

#### ◆ Inside Academia Sinica

There is an infirmary located on the 1st floor of the gymnasium building. The service hours are basically Monday to Friday from 14:00 to 16:00. Please call 2789-9437 for details.

#### ◆ Medical Services near Academia Sinica

Name	Address/Telephone	website
Tri-Service General Hospital	325, Sec.2,Chenggong Rd., Neihu District, Taipei 114, Tel : 886-2-8792 3311	<a href="http://www.tsgh.ndmctsgh.edu.tw/en/eindex.asp">http://www.tsgh.ndmctsgh.edu.tw/en/eindex.asp</a>
Taipei City Hospital (ZhongXiao Branch)	87, Tongde Rd., Taipei, 115, Tel: 886-2-2786 1288	<a href="http://english.tch.taipei.gov.tw/MP_109012.html">http://english.tch.taipei.gov.tw/MP_109012.html</a>
Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Taipei	199, Tunghua Rd., Taipei Tel: 886-2-2715 5211	<a href="http://www.cgmh.org.tw/eng2002/index.asp">http://www.cgmh.org.tw/eng2002/index.asp</a>
Chung Shan Hospital (specializes in gynecology)	11, Lane 112, Sec. 4, RenAi Rd., Taipei Tel: 886-2-2708-1166	<a href="http://www.csh.com.tw/site_hospital_en/en1.html">http://www.csh.com.tw/site_hospital_en/en1.html</a>
Caituan Faren (Tsai-tuan Fa-jen) Hospital: Central Clinic	77, Sec.4, ZhongXiao E. Rd., Taipei Tel: 886-2-2751-0221	<a href="http://www.clinic.org.tw/">http://www.clinic.org.tw/</a>

### (ii) Medications

Prescription drugs are usually filled at the hospital or clinics directly. Nominal co-payment applies if one is insured by NHI.

Over the counter medicines can be purchased at grocery stores such as Watson's, COSMED, and pharmacies marked with a green cross. You can buy medications at the following locations:

#### (A) Watsons shops ( <http://www.watsons.com.tw/>)

Name	Time	Address/Telephone
Kunyang Store	Business hours: 8:00-23:00	Tel: 02-27863315 / 02-27864522 Add: No.440, Sec. 6, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan
Houshanpi Store	Business hours: 10:30-22:30	Tel: 02-26522251 /02-26522253 Add: No.982, Sec. 5, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan

#### (B) Cosmed (<http://www.cosmed.com.tw/>)

Name	Time	Address/Telephone
Zhongxiao Store	Business hours: 8:00-23:30	Tel: 02-27864104 Add: 1F., No.446, Sec. 6, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan
Nangang Rd Store	Business hours: 8:00-23:00	Tel: 02-26546442 Add: 1-2F., No.8-10, Sec. 2, Nangang Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan

(C) Clinics (These clinics provide medical care to foreigners.)

Name	Telephone	Address
Tang Ophthalmic Clinic	02-2788-8739	1F, No 169, Sec. 1, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan
AnMing Dental Clinic	02-2783-8389	No 75, Sec. 1, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan
HuaDe Dental Clinic	02-2782-4088	No 32, Sec. 2, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan
Chen Clinic	02-2783-6972	No 99-13, Sec. 1, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan
YouCheng Clinic	02-2788-5799	No 39, Sec. 2, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan
ZhongYan ENT Clinic	02-2788-3861	1F., No 3-9, Sec. 2, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan
Liu Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic	02-2788-0713	1F., No.8, Xinghua Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan
Huang Clinic	02-2782-0908	No 161, Sec. 1, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan
NongMei Skin Clinic	02-2788-0391	1F., No 42, Sec. 1, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan

(D) Pharmacies

Name	Telephone	Address
YiSheng Pharmacy	02-2782-4937	No 5, Lane 70, Sec. 2, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwa
YiYi Pharmacy	02-2782-4315	No 12, Lane 54, Sec. 2, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan
ShengAn Pharmacy	02-2782-8450	No.165, Sec. 1, Jiuzhuang St., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan

## 6. Telecommunications

### (i) Telephone

#### ◆ Public Phone Service

Public phone in Taiwan can be operated either by coin or an IC card. There are 14 zones according to 14 counties and cities in Taiwan. The charge for calls is NT\$ 1 for every minute within the same zone. All cross zone calls are long distance calls. The charge for long distance calls is NT\$1 for every 20 seconds. International calls can be made with public phone marked "International". Only IC card can be used for international calls. Another option is to make international calls (telegrams and FAX as well) at International Telecommunications Administration building located at 28 Hang-Chow South Road, Sec. 1.

Note:

- 1.The discount rate time for long distance and international calls is from 11 pm to 8 am the next day.
2. There are six international public phones in Academic Activity Center, Academic Sinica.

◆ Local Phone Service

**Documentation is required to subscribe for phone service.** Both new and existing customers must bring in the following documentation:

Item	Description	Charge	How to apply	Required documents
Installation of new phone	Installation of new or additional single-user phone or relay line.	1. Deposit of NT\$1,000 for each number (not required for user-provided phones). 2. A device charge of NT\$3,000 per number (NT\$800 less if an indoor line is already installed).	1. By phone. 2. Online. 3. In person. 4. Someone else may apply on your behalf.	1. Citizens-- Main documents: Citizens' ID card (Seal or personal signature) Secondary documents: Health insurance card, driver's license, military ID card, student ID, household identification book and passport; use any one to support main document 2. Foreigners-- Main documents: Alien Residence Certificate (Seal or personal signature) Secondary documents: Passport, health insurance card, driver's license, employer's ID card and secondary document; use any one to support main document 3. Other than natural persons-- Consumers such as companies, business establishments, and non-profit organizations must provide their business license, their organizational chop, the statutory executive's ID card, and the statutory executive's seal.
	Interim	1. Deposit of NT\$1,000 for each number. 2. A installation charge of NT\$3,000 per number		
Change of number	A customer may request the phone company to change their phone number.	NT\$240 per number	1. In person. 2. Someone else may apply on your behalf.	
Choice of number	A customer may select a new number from a list of available unused numbers at their local service office.	At least NT\$480 per number.	1. In person. 2. Someone else may apply on your behalf.	
Temporary removal of phone without loss of number	Customers who wish to temporarily stop using their phone may have their outside line removed while keeping their number.	1. NT\$200 charge for temporary phone removal. 2. Basic monthly leasing charges are collected from the user according to residential user rates during the period of temporary removal.	1. In person. 2. Someone else may apply on your behalf. 3. By phone.	

Reactivation of retained number	Customers who have temporarily removed their line may apply for re-installation.	The charge is the same as extra-household transfer if the phone is re-installed (reactivated) at a different location.	1. In person. 2. Someone else may apply on your behalf.	
User application for removal	A user wishes to terminate his or her lease.	1. If the phone is re-installed within two years, there is a service charge of NT\$200 but no device charge or monthly leasing fees. 2. If the phone is re-installed at a different location within two years, the charge is the same as an extra-household transfer (there is no re-installation charge).	1. In person. 2. Someone else may apply on your behalf.	
Temporary cessation of phones services	Customers who, for various reasons, need to cease phone services for a short period of time.	1. There is no charge for temporary cessation of calling. 2. Monthly leasing fees are paid as usual during a temporary cessation of calling (circuit and number are retained).	1. In person. 2. Someone else may apply on your behalf. 3. By phone.	
Restoration of phone services	Customers who have temporarily ceased calls may apply to restore phone services.	No charge.	1. In person. 2. Someone else may apply on your behalf.	

**Documents needed for applying a phone:**

Natural persons (including sole proprietorships)				Other than natural persons
Citizens		Foreigners		
Main documents	Secondary documents	Main documents	Secondary documents	
Citizens' ID card Seal or personal signature	Health insurance card, driver's license, military ID card, student ID, household identification book and passport; use any one to support main document	Alien Residence Certificate  Seal or personal signature	Passport, health insurance card, driver's license, employer's ID card and secondary document	Consumers such as companies, business establishments, and non-profit organizations must provide a photocopy of their business license, their organizational chop, a photocopy of the statutory executive's ID card, and the statutory executive's seal.

The nearest Chungwa Telecom service center is at the following address:

Service Center	Address	Telephone	Business Hour
Nangang Service Center	No. 356 , Sec.1, Nangang Rd. Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan	123 & 0800-080-123	Mon.-Fri. 8:30- 17:30 Sat. 09:00-13:00

More detail, please see the following website: <http://www.cht.com.tw/en/>

◆ **How to make phone calls?**

**(A) Local Call**

If you would like to make a local phone call from your house phone or public phone within the same zone, you only need to dial the local phone number without the area code. If outside the same zone, please dial the area code following by local phone number.

**Long-Distance Call (Subscriber Toll Dialing)**

All domestic long-distance phone calls made by domestic customers outside of their zone.

Usage:

1. Customers

Dial long-distance identification code "0" + the area code (for Taipei dial 2, for Kaohsiung dial 7) + customer phone number.

2. Customers using other providers

Dial provider identification code "1809"+long-distance identification code "0" + area code (for Taipei dial 2, for Kaohsiung dial 7) + customer phone number.

Note: Long-distance identification code "0" should not be dialed when a customer makes an incoming call from overseas; the call will not go through when "0" is dialed.

### Long-Distance Identification Codes and Area Codes for all Taiwan Counties and Cities

City and county name	Long-distance identification code and area code	City and county name	Long-distance identification code and area code
Keelung City	02	Yunlin County	05
Taipei City		Chiayi City	05
New Taipei City		Chiayi County	
Taoyuan County	03	Tainan City	06
Hsinchu City	03	Tainan County	
Hsinchu County		Kaohsiung	
Miaoli County	037	Kaohsiung County	07
Ilan County	03	Pingtung County	08
Hualien County	03	Taitung County	089
Taichung	04	Penghu County	06
Taichung County		Kinmen	082
Changhua County		Wuchiu	0826
Nantou County	049	Tungsha/Nansha	07
		Matzu	0836

### Domestic Long-Distance Phone (STD) Price Table

Charge units: NT\$

Period	Ordinary phone	Pay phone
	Charge per second	Call time per 1 dollar
Standard time periods	0.035/sec.	20 sec.
Reduced time periods	0.025/sec.	35 sec.

### Rate periods

- Standard time rates apply Mon.~Fri. 08:00~23:00, Sat. 08:00~12:00; reduced rates apply Mon.~Fri. 23:00~08:00, Sat. 12:00~Mon. 08:00, and all day Sunday and holidays.
- New rates now apply to Tungsha, Nansha, Kinmen, and Matzu.
- 081 collect calls: the charge for calls within the same long-distance zone is calculated according to local rates.

### (B) International Calls

#### ◆ 002/009 International Direct Dialing

International Direct Dialing (IDD) service enables customers to directly dial an overseas phone number without assistance of international operator. IDD service is now available to more than 200 countries worldwide.

## Calculation of Charges

Detailed calculations: Please visit <http://www.cht.com.tw/portal/en/rateFinder>

General Discounts: CHT offers a discount rate for high-volume (002 or 009)

Special Discounts: CHT also offers special discounts for contracted customers. Country code queries: Please call **0800-080-100** for more information about country codes, calling fees, and time differences, etc.

### ◆ 019 Super eCall

The E-Call recharge card is for adding value to the Ideal Card provided by Chunghwa Telecom (CHT). After recharging your Ideal Card with an E-Call recharge card, simply dial 5277 to call any of the 230 countries around the world when dialing from Taiwan. In addition to the original E-Call card, this card is newly published from CHT. The E-Call recharge card is intended for foreign guest workers in Taiwan (primarily from Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, etc.). To meet the needs of this target market, the E-Call recharge card is available at the cost of NT\$200.

(a) Calling method: 019 + country code + area code + local phone number.

(b) Fees reference

Please visit 019 website <http://www.cht.com.tw/en/personal/related/019-0.html>

(c) Expiration

The prepaid card with the denominations of NT\$100, 200, 300 & 520 issued before April 1st, 2007 by Chunghwa Telecom will be valid. If the card expired, please call 0800-080-100.

(d) Target Market

Foreign guest workers or foreign visitors (especially from the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam)

### ◆ Pre-paid Card

This prepaid card published by CHTI is a card to pay in advance by customers. It can be used for calls from overseas (49 countries) to Taiwan, or from Taiwan to overseas (230 countries). Calling charges are automatically subtracted from the card, until its balance has been used up. This card is extremely convenient, and very handy when traveling overseas.

### Features

Convenience	You don't have to put a card or coins in a phone; it's convenient, handy, and useable with all touch-tone phones
Clarity	Clear and easy-to-understand voice instructions in Mandarin, English, Japanese, Thai, and Indonesian.
Widespread utility	This card can be used for calls from 47 countries (or regions) to Taiwan, or to third countries(or regions) via Taiwan.
Inexpensive	Much more economical than using local hotel phones or public phones.

### Value

NT\$100, NT\$200, NT\$300, and NT\$520 (discount price NT\$500).

### ◆ International E-Call Card

This is one of Chunghwa Telecom's international calling cards. After purchasing the global economy calling card, the customer - from a local phone, public telephone or mobile phone in Taiwan - may enter the system number and password and dial out to 230 countries/territories. Or the customer may also choose to use the value storage function for mobile phone use (only available if the card is at full value; once you have used the card to make a call, this function will not be available). Once the card number is stored in the

mobile phone, you may make international calls without entering the card number or password each time.

### Features

International E-Call Card also provides value storage on your mobile phone. Provided the card is at full value, you may dial 0800-080-280 to activate value storage and begin making calls from your mobile phone. The details of this service are as follows:

- (1) The automated service network will remember your personal preferences. After you have chosen your preferred language it will be prompted automatically there after no need to choose the language again.
- (2) This company provides information on the amount remaining on card, as well as language changing services.
- (3) This company offers special rates for calls to the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam. The longer the call to these countries, the lower is the calling rate. It also offers special rates for calls to China, Hong Kong, US and Canada.

### Value

NT\$200, NT\$300, and NT\$520 (discount price NT\$500).

### Suitable users

This card is best suited for foreign nationals working or residing in Taiwan that are not concerned with the audio quality of the call and are most sensitive about the calling rate.

### Application Method

1. The card can be purchased at any Chunghwa Telecom service centers, Taiwan-wide President Convenience Stores, or Hi-Life Convenience Stores.
  2. The card is valid until the date printed on the front of the card. Once the card number has been entered into the service network, it is valid for one year.
- Toll Free service phone: **0800-080-100**

### ◆ Taiwan Direct

**Taiwan Direct** is a collect call option designed specifically for Taiwan citizens traveling overseas who wish to call family or colleagues in Taiwan. The calling party overseas can either dial the call directly or place the call through an operator, and payment will be charged to the Chunghwa Telecom fixed-line or mobile phone customer receiving the call.

### How to Use

#### 1. **Direct dialing**

After dialing the local "Taiwan Direct" connection number on an ordinary telephone, a recorded message will instruct the caller to enter a Chunghwa Telecom fixed-line or mobile phone number and then record his or her name. The system will connect to the desired number, and the called party can press "1" to accept the charges. The international collect call is then completed. The fees for these calls are calculated using the same rate as 009 international direct dial calls from Taiwan to the originating country.

Note: A collect call made via "Taiwan Direct" may not connect a Chunghwa Telecom fixed line subscriber applying for Limited International Incoming Calls (LIIC), a Chunghwa Telecom Ideal Card holder and a Chunghwa Telecom mobile phone subscriber applying for LIIC or limited dialing of International Direct Dialing (IDD).

## 2. Operator-assisted call

Press the Taiwan Direct button on a specially designated telephone or enter the local "Taiwan Direct" connection number on an ordinary telephone, and then enter \*5#. This will put callers in touch with one of Chunghwa Telecom's international operators, who will place the collect call to the desired Chunghwa Telecom fixed-line number. The fees for these calls are calculated using the same rate as 1+1 operator-assisted calls from Taiwan to the originating country.

Note: An operator-assisted "Taiwan Direct" collect call may not connect a Chunghwa Telecom mobile phone subscriber.

### Advantages

1. Taiwan Direct may be used immediately; no need to apply to use service.
2. Taiwan Direct gives voice instructions in Chinese; instructions are simple and user friendly.
3. Since the called party pays, callers don't need to worry about being cut off because of insufficient balance.

### **(C) Cellular phones**

The operating frequencies for cell phones in Taiwan are 800 and 1900 MHz. Cellular phones operating on the same frequencies from overseas companies can be used in Taiwan but have to pay the international roaming fees. Foreigners with ARC can be a cellular phone patron of Chunghwa Telecom (CHT <http://www.cht.com.tw/en/personal/prps.html>) and several private companies. Cellular phones can use the prepaid card or by monthly charge. If you need to apply for a cellular phone number, please bring your ID card or ARC, with another document such as driver license, passport, student ID, or NHI IC card to the nearest service center.

You may apply in the following companies:

**Taiwan Mobile** <http://english.taiwanmobile.com/>

**Fareastone** <http://www.fetnet.net/cs/Satellite/eCorporate/ecoHome>

### **(ii) Internet -ADSL**

#### Chunghwa Telecom's ADSL

(<http://www.cht.com.tw/CHTFinalE/Web/Personal.php?CatID=19>) service consists of an ATU-R (ADSL modem) installed on an existing phone line. ADSL (Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line) technology allows users to use their phone while enjoying high-speed broadband Internet and data transmission (upload rate: 64k-1 Mbps; download rate: 256 k-12 Mbps).

#### Other ADSL providers:

So-Net (<http://www.so-net.net/>.)

Seednet (<http://www.seed.net.tw/>)

#### ◆ Product Features

1. Two-way transmission: Upload and download; offers the full benefits of a broadband network.
2. Superior bandwidth: Every ADSL customer enjoys a fixed bandwidth. An ATM exchange technology platform is used, plus an island wide 155 Mbps/GE fiber-optic backbone network for high-speed data transmission.
3. Amazing speed: Enjoy download speeds up to 12 Mbps, and upload speeds up to 1Mbps.
4. Use one line two ways: Use the phone while you browse the Internet.
5. "Always-on" connection: You can go online at any time.

