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# Information for Foreign Students

## 1 Visa/Authentication

**For overseas students: To avoid extra cost and time spent in dealing with administration process in Taiwan, please kindly ensure that you have a STUDENT VISA instead of other VISA before you enter Taiwan.**

- 1 Taiwan embassies and missions abroad  
<http://www.taiwanembassy.org/dept.asp?mp=1&codemeta=locationIDE#3>
- 2 For details please visit Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs web site.  
<http://www.boca.gov.tw/mp?mp=2>
- 3 Visa forms download  
<http://www.boca.gov.tw/lp.asp?ctNode=539&CtUnit=58&BaseDSD=7&mp=2>
- 4 Authentication forms download  
<http://www.boca.gov.tw/lp.asp?ctNode=545&CtUnit=61&BaseDSD=7&mp=2>

## 2 Entry/Exit

Information on Airport Services

- Source: National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior,  
<http://iff.immigration.gov.tw/mp.asp?mp=2>
- Date:2010/7/26

### 2.1 Making connecting flights

A.International connecting flights

- 1.Transit passengers should follow the signs to go to the transit check-in counter in the arrival area of the Chiang Kai-shek (CKS) International Airport to check in for connecting flights. They can then go to the boarding gates on the third floor after security check.

2.If the connecting flight is boarded from another terminal, passengers may take the shuttle ( Sky ) train running between Terminal 1 and 2 of the CKS Airport. Passengers should follow the signs to go to the second-floor transit check-in counter after getting off the train.

#### B.Domestic connecting flights

1.There are shuttle flights between the CKS Airport and the Kaohsiung International Airport. Passengers are welcome to take them.

For those taking shuttle services between the CKS Airport and the Kaohsiung

2.International Airport, please follow the instructions of the ground crew on how to proceed to the boarding gates.

For more information on making connecting flights, please go to the Web site of the CKS Airport at:

- <http://www.taoyuan-airport.com/chinese/index.jsp> (Chinese)
- <http://www.taoyuan-airport.com/english/index.jsp> (English)

## 2.2 Information on baggage check-in, transfer, storage and claim services

- CKS International Airport: <http://www.taoyuan-airport.com/english/index.jsp>
- Kaohsiung International Airport: [http://www.kia.gov.tw/english/e\\_index.asp](http://www.kia.gov.tw/english/e_index.asp)

#### A.Baggage check-in

U.S.-bound passengers may check in up to two pieces of luggage free of charge at a maximum weight of 23 kilograms each. The number of carry-on luggage per passenger is limited to one, and it must be able to fit in the space under the seat of the aircraft. As for passengers bound for other destinations other than the United States, they may check in luggage free of charge based on the weight of the luggage. A baggage should weigh no more than 30 kilograms for first- and business-class passengers and 20 kilograms for economy-class passengers if they were to enjoy free luggage check-in. When passengers arrive at the airport, they should check in at the check-in counter to have their passports, visas and air tickets checked by the ground crew. They may leave the check-in counter once they are given the boarding pass and their luggage pass the X-ray machine.

#### B.Baggage storage and claim

Passengers not planning to bring their luggage into the Republic of China may store them at the baggage storage room at the baggage claim area in the arriving hall. They may claim their luggage at the baggage claim area by the duty-free shops in the departure area.

Lockers and self-service counters are available on the first floor of the Terminal 1 departure lobby and in Terminal 2 of the CKS Airport. A baggage storage area is located by the retail shops on the east side of the third-floor departure lobby of the international flight terminal of the Kaohsiung International Airport and by the customs office on the first floor of the terminal. The fee is NT\$100 per use for large-size baggages and NT\$50 per use for small-sized bags.