◆ [ADSL through AS \(http://www.ascc.sinica.edu.tw/en/net/adsl.html\)](http://www.ascc.sinica.edu.tw/en/net/adsl.html)

The Computing Center provides Academia Sinica with ADSL service over the Taipei Metropolitan Area (the area code 02), allowing Academia Sinica workers to connect to the high speed network of Academia Sinica though ADSL at home and continue with their research work. Features as following:

1. Bi-directional data transfer: Download speed per second is 256 Kbps~2048 Kbps; upload speed per second is 64 Kbps~512 Kbps. Academia Sinica workers may choose a speed appropriate for their requirements. For details on fees for various speeds, please refer to Chunghwa Telecom's ADSL monthly fee table.
2. Dual purpose cable: ADSL can be used for both telephone and network communication.
3. Always-on connection: Users can go online anytime with no need for a dial-up connection.
4. Economical connection: Workers of Academia Sinica only have to pay the basic ADSL circuit monthly fee; no other fees will be charged for network connection.

Contact Information

Team: Network Team Phone: (02)2789-9490 E-mail: noc@ascc.net

**Postal service**

**(A) Post Office**

The Nearest Post Office is located on the Academia Sinica campus, near the Central Administration Building. The office hour is from 8:00 am-5:00 pm, Monday to Friday; 8:30 am-noon, Saturday. There is no service on all national holidays. Postal service divides into Printed Matter, Surface Mail, Air Mail, Special Delivery, Registered Mail, Express Mail and Parcel Service (domestic and international). Please browse the Chunghwa Post Office' website for more information.

[http://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/U\\_english/](http://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/U_english/)

**Postage rates**

Domestic Letter-Post Items :

[https://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/U\\_english/index.jsp?ID=24020801](https://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/U_english/index.jsp?ID=24020801)

International Letter-Post Items:

[http://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/U\\_english/index.jsp?ID=24020605](http://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/U_english/index.jsp?ID=24020605)

**Track & Trace Service**

EMS Tracking Service, International Parcels Tracking Service, International Letters Tracking Service, EMS(Mainland China) Tracking Service, Mainland China Incoming Parcels Tracking Service, Mainland China Incoming Letters Tracking Service

[http://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/U\\_english/index.jsp?ID=1400024737190](http://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/U_english/index.jsp?ID=1400024737190)

**3+2 Find a Zip Code**

[http://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/U\\_english/index.jsp?ID=24020501](http://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/U_english/index.jsp?ID=24020501)

**(B) Parcel service**

In addition to Chunghwa Post Office, several private companies offer parcel service. The convenient stores (7-11 for an example) are usual the drop off points.

For international deliveries, FedEx (<http://www.fedex.com/tw/>)

and DHL (<http://www.dhl.com.tw/publish/tw/zt.high.html>) are good choices.

### (C) International Moving Services

**YE-WANG Company:** [http://www.far.com.tw/inter\\_e.htm](http://www.far.com.tw/inter_e.htm).

FAX 886-7-332-6028, 338-0057 TEL 886-7-332-1208

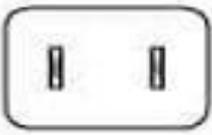
**Crown Van Lines Co., Ltd. :** <http://www.crownvan.com/front/bin/home.phtml>

TEL : +886-2-27622500 FAX : +886-2-27612378

## 7. Utility Services (Electricity, Gas and Water)

### (i) Electricity

Family or household appliances are operated by 110 volts, 50 cycles, AC in Taiwan.

Taiwan	110V, 60HZ, 50 cycles	 category A
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### (ii) Gas

Households in Taiwan generally use one of two types of fuel – **natural gas or bottled Petroleum gas**. Natural gas is piped to each customer's residence, while the petroleum gas bottle is delivered and put by the gas company at an appropriate place at the residence. Presently, it is common for most urban areas to use natural gas, while other counties and towns decide which type to use based upon their individual situations.

Please order bottled petroleum gas from local gas companies. As for natural gas, in principle, when buildings are completed, all gas lines should also be completed and can be used at anytime. For inquiries about related information, please consult the Gas Association of the Republic of China/Member Companies at <http://www.rocga.org.tw/>. (Chinese version)

In Nangang and Neihu District, the gas company is Shin Hu Natural Gas Co., Ltd.

Address: 5F., No.180, Sinhu 2nd Rd., Neihu District, Taipei City 114, Taiwan

(R.O.C.) Telephone: (02) 2791-3491 Hot-line: (02) 2794-3218 , 2794-3219

Toll-free number : 0800-023-491

You can order bottled petroleum gas from the following local gas companies

Name	Phone	Address
Qikai Gas	02-2783-6687	1F., No.30, Sec. 3, Nangang Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan (R.O.C.)
JieDe Gas	02-2782-3768	No.55, Sec. 2, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan (R.O.C.)
ZhongTain Gas	02-2786-1242	1F., No.149, Sec. 3, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan (R.O.C.)
ZhongYuan Gas	02-2783-4878	1F., No.9, Lane 80, Singjhong Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

### (iii) Tap Water

#### ◆ Tap water quality in Taiwan

Tap water supply in the Republic of China is both safe and convenient. The quality meets international standards and over 99 percent of quality tests pass the criteria set by the environmental protection organizations. But people in Taiwan still maintain the

habit of boiling the water before drinking. Users need not worry about water quality as long as they pay attention to the installation and maintenance of water supply equipment (like water pools, water tanks, pipelines, etc.)

◆ Service districts

In principle, the Taipei Water Department (TWD) provides water supply services in the Greater Taipei region – the whole Taipei City area and some parts of New Taipei City. All other areas in Taiwan are served by Taiwan Water Corporation (TWC). (Note: The actual service districts of the two organizations are not necessarily divided directly and precisely in accordance with the division of administration districts.)

◆ Service hours

(A) Taipei Water Department (TWD) of the TCG:

8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and government-designated holidays.) Service center Tel: (02) 8733-5678 (24 hours a day, year-round).

(B) Taiwan Water Corporation (TWC)

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and government-designated holidays.) Toll-free service center Tel: 0800-000-876

Nangang District Service

Office: East District

Business Office

Address: 3F, 688, Sec. 4, Bade Rd. Telephone (02) 2745-6123

Leakage Repair (Service Telephone): 0800-000-786

**Water bills**

Consumers have a wide variety of choices to pay their water bills

- (A) At service counters of the offices of the TWD or the water company.
- (B) At 24-hour convenience stores (7-Eleven, FamilyMart chain stores, etc.)
- (C) Financial institutions: sign an agreement to authorize a bank or post office that will regularly deduct payment from your account).
- (D) Bank deposit transfer: (procedure like the above item)
- (E) Online banking service
- (F) At automated teller machines (ATMs)
- (G) Pay *via* credit card account.

**Online information:**

(A) Taipei Water Department (TWD) of the TCG:

<http://www.twd.gov.tw/> (Chinese; may select English version) [http://english.twd.gov.tw/MP\\_114012.html](http://english.twd.gov.tw/MP_114012.html)

Email Address : [twd025@twd.gov.tw](mailto:twd025@twd.gov.tw)

(B) Taiwan Water Corporation (TWC)

<http://www.water.gov.tw/> (Chinese; may select English version)

## **FAQ:**

### **Q1: Where can I pay my water bill?**

**A:** You can pay it at the nearest banks and convenience stores in Taipei. Even without a water charges notice, you can do that at one of the TWD units indicated here. Except the methods given above, there are other payment methods. You can pay your water bills on-line via internet banking, ATM and Automatic Recurring Credit Card Payments using the most secure on-line payment system available.

### **Q2: Where should I file my application for initiation, suspension, and resumption of water supply?**

**A:** At the Service Center or any of TWD's district business offices. They are always ready to answer your inquiries and complaints about water supply and to provide advice and assistance you need.

### **Q3. How much does 1 degree of tap water cost?**

**A:** On average, 1 degree of tap water used costs NT\$7.5 plus water source conservation and feedback fee and charges collected on behalf of other agencies.

### **Q4. Basis for calculation of basic charges**

**A:** Based on (1) the standard basic charge of NT\$34 monthly per household installed with a 13 mm water meter and (2) the pipe diameter equivalent value of all other sized meters, basic charges for all households are acquired by multiplying NT\$34 by the equivalent values. Low-income households installed with 13 mm meters pay half of the standard basic charge, or NT\$17.

## **8. Travel Agencies**

Travel agency operates ticketing service on the first floor of the Administration Office Building. One may purchase air tickets, file visa applications, and make travel schedules with the travel agent. Tel: 2789-9433. Hours: 09:30~11:00, 13:00~16:00, Monday -Friday.

## **9. Religious Services**

### **(i) Religious freedom and equality**

The Constitution of the Republic of China holds the principles of religious freedom and religious equality, respecting the activities of all religious groups.

### **(ii) Summary of religions**

Followers of Taoism comprise the largest group of religious worshippers in Taiwan with 7.6 million believers. Buddhists make the next largest with 5.48 million. There are a number of other significant religions in Taiwan which include I Kuan Tao, Christianity, Catholicism and Moslem, etc.

### **(iii) Church and Mosque information**

In order to meet the needs of foreigners for services in Taiwan, a list of churches that foreigners often attend is provided below:

Taipei Mosque	No. 62, Shinsheng South Rd., Sec. 2, Taipei City	(02) 2392-7364
St. Christopher Catholic Church	No. 51, Chongshan North Rd., Sec. 3, Taipei City	(02) 2594-7914
Holy Family Church (Catholic)	No. 50, Shinsheng South Rd., Sec. 2, Taipei City	(02) 2392-0701
Grace Baptist Church	No. 90, Shinsheng South Rd., Sec. 3, Taipei City	(02) 2362-5321
Presbyterian Church in Taiwan-ZhongYan Church (Christian)	3F., No.1, Lane 34, Sec. 2, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan (R.O.C.)	(02)2782-4636
Presbyterian Church in Taiwan-ChengDe Church (Christian)	No.341, Fude St., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan (R.O.C.)	(02)2785-6080
Taiwan Grace Christian Gospel Assembly- Huguang Church	No.608, Sec. 1, Neihu Rd., Neihu District, Taipei City 114, Taiwan (R.O.C.)	(02)2797-1000
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints(Mormon)	1F., No.217, Dahu Shanjuang St., Neihu District, Taipei City 114, Taiwan (R.O.C.)	(02)2790-4371
Presbyterian Church in Taiwan-Neihu Church (Christian)	2F., No.138, Sec. 1, Kangning Rd., Neihu District, Taipei City 114, Taiwan (R.O.C.)	(02)2799-4948
Southern District Catholic Church	No. 366, Fuhsing Rd., Sec. 3, South District, Taichung City	(04) 2222-2370
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints(Mormon)	No. 498-11, Wuchian Rd., North District, Taichung City	(04) 2226-1057

(iv) Reference information

For more detailed information regarding the various religions in Taiwan, please visit the Ministry of the Interior's Department of Civil Affairs (DCA) Web site at:

[http://www.moi.gov.tw/dca/02faith\\_001.aspx](http://www.moi.gov.tw/dca/02faith_001.aspx) (Chinese)

Religion division of the DCA Tel.: (02) 2356-5393

### 10. Supermarkets and Traditional Markets

In addition to the groceries store on the second floor of the garage (see also “grocery shopping” on page 104), there are supermarkets and traditional markets scattered within walking distance of Academia Sinica. To name a few:

Ling-Yun Supermarket	5, Lane 68, Yen-Chiu-Yuan Road, Sec. 3, Taipei Tel: 2788-2864
Welcome Supermarket	1F, 196, Jiu-zhuang Road, Taipei Tel: 2651-2639
Zhongyan Traditional Market	12, Lane 80, Yen-Chiu-Yuan Road, Sec. 2, Taipei It is a traditional market located in an air conditioned building. Hours: mornings (closed on Mondays)
Linsen Traditional Market	Located at Linsen street under Highway 3, Xizhi, New Taipei City. It is an outdoor market. Hours: mornings (closed on Mondays)

### 11. Shopping in Taipei

It could be argued that shopping is the top leisure activity for Taiwanese. Certainly it ranks

right up there with singing KTV and going to the movies - and it is definitely the top leisure-time pursuit for Taiwanese women. Foreigners in Taipei will find the shopping plentiful and there are more choices now in the larger cities than ever before. Even smaller townships and cities usually feature a few large retail stores where you can find all kinds of international goods. There are lots of different ways to go shopping in Taipei, from the tiny local shop next to your residence to the major go-to destination experiences complete with movie theaters, restaurants and designer fashions.

#### **(i) Department Stores**

One unique feature of the Japanese department stores is the elevator girls (and sometimes young men) that will politely hold the door for you and help push the buttons for which floor you want to go to. They can also usually provide directions on where to visit for what you need. There are also sparkling clean play areas for young kids to enjoy although some do charge a small fee for entrance. While every city has a few of its own department stores, there are two major chains in Taiwan.

While there are many department stores ranging from small to large ones in each city, there are two large Department stores chains with at least one store in each major city. Shin Kong Mitsukoshi is a joint venture between the Mitsui Company in Japan and the Shin Kong Group in Taiwan. This is probably the hottest and most popular department store chain in Taiwan. It is basically like being in a mall because there are many different international retailers like Gucci, Prada etc. Sogo Department Store also has branches in each city.

#### **(ii) Hyper-Markets**

This term applies to all the big stores like Carrefour and Geant that carry everything from automotive parts to clothes to food. These large stores are also often popular hang-outs on steamy weekends, although the air conditioning is typically not as cool as the Department stores. They offer good deals and normally good quality on many standard items, however they typically will not offer any bargaining and there may not be any staff around to help you make a purchase.

#### **(iii) Everything Stores**

In all towns and cities across Taiwan there is bound to be an "Everything Store" conveniently located and open late into the night near where you live. These stores are the staple of local Taiwan shopping. When you need to run out and buy a screwdriver, some clothes hangers, dishes or any other small household items - this is the place to go. As the name implies they sell "Everything" and are typically lower priced than many of the larger hyper-market stores. Normally the prices are clearly marked on the items, so there's not much bargaining you can do unless you are purchasing multiple items, or higher priced items. Some stores in this category may sell super cheap and inferior goods that do not last, so once you find a good one, stick with it. In some rural areas, you may even see an "everything store on wheels" where a little truck drives around to small towns offering brooms, pots, pans and other goods.

#### **(iv) Night Markets**

It's always fun to go shopping in night markets, although you may be better off just buying food and playing the games instead of really purchasing any goods. Some stands offer an impressive array of products such as "Everything for 10NT." Listen for the taped message on the loudspeaker "... zup ko ... zup ko" which means "10 dollars" in Taiwanese. However, most of these goods you can find at the night market are cheaply made in China and are worth exactly what you paid for them or maybe even much less.

**Shilin Night Market** has more than just food and has a section which sells bags and clothing. Most of the stuff here are just imitations though. To get there, take the MRT Danshui Line to Jiantan Station. The food court is located directly across the street from the station with the rest of the night market spreading out to the north.

## (v) Shopping Malls

It is often said that L.A. has no center. In contrast, one could say that Taipei is all centers, and as such it has been given the epithet - "the emporium without end." Basically, however, the main shopping area can be divided into two districts: East and West. West Taipei is the old city and is characterized by narrow streets crammed packed with small shops. The Western district is also home to most government buildings and the Taipei Main Station. East Taipei boasts wide tree lined boulevards and the four main shopping malls are located in this area. Popular shopping destinations in East Taipei consist of the area around the ZhongXiao- DunHua intersection and Taipei 101.

### (A) Xinyi District

Xinyi District is the seat of the Taipei mayor's office and the Taipei city council. The Taipei Convention Hall, the Taipei World Trade Center, Taipei 101, Taipei City Hall, and various shopping malls and entertainment venues make Xinyi the most modern cosmopolitan district of Taipei. Xinyi District is also considered the financial district of Taipei. The Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall is also in the district. Much of the district use to be wetlands, explaining the abundance of space for construction projects as this was one of the last places in Taipei to be developed. The district is arguably the premier shopping area in Taipei, if not all of Taiwan. Xinyi District is anchored by a number of department stores and malls. In addition, numerous restaurants are located in the area, especially American chain restaurants.

**(B) Miramar Entertainment Park** is mostly your regular shopping center with the usual stuff, though it also houses the only IMAX theatre in Taiwan as well as the Miramar ferris wheel which offers great views of Taipei city.

**(C) Eslite Mall** (誠品 *Chengpin*) - an upscale market-style shopping center with 24 hour book shop (with good English selection) on the second floor and ethnic music store in basement. 245 Dunhua South Road - near intersection with Renai Road.

**(D) Breeze Center** (微風廣場 *Weifeng Guangchang*), 39 Fuxing South Road, Sec. 1 (near the intersection with Civic Boulevard) Tel:+886 2 6600-8888. Open: 11AM-9:30PM Sun-Thur; 11AM-10PM Fri-Sat.

**(E)The Core Pacific Living Mall** (京華城 *Jinghua Cheng*), reportedly Asia's largest shopping center under one roof, has many stores open 24 hours, plus a large food court, cinema complex, and the nightclub Plush, located on Bade Road, near intersection with Guangfu South Road.

**(F)** A main shopping area is also located **around the Sogo Department Store on Zhongxiao East Road, Sec. 4** (nearest MRT Station: Zhongxiao Fuxing), and the lanes and alleys around Da'an Road (behind Sogo) have an interesting array of small shops and boutiques. **Buddha Statues**, prayer flags and other artifacts associated with Tibetan Buddhism can be purchased at **Potala**, 2F, 2-4, Lane 51, Da'an Road. Tel:+886 2 2741-6906. The staff speaks English and the prices are reasonable. Also, those interested in all things Nepalese should check out **Jay Shiva Shamyoo Himalayan Handicrafts**, located in the basement of 1 Lane 146, Zhongxiao East Road, sec. 4. Tel:+886 2 2740 2828.

**(G)**Those interested in picking up cheap **electronic goods and cameras** should wander the lanes and alleys around Kaifeng Street and Zhonghua Road (near Taipei Main Station). Computer buffs will enjoy a visit to **Guanghua Market** (光華商場 *Guanghua Shangchang*).

Specializing in computer and electronic goods, this market has the largest number of stalls selling hardware and software under one roof in Taiwan, and all at very competitive prices. While there, check out the enormous DVD & VCD selections (remember to check DVD region codes) and used book stores. The location is at the corner of Civic Blvd and Songjiang Road.

The **Station Front Area** (站前), a section of Downtown just south of the Taipei Railway Station is a bustling area filled with shops and stores of all kinds, but is especially well known for its high concentration of bookstores, and in recent years, stores specializing in electronics and computer hardware. Electronic and computer junkies take note: some smaller vendors will allow you to bargain down prices on large purchases (i.e. a custom built PC). Popular places in this area to shop for computer hardware and software include:

**Nova**, a four storey collection of small computer and electronics vendors that can only be described as a high tech bazaar, located across the street from the railway station on the west side of the Shinkong Mitsukoshi department store.

**K-Mall**, located in the former Asiaworld department store on the east side of Shinkong Mitsukoshi, this trendy mall specializes in electronics of all kinds, and is a location for large companies such as Asus, Samsung, Benq, and Acer to showcase their newest products.

**(H)The Taipei Zhongshan Metro Shopping Mall (Easy Mall)** is a long underground shopping area that houses several stores selling all manner of items, not necessarily limited to electronics. A few stores in the Easy Mall carry current and vintage video game hardware and software, and perform hardware modifications on consoles. The Easy Mall is accessible through the basement of Taipei Railway Station.

**(I) The Ximending** (西門町) is the trendy shopping area just west of Downtown popular with local students. If it's pink, plastic, and imported from Japan, you can probably find it on sale in a store here. To get to Ximending, take the MRT Blue (Bannan) Line and get off at Ximen Station.

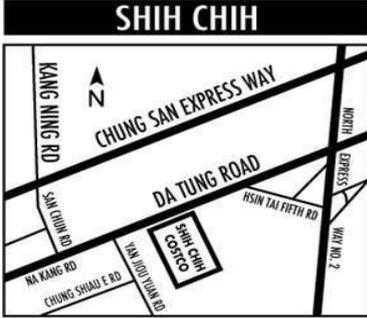
**(J) Zhongshan North Road** (中山北路) is a tree-lined boulevard featuring numerous international and local brands. Gucci and Louis Vuitton are among the brands that operate stores along this street. This road, particularly along the 2nd section, is also famous for its numerous **wedding picture studios** and **gown boutiques**. It is possible to find a great deal for wedding portraits here as competition is stiff. This road runs parallel to the MRT Red (Danshui/Beitou) line.

**(vi) Discount Membership Stores**

**(A) Costco** <http://www.costco.com.tw/eng/>

Costco is membership warehouse club, dedicated to bringing our members the best possible prices on quality brand-name merchandise. With hundreds of locations worldwide, Costco provides a wide selection of merchandise, plus the convenience of specialty departments and exclusive member services, all designed to make your shopping experience a pleasurable one. There are two locations near AS

<b>Address</b>	No.268, Jiu Zong Road, Sec. 1, Nei Hu Dist, Taipei,
<b>Regular Hours</b>	10:00 - 21:30 Monday - Sunday
<b>Warehouse TEL</b>	+886-2-8791-0110

<p><b>Warehouse Features</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Hour Photo</li> <li>• ATM</li> <li>• Food Court</li> <li>• Fresh Bakery</li> <li>• Fresh Deli</li> <li>• Fresh Fish</li> <li>• Fresh Meat</li> <li>• Fresh Produce</li> <li>• Fresh Sushi</li> <li>• Rotisserie Chicken</li> <li>• Tire Center</li> <li>• Optical Department</li> <li>• Pharmacy</li> <li>• Wheelchair Available</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="911 219 1289 622" style="text-align: center;">  <p>No.268, Sec. 1, Jiu-Zong Rd.</p> </div>
<p><b>Address</b></p>	<p>No.158, Sec. 1, Da Tung Road, Shih Chih City, New Taipei City</p>
<p><b>Regular Hours</b></p>	<p>10:00 am - 21:30 Monday - Sunday</p>
<p><b>Warehouse TEL</b></p>	<p>+886-2-2690-7335</p>
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<p><b>Bus Routes: 212 306</b></p>	<p><u>A cadem ia S in ica</u> → Zhongyan Xincun → Yuangong Bridge → Nangang Water Plant → Chengzheng Junior High School → <u>Nangang E lem en ta ry S chool</u> Then transfer to bus 605 or Blue 15 <u>Nan ga ng E lemen ta ry S ch o o l</u> → Hengke → ocean home (get off)</p>

**(B) Carrefour**

<http://www.carrefour.com.tw/>

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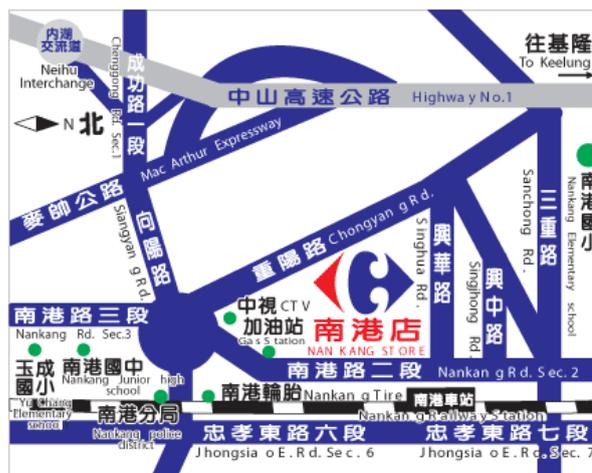
**NAN KANG STORE**

B1-1 5 LANE 20 NAN-KANG ROAD SEC. 2 TAIPEI

Business hour: 09:00 - 24:00

TEL: (02)2788-2550

FAX: (02)2788-2549



How to get there from AS?

Bus Routes: 205、212、276、306

Academia Sinica → Zhongyan Xincun → Yuangong Bridge → Nangang Water Plant  
→ Chengzheng Junior High School → Nangang → Nangang Vocational High School  
→ Nangang District Center (get off)

## 12. Restaurants and Fast Food

There are numerous food stands, noodle houses, cafeterias, pizza stores, vegetarian restaurants and etc. in the vicinity of Academia Sinica. Prices are thrift for a decent meal.

One should explore by him/herself to enjoy the varieties of food.

One may find the cuisine all over the world in Taipei since it is an international city. For dining guide, please browse the website:

<http://www.taiwanfun.com/north/taipei/index.htm>

### Fast food

Name	Phone	Address
PIZZA HUT (Nangang)	02-2785-6287	No.113, Sec. 1, Nangang Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City
Napoli Pizza (Nangang)	02-2783-9922	1F., No.145, Sec. 1, Nangang Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City
Dominos Pizza (Jiankang)	02-2783-1134	No.212, Jiankang Rd., Songshan District, Taipei City
McDonald's (Nangang)	02-2789-0595	1F., No.16, Sec. 2, Nangang Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City
McDonald's (Academia Area)	02-2653-6369	1F., No.99, Sec. 1, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City
MOS BURGER (Nangang)	02-2655-1873	No.19-8, Sanchong Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan
MOS BURGER (Nangang II)	02-2785-8441	No.3-2, Yuancyu St., Nangang District, Taipei City
T.K.K. Fried Chicken (KunYang)	02-2786-3206	No.392, Sec. 6, Jhongsiao E. Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City
Burger King (Bade)	02-2740-6882	No.449, Sec. 2, Bade Rd., Songshan District, Taipei City 105, Taiwan
KFC (Bade)	02-2747-3561	No.721, Sec. 4, Bade Rd., Songshan District, Taipei City 105, Taiwan

## 13. Local Entertainments

### (i) Around Taipei City

#### (A) Movies

There are more than 10 movie theaters in downtown Taipei. You can check English daily newspapers such as the "Taipei Times" or "China Post" for details.

Or check for the following websites (in Chinese) : VIESHOW CINEMAS、Ambassador Theatre、CINEMARK、HALAR CINEMAS。

#### (B) Bookstores

Mollied Used Books

[http://www.mollie.com.tw/News\\_List.asp](http://www.mollie.com.tw/News_List.asp)

Tel: 02-2369-2780

Address: No.2, Ln. 40, Sec. 4 Roosevelt Rd., Taipei

Random selection of novels, some scholarly books and used books. The staffs are friendly. They give 50 percent discount, so almost everything is considerably cheaper than Eslite bookstore.

The Eslite Book Store <http://www.eslitebooks.com/index.shtml>

Tel: (02) 8789-8907 for Customer Service Hot-line

Address: 2F, 245, Sec 1, DunHua S. Rd. Taipei

Open 24 hours every day and located on DunHua S. Rd. (east side) between ZhongXiao E. and RenAi Roads. It perhaps offers the largest selection of English books in Taipei. A good collection of general Chinese books as well.

Bookman Books <http://www.bookman.com.tw>

Tel: (02) 2368-7226

Address: 88, Sec.3, XinSheng (Hsingsheng) S. Rd., Taipei

Exclusive agents/distributors for: W.W. Norton & Co. Faber & Faber, and Macmillan ELT. Sizeable selection of English books, including recent books on academic subjects not readily available elsewhere. This is the first place to look for if you are shopping for an English academic book. Prices are lower than at Eslite.

### **(C) Music and Concerts**

National Chang Kai Shek Cultural Center

10048 21-1, Chung Shan S. Rd., Chung Cheng District, Taipei City.

Telephone: +886-2-33939999

<http://www.ntch.edu.tw/>

The National Theater and the National Concert Hall are within walk distance of the following Taipei Rapid Transit System (TRTS) stations and bus routes:

#### **TRTS Stations**

Exit Gate 5 of the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall Station, on the Xindian, Nanshijiao or Xiao Nanmen Lines.

#### **Bus Routes**

Routes 15, 18, 20, 22, 38, 70, 204, 208, 227, 236, 237, 248, 249, 251, 252, 253, 274, 275, 293

or 294.

#### **Entry Time for Performance Venues**

The National Theater

Access to the Grand Foyer 40 minutes before the performance starts, and to audience seats 30 minutes before the performance starts.

**The National Concert Hall** (<http://www.ntch.edu.tw/front/index?lang=en>)

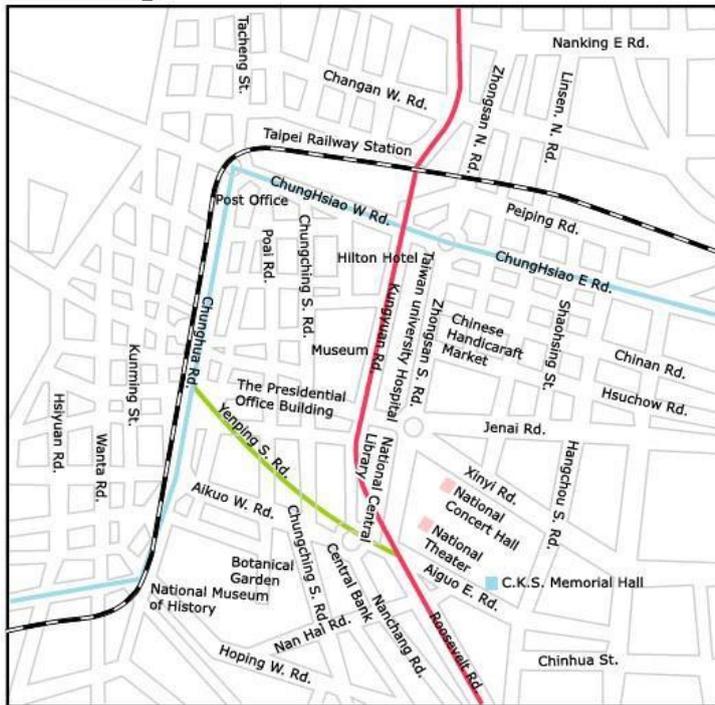
Access to the Grand Foyer 40 minutes before the performance starts, and to audience seats 30 minutes before the performance starts.

#### **The Recital Hall**

Access to the Hall and audience seats 30 minutes before the performance starts. The

Experimental Theater: Access to the Hall and audience seats 30 minutes before the performance starts.

### **Area Map**



### **Basement Car Park**

699 parking spaces are available in the Basement Car Park. Kindly note that spaces are only available for automobiles, not motorcycles.

Service Hours: 24 hours per day

Fee Payment Methods

-By monthly IC card, or Timer Card.

-Timer Card: NT\$40/hour for the public. NT\$80 is charged for audience members attending each performance.

-Monthly Fee: Call the service telephone: +886-2-33939530 or 33939531 for further details.

-People with disabilities can apply at the Car Park Office for free parking (maximum four hours). Please present Timer Card, Disabled ID, driver's license and vehicle registration. (once a day only)

### **Performing Arts**

Taiwan is developing a nice blend of performing arts. While traditional Chinese and Taiwanese music and opera continue to thrive, work in Western forms and contemporary styles is at an all time high.

The National Concert Hall and National Theater, the twin institutions that stand prominently opposite each other at the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, host a busy calendar of classical music, opera and theater performances of an international caliber.

One of the most rewarding cultural excursions in Taiwan is traditional Chinese Opera. Although this art may be difficult for the uninitiated to appreciate, its enchanting librettos,

unique and arresting musical forms and resplendent visual presentation are an essential part of refined Chinese culture. Chinese operas are, of course, first and foremost stories. If possible, read up on the storyline before attending a performance; your enjoyment will increase with understanding.

For the pure classical form of northern-style Chinese opera, Taiwan has two national opera troupes, the National Fu-Hsing Chinese Opera Theater and National Kuo Kuang Chinese Opera Company. The latter has in recent years added newly penned, but very classical scripts to its full repertoire of standard pieces. There is a broad spectrum of other opera styles as well, ranging from tragic to comic, from historical to modern. The most active style in Taiwan, naturally, is Taiwanese Opera, also called gezai opera.

The Cloud Gate Theater Troupe is world renowned for its application of Chinese traditions and Taiwanese folk influences to modern dance. This well-established theater company has a loyal following in Europe, but when they're not out of the country on tour, they perform frequently at home, developing an ever-expanding repertoire of performances.

#### **(D) Karaoke**

In Taiwan, karaoke's latest incarnation is the KTV, which offers private rooms for groups of friends, and big-screen television sets for the full music video effect. At many KTVs, you can sing-along until the crack of dawn. Very successful KTV chains in Taiwan include Holiday KTV and Cashbox KTV. "KTV" is an abbreviation for **karaoke television**, derived as a reference to "MTV."

Today, karaoke clubs and bars are one of the most popular forms of entertainment for the Taiwanese. It is difficult to travel through any city in Taiwan without being flashed down in the dark by bright neon lights luring passerby Vegas-style.

Holiday KTV is probably the best option for foreigners since it boasts a large foreign music selection as well as a large collection of the latest Chinese pop songs. Unless you can read characters, it is best to memorize the lyrics before entering since the TV screens don't offer ba pa ma pa or ping ying. On any weekday, Holiday can cost around NT\$199 per person for up to two and a half hours of singing. On the weekends, the price jumps to NT\$299 per person. Drinks and food are not included in the price. There are up to 40 rooms at each Holiday KTV but it is advisable to go early. All foreigners living in Taiwan should take on the KTV experience before returning home. It may not seem authentic, traditional, or cultural for that matter. And it's not be as fun as majong or as meaningful as tae kwan do and most would agree that it's artificial entertainment at its best. But when the lights hit you and the music starts, you'll understand the karaoke craze. Maybe you'll want more, maybe you won't. But you'll never know unless you try.

#### **(E) Museums and Galleries**

Council for Cultural Affairs, Taiwan <http://english.moc.gov.tw/>

Taiwan is chock full of great museums, which range in scale from a quick half hour's perusal to massive holdings that could take a lifetime to explore.

The most astounding of them all is the National Palace Museum. Transported from mainland China at the end of the Chinese Civil War, the world's premier collection of Asian antiquities found its home in Taiwan in 1949. Modern storage and viewing facilities were later established in the hilly Taipei suburb of Wai Shuang Hsi.

Once the private imperial collection, the National Palace Museum offers an inexhaustible assortment of classical Chinese art, including many masterpieces, making it one of the premier museums of the world, and a must-see item on any visitor's checklist.

While in Wai Shuang Hsi, a visit to the Shung Ye Museum of Formosan Aborigines is well worth your while. Just across the road from the National Palace Museum, it features a lovely collection of indigenous handicrafts and artwork, some impressive large pieces, and an excellent audio-visual center.

If you're in downtown Taipei, devote an afternoon to the National Museum of History. In addition to a good presentation of Chinese history and representational pieces of art from the classical period, it has a busy season of exhibitions, many on various Asian themes.

Another good choice in the capital is the Taipei Fine Arts Museum, which offers a modest permanent collection, but frequent exhibitions of art both local and international. Also try the National Taiwan Museum, which provides excellent exhibits on the anthropology, botany and zoology of Taiwan. Next to the Shann Garden in Peitou, is the Taiwan Folk Arts Museum, a good introduction to the native Taiwanese arts tradition. For a glimpse at modern Taiwanese painting, visit the Yang San-lang Art Museum.

Taiwan's contemporary visual arts are flourishing and diverse. The best place to browse exhibits of the many new or established artists is the East District of Taipei, where you'll find any number of galleries.