## 2.3 Currency exchange and duty-free shops

#### A.Currency exchange

CKS Airport

The Bank of Taiwan and the International Commercial Bank of China have branches at the CKS Airport to provide currency exchange and other services. For more information on their location, services and business hours, please refer to the Web site of CKS Airport at: <http://www.taoyuan-airport.com/english/index.jsp>

## Kaohsiung International Airport

The Bank of Taiwan and the International Commercial Bank of China also have branches at the Kaohsiung International Airport to provide currency exchange and other services. For more information on their location, services and business hours, please refer to the Web site of CKS Airport at: [http://www.kia.gov.tw/english/e\\_index.asp](http://www.kia.gov.tw/english/e_index.asp)

### B. Duty-free shops

#### CKS Airport

Duty-free shops are located along the corridors of Areas A、B、C and D of the departure hall and at the immigration area in the arrival hall. Offering duty-free imports, cosmetics, fragrances, tobacco and alcohol, locally made products and handicrafts.  
Kaohsiung International Airport

Duty-free shops are located on the eastern and western sides on the third floor of the international flight terminal and in the arrival hall, offering a variety of cosmetics, tobacco, bags and foods. Duty-free alcohol and tobacco shops are located on the eastern and western sides of the third floor of the international flight terminal and in the arrival hall.

## 2.4 Ground transportation

CKS Airport (Hyperlink) the Web site of CKS Airport

<http://www.taoyuan-airport.com/english/index.jsp>

#### Taxi services

There is a taxi stand on the northern side of the arrival hall of Terminal 1 and the southern side of the arrival hall of Terminal 2 of the CKS Airport. Cabs and their drivers must pass stringent evaluation process by Aviation Police Office to join the service.

Passengers' safety is guaranteed. Taxis are operating on a 24-hour basis. A 50 percent surcharge is added on top of the fare as shown on the meter, and tolls for using freeways will also be added. Total fare to Taipei City is approximately NT\$1,100. Meanwhile, the taxis may take passengers to other destinations in Taiwan. Fares are based on the specified rates.

#### Buses

Six bus operators provide services to CKS Airport. They are: King Bus, Jianming Bus, AirBus, Evergreen Bus, UBus and Taoyuan Bus. They run daily services between the CKS Airport and Taipei City, Taichung City, Banqiao City, Taoyuan City, Jhongli City, and Changhua county. For routes, schedules and fares, please refer to the Web site of CKS Airport.

Kaohsiung Airport (Hyperlink) the Web site of Kaohsiung International Airport

[http://www.kia.gov.tw/english/e\\_index.asp](http://www.kia.gov.tw/english/e_index.asp)

#### 1. Taxis

Taxis contracted by the airport are available for arriving passengers. A NT\$50 surcharge will be charged on top of the fare as shown on the meter. The taxi stand is located off the main entrance of the domestic and international flight terminals. Privately run taxis are also available on the western side of the domestic and international flight terminals. Fare will be based on what is shown on the meter.

#### 2. Buses

Five bus companies -- C-N Bus, Pingtung Bus, King Bus, Kaohsiung Bus and Ho-Hsin Bus -- run services between the airport and Kending, Chaozhou, Fengshan and Jiayi. For their routes, schedules and fares, please refer to the Web site of the Kaohsiung

International Airport.

## 2.5 Contacts:

The Border Affairs Corps of the National Immigration Agency

Tel: (03) 3985010

Address: No. 9, Hangjhan South Rd. Pusin Village, Dayuan Township, Taoyuan County.

The Taoyuan Airport Special Duty Brigade of the Border Affairs Corps of the National Immigration Agency:

Tel: (03) 3982242or 3982534

Address: No. 15, Hangjhan South Rd., Pusin Village, Dayuan Township, Taoyuan County.

The Kaohsiung Airport Brigade of the Border Affairs Corps of the National Immigration Agency:

Tel: (07) 801-7311

Address: No. 2, Jhongshan Fourth Rd., Siaogang District, Kaohsiung City.