**(ii) Academia Sinica On-Campus Museums**

**(A) Lingnan Fine Arts Museum**



Website: <http://Infam.sinica.edu.tw/>

**(B) Museum of the Institute of History and Philology**

Website: <http://museum.sinica.edu.tw>

**(C) Hu Shih Memorial Hall**

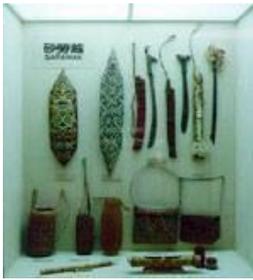
Website: <http://www.mh.sinica.edu.tw/koteki/>

**(D) Museum of the Institute of Ethnology**

Website: <http://www.ioe.sinica.edu.tw/tool/museum/index.html>

**(E) The Research Museum in Research Center for Biodiversity**





Website: <http://asizrm.sinica.edu.tw/eng/datapolicy.php>.

## 14. English Speaking News Media

### (i) Newspaper

There are 3 daily newspapers written in English:

Taipei Times (news on line: <http://www.taipeitimes.com/News>)

Taiwan News (news on line: [http://www.etaiwannews.com/etn/index\\_en.php](http://www.etaiwannews.com/etn/index_en.php))

China Post (news on line: <http://www.chinapost.com.tw/>).

### (ii) Radio

ICRT (International Community Radio Taipei) at 100.7 F.M. is a 24-hour English spoken radio station.

### (iii) Television

There is no regular TV broadcast in English in Taiwan. However, the CNN and BBC can be easily reached by cable TV that is very popular in Taiwan. The cable fee is about NT\$ 530 per month.

## 15. Primary and Secondary Schools

The education system of Taiwan provides a nine-year compulsory education from age 6 to 15. Thus, foreign visitors with children or young adult should send them to school, either public or private. There are one kindergarten, four elementary schools (for grades one to six) and one middle high school (for grades seven to nine) near Academia Sinica.

### (1) Academia Sinica Kindergarten

<http://kindergarten.sinica.edu.tw/#>

### (2) Hu Shih Elementary School

### (3) Jiu-Zhuang Elementary School

### (4) Nangang Elementary School

<http://nkpsen.tw.class.urlifelinks.com/> Bilingual Education Class

<http://www.sinica.edu.tw/misc/bilingual/plan.html>

### (5) Pai Yun Elementary School (located in New Taipei City)

### (6) Chen Cheng Junior High School

The enrollment of public school is assigned according to enrollee's residential district. However, not all schools offer bilingual education program due to the limited resources. There are private schools for Japanese, Germany, French, British, and American nationalities in the Taipei.

The following is a partial list:

Taipei American School	<a href="http://www.tas.edu.tw/">http://www.tas.edu.tw/</a>
Grace Christian Academy	<a href="http://www.gcarams.org/">http://www.gcarams.org/</a>
Taipei British School	<a href="http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com">http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com</a>

Deutsche Schule Taipei	<a href="http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/">http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/</a>
Ecole Francaise de Taipei	<a href="http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com">http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com</a>
TES High School	<a href="http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com">http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com</a>
Taipei Japanese School	<a href="http://www.tjs.tp.edu.tw/">http://www.tjs.tp.edu.tw/</a>
Morrison Academy-Bethany Campus	<a href="http://bethany.mca.org.tw">http://bethany.mca.org.tw</a>
Dominican International School	<a href="http://www.dishs.tp.edu.tw/">http://www.dishs.tp.edu.tw/</a>

## 16. Child Educational Center

### ◆ Academia Sinica affiliated Kindergarten

Chung Yen Kindergarten, founded in April, 1969, is a private kindergarten. However, it is run on the Academia Sinica property. For this reason, the children of Academia Sinica's employees have higher priority to enroll. All children and grandchildren of Academia Sinica workers are eligible to enter.

Please visit the webpage: <http://kindergarten.sinica.edu.tw/>  
 or phone 2787-1451 ~ 2787-1452, Fax: 2788-0342 for  
 detail.

Address: 1F, No. 75, Lane 12, Yen-Chiu-Yuan Road, Sec. 2, Nangang, Taipei 115, Taiwan.  
 (Near Academia Park, besides TIGP building. Bus Stop: Yuan Gong Chao)

## 17. Foreign Support Organization

The following is a list of foreign support organizations:

American Institute in Taiwan, Taipei Office	02-2162-2000
Argentina Trade and Cultural Office	02-2757-6556
Australian Commerce and Industry Office	02-8725-4100
Austrian Trade Delegation	02-2715-5220
British Trade and Cultural Office	02-2192-7000
Canadian Trade Office in Taipei	02-2544-3000
Czech Economic and Cultural Office	02-2738-9768
Embassy of the Republic of Costa Rica	02-2875-2964
The European Chamber of Commerce Taipei	02-2740-0236
French Institute in Taipei	02-3518-5151
German Institute Taipei	02-2501-6188
German Trade Office, Taipei	02-2506-9028
India-Taipei Association	02-2757-6112
Indonesian Economic and Trade Office to Taipei	02-8752-6170
Israel Economic and Cultural Office	02-2757-9692
Interchange Association, Japan, Taipei Office	02-2713-8000
ITI Ireland (The Institute for Trade & Investment of Ireland)	02-2725-1691
The Jordanian Commercial Office	02-2871-7712
Korean Mission in Taipei	02-2758-8320
Malaysian Friendship & Trade Centre, Taipei	02-2713-2626
Manila Economic and Cultural Office / Moscow-Taipei	02-8780-3011
Netherlands Trade and Investment Office	02-2713-5760

New Zealand Commerce and Industry Office	02-2757-6725
Slovak Economic and Culture Office, Taipei	02-8780-3231
Spanish Chamber of Commerce	02-2518-4901
Exportrådet Taipei, Swedish Trade Council	02-2757-6573
Trade Office of Swiss Industries (TOSI)	02-2720-1001
Thailand Trade and Economic Office	02-2712-1882
Ulaanbaatar Trade and Economic Representative Office in Taipei	02-2722-9740
Vietnam Economic & Cultural Office in Taipei	02-2516-6626
Warsaw Trade Office	02-2722-0139

For details about foreign embassies and missions in the ROC (Taiwan), please visit the following URL:

<http://www.mofa.gov.tw/webapp/lp.asp?ctNode=1045&CtUnit=30&BaseDSD=30&mp=6>

## **Section IV. Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP)**

### **甲、Overview**

To keep up with the pace of today's fast evolving scientific and technological world and to promote the internationalization of higher education in Taiwan, Academia Sinica established the Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP) in 2002, in collaboration with a consortium of key national research universities. Since its inception, under the stewardship of the successive directors, TIGP has grown and expanded on the number of inter-disciplinary programs. By the academic year of 2016 fall, TIGP offers twelve interdisciplinary Ph.D. programs for application:

- (1) Chemical Biology and Molecular Biophysics Program (CBMB)
- (2) Molecular Science and Technology Program (MST)
- (3) Molecular and Biological Agriculture Sciences Program (MBAS)
- (4) Molecular and Cell Biology Program (MCB)
- (5) Bioinformatics Program (BioInfo)
- (6) Nano Science and Technology Program (Nano)
- (7) Molecular Medicine Program (MM)
- (8) Earth System Science Program (ESS)
- (9) Biodiversity Program (Biodiv)
- (10) Interdisciplinary Neuroscience program (INS)
- (11) Sustainable Chemical Science and Technology (SCST) *starts from 2014*
- (12) Social Network and Human-Centered Computing (SNHCC) *starts from 2014*

To ensure the best teaching support and intellectual environment, TIGP provides world-class faculty and state-of-the-art facilities by working closely with prominent researchers at prestigious local universities (listed below). With all courses and seminars conducted in English, students coming from different countries will find that the learning environment is truly an international one. The faculties of TIGP have conducted cutting edge research that is internationally competitive. Students learn and receive trainings in class and in lab with the goal to develop into independent researcher. Currently more than 423 students from 62 countries are studying and more than 254 students graduated from TIGP.

In June 2011, the Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan evaluated TIGP on behalf of the Ministry of Education. After viewing documents and site visiting and interviewing unbiasedly selected faculties and students of each program, the review committee concluded that TIGP is "Highly Recommended".

<b>Programs</b>	<b>Academia Sinica Institutes</b>	<b>Partner universities / Associated Institution(s)</b>
<u>Chemical Biology and Molecular Biophysics</u>	Institute of Biological Chemistry	<i>National Taiwan University</i> <a href="http://www.ntu.edu.tw">http://www.ntu.edu.tw</a> 1. Institute of Biochemical Sciences 2. Department of Chemistry
		<i>National Tsing Hua University</i> <a href="http://www.nthu.edu.tw">http://www.nthu.edu.tw</a> 1. College of Life Sciences 2. Department of Chemistry

<u>Molecular and Cell Biology</u>	Institute of Molecular Biology	<i>National Defense Medical Center</i> <a href="http://www.ndmctsgh.edu.tw">http://www.ndmctsgh.edu.tw</a> Graduate Institute of Life Sciences
<u>Molecular Science and Technology</u>	1. Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences 2. Institute of Chemistry	<i>National Tsing Hua University</i> <a href="http://www.nthu.edu.tw">http://www.nthu.edu.tw</a> Department of Chemistry
		<i>National Central University</i> <a href="http://www.ncu.edu.tw/index.php">http://www.ncu.edu.tw/index.php</a> Department of Physics
<u>Molecular and Biological Agricultural Sciences</u>	1. Agricultural Biotechnology Research Center 2. Institute of Plant and Microbial Biology 3. Institute of Molecular Biology 4. Institute of Cellular and Organismic Biology 5. Biodiversity Research Center 6. Genomics Research Center 7. Institute of Biological Chemistry	<i>National Chung Hsing University</i> <a href="http://www.nchu.edu.tw">http://www.nchu.edu.tw</a> 1. Graduate Institute of Biotechnology 2. Biotechnology Center
<u>Bioinformatics</u>	Institute of Information Science	<i>National Yang-Ming University</i> <a href="http://www.ym.edu.tw">http://www.ym.edu.tw</a> Institute of Biomedical Informatics
		<i>National Tsing Hua University</i> <a href="http://www.nthu.edu.tw">http://www.nthu.edu.tw</a> Institute of Bioinformatics and Structural Biology
		<i>National Chiao Tung University</i> <a href="http://www.nctu.edu.tw/">http://www.nctu.edu.tw/</a> Institute of Bioinformatics and Systems Biology
<u>Nano Science and Technology</u>	1. Institute of Physics 2. Institute of Chemistry 3. Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences 4. Research Center for Applied Sciences	<i>National Taiwan University</i> <a href="http://www.ntu.edu.tw">http://www.ntu.edu.tw</a> 1. Department of Chemistry 2. Department of Physics
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<u>Molecular Medicine</u>	Institute of Biomedical Sciences	<i>National Yang-Ming University</i> <a href="http://www.ym.edu.tw">http://www.ym.edu.tw</a> Program in Molecular Medicine

<u>Earth System Science</u>	1. Research Center for Environmental Changes 2. Institute of Earth Sciences	<i>National Central University</i> <a href="http://www.ncu.edu.tw">http://www.ncu.edu.tw</a> College of Earth Sciences
<u>Biodiversity</u>	Biodiversity Research Center	<i>National Taiwan Normal University</i> <a href="http://www2.ntnu.edu.tw/">http://www2.ntnu.edu.tw/</a> Department of Life Science
<u>Interdisciplinary Neuroscience</u>	Institute of Molecular Biology	<i>National Yang-Ming University</i> <a href="http://www.ym.edu.tw">http://www.ym.edu.tw</a> School of Life Science
		<i>National Cheng Kung University</i> <a href="http://english.web.ncku.edu.tw/bin/home.php">http://english.web.ncku.edu.tw/bin/home.php</a> Institute of Clinical Medicine
Sustainable Chemical Science and Technology	Institute of Chemistry	<i>National Chiao Tung University</i> <a href="http://www.nctu.edu.tw/">http://www.nctu.edu.tw/</a> International Ph.D Program of Sustainable Chemical Science and Technology
Social Network and Human-Centered Computing	Institute of Information Science	<i>National Tsing Hua University</i> <a href="http://www.nthu.edu.tw">http://www.nthu.edu.tw</a> Department of Computer Science <i>National Cheng Chi University</i> <a href="http://www.nccu.edu.tw/">http://www.nccu.edu.tw/</a>

TIGP also established the following projects to meet the high standards set by Academia Sinica for the research excellence and the academic accomplishments of its international students as well as those at home.

**(A) TIGP-Distinguish Lecture Series (TIGP-DLS)**

The Ph.D. programs offered by TIGP are for international young scholars to conduct advanced research in a quality academic setting. However, Academia Sinica is aware that a graduate education should not be confined to the classroom and laboratory. The TIGP Distinguished Lecture Series (TIGP-DLS) is aimed to complement TIGP students' academic pursuits by providing outstanding opportunities for them to meet with prominent scientists from diverse disciplines. Our goal is to invite exceptional scientists to share with the TIGP students their unique stories on achieving success in their respective fields. We also encourage the speakers to address topics that will inspire creative thinking in our young scholars.

**(B) Visits to International Renowned Laboratories for Research**

The Academia Sinica has substantial connections with distinguished overseas research universities and institutions, where TIGP students can have the opportunities to visit and perform research in renowned laboratories/institutes.

**(C) Student Exchange Scheme(s)**

Academia Sinica has established foreign collaborative universities, through which TIGP students will be able to extend their academic pursuits and cultural enrichment beyond what AS has to offer.

**(D) TIGP International Internship Program (TIGP-IIP)**

The Taiwan International Graduate Program-Internship is an intensive pre-doctoral research training program for overseas students, which provides hands-on-training and scientific experience at Academia Sinica. It offers up to 60 internship opportunities every year. For more detail information, please see <https://db1x.sinica.edu.tw/tigpSummer/>

**(E) TIGP Student Conference Travel Grants**

Travel grants are available to encourage students to participate in international conferences in frontier fields, offering them the opportunities to meet and learn from experts in their own areas of research as well as related fields.

## 乙、 The TIGP Administrative Team

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### 3. TIGP Graduate Student Association (TIGP GSA)

#### (1) Introduction

Taiwan International Graduate Program Graduate Student Association (TIGP GSA) is a body uniting Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP) students, and also represents the interests of all other graduate students studying/researching within Academia Sinica (AS).

The GSA aims to assist AS in creating the best environment for studies/research and promote stable and pro-active relations between students and staff. The GSA also serves as a common platform where all students can cooperate, and through mutual understanding enhance learning and research experiences at Academia Sinica, and in Taiwan at large. TIGP GSA identifies the problems faced by its members and helps find solutions to such problems through the help of International Affairs Office and other offices within Academia Sinica. All students enrolled at TIGP are eligible for TIGP GSA membership and enjoy equal rights.

#### (2) Summarized Objectives (please refer to the Charter for more detailed objective)

- I. Create and promote interactive academic environment for graduate students at AS
- II. Promote exchange of creative ideas among TIGP students
- III. Organize beneficial educational programs & activities for members, their families & friends

#### (3) General Features

- The General Assembly comprises of all members of the Association (which is, in itself, the supreme body of the TIGP GSA)
- Any competent member of the Association who is not expecting to graduate within the current academic year can be elected or nominated as a Program Representative and/or an Executive.
- The election procedure is based on the TIGP GSA Charter and can only be altered by a majority vote of the General Assembly
- Elections are held every year
- The term of service of the executive is 1 year

#### (4) GSA Activities and Events

The following is a brief summary of GSA activities. Please, kindly refer to our website (<http://gsa.tigp.sinica.edu.tw/>) for more detailed information

<b>GSA ACTIVITY/GROUP/TEAM</b>	<b>LEADER(S)/CO-ORDINATORS (HELPERS)</b>	<b>DATES/REMARKS *</b>
<b>Board Game</b>	James	Every Friday
<b>Cooking</b>	Sunil	Please check website
<b>Counseling</b>	Wendy	available by appointment
<b>Cricket</b>	Sunil	Saturdays and Sundays
<b>Dancing Club</b>	Tracy	Every Tuesday
<b>Distinguished Lectures</b>	George, Bernhard, Luís, Emmanuel	Please check website
<b>Dragon Boat</b>	Pradeep	Please check website
<b>End of the Year Get Together</b>	Ahmed, Angel	Please check website
<b>Football Club</b>	Muhammad	Every Thursday
<b>GSA Newsletter</b>	Ferina, Pradeep, Christian, Tracy	Please check website
<b>Holi</b>	Pradeep	Please check website
<b>Music Club</b>	Feby	Every other Saturday
<b>Web Tech &amp; Journalism</b>	James, Emmanuel, Ferina, (Wendy)	Please check website

\* updates are available on our website <http://gsa.tigp.sinica.edu.tw/>

GSA Facebook group [https://www.facebook.com/groups/56941647480/#\\_](https://www.facebook.com/groups/56941647480/#_)

#### **(5) TIGP Student Affairs Coordinator**



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#### **4. Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP) Student Dormitory**

TIGP operates a student dormitory independently. The building is located 100 meters across the street from the Academia Sinica Main Gate. The dormitory is dedicated to TIGP students. It has 130 en-suite rooms for single occupancy only. A nominal residential fee(s) (NT\$5500 includes the utility) is charged monthly. A deposit of one month rent is required at the time the residential contract is signed. The deposit is refundable at the end of the tenancy. The facilities of the room includes a single bed and mattress, a desk and chair, a bookshelf, a wardrobe, two cabinets, one wastebasket, one internet hook-up port, a telephone (service is excluded) and a bathroom with shower and toilet. Linen, blankets, towels, pillow and duvet are not supplied. The public facilities include:

##### **(A) The Lobby**

Lobby at 1<sup>st</sup> (ground) floor includes a living room furnished with sofas and settees and a bar; a multi-purpose room with several sets of tables and chairs, a TV (with cable), and a magazine stand. A few English newspapers and magazines are provided.

##### **(B) The Kitchen**

The kitchen is partitioned into a cooking and a dining area. Facilities such as microwave ovens, rice cookers, toasters, heating plates, and refrigerators are provided.

##### **(C) The Laundry Room**

Coin-operated washing machine and dryer, a spinner, sinks and benches are available in the laundry room.

##### **(D) Parking**

A parking lot for tenants only is located in the basement of the dormitory. The monthly charges for car, motorcycle, and bicycle are NT\$1000, 200, and free, respectively.

##### **(E) Security**

The dormitory is secured by 24-hour shift security guards. The main gate is operated by magnetic taped card. The vicinity is guarded by 24-hour surveillance cameras.

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#### **5. Registration with the Partner University**

Students are requested to complete the registration process, including payment of the tuition fee payment, with the Partner University to which they have been admitted.

Registration takes place a few days before the beginning of a new semester. All registration arrangements must be completed in person. It is not possible to register or pay tuition fees by mail. Students are therefore urged to arrive at least one week before the beginning of the semester. Registration consists of three steps:

- (1) Submission of various forms
- (2) Course selection
- (3) Tuition payment

#### ◆ Late Registration

The TIGP encourages students to arrive in time for the scheduled registration, but if this proves impossible, students may register late provided that they notify the TIGP in advance and receive approval.

### **6. Student Orientation**

TIGP orientation is designed to help new students become more familiar with its programs and environment. It is strongly recommended that international students develop exposure to the important issues concerning their study at TIGP and their stay in Taiwan. Additionally, the orientation includes field trips, on-campus tours, and a tour to the neighboring areas around Academia Sinica.

### **7. TIGP Scholarship**

#### **(i) The Scholarship**

The scholarship payable to students as a monthly stipend (**NT\$34,000/month**) is granted to every student admitted to TIGP in the first year. Students are eligible for the TIGP scholarship upon their registration to the University/Program. The support will be merit-based and extended for another two years upon evidence of satisfactory progress towards the degree. After the third year, any financial support will be the responsibility of the student's thesis advisor. The continued payment of support and its amount will be at the advisor's discretion.

The general guidelines of TIGP scholarship are as follows:

- (1) The initiating date of TIGP scholarship is set at the September 1<sup>st</sup> of the academic year that the student is admitted to TIGP.
- (2) Students will still receive monthly stipend during summer and winter vacations. However, students who defer their study will not receive the stipends during their deferment.
- (3) If a student transfers from one TIGP partner university to another TIGP partner university at the end of the first academic year, the student will still be regarded as a second-year TIGP student in his/her first year in the new university; he/she will not receive an extra year of TIGP scholarship.
- (4) Local male students who are currently serving National Defense Service will not receive the TIGP stipends until they have discharged their military obligation. The total periods of stipend support from the organization they serve during their study together with stipends from TIGP should not exceed 36 months.
- (5) TIGP reserves the right to make changes to terms described in this section.

#### **(ii) Payment of TIGP Scholarship**

In general, monthly stipend will be transferred directly to the student's stipend account at the end of each month. However, the first payment of TIGP Scholarship will be two months late due to the time it takes to process the stipends administratively (The TIGP Office cannot

initiate scholarship application procedure for students until they have completed registration at TIGP's partner universities). First-year students can expect to receive their Sep & Oct stipends on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please note that TIGP Scholarship can only be transferred to Chunghwa Post, and no other bank. Therefore every TIGP student is required to open a Chunghwa Post bank account as soon as possible when he/she arrives in Taiwan.

### **(iii) Income Tax Withholding**

According to a new regulation approved in June 2007, the TIGP stipend granted to TIGP students in the first three years is tax-free, whereas the stipend provided by thesis supervisor in subsequent years (4<sup>th</sup> year and beyond) is taxable. According to the Tax Law and Regulation in Taiwan, foreigners are obligated to pay 20% of their monthly income to the government as income tax, if they have not resided in Taiwan for more than 183 days IN THE SAME FISCAL YEAR (January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>). The number of days of your residency in Taiwan is recounted annually. On the other hand, only 6% of the monthly stipend will be withheld as income tax from domestic students. As foreign students reside in Taiwan for more than 183 days within the same fiscal year, the tax rate will be reduced to 6%. The extra tax (14%) deducted during the first 183 days is refundable through application to the Taipei National Tax Administration Ministry of Finance. For more information on Tax Law and Regulation in Taiwan, please contact the Taipei National Tax Administration Ministry of Finance or visit their website at <https://www.ntbt.gov.tw/etwmain?site=en>

### **(iv) Fees Deducted from TIGP Scholarship**

#### ◆ Dormitory Fee(s)

Students residing in the TIGP student dormitory and receiving the TIGP/AS stipend are required to pay their residential fee(s) by direct debit, i.e. the rent and relevant residential fee(s) will be deducted from the stipend account monthly through an auto-deduction system.

### **8. TIGP Student Conference Travel Grant**

The grant is designated to assist TIGP students to travel abroad to participate in conferences, and not for attending classes/workshops/summer schools, or for research purposes. The grant can only be used to reimburse the following expenses: air fare, conference registration fee(s), board and lodging and travel insurance. In general, each student may receive only one grant during the course of his/her study in TIGP. An additional award, however, may be considered if the application ranks top two among applications in related fields during evaluation. For more information, please link to the following URL: <http://tigp.sinica.edu.tw/Download.html>

### **9. Information Updating**

Policies and regulations are subject to change to support the continued growth of the Program. Any change in existing policies or announcement of new ones will be made publicly known through sending e-mails and by posting such changes on TIGP and Graduate Student Association (GSA) Websites. It is the students' responsibility to provide the Administration Office with valid and updated e-mail address and regularly visit TIGP/GSA Websites for updated information.

## **Section V. Exploring Taiwan**

### **1. History and Culture**

#### **(i) History**

The pre-history of Taiwan can be traced back 50,000-30,000 years. At that time, the island and the mainland were linked, and thus archaeologists generally agree that the paleolithic cultures discovered on Taiwan are related to those found on the mainland. By the end of the last glacier epoch around 18,000-10,000 years ago, the island was separated from mainland. The archaeological findings indicated that different groups of people moved to Taiwan from the southeast coast of mainland and from Southeast Asia in different times and created the neolithic cultures and metal cultures on the island.

To the best of our knowledge, a large gap exists between the pre-history and the history of Taiwan, as the earliest Chinese records related to the Penghu islands (Pescadores) date from around the twelfth century and those related to the island of Taiwan only from the seventeenth century. From the seventeenth century on, Han Chinese gradually immigrated, linking Taiwan culturally to the mainland, even while various aboriginal cultures were also maintained. Moreover, due to its location, Taiwan became a key transit node during the great development of sailing navigation. The Portuguese praised the island as “Ilha Formosa” (beautiful island) in the sixteenth century when they sailed nearby. The Dutch landed on the island in the south in 1624 and the Spanish in the north in 1626, but the Dutch drove them out in 1642. Twenty years later, Chinese took over the island from the Dutch in 1662. Taiwan came under the rule of the Qing Empire in 1683, and was ceded to Japan after its defeat in the 1894-95 Sino-Japanese War. Accordingly, Taiwan was subjected to Japanese colonial rule for 50 years, but was returned to the Republic of China in 1945, after Japan’s defeat in the Second World War. In 1949, the Nationalists (Guomindang) evacuated the mainland and reestablished the government of the Republic of China on Taiwan.

Recovering from the war, great efforts were made to develop Taiwan’s economy and in recent years, much emphasis has been placed on the development of democracy. The Martial Law was lifted in 1987, and the first general election of the president took place in 1996. Four years later, Chen Shui-bian of the Democratic Progressive Party was elected president in 2000 and thus the Guomindang’s 51 years of rule was interrupted and a new epoch of political party rotation emerged on Taiwan. The 2008 election of President Ma Ying-jeou marked the second peaceful transfer of power, this time back to the KMT.

#### **(ii) Geography**

The island of Taiwan is located on the western edge of the Pacific Ocean. It is located between Japan and the Philippines and off the southeast coast of mainland China, separated by the Taiwan Strait. Taiwan is 394 kilometers long and 144 kilometers wide at its widest point, with a total area of about 36,179 square kilometers.

#### **(iii) Climate**

Taiwan's climate is subtropical in the north and tropical in the south. The island is surrounded by oceans and the ocean breezes are the reason for Taiwan's humid weather. Average temperature of summer is 29°C (84°F) and winter is 16°C (61°F). Summer, from May until September, is usually humid and intensely hot. Winter is usually mild and it lasts from December to February. Snow may be visible on the high mountains. The rainy season lasts from April to August. The typhoon season is mainly between May and September.

#### **(iv) Population**

Taiwan has a population of 23 million. The population is mostly made up of Han Chinese and a small number of indigenous people, Taiwan's original inhabitants. There are currently 11 major indigenous groups in Taiwan: the Atayal, Saisiyat, Bunun, Tsou, Thao, Paiwan, Rukai, Puyuma, Amis, Yami, and Kavalan. Collectively, they comprise less than 2 percent of Taiwan's total population. The population of Taiwan is primarily concentrated in the metropolitan areas.

#### **(v) Currency**

The New Taiwan Dollar (NT\$) is the currency used in Taiwan. It has five denominations in paper money and five in coins. Paper money is available in NT\$2000, NT\$1000, NT\$500, NT\$200, and NT\$100 denominations. Coins are available in NT\$50, NT\$20, NT\$10, NT\$5 and NT\$1 denominations.

The exchange rate changes daily. Please consult the Bank of Taiwan for information on the exchange rate: <http://www.bot.com.tw>

#### **(vi) Culture**

Before the earliest Chinese settlers came to Taiwan at least four hundred years ago, the aboriginal people had already left their mark on the island. The aboriginal lived in tribes, and their art took the form of beautiful houses and clothes that signified tribal authority. The houses were usually decorated with carved objects and utensils, and the clothes were beautifully woven and embroidered. Facial tattoo was also a common art form.

The traditional Glove Puppetry has a history of two hundred years. It gradually developed into a splendid cultural and social vehicle to entertain, educate, and preserve traditional values and legends. The traditional Glove Puppetry also served to communicate veiled voices of political opposition. It has developed to hundreds of divisions, forming one of the most symbolic entertainment forms in Taiwan.

Taiwanese Opera is originated from I-Lan, and it is also the only traditional local opera developed in Taiwan. It has a century old history. Taiwanese Opera is a branch of traditional Chinese entertainment, and its performance is composed of singing and acting.

Cloud Gate Dance Theatre is a local dance group. It has its roots in Asian myths, folklore, and aesthetics, but it confers a contemporary and universal perspective to these age-old beliefs and stories. The company is made up of two-dozen dancers whose training includes tai chi, meditation, martial arts, Chinese Opera movement, modern dance, and ballet.

#### **(vii) Postal Service**

For further information, please check <http://www.post.gov.tw/post/index.jsp> or contact the Post Service Line: 0800-099246

#### **(viii) Cost of Living in Taiwan**

Owing to the scarce natural resources and high population density of the island, agriculture was the main source of wealth in the early years of Taiwan's economic development. However, some mining and industry were developed during the Japanese occupation period, and with the stable and rapid growth of economy initiated in the 1950s, the focus of Taiwan's economy shifted to the manufacturing and financial sectors. Taiwan was the world's largest producer of computers in 1998. There is no shortage of inexpensive eateries in town. A

nutritious Chinese meal costs about NT\$100. The city public transportation system, with fares ranging from NT\$15 to NT\$30, MRT system, from NT\$ 20 to NT\$65, are convenient ways to get around town. The range of rent in National Taiwan University area is from NT\$7500 to NT\$15,000 per month. The monthly rent in the Nangang area ranges from NT\$5000 to NT\$12,000.

### **(ix) Natural Hazards**

There are two major natural hazards in Taiwan: typhoon and earthquake.

The Central Weather Bureau (<http://www.cwb.gov.tw/eng/index.htm>) keeps a close watch on all typhoons. It gives advanced warnings way ahead of time before a typhoon hits Taiwan. Please listen to the radio (e.g. the English program of ICRT radio station after 10:00 p.m.) or watch TV during the typhoon season (April-September), and plan your outdoor activities accordingly.

#### **◆ In the event of an Earthquake**

- (1) Keep calm and exit the building as soon as possible. During the tremor, stay away from windows, glass, low-hanging ceiling lamps and large pieces of furniture.
- (2) Shut off the stove, heater, gas and electricity.
- (3) Protect your head with cushions. Take refuge under a sturdy table if possible, in the corner between two walls or under a reinforced doorframe.
- (4) Use flashlights rather than matches, lighters or any flame.
- (5) If fire breaks out, try to extinguish it immediately.
- (6) Keep doors open to prevent them from becoming jammed or accidentally locked.
- (7) Quickly locate a safe place when caught on the upper floors of a tall building.
- (8) Do not use the elevator to escape.
- (9) Do not swarm crowded safety exits or ladders, lest others be crushed or injured.
- (10) Immediately obey orders to leave and proceed in an orderly fashion.
- (11) When you are confined within a building, it is important to find a safe place inside. Keep a great distance away from buildings, walls, billboards, trees, and electric wire poles.

The tremor usually lasts a few seconds to a minute or so. You may not have time to do all of above. However, being calm and not panic is the most important thing.

## **2. Ecology**

Taiwan lies on the western edge of the Pacific "rim of fire," and continuous tectonic movements have created majestic peaks, rolling hills and plains, basins, coastlines, and other wonders. It has been generously equipped with forests. Some 258 mountain peaks are more than 3,000 meters high, geographically making Taiwan unique as compared to any other country in the world. As there are many beautiful mountains in Taiwan, mountain climbing is a popular leisure activity all year around. In addition to this, six national parks offer a variety of distinct topographic landscapes: the Taroko National Park, a narrow ravine created by a river which has cut through the mountains, Yushan (Jade Mountain) National Park highest containing the highest landmark of Taiwan and also the highest peak in Northeast Asia, Shei-Pa National Park, featuring with its dangerously steep slopes; Yangmingshan National Park, offering volcanic craters and lakes; Kenting National Park, encompassing Taiwan's only tropical area which breathes a truly Southeast Asian atmosphere; and Kinmen National Park, with its storied granite hills.

There are about 18,400 species of wildlife on the island, with more than 20% belonging to rare or endangered species; among these are the land-locked salmon, Taiwan mountain goat,

Formosan rock monkey, Formosan black bear, blue magpie, Mikado pheasant, Hsuehshan grass lizard, and many more. The government has established 6 national parks and 13 national scenic areas to preserve Taiwan's best natural ecological environment and cultural sites. Take in the splendor and sheer heights of the cliffs at Taroko Gorge; take a ride on the Alishan train--one of only three mountain railways in the world--and experience the breathtaking sunset and sea of clouds; hike up to the summit of Northeast Asia's highest peak, Jade Mountain. You can also soak up the sun in Kenting, Asia's version of Hawaii; stand at the edge of Sun Moon Lake; traipse through the East Rift Valley; or visit the offshore islands of Kinmen and Penghu. It's fun in capital letters as well as an awesome journey of natural discovery!

For tourism information, please link to the following website: <http://www.tboc.gov.tw>.

The Tourism Bureau also provides service at the Travel Information Service Center in Taipei, which is open 365 days a year. You may get free copies of the latest free brochures on travel in Taiwan. In addition, the information desk offers tourist information in Chinese, English, Japanese, and emergency assistance.

The Travel Information Service Center is located at:  
345, Jungshiau E. Rd., Sec. 4, Taipei, 106.

Tel: 02-2717-3737; Office Hours: 8:30 ~ 17:30 daily

<http://www.taipeitravel.net/user/main.aspx?Lang=2>

Direction: Exit 5 of the Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall Station of the MRT Blue line.

### **3. Biological Diversity**

#### **(i) Taiwan – Island of Biodiversity**

Taiwan is on the boundary of the tropics and subtropics, and although the island covers only a small area, the environment of Taiwan is diversified, possessing unique landscapes, wildlife resources and rich ecosystems. Taiwan's diversity of ecological habitats and separation from the main land by the Taiwan strait has resulted in genetic isolation, and a division from Asian species to the formation of entirely new species. Thus Taiwan is a hotspot for biological diversity, and a profusion of endemic species. A fourth of Taiwan's plant resources are endemic to Taiwan, of which 4,800 species are vascular plants, 1,100 are mosses and liverworts, and 5,700 are fungi. As for animal resources, it is estimated that Taiwan has 150,000 species, a third of which are endemic to Taiwan. Animal species discovered so far include 71 mammal species, 520 bird species, 99 reptiles, 36 amphibians, 2,800 fish, and around 20,000 named insect species. Numbers of recorded species are continuously increasing as more research is carried out.

To conserve Taiwan's precious flora and fauna resources and to uphold biological diversity, around 749 species of wildlife are currently protected under conservation laws, including the clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*), the Formosan black bear (*Selenarctos tibetnaus formosanus*), the bird-wing butterfly (*Troides magellanus*), and the Formosan landlocked salmon (*Oncorhynchus masou*). Protected plant species included Taiwan beech (*Fagus hayatae*), Taiwan keteleeria (*Keteleeria davidiana*). Database groundwork and storage of germ plasm have already been established for grain, vegetable, flower, industrial and medicinal plants in Taiwan as well as local livestock.

Taiwan's subtropical climate is moderate and bestows abundant rainfall. Due to tectonic plate movements and effect of the early glaciers, a long mountain range with high mountain peak (reach 4,000m altitude) and a network of river valleys spans across the entire island. These factors have created a distinctive and complex geographical landscape that fosters a proliferation of elaborate plant and animal resources. Such conditions have not only preserved relic species that have survived the ice age, but have also given rise to diverse ecosystems, including a multitude of marine, island, estuary, wetland, lake, river, forest and agricultural environments. Each ecosystem nurtures an abundance of species and genetic resources, and fosters a rich complexity of wildlife, plants and microbial resources.