## 3 Education

### 3.1 Educational System

<http://english.moe.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=4133&CtNode=2003&mp=1>

### 3.2 The Taiwan Scholarship Program

<http://english.moe.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=11981&CtNode=10632&mp=1>

**FGU Scholarship (<http://www.fgu.edu.tw/~buddhist/eng/recruit.html>)**

### 3.3 Introduction to the Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship

<http://english.moe.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=6777&CtNode=10634&mp=1>

### 3.4 Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL)

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

### 3.5 Learning Chinese in Taiwan

<http://iff.immigration.gov.tw/public/Data/012221632171.pdf>

### 3.6 Chinese Language Centers

<http://english.moe.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=9693&CtNode=417&mp=1>

## 4 Public Service

### 4.1 Mailing Service

Overview:

In Taiwan, in addition to post offices run by the government and some private organizations, convenience stores also provide mailing services.

## II .Post office locations and business hours

[http://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/u\\_english/postal\\_h\\_1.jsp?ID=210109](http://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/u_english/postal_h_1.jsp?ID=210109)

## III . Information needed for mailing services

[http://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/u\\_english/index.jsp?ID=21](http://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/u_english/index.jsp?ID=21)

### 4.2 Emergency Phone Numbers

#### Useful Phone Numbers

<http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/pda/m1.aspx?sNo=0002068>

Emergency Numbers(Free Service)	Fire, Ambulance	119
	Police	110
Overseas Operator		100
Chinese Local Directory Assistance		104
Chinese Long Distance Directory Assistance		105
English-language Directory Assistance		106
Telephone Repair		112
Time		117
Weather		166
Traffic		168
Tourist Information Hotline		+886-2-2717-3737
24-Hour Toll-Free Travel Information Call Center		0800-011-765
International Community Service Hotline		0800-024-111
Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport Tourist Service Center, Passenger Terminal Building I		+886-3-383-2194
Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport Tourist Service Center, Passenger Terminal Building II		+886-3-398-3341
Tourist Service Center, Kaohsiung International Airport, Tourism Bureau		+886-7-805-7888
Government Information Office		+886-2-3356-8888
Board of Foreign Trade		+886-2-2351-0271
China External Trade Development Council (CETRA)		+886-2-2725-5200
Taiwan Visitors Association		+886-2-2594-3261
Ministry of Foreign Affairs		+886-2-2348-2999
Police Radio Station		+886-2-2388-8099
English-Speaking Taxi		+886-2-2799-7997

#### 4.3 Information regarding libraries in Taiwan

- 1 National Central Library: <http://www2.ncl.edu.tw/>
- 2 Taipei Public Library: <http://www.tpml.edu.tw/>
- 3 National Taichung Library: <http://www.ntl.gov.tw/English/>
- 4 Library of National Taiwan Museum of Fine Art: <http://www.tmoa.gov.tw/g/g09.php?m1=6&m2=7>
- 5 Library of Taichung City Cultural Affairs Bureau: [http://www.tccgc.gov.tw/04\\_library/i01\\_01.asp](http://www.tccgc.gov.tw/04_library/i01_01.asp)
- 6 Kaohsiung Municipal Library: <http://www.ksml.edu.tw/>

#### 4.4 Tourism & Leisure

##### 1 Festivals

<http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/m1.aspx?sNO=0000204>

##### 2 Cultural Activities

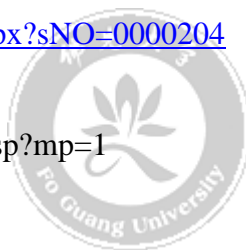
<http://english.cca.gov.tw/mp.asp?mp=1>

##### 3 National Scenic Area in Taiwan

<http://info.taiwan.net.tw/NSA2006/0717/index.html>

##### 4 National Parks of Taiwan

[http://np.cpami.gov.tw/english/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=frontpage&Itemid=88](http://np.cpami.gov.tw/english/index.php?option=com_content&view=frontpage&Itemid=88)



#### 4.5 Transportation

##### 4.5.1 Driving Information and Rules in Taipei City

<http://english.mvo.taipei.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=188527&ctNode=18768&mp=117012>

##### 4.5.2 How to apply for an ROC driver's license

Those who hold a valid driver's license issued by a foreign nation and who obtain an Alien Residence Certificate (ARC) with a term of over one year may apply for a non-professional driver's license for the same type of vehicle within one year of entry to the ROC without having to pass a driving test under the principles of equality and reciprocity.