Taiwan is located off the eastern edge of the Eurasian continent and is surrounded by sea on all sides. Taiwan has many types of marine ecosystems: open ocean and deep sea in the offshore waters from northeast down to southwest clockwise. Topographical and geographical variations along the island's long coastlines give rise to a range of terrain including coral reef shorelines, rocky coastlines, sandy and muddy shorelines. As a result, an abundance of species inhabit Taiwan's marine areas. According to research data, as many as one tenth of the world's marine species number are present in Taiwan.

Orchid Island and Green Island are located on the southeast of Taiwan. The volcanic eruptions have formed various lava terrains and peculiar landscapes; the clear Kuroshio passing by has also fostered the lush growth of coral. Over thousands-of-years-old corals have created the magnificent and complex coral reef coasts, turning these two islands into the most dazzling jewel in Taiwan. They are the paradise for marine organisms and divers; with the colorful marine lives bathing in the warm sun, they have become the richest biodiversity areas in Taiwan waters. However, the small islands cannot afford excessive exploitation and utilization; it will take everyone's effort in order to preserve the precious scenes.

	<p>Fig. 1: A diver is exploring an underwater above soft coral, and here divers can find organisms typical of coral reef in Taiwan.</p>
	<p>Fig. 2: The coast of Green Island is surrounded by an almost uninterrupted fringing reef.</p>



Fig. 3: Tourist diver photographing a small colony of staghorn acropores offers to hundreds of Pomacentridae.



Fig. 4: Typical coral reef scene around green Island.

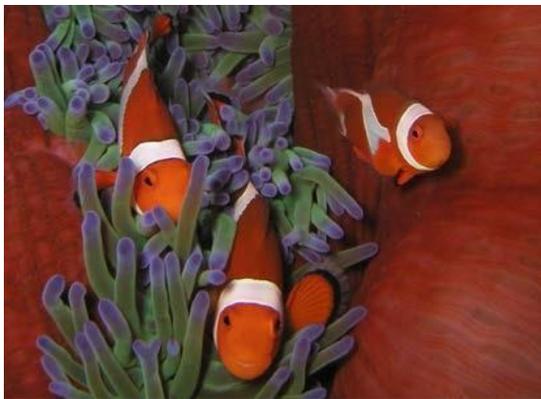


Fig. 5:  
The well-known Common Clownfish (anemonefish) are the recent fondling aquarium pets; seldom seen in Taiwan waters now.

#### 4. Places of interest in Taiwan

**(i) Taipei 101** [http://www.taipei-101.com.tw/en/OB/index\\_ob.asp](http://www.taipei-101.com.tw/en/OB/index_ob.asp)

The TAIPEI101 office center offers a world-class office environment and is worthy of consideration as an advantageous location for multinational corporations located in Taiwan. Aside from its location in the national, master-planned Hsinyi District, TAIPEI101 possesses numerous competitive advantages such as 2,644 square meters of unobstructed floor space, ceilings that exceed the height of most other office buildings, as well as spacious lobbies, exhibition chambers, and public spaces.

Moreover, TAIPEI101 has been planned from the beginning to take into account features most important to multinational corporations, including information networks, power and climate control systems, and the designing in of high-volume, high-efficiency output capabilities and upgrade flexibility. Businesses can be assured that not only are their present needs but that their future growth is anticipated as well. In addition, TAIPEI101's internationally oriented customer service team, round-the-clock, year-round security services, and convenient suite of software solutions offer the ideal office setting for top business professionals. Hence, multinational corporations who locate themselves in the internationally known landmark of TAIPEI 101 assure themselves of a global business profile of the highest value.



◆ Business Hours

Taiwan's premier international shopping destination, featuring luxury goods, fashions, and fine dining.

★ B1-3F、5F (SUN-THU) 11:00-21:30

★ 4F (SUN-SAT) 11:00-22:00

★ B1-5F (FRI-SAT & Holiday) 11:00-22:00

◆ Observatory ([http://www.taipei-101.com.tw/en/DB/p\\_01.asp](http://www.taipei-101.com.tw/en/DB/p_01.asp))

★ Ticket to 91F can only be purchased after issue of 89F ticket.

★ Complimentary: Children under 110 cm, should be accompanied by adults.

★ Group Tickets: Telephone reservations made 3 days in advance are required. No same day sale of Group Tickets. Reservation: 02-8101-8899.

◆ Operating Hours

★ 9am to 10pm daily

★ Last Ticketing & entry: 9:15 pm

★ Operating hours during holidays are subject to change.

◆ General Contact Information

Address: 89<sup>th</sup> Floor, No7 Hsinyi Road Section 5, Taipei City Ticketing Booth and Entrance are located at the 5th Floor of the TAIPEI 101 Shopping Mall.

For Inquiry and Group Reservation, please call TEL : (02)8101-8899



accordance with the provincial government's 1976 administrative outline. The aim of this facility was to preserve and maintain the culture of the Taiwanese aborigines, encourage academic research and the exchange of knowledge, provide social education, and develop tourism. The Academia Sinica Institute of Ethnology completed overall planning for the village in 1980. It was decided that the village would occupy 82.65 hectares of land and feature the cultures of Taiwan's nine aboriginal tribes. The name was changed to the "Taiwan Aboriginal Culture Park." The establishment of a park management office was authorized on November 15, 1986, and on July 18, 1987 the park formally opened its doors to the public. On November 18, 1994 the provincial government requested that the name be changed to the "Taiwan Aboriginal Culture Park Management Office," but this name change did not actually take place until 1998.

◆ Geographical Location

The park is located in Peiyeh village, Machia Township, Pingtung County. It is on the south bank of Ailiao Creek, which divides Machia Township from Sandimen Township. The park is near the transportation hub of the three aboriginal townships of Machia, Sandi, and Wutai. It is only 24 kilometers from Pingtung, and is quite accessible. The neighboring area contains villages of the Paiwan and Rukai aboriginal tribes, which lends the park a strong flavor of aboriginal culture. The park site is 82.65 hectares in area, and is between 145 and 220 meters in elevation. The topography is hilly and the natural scenery is varied and majestic.

◆ Tickets

Full ticket -- NT\$150

Student/military/police ticket -- NT\$80

A 20% discount is available for groups of 30 or more.

Free admission for over 65, the disabled, and children below 110 cm.

◆ Open hours

Closed every Monday (the park will be open if Monday is a national holiday) Tuesday-

Sunday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

◆ Times of dance performances

Tuesday-Saturday: 10:30 AM, 3:00 PM

Sunday and national holidays: 10:30 AM, 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM

**(iv) National Parks & Scenic Areas**

(A) Yangmingshan National Park

For further details, please call (02) 2861-3601.

Information Source: <http://www.ymsnp.gov.tw/HTML/ENG/INDEX.ASP>

(B) Northeast Coast National Scenic Area

The notable feature of this area is the magnificent sandstone promontory rising from the sea at Lungtung, one of Taiwan's best rock-climbing areas. Tel: (02) 2499-1115

Website: <http://www.necoast-nsa.gov.tw/>

(C) Tainan

Tainan, the ancient capital of Taiwan, is situated on the southwestern coastal plains of the island and enjoys a warm climate year-round. For more information,

please <http://www.tncg.gov.tw/tainan/default.asp>

(D) Alishan National Scenic Area

Alishan (“Ali mountain” in Chinese) is located in the northeastern part of the Jiayi (Chiayi) County and is renowned for its alpine forests, ethnic culture, people and the famous Alishan Forest Railway.

<http://www.ali-nsa.net/user/Main.aspx?Lang=2>

(E) Taroko (Tailuge) National Park

It contains Taiwan’s premier scenic attraction, Taroko Gorge, which offers some of the most spectacular views on the island. <http://www.taroko.gov.tw/English/>

(F) Shei-Pa National Park

The important resources for conservation of this park include high mountain ecologies, geology, topography, rivers and creek valleys, and rare animals and plants, as well as plentiful variety of forest types.

Information Source: <http://www.spnp.gov.tw/v2/default.aspx?lang=1>

(G) Yushan National Park

This fortunate area is one of the few places in Taiwan that still keeps the dignity of nature unexploited. As time passes by, this area records the geological history of millions of years, yields interrelated subtropical, temperate and arctic natural ecosystems, and also preserves one famous historical relic--the Patungkuan old passage, constructed in the Qing Dynasty.

<http://www.ysnp.gov.tw/en/>

(H) Kending (Kenting) National Park

The park now contains about 20,000 hectares of land and approximately 16,000 hectares of ocean along the three coasts. The park is well-known for its uplifted coral reefs, oceanic natural resources, natural monsoon forests and coastal tropical rainforest.

<http://www.ktnp.gov.tw/eng/>

(v) **Off-Shore Islands**

The main offshore islands consist of Penghu, Green Island, Orchid Island, Jinmen (Kinmen), and Mazu (Matzu). The topographical characteristics and human activities differ on each island, which has its own unique scenery and culture.

(A) Penghu

The Penghu archipelago, “bright pearl” of the Taiwan Strait, consists of 64 islands of various sizes, famed for their emerald seas and blue skies, fine beaches, fresh air, rich oceanic resources, and beautiful landscapes.

<http://www.penghu-nsa.gov.tw>

(B) Green Island

Green Island lies in the Pacific Ocean, 33 km east of Taidong (Taitung City). One of Green Island’s most popular attractions is to be found underwater. The reef which surrounds the island supports more than 150 species of hard coral and at least 50 varieties of soft coral, providing refuge for an enormous range of marine life and making this destination a paradise for scuba divers and snorkelers. <http://www.eastcoast-nsa.gov.tw/>

(C) Lanyu

Lanyu, or Orchid Island, is situated off the southeastern coast of Taiwan and, like Green Island, its neighbor to the north, was raised from the sea floor by the accumulation of volcanic lava. In addition to savoring the beautiful island scenery, during a trip of Orchid

Island you can also enjoy a glimpse into the fascinating Yami culture.  
<http://www.eastcoast-nsa.gov.tw/>

(D) Jinmen(Kinmen)

Lying just 2,100 meters off the coast of mainland China, this hilly island is composed mostly of granite and has a history that derives largely from war. It can, therefore, be termed a “battlefield island”, and it possesses unique battlefield scenery. <http://www.kmnp.gov.tw/>

(E) Mazu (Matzu)

Named after the goddess Mazu, this archipelago is located northwest of Taiwan in the Taiwan Strait. Due to its sensitive position, Mazu used to be a military fortress like Jinmen. Mazu has a special battlefield culture, with frontline defenses still in place. beaches, sand dunes, precipitous cliffs, and other dramatic features. <http://www.matsu-nsa.gov.tw/>

For more information about travel in Taiwan, please check the official tourism bureau website: <http://www.tboc.gov.tw> and <http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/>



Alishan National Scenic Area



Yangmingshan National Park



Penghu



Mazu

(source of photos: the official website of above scenic spots.)

## 5. Sightseeing in Taipei

### (i) A Glance of Taipei City

Taipei city is situated in a basin in northern Taiwan. The capital of the Republic of China, Taipei is a vibrant blend of traditional culture and a modern metropolis of many skyscrapers with about four million people in her metropolitan area.

As the political, economic, educational and recreational center of the country, Taipei offers an array of significant cultural sights. The Taoyuan international airport is about 40 minutes south of the capital. Modern highways, railroads, and domestic flights can take people to any place in Taiwan within hours. With hundreds of excellent restaurants serving a wide range of Chinese cuisines, it is not exaggerated to say that Taipei is the world's capital of Chinese food. Moreover, many impressive sightseeing attractions are located in or around Taipei, including the majestic Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, the National Concert Hall and National Theatre, Longshan Temple, Confucius's Temple and the outdoor Jade market. Among all, the National Palace Museum, which houses the richest collection of treasures spanning 5,000 years of Chinese civilization is a must for everyone. A 40-minute trip by plane from Taipei towards the east and south of Taiwan, visitors will appreciate the breath-taking views of the Taroko Gorge National Park in Hualian and Ken-ting, the southern tip of Taiwan.

The implementation of Taipei's CyberCity initiative under Mayor Ma, Ying-Jeou's leadership has won international recognition once again on June 9 (US Time) at the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF) 2006 in New York. The World Teleport Association (WTA) named Taipei as the 2006 Intelligent Community of the Year. Among the achievements cited by ICF were Taipei's 88 technology incubators, which continue to produce new businesses, products, and technologies for the global market, as well as stimulate small business and entrepreneurial growth. In addition, the community has 45 R&D centers, including the Nangang Software Park (not far from Academia Sinica), where over 2,000 firms generate US\$47 billion in sales. Eastern Taipei has been developed as a financial and commercial district. Here, the modern face of Taipei shines through, with its glass and steel skyscrapers, wide boulevards, and the World Trade Center. Taipei also boasts dozens of world-class performance venues, where you can enjoy world-class theater and concert events. The city also offers a wide range of other diversions -- shopping malls, nightclubs, live-music bars, quality hotels, and exotic restaurants. With the wealth of interesting and fun activities available in Taipei, and its warm hospitality, visitors are certain to have an unforgettable experience in this remarkable city.

### (ii) Art

#### (A) National Theater & Concert Hall

Situated in the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, the National Chiang Kai-shek Cultural Center is comprised of two buildings – the National Theater and the National Concert Hall. The National Theater is designed for performing Chinese opera, traditional Chinese folk arts, western opera, drama, ballet, and other dance forms. The National Concert Hall is designed for symphony orchestra, chorus, and other large-scale music concerts. For more information: <http://www.ntch.edu.tw>



(B) Taipei Eye

“Taipei Eye” is designed as a window on Taiwanese traditional performing arts especially for foreigners. Performers and artists with international reputations are invited here to present fantastic performances, such as Puppet Fun, Renowned Scenes of Dances and Martial Arts in Chinese Opera, Folklores, Tribal Dances,

Nanguan (Nan-Kuan), Beiguan, Pa-Yin, and acrobatics.

Address: 113, Sec. 2, ZhongShan N. Rd., Taipei (JinZhou Street Entrance) Information

Source: <http://www.taipeiye.com/eng/index.html>

(C) The National Palace Museum

When talking about arts, most people in Taiwan think of the National Palace Museum in Taipei, with its world-famous collection of porcelain, jade, calligraphy and all the other art treasures of ancient China. This museum conveys a sense of the 5,000 years of Chinese cultural history and tradition. To get there from Academia Sinica, take bus #620 or #645. After approximately 45 minutes, you will pass through a tunnel. After the tunnel, get off at the first stop; keep walking and turn right for about 5 minutes, you will see the museum on your left-hand side. Guided Tours are available in Chinese, English, Japanese, and French.



Address: 221, ChihShan Rd., Sec.2, Taipei

For further details, please call (02) 2881-2021

Information Source: <http://www.npm.gov.tw/en/home.htm>

(D) The Shunyi (Shung Ye) Museum of Formosan Aborigines

This museum features not only the cultural background of the Chinese in Taiwan, but also the culture that was here before the Chinese arrived. The museum is located on the same road as the National Palace Museum, just a five-minute walk away. For further information, please check <http://www.museum.org.tw> (Chinese)

or [http://www.sinica.edu.tw/tit/museums/1294\\_shung-ye.html](http://www.sinica.edu.tw/tit/museums/1294_shung-ye.html) (English).

Address: 282, ChihShan Rd., Sec. 2, Shilin district, Taipei

Tel: (02) 2841-2611

(E) Taipei Fine Arts Museum

Taipei Fine Arts Museum primarily specializes in works of art from Taiwan, followed by works of overseas Chinese and works representative of important trends in 20th century art. The museum is located on ZhongShan North Road, and is convenient from the MRT (Yuanshan stop on the Red Line).

Address: 181, ZhongShan N. Road., Sec. 3, Taipei 104

Tel: (02) 2595-7656

Information Source: <http://www.tfam.museum/index.aspx>

(F) Yingge (Yingko) Ceramics Museum

This museum itself is a stylish building, and inside offers displays of historical and modern pottery.

For guided tour reservations, please call (02) 2678-8664

Address: 200, Cultural Rd, Yingko Town, Taipei

239 <http://www.ceramics.ntpc.gov.tw/Index.ycm>

(G) National Museum of History

Most of the items on display were brought to Taiwan from mainland China or were donated by private organizations. Exhibits include bronze vessels and pottery of different Chinese dynasties. The museum is located downtown and is convenient by bus and MRT; a taxi from Academia Sinica costs about NT\$400.

Address: 49, NanHai Rd, Taipei Website:

<http://www.nmh.gov.tw/> (Chinese & English) Tel: (02) 2361-0270

(H) National Central Library

National Central Library is the sole national library of the Republic of China. Its goals are to assist academic research, to sponsor cultural and educational activities, and to promote the professional development of librarianship in all the country's libraries.

Address: 20, ZhongShan S. Rd, Taipei Tel: (02) 2361-9132

<http://www.ncl.edu.tw>

**(iii) One-day Activities in Taipei**

(A) Yangming Academy

Yangming Academy was a hot-spring villa during Japanese occupation of Taiwan. Former President Chiang Kai-shek loved the beautiful scenery here and built Chung Hsing Hotel to accommodate foreign guests and to spend summer; the hotel was later reconstructed as Yangming Academy.

(B) Xingtian (Hsing-t'ien) Temple

This very busy temple is devoted to Guangong, a famous deified general who lived during the Three Kingdoms period (A.D. 162-219). He is also worshipped as the patron saint of businessmen. The courtyard of the temple is usually busy, with crowds of worshippers bowing their heads or kneeling in devotion. The pedestrian underpass outside the temple is filled with fortune-tellers and vendors who take commercial advantage of the temple's popularity.