<http://english.mvo.taipei.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=188528&ctNode=18768&mp=117012>

#### 4.5.3 Taiwan Railways

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

#### 4.5.4 Taiwan High-speed Railway

<http://www.thsrc.com.tw/en/>

#### 4.5.5 Metro Taipei

<http://english.trtc.com.tw/ct.asp?xItem=1056375&CtNode=27497&mp=122032>

#### 4.5.6 Taipei E-bus Station

[http://www.e-bus.taipei.gov.tw:8080/english/en\\_index\\_6\\_1.aspx](http://www.e-bus.taipei.gov.tw:8080/english/en_index_6_1.aspx)

#### 4.5.7 Kaohsiung Rapid Transit Corporation

<http://www.krtco.com.tw/en/e-index.aspx>

## 5 Environmental Protection

Resource recycling hotline: 0800-085717 (The last six digits in Chinese sound similar to “nin bang wo chin yi chin” which means “you help me clean and clean”).

1. Website: <http://recycle.epa.gov.tw> (Chinese version)
2. DEP website of Taipei City:
  - (a) <http://www.dep.taipei.gov.tw/> (Chinese version)
  - (b) <http://english.dep.taipei.gov.tw/> (English version)
3. Environment Protection Department, New Taipei City Government
  - (a) <http://www.epd.ntpc.gov.tw/> (Chinese version)
  - (b) <http://www.epd-en.ntpc.gov.tw/> (English version)
4. Environment Protection Bureau, Taichung City Government
  - (a) <http://www.epb.taichung.gov.tw/> (Chinese version)
  - (b) [http://www.epb.taichung.gov.tw/english\\_b/index.asp](http://www.epb.taichung.gov.tw/english_b/index.asp) (English version)
5. Environment Protection Bureau, Tainan City Government
  - (a) <http://www.tnepb.gov.tw/> (Chinese version)
  - (b) <http://www.tnepb.gov.tw/en/index.htm> (English version)
6. Kaohsiung Municipal Government's (KMG) Department of Environmental Protection:
  - (a) <http://www.ksepb.gov.tw/> (Chinese version)
  - (b) <http://www.ksepb.gov.tw/English/index.htm> (English version)

### I. Recycling logo

The 4-in-1 logo is the logo designated by the EPA to be carried on all due recyclable products. The four arrows on the logo represent the four players in the Four-in-One Program (community



residents, municipal garbage collection teams, recycling enterprise and the Recycling Management Fund.

## **II. Garbage classification and recycling:**

Garbage is classified into four categories of recyclables, bulky wastes, reusable wastes, kitchen waste and general garbage:

### **A. Bulky waste:**

Including extra-large sized items like furniture, tree branches or general wastes prescribed by government agencies.

Processing method:

Contacting county or city environmental protection agencies or private waste treatment companies contracted by government agencies to arrange pickup time and venues.

### **B. Reusable/recyclable wastes:**

Including wastes like paper, glass or metal and plastic materials that can be recycled and processed for reuse.

Including:

1. Waste paper
2. Waste metals
3. Waste aluminum
4. Waste glass
5. Waste plastics: PET、PE、PVC、PP、PS、Bioplastic
6. Waste dry batteries
7. Waste motor vehicles
8. Waste tire(s)
9. Waste lead-acid batteries
10. Waste electrical appliances: television sets, washing machines, refrigerators, air conditioners, fans
11. Waste computer appliances: PCs (including: cases, motherboards, monitors, hard disk drives, power supplies, keyboards), notebook PCs and printers.
12. Waste lighting illuminants
13. Compact disks
14. Cell phone and rechargers

Processing methods:

1. Turning in to the recycling trucks of cleaning squads at designated time and venues with stipulated operations process.
2. Leaving inside recycling buckets (containers, stations).
3. Handing over to vendors, or returning them via recycling channels.