<http://www.ht.org.tw/htkeng.htm>

(C) Da'an (Ta-an) Forest Park

It offers abundant space for outdoor activities such as jogging, walking or just relaxing. The park features facilities such as an open stage, a playground for children, pavilion, etc.

(D) Jianguo (Chienkuo) Weekend Flower and Jade Market

Jianguo Weekend Flower Market is open on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays between 09:00 and 17:00. At more than 100 stalls, vendors sell various kinds of potted plants, garden trees, fresh flowers, water plants, fertilizers, vases, and books related to gardening. Prices are reasonable and supplies are plentiful. The Jianguo Weekend Jade Market is located under the JianGuo South Road Expressway, only a little bit further north between RenAi Road and JiNan Road. It has more than 500 stalls and is open on Saturdays and on Sundays between 09:00 and 18:00. At this popular market, you can find all sorts of jade vessels, jade stones, other precious stones, amber, and pearls. One may take bus#270 from Academia Sinica directly to the jade & flower market.

(E) Ximending (Hsimenting)

On holidays and weekends, people gather here for art, cultural events, sports, and musical performances. The district is not only a witness to history but also trendy with Taipei youth. Many middle-aged and elderly people with nostalgia come here to reminisce, while many

young people come to see and make the latest fashion statements. Two totally different life styles meet here. You may take MRT “Blue Line” and get off at the Hsimen (Ximen) Station. <http://tourguide.travelking.com.tw/eng/scenery102612.html>

#### (F) National Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall

The Zhongshan Square Park features an open space of about 110,000 square meters, including a green lake with flowing water lily, beckoning willow and a delicate bridge. Tourists always find the park the best place for relaxation, while enjoying the scenic yard with blossom of flowers and camphor trees and a walk on wandering health path. From Academia Sinica, you may take bus #270, #212 or MRT “Blue-Line” and get off at the Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall. <http://www.yatsen.gov.tw/en/>



#### (G) Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall

The CKS Memorial Hall, built in 1980, was erected to honor the late President Chiang Kai-shek. A huge sculpture of the late President stands solemnly in the middle of the monument. The area is 250,000 square meters and is the most visited site by foreign tourists in Taipei. The great building has become a landmark of Taipei City. A sitting statue of President Chiang is installed in the memorial hall, and an exhibition room demonstrates historical documents and artifacts related to Chiang’s life. The park also houses the National Theater and National Concert Hall. As well, the park features traditional Chinese gardens. During weekends and holidays, the vast square in front of the memorial hall is a favorite gathering point for families, and on special days is the venue for major events like Taipei Lantern Festival. The park can be reached by MRT (CKS Memorial Hall station). <http://www.cksmh.gov.tw>



Note: Above map was reprinted by Taipei Travel Net.

#### (H) Danshui (Tamshui)

The old town of Danshui sits at the northwestern corner of Taipei's Basin, at the mouth of the Danshui River, surrounded by beautiful mountains and waters. The town has been shaped by centuries of conflict between the cultures of the East and the West, and is home to numerous historical sites, temples, restaurants and food stalls, and enchanting old streets that fill with visitors during holidays. The best way to Danshui is to take MRT "Green Line", and get off at the terminal station—Danshui. Walking is the best way to get around. Danshui used to be the center of a bustling port and was a strategic maritime placement during the last century. From here one can look over the broad expanse of the Danshui River, the source of much of northern Taiwan's commercial prosperity. Now, the open area along the waterfront is crammed with food stalls selling many kinds of snack food for which the town has become famous; a short bus ride takes you to beaches on the bay and ocean. A day-trip to Danshui lets you cover a wide range of things, from history to architecture and from local foods to swimming.

Information Source: [http://www.tshs.tpc.gov.tw/index\\_en.aspx](http://www.tshs.tpc.gov.tw/index_en.aspx)



#### (I) Longshan (Lung-shan) Temple

Longshan Temple is a famous old temple in Taiwan, dedicated to Guanyin—the Guanshiyin Buddha—and other divine spirits. The temple was built in 1740. There are great decorative lamp fairs and temple activities on historical festivals. On the 1st and 15th day each month of the lunar calendar, regular worshippers come to the temple. Longshan Temple is a flourishing temple, a sightseeing attraction, and also a second-degree historical site. There are traditional streets/shops, antique shops, Buddhists article shops, and Chinese medicine shops surrounding the temple. One may take MRT blue line and get off at the "Longshan Temple" station.

<http://www.lungshan.org.tw/>



#### (J) Taipei Night Markets

##### ◆ Raohe (Jaoho) Street Night Market

Raohe Street Night Market is located on Raohe Street and is 600 meters in length. Various products and local foods are sold in the night markets. Raohe Street Night Market is near Sung Shan Railway Station. From Academia Sinica, it is only about 20 minutes by bus #306, 205 or 276 -- get off at the Sung Shan

Railway Station. <http://www.raohe.com.tw/e4-1.htm> ;

<http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/m1.aspx?sNo=0002090&id=R177>

##### ◆ Huashi Street Night Market

Huashi Street Night Market is located near Longshan Temple. Various commodities are sold here and it is one of the favorite tourist sites. A Chinese traditional post stands at the entrance of Huashi Street Night Market. Chinese traditional lamps are hung along the street. Huashi

Street Night Market is also famous for snake shops. However, due to environmental protection considerations, endangered species are not sold here. The loud sales promotions reflect the vigorous and hearty lives of Taiwan people. Foot massage is also very popular here. It's easy getting there; take MRT "Blue-Line" and get off at Longshan Temple station.  
<http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/m1.aspx?sNo=0002090&id=18>

◆ Shilin (Shih-lin) Night Market

Shilin Night Market is the largest night market in Taipei. Many visitors come to Shilin Night Market to enjoy the delicious foods. Goods are sold at less expensive prices compared to regular stores. When you walk around the market, you will often find something unexpected. The night market is packed with many people during holidays. One may take MRT "Green Line" or "Orange Line" and get off at the "Chien-Tan" station.

<http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/m1.aspx?sNo=0002090&id=154>

(K) New Taipei City Tour Net

[http://tour.tpc.gov.tw/tourism\\_en/index.do](http://tour.tpc.gov.tw/tourism_en/index.do)

(L) Taipei City Government

[http://english.taipei.gov.tw/MP\\_100002.html](http://english.taipei.gov.tw/MP_100002.html)

(M) Tourism Bureau

<http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/>

(N) Points of interest inside Academia Sinica campus

◆ Hu Shih Park

It is located across the Yen-Chiu-Yuan Road from the Institutes of Ethnology and Economics. This park commemorates one of the great thinkers of modern China, Hu Shih. The park has a front garden and Hu's tomb is up from there on the slope of a hill. The garden is shaded with Cypress trees and the graveyard of Hu Shih is surrounded by azalea flower bushes. Every year on the birthday of Hu Shih, people gather there to pay him tribute. In the valley behind the mountain, there is also a children's park with a running track and basketball courts. It opens year around.

◆ Hu Shih Memorial Hall

Dr. Hu Shih, a famous scholar, philosopher and educator, was born in Shanghai on December 17, 1891. His early education took place in a village school in southern Anhui province, but he received his modern education in Shanghai. In 1910, he passed an examination for a Boxer Indemnity Scholarship to study in the United States. He attended Cornell University from 1910-15, where he received his B.A., and Columbia University from 1915-17, where he earned his Ph.D. He also contributed to China's modern development by serving as wartime ambassador to the United States from 1938 to 1942, and as president of Academia Sinica from 1958 to 1962. Dr. Hu was the first Chinese poet to write and publish a volume of poems composed in the vernacular (1919). He was also the first scholar to use vernacular Chinese to write a history of Chinese philosophy, and won renown as the first scholar to apply scientific methods of historical research and textual criticism to the study of traditional Chinese novels and the geographical classic.

Hu Shih Memorial Hall is located at the site of Dr. Hu Shih's residence on the campus, where he lived from 1958 to 1962 while serving as the president of Academia Sinica. While in Taiwan, Dr. Hu not only worked to further the academic development of Academia Sinica's

research institutes, but also founded the National Council on Scientific Development, while striving to promote scholarship and train top-quality researchers. Following his death in 1962, Academia Sinica formed a “Hu Shih Memorial Hall Management Committee,” and the Memorial Hall was formally established on December 10 of that year. Academia Sinica and the Taipei City Government also cooperated to construct Hu Shih Park near the site of his grave, and work was completed in February 1974.

**Hours:** Tue.~ Sat. 09:00 ~ 17:00

**Admission:** Free. Guided tours can be arranged with advance notice

**Tel:** (02) 2789-9720; 2782-1147

**Fax:** (02) 2653-3302

<http://www.mh.sinica.edu.tw/koteki/> (Chinese)

◆ Lingnan Fine Arts Museum

The museum officially opened in June 2002 and features around 70 Lingnan (a school of Chinese paintings) paintings on display.

Hours: Tue. - Fri.: 12:00 ~ 17:00 , Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 ~ 17:00

Closed: Mondays & National holidays

Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl., Institute of European and American Studies

Website: <http://Infam.sinica.edu.tw/> (Chinese)

◆ Ecological Pond

A small ecological pond was officially established in May 2000. The pond is a wetland preserved for ecological observations and is composed of three parts: the stream, swamp and lotus pond. It is located beside the Sifen Brook, opposite to the Institute of Biological Chemistry. The pond draws attention of passersby during flowering season, even during night hours. It is worth visiting after a day's throng. Guided introductions are held occasionally.

◆ Museum of the Institute of History and Philology

This is a well maintained, two-story museum, with thousands of pieces of ancient Chinese artifacts. Guided tours are available. For more information, please go to the website: <http://museum.sinica.edu.tw>

◆ Museum of the Institute of Ethnology

For further information, please visit the following

website: <http://www.ioe.sinica.edu.tw/tool/museum/index.html>

◆ The Research Museum in Biodiversity Center

Located in the Research Center of Biodiversity

Website: <http://asizrm.sinica.edu.tw/eng/datapolicy.php>

The following two places are not on campus but worthwhile of your attention.

◆ A relaxing walk

Follow the Sifen brook to up-stream south (against the current). After walking about ten minutes, you will pass Lingyun supermarket. In another five minutes or so, you will see a high-rise building (Chunghua Institute of Technology) on your left, and a National Soldiers' Cemetery on the right. Keep walking past and to the left side alley by the school, you will see a stone-stepped trail called “Nangang-Hsinyi Trail” on the right hand side. One may take these stairs up for a wonderful hiking on the hills (about 150 m or so elevation). The path

leads all the way to WuXing St. — a good four to five hours walk if you are up to it, but there are also numerous paths down to the city at various points before WuXing St. On Sundays, the paths tend to be a bit crowded and the pavilions are occupied by karaoke singers. But during the week, it is tranquil.

\*Note: Beware of snakes.

#### ◆ Nangang Tourist Tea Plantation

The Tourist Tea Plantation of the Nangang District is mainly located along Sec. 2 of JuiZuang St. at an altitude of about 200-300 meters. In 1982, the Development Bureau of the Taipei City Government opened the Nangang Tourist Tea Plantation, to promote Nangang's most famous product, Baozhong Tea. Along JiuZhuang St., all you can see is tea plantations, including a number of famous tea farms. Follow signs to the farmers' tea tasting restaurants/pavilions. During harvest season, visitors can also view tea picking and tea production processes.

[http://www.ed.taipei.gov.tw/cgi-bin/SM\\_theme?page=469f0d76](http://www.ed.taipei.gov.tw/cgi-bin/SM_theme?page=469f0d76)

Note: You can take Bus#S5 on holidays. (Schedule: 0640、0730、0900、1000、1030、1120、1250、1320、1440、1530、1615、1745、1830、1930、2000、2040、2200)

## 6. Tourism Promotion Offices

Austrian Information

<http://www.austria.info/uk/>

Representative Office of British Columbia, Canada

<http://www.canadatourism.com/>

British Tourist Authority

<http://www.visitbritain.com/>

French Government Tourist Office

<http://www.franceguide.com/prehome/prehome.htm>

Indonesian Tourist Promotion Office

<http://www.tourismindonesia.com/>

Korea National Tourism Organization

<http://www.visitkorea.or.kr/intro.html>

Malaysia Tourist Promotion Board

<http://www.tourism.gov.my/>

Official Holland Site-Netherlands Boards of Tourism

<http://www.holland.idv.tw/>

New Zealand Tourism Board

<http://www.newzealand.com/travel/>

Tourism Authority of Thailand

<http://www.tourismthailand.org/>

## **Section VI. Appendices**

### **A. On-Campus Resources**

#### **1. Libraries**

On-campus libraries are located in various institutes and centers. A consortium life science library is located in Institute of Biological Chemistry building. Journals are mostly in digital form. Thus, one may obtain information via a pc with an official IP in campus. A person with an official Academia Sinica ID is allowed to access all libraries. For more information about the locations, service and office hours please visit the following website:

<http://www.sinica.edu.tw/~libserv/engaslib/engindex.html>

#### **2. Restaurants**

##### **(i) Chinese Cuisine**

A Chinese Restaurant is located in the first floor dining area of the Activities Center. This Chinese restaurant offers breakfast, lunch, supper, and banquet. The dining times are:

Breakfast: 07:00 - 09:30

Lunch: 11:30 - 14:00

Dinner: 17:30 - 20:30

The reservation hotline is 02-2651-1286

The Chinese restaurant also provides fixed menu meal at lunch and supper. It is partially subsidized to benefit Academia Sinica employees and students. The regular prices are NT\$ 50 for lunch, respectively, Monday through Friday, per person.

##### **(ii) Western Style Food**

A European-Style Restaurant, Cafe Sinica, is located behind the Academic Activity Center. It serves western style food. A discount buffet with a choice of one main entree is served at noon for a flat price (NT\$290). The hours: Lunch: 11:30 -14:00; Dinner: 17:30 - 21:00. Reservation can be made by phone 2653-2788.

[http://sinica.howard-hotels.com/RT\\_Sinica2.php](http://sinica.howard-hotels.com/RT_Sinica2.php)

#### **3. Gymnasium**

The gymnasium opens from 7 am to 10 pm every day except Monday morning (7 am to noon) and the Chinese Lunar Year. Facilities include:

- (1) one 25x50-meter warm-water indoor swimming pool (a hat and goggles needed)
- (2) one fitness room (based on first come first serve, the maximum for each equipment is 20 minutes at peak times)
- (3) two aerobic dance rooms (reservation is needed)
- (4) one indoor jogging track (approx. 200 meter a loop)
- (5) three badminton courts (reservation is needed)
- (6) two tennis courts (reservation is needed)
- (7) one basketball/volleyball court (reservation is needed)

The fees (NT\$) charged are itemized below.

Items	AS Employees and students	General public
Admission fee/per entry	50	150
Aerobic room rental/hr	150	300
Tennis court rental/hr	150	300
Badminton court rental/hr	100	200
Basketball court rental/hr	200	500

There is no extra charge for using the fitness equipment, jogging track, and swimming pool. The swimming pool is closed for two 30-minute segments (11:30-12:00 and 16:30 – 17:00) for the purpose of cleaning. Reservations can be made in person or phone 2785-2717 ext. 7328, 7329 during the open time.

Note:

- (1) Guests in Academic Activity Center and Scholars' Guest House are treated as employees.
- (2) The charges to employees apply to their parents, children, and spouse. A valid ID is required for employees and students.
- (3) Frequent users may consider to buy either a yearly admission pass for NT\$3000 with unlimited entries or for a 12-entry coupon book for NT\$500.
- (4) Food (except for drinking water) and smoking are prohibited in the Gymnasium
- (5) All safety regulations must be strictly observed.

#### **4. Grocery Shopping**

A General Store is located next to the Post Office and on top of garage. The store carries packaged food items (crackers, instant noodles, juice) and daily necessities (toilet paper, toothpaste etc.). No shopping bag is provided by law.

Hours: Mon.- Fri. 09:30-16:30. Tel: 2789-9716

A barber shop and a beauty salon are located on the same floor. Reservation can be for haircuts on 2789 9719 and hairdos by 2789 9718, respectively.

There is a "Hi-Life convenience store" next to the post office in Academia Sinica. All the staff can enjoy an 11% off discount with Academia Sinica's ID card.

#### **5. Medical Service**

An infirmary (as mentioned in "Medical Care") is located on the 1st floor of the gymnasium building to provide basic medical consultancy and minor ailment treatment. On call doctors are volunteers from prestigious teaching hospitals. A part time pharmacist and full time nurse for dispensing of medicines. The service hours are Monday to Friday from 14:00 to 16:00. For more information and appointment reservation, please call 2789-9437.

#### **6. Sifen Bookstore**

This on-campus bookstore is located in the basement of the Academic Activity Center. Hours: 10:30 - 19:00 Monday through Saturday. Academia Sinica employees and students with a valid ID enjoy 15% discount for books. Academia Sinica souvenirs (ties, mugs, T-shirts, warming suits, and etc.) are also sold in the bookstore. Tel: 2785-2717#7205

#### **7. Academia Sinica Kindergarten**

The Academia Sinica Kindergarten was founded in 1969 to serve employee's children from age three to six. It is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Taiwan International Graduate Program Teaching and Research Building. One may browse the website at: <http://kindergarten.sinica.edu.tw/> (in Chinese) or call (02) 2787-1451, 2787-1452 for further information.

#### **8. Learning Chinese Language**

##### **(i) Learning Chinese in Academia Sinica**

Academia Sinica provides Chinese classes for foreign researchers to improve their Chinese communicative skills in daily life.

- (ii) TIGP Students are required to complete 3 hours/ per week of Compulsory Elementary Chinese class for 1 year before completing PhD program.