### **C. Kitchen waste:**

“Food waste suitable for pig feed”: Ordinary cooked or uncooked rice and dish leftovers, noodles, fish, shrimps, meats, animal internal organs, processed foods past shelf life, etc.

Processing method:

Turning over to executing government agencies or cleaning by specialized vehicles of contracted organizations by the agencies.

### **D. General waste:**

Wastes that cannot be recycled for reuse.

Processing method:

Leaving directly to garbage collection trucks.

## **III. General garbage disposal:**

Various county and city governments adopt different disposal methods .Taipei City started to implement the “Per Bag Trash Collection Fee” policy on July 1, 2000; Shikang District of Taichung City started on November 1, 2000; Shengkeng District of New Taipei City started on July 1, 2008; Yingge District, Bali District and Shiding District, New Taipei City starting on May 1, 2009; Yungho District, Tucheng District and New Taipei City starting on July 1, 2009. Jhonghe District, Sanchong District, Shulin District, Sanshia District, Tamsui District, Pinglin District, Taishan District, Linkou District and Jinsan District, Sanzhi District and Shihmen District of Taipei County started on July 1, 2010. New Taipei City implemented the strategy of per- bag-trash-collection fee at the end of 2010. All residents are required to purchase specially designated garbage bags, which are available at 24-hour convenience stores such as 7-Eleven and FamilyMart chains or supermarkets. Consumers may also make purchases at stores marked by the sign“Specialized Garbage Bag Marketing Outlet.” Other counties attach the fee to the tap water bill.

#### **IV. Key points for resource recycling:**

A. Cleaning waste containers or food trays before turning them in so as to prevent foul odors during storage and transport that may affect environmental hygiene.

B. Waste batteries are small in size and are harmful. They should be stored in a plastic container to prevent leakage or corrosion caused by electrolytes.

C. Package waste light bulbs in original paper wraps or paper boxes before collection to avoid breakage. Broken light bulbs should be packaged and sealed before collection. Waste light bulbs can be handed to municipal waste collection trucks, light bulbs retailers, or collectors for further recycling. For more information, please call the toll-free number 0800-085717 or visit the website <http://recycle.epa.gov.tw>.

D. For bulky items like furniture, household electrical appliances, computers, tires, motorcycles or tree branches, residents should first call their county or city environmental protection agency or a private waste treatment company contracted by a government agency to arrange pickup time and venue.

E. The “Five Days a Week Collection Program” for household garbage and recyclables – different days for different objects -- adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) of Taipei City:

Sun & Wed

No Pickup Flattenable Recyclables:

1. Paper
2. Old clothes
3. Clean plastic bags Cubic Recyclables:

1. Clean Styrofoam

2. General:

(Cans, bottles, containers, small home appliances)

F. Collection of kitchen waste in Taipei City:

1. Two categories:

- (a) Food waste suitable for pig feed:

Including cooked or uncooked rice and dish leftovers, noodles, fish, shrimps, meats, animal internal organs, etc.

- (b) Food waste for composting:

Including vegetable leaves, fruit peels and kernels, tea leaves, plant leaves, cut flowers, and anything unsuitable for pig feed.

2. Collection schedule: Same as the collection timetable for recyclable waste every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

## **V. Bulky furniture:**

1. In order to observe the “off-the-ground” policy – not leaving garbage on the ground – such as Taipei City, first contact the DEP or the cleaning squad and leave the items at the designated location and time, if residents have just one or two pieces of furniture to dispose of. The service is free. However, a fee will be charged by the contracted private waste treatment firms, if there is a large amount of objects to be handled.
2. When living in areas with garbage collection service, first call the local environmental protection agency or private waste treatment company contracted by the government agency to find out pickup time and venues for bulky items. Most cities and townships have one day designated for collecting such items every week.