- (iii) Qualifications for applying intermediate Chinese class
  - a. Academia Sinica faculty, includes researchers, research assistants and visiting experts.
  - b. TIGP students (for Thursday Class only)
- (iv) There are 2 semesters of the intermediate Chinese Class per year.
  - Autumn Semester:** September to January
  - Spring Semester:** The end of February/ the Beginning of March to June

**(v) The current TIGP Chinese class schedules are as following**

Class A1 (Elementary)	Monday 9:00 - 12:00 AM
Class A2 (Elementary)	Friday 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Class B (Intermediate)	Thursday 6:30 - 8:30 PM

- (vi) **Fees and required documents for applying intermediate Chinese class:**
  - a. Deposit NT 2,000 for one semester intermediate Chinese class. **(Refundable only if the requirements are fulfilled)**
  - b. A scan copy of your post office passbook cover (The Green book cover)

**(vii) Return Deposit Requirements:**

The registration deposit is fully refundable for those attendees who fulfill the following requirements:

- Attendance of 15 or more weeks during the entire semester**  
(There are total 18 weeks of classes in one semester)
- Final grade of C 70-79 or above.**

**(viii) Application period for applying intermediate Chinese class:**

For the Autumn Semester intermediate Chinese registration period is from **July 15<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>**.

For the Spring Semester intermediate Chinese registration period is from **November 15<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

- a. If you are interested in attending the class, please kindly register online during the application period.
- b. Due to the limited seats, DIA will email to those who registered successfully online after the deadline, people who received the DIA email will need to hand-in deposit and post office passbook cover to **TIGP office (No. 60 on the AS map)** within one week, otherwise, your registration will be cancelled.
- c. Those who had registered online but did not receive any email from DIA after the deadline will be put in the waiting list. DIA will inform you as soon as there is any slot available.

**(ix) Class Location:**

TIGP Building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (No. 60 on AS Map). Classroom will be announced before the class begins.

**(x) The contents of the classes are:**

**Elementary:** Mandarin Phonetic Symbols (Hanyu Pinyin), Basic Conversation, Pronunciation Practice, Vocabulary usage

**Intermediate:** Intermediate Mandarin conversation, Practical Audio-Visual Chinese 2, basic Chinese characters and short Chinese articles

**(xi) Important notes:**

Please note if you register the class successfully, you are not allowed to withdraw the class in any situation. The deposit will not be refunded if you withdraw the class.

Students will need to attend the class more than 15 weeks (total 18 weeks) in order to get your deposit return. **Any reason for absences will not be accepted.**

If you are TIGP PhD student, you are required to complete the 3 hours compulsory Elementary Chinese class in the morning for 2 semesters (1 year).

For the compulsory Elementary Chinese class, **there are total 18 classes (weeks) of the Elementary Chinese class, you are required to attend more than 15 classes (weeks) in order to pass the class for this semester.** If you did not attend more than 15 classes (weeks), you will be considered **Fail** and **you are required to re-take this class again next year.**

Sit-in on class is not permitted for the classes

Seats are limited for each class, **first come first served.**

Course offering will become valid only when there are more than 15 people registered.

The Deposit will be returned if the class(es) is (are) not offered.

As the attendance rate of the intermediate Chinese class is getting lower and lower from previous semesters, please make sure that you are able to attend more than 15 weeks for a semester before you register the class.

If you are not willing to provide the scan copy of your passbook cover, please **DO NOT** register the class(es).

Passbook cover is for accountants to check your identity and deposit return.

Students who fulfill the requirements will receive the deposit refund to their post office account within 2 months.

Participants are required to fill-in the questionnaire and return to TIGP office before the class ends.

If you register the class after the class begins, the classes that you missed will be included in the absent classes.

About Chinese Class, please contact Ms. Nicole Chen at Department of International Affairs (Tel: 2787-1405, e-mail:nicole2947@gate.sinica.edu.tw) for further details.

**(xii) Learning Chinese at other institutions**

Professional Chinese schools are also easily found in Taipei. The following are a few.

Foreigners who want further studies in the Chinese language are encouraged to contact them individually.

Center for Chinese Language and Culture Studies (CCLC)	<a href="http://mtc.ntnu.edu.tw/">http://mtc.ntnu.edu.tw/</a>
Mandarin Daily News (Chinese)	<a href="http://www.mdnkids.com/">http://www.mdnkids.com/</a>
Mandarin Learning Center	<a href="http://mlc.sce.pccu.edu.tw/">http://mlc.sce.pccu.edu.tw/</a>
Taipei Language Institute (TLI)	<a href="http://www.tli.com.tw/EN/">http://www.tli.com.tw/EN/</a>

## **B. Useful Information**

### **(B-1) Hospital**

Adventist Hospital	02-2771-8151
Cathy General Hospital	02-2708-2121
Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Taipei	02-2713-5211
Chung Shan Hospital	02-2708-1166
Mackay Memorial Hospital	02-2543-3535
National Taiwan University Hospital	02-2312-3456
Shin Kong Hospital	02-2833-2211
Taipei Municipal Chung Hsiao Hospital	02-2786-1288
Tri-service General Hospital	02-8792-3311
Veterans General Hospital	02-2871-2121

### **(B-2) Other Useful Telephone Numbers for Emergency**

Police	110
Fire, Ambulance	119
Telephone Repair	112
English Speaking Directory Assistance	106
Chinese Speaking Directory Assistance	104
Chinese Long Distance Directory Assistance	105
Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	113
Citizen Hotline	1999
International Phone Assistance	0800-080-100
Foreign Affairs Police Service Station	02-2556-6007
Nangang Precinct Police	02-2783-0476
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ROC	02-2348-2999
American Express Travel Service	02-2717-8725
China External Trade Development Council (CETRA)	02-2725-5200
Government Information Office	02-3356-8888
Foreign Affairs Department, National Police Administration	02-2381-8341
Foreign Affairs Division, Taipei Police Headquarters	02-2381-7475
ICRT (International Community Radio Station)	02-2518-4888
Taiwan Visitors Association	02-2594-3261
Tourism Bureau	02-2349-1500
Tourist Information Hot Line	02-2717-3737

### **(B-3) National Holidays**

For national holidays, please visit the Central Personnel Administration website at: <http://www.cpa.gov.tw>

C. Maps  
(C-1). Map of Taiwan



Note: Image above was reprinted by Taiwanfun.com.

## (C-2) Districts Map of Taipei City

There are 12 administrative districts in the Taipei City, including Songshan, Xinyi, Daan, Zhongshan, Zhongzheng, Datong, Wanhua, Wenshan, Nangang, Neihu, Shilin, and Beitou. Due to the varied topography, economic development and time of development, the population is unevenly distributed. Daan, Songshan and Datong districts are the most populated.



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- [About Zhongzheng District](#)

The above map and information come from Taipei City Government webpage. <http://www.taipei.gov.tw/np.asp?ctNode=27185&mp=100002>

### (C-3) Map of Taipei City

Note: Image above was reprinted by www.johomaps.com.



## (C-4) Academia Sinica Map

### Map from Airport to Academia Sinica

### Location of Academia Sinica in Taipei Map of Academia Sinica

#### Campus of Academia Sinica



- 1 Main Entrance
- 2 Institute of Biomedical Sciences
- 3 Environment, Health and Safety Management Division
- 4 Institute of Cellular and Organismic Biology
- 4 Biodiversity Research Center
- 5 Institute of Molecular Biology
- 6 Institute of Biological Chemistry
- 6 Life Science Library
- 7 National Laboratory Animal Center, NLAC
- 8 Interdisciplinary Research Building for Science and Technology (under construction)
- 9 Mini-forest restoration area
- 10 Central Office of Administration
- 11 Biodiversity Research Center
- 11 Biodiversity Research Museum
- 12 Institute of Plant and Microbial Biology
- 13 Research Center for Information Technology Innovation
- 13 IRDR-International Centre of Excellence (IRDR-ICoE)
- 14 Tsai Yuan-Pei Memorial Hall
- 15 Institute of Statistical Science
- 16 Post office, garage, grocery store and Hi-Life convenient store
- 17 Ecopond
- 18 Genomics Research Center
- 19 Agricultural Technology Building
- 19 Agricultural Biotechnology Research Center (Agricultural Technology Building 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and 5-7<sup>th</sup> Floor)
- 19 Institute of Plant and Microbial Biology (Agricultural Technology Building 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Floor)
- 20 Center of Academic Activities (Bookstore, auditorium, conference rooms, guest rooms, breastfeeding room, Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop)
- 21 Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy
- 22 Institute of Earth Sciences
- 23 Gymnasium (Breastfeeding room)
- 24 Humanities and Social Sciences Building (HSSB)
- 24 Joint Library of Humanities and Social Sciences (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor HSSB)
- 24 Institute of Linguistics (5-7<sup>th</sup> Floor of South Wing, HSSB)
- 24 Institute of Sociology (8-10<sup>th</sup> Floor of South Wing, HSSB)

\* The Institute of Mathematics, Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences, Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics and some buildings belonging to the Institute of Biological Chemistry are located on the National Taiwan University campus.

- 24 Research Center for Applied Sciences (11<sup>th</sup> Floor of South Wing, HSSB)
- 24 Research Center for Environmental Changes (11<sup>th</sup> Floor of South Wing, HSSB)
- 24 Institute of Political Science (5-6<sup>th</sup> Floor of North Wing, HSSB)
- 24 Institute of Taiwan History (7-8<sup>th</sup> Floor of North Wing, HSSB)
- 24 Institutum Iurisprudentiae (9-10<sup>th</sup> Floor of North Wing, HSSB)
- 25 Research Center for Environmental Changes (Laboratories)
- 26 Plant Molecular Breeding Greenhouse
- 27 Greenhouse Building
- 27 Biodiversity Research Center
- 28 Research Center for Environmental Changes (under construction)
- 30 Institute of Chemistry
- 31 Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences
- 32 Institute of Information Science
- 33 Institute of Physics
- 33 Research Center for Applied Sciences (Laboratories)
- 33 Wu Ta-You Memorial Hall
- 34 Hu Shih Memorial Hall
- 35 Institute of Modern History
- 36 Institute of European and American Studies
- 37 Institute of History and Philology
- 37 Museum of the Institute of History and Philology
- 38 Fu Sau-nien Library
- 39 Institute of Economics
- 40 Institute of Ethnology
- 40 Museum of the Institute of Ethnology
- 41 Lingnan Fine Arts Museum (Jin Mei Building)
- 42 Archive Building, Institute of Modern History
- 43 Taiwan Archaeological Studies Building
- 50 Academia Sinica Dormitory Buildings
- 51 Temporary Parking
- 60 TIGP Teaching and Administration Building (TA Building)
- 60 Administrative office for TIGP, Degree Program, and Foreigners Services (2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of TA Building)
- 60 Kindergarten (1<sup>st</sup> Floor of TA Building)

#### Directions

- By Bus: Buses 205, 212, 270, 276, 306, 620, 645, 679, Blue 25, minibus 1, minibus 5, and minibus 12 all go to Academia Sinica.
- By Train: Take bus 205, 212, 276, 306, 679, minibus 5 or minibus 12 to Academia Sinica at Nankang Train Station.
- By MRT: 1. Take the Bannan Line to Nankang Station (Exit 2). Then take bus 212, 270 or Blue 25 to Academia Sinica.  
2. Take the Bannan Line to the Nangang Exhibition Center (Exit 2). Then take bus 205, 212, 276, 306, 620, 645, 679, minibus 1, minibus 5 or minibus 12 to Academia Sinica.



### (C-6)TIGP Office



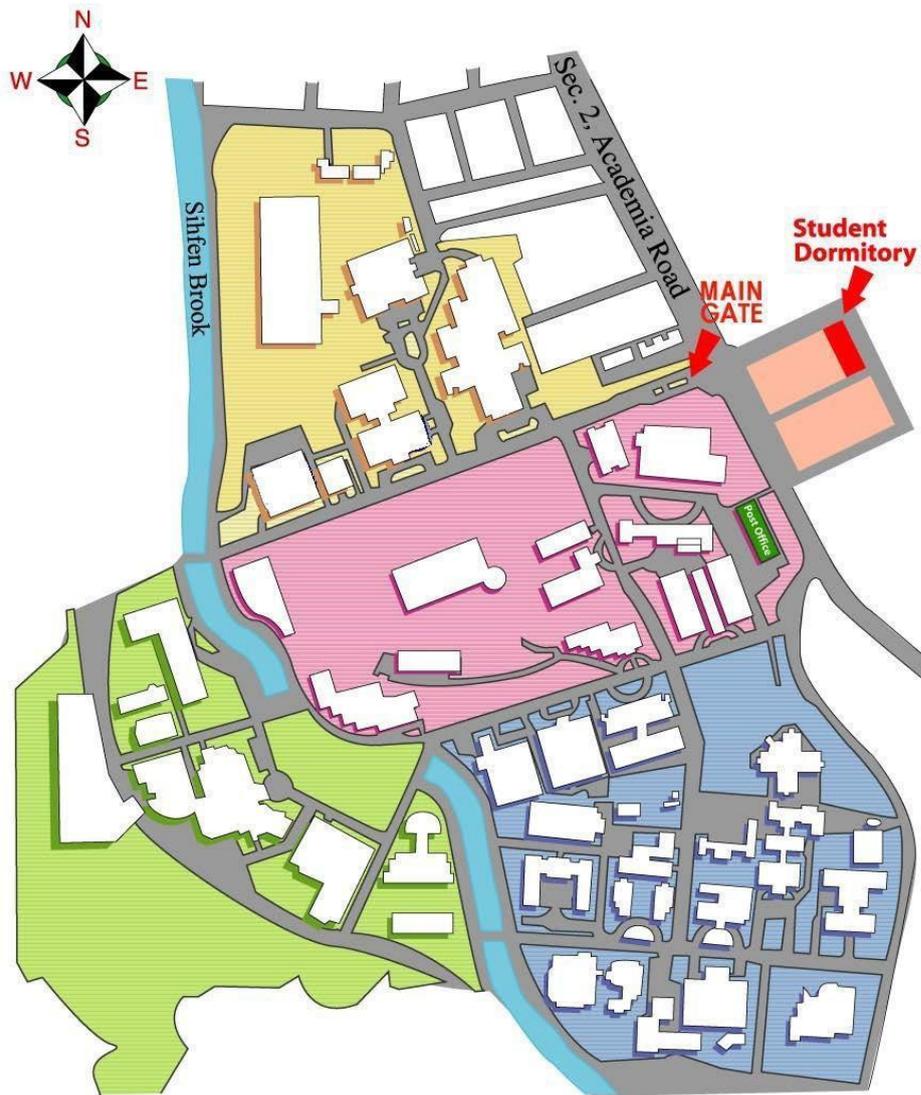
Location of *TIGP Office and Services for Foreign Staff*: 3F, No. 75, Lane 12, Section 2, Academia Road, Nangang District, Taipei 115, Taiwan.  
Tel: 886-2-2789-9696; 886-2-2789-8050

Direction by walking: Wherever you start, please make your way to Inst. of Biological Chemistry. Take a right turn when you pass the main entrance of IBC and then walk straight down the route by the river until you get to the side gate. Pass the gate and keep walking down the route for 2 mins and you will find a park on your right. Keep walking down and take a right turn when you get to the junction. The 3-story building opposite the park is the TIGP Teaching & Administration Building (T&A Building) where TIGP Office and Services for Foreign Staff are located.

**(C-7) TIGP Dormitory**

No.19, Alley 2, Ln. 61, Sec. 2, Academia RD., Nangang District, 115 Taipei City.

Dorm manager: Ms. Shirley Wu 886-2-2651-0277#1109 [tigpdorm@gate.sinica.edu.tw](mailto:tigpdorm@gate.sinica.edu.tw)



**Campus of Academia Sinica**

## D. How to get to Academia Sinica

### F1. Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport to Academia Sinica (A)+(B)

Location and Map of Academia Sinica

<http://www.sinica.edu.tw/en/site/location.html>

#### (A)Transportation to Taipei:

##### 1. By Bus

Kuo-Kuang line [1819]

<http://www.taoyuan-airport.com/english/Buses/>

##### 2. By High Speed Rail Shuttle Bus + High Speed Rail

<http://www.taoyuan-airport.com/english/hight-speed-rail>

<http://www5.thsrc.com.tw/en/#taoyuan>

##### 3. By Taoyuan Airport MRT

From A12 Airport Terminal 1 Station or A13 Airport Terminal 2 Station to A1 Taipei Main Station

<https://www.tymetro.com.tw/eng/>

#### (B)Transportation to Nangang <http://english.metro.taipei/>

##### 1. By MRT + Bus

Taipei Main Station to Nangang Station (Bannan Line <Blue Line>) Bus Route 212/270/Blue25 to Academic Sinica

##### 2. By MRT + Bus

Taipei Main Station to Nangang Exhibition Center (Bannan Line <Blue Line>) Bus Route 306/620/645 to Academic Sinica

#### Recommendation:

##### 1. NT\$130 (Please prepare some coins for bus)

Taoyuan International Airport (Kuo-Kuang Motor Transport) to Taipei (Nangang Exhibition Center) Bus 306/620/645 Academic Sinica

(Bus Route:[1843]Taoyuan International Airport - Nangang Exhibition Center - Ticket counters are located in the Arrival Passenger reception areas of both terminals, T1 & T2. Fare: one way NT115. Driving Distance: 80 minutes. This is the most time-and-money-saving route to date. You may get off at the Nangang Exhibition Center Station and then take a taxi to Academia Sinica for approximately NT\$100 or Bus # 306/620/645 for NT\$15.)



##### 2. NT\$215

Taoyuan International Airport (Kuo-Kuang Motor Transport) to Taipei (Nangang Exhibition Center) Taxi Academic Sinica

3. NT\$1000

Airport to Academic Sinica by Taxi

## D2. Taipei Songshan Airport to Academia Sinica

### Recommendation:

1. By MRT +Bus (NT \$35+NT \$15)

Taipei Songshan Airport Station (Wenhu Line<Brown Line>) to Nangang Exhibition Center Station Bus Route 306/620/645 Academic Sinica

2. By Taxi (NT\$400)

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