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 base, 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.

Acadia 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 standing. We do not take the trust that you have bestowed upon us lightly. We are committed to make Academia Sinica a place in which you can grow personally and professionally.

The International Affairs Office (IAO) was established on March 1, 2007 in order to provide a friendly and supportive environment during your stay at Academia Sinica and in Taiwan. IAO currently has thirteen staff members to assist you with your needs. As Office Director, Dr. Sue Lin-Chao has general supervision over the operations of the enterprise. As a Research Fellow working in the Institute of Molecular Biology, she has an excellent understanding of what it takes to thrive and succeed in the Academia Sinica environment.

There are two sections in IAO:
1. International Liaison Section
   Section Chief: Ms. Mei-Chih Wu
   Staff members: Mr. Huan-Tang Chang, Ms. Emma Liao,
   Ms. Shu-Ning Chen, Ms. Svetlana Sam,
   Ms. Melody Yu and Ms. Simon Ho
2. Taiwan International Graduate Program & Services for Foreign Staff Section
   Section Chief: Dr. Seyau-Feng Hong
   Staff members: Ms. Ellen Hsu, Ms. Yvonne Lin, Ms. Alice Lee and
   Ms. Nancy Yang
   Part-time: Ms. Hanna Chen
We are here to serve you. We want to provide you with helpful information to make your stay here as pleasant as is 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 brief stay here. Much of the information included here can be found elsewhere, including the Academia Sinica website (http://www.ifs.sinica.edu.tw/link/AShandbook.pdf), 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 1st edition of the Handbook. Vice President Chao-Han Liu and IAO Director Sue Lin-Chao have provided the overall leadership of the project. A handbook working group consisting of Nancy Yang and Alice Lee coordinated the project, including overall design and organization of the Handbook, editing of the collected information, streamlining of the facts, and so on. Former Vice President Sunney Chan, Dr. 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 has been downloaded from related websites, and acknowledgments to these sources have been highlighted in the Handbook. Finally, we are indebted to 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

1. Welcome - from the President’s desk

As the most prominent academic institution in Taiwan, Academia Sinica carries the responsibility of leading the fields of science and humanities and nourishing advanced academic research talent. In the process of accumulating knowledge, academic breakthroughs are made through willingness to embrace the challenges of the unknown, persistence in the pursuit of academic excellence, determination in upholding the truth, as well as a belief in advancing culture. We should not be contented with mediocre achievements and lose sight of the ultimate goal of academic perfection, nor should we venture beyond the impossible. It is only with practicality and persistence that the quest for knowledge can be brought into a new era.

Thanks to the efforts of each of the past presidents as well as all of the members of Academia Sinica, many groundbreaking studies have been completed and the number of research papers published has multiplied. In addition, accomplishments have been made in talent cultivation, academic exchange, and popular science education. In the future, Academia Sinica will make advances in four directions, including recruitment of top researchers, improvement of the research environment, integration of areas of study, and the sharing of intellectual wealth with society. These are the preliminary objectives as we elevate the quality of research in order to position Academia Sinica among the international intellectual elites.

In terms of talent cultivation and development, Academia Sinica, on the one hand, has attracted many exceptional scholars from abroad in recent years, and, on the other hand, has been actively training local talent. The plan for the future is to provide adequate housing, adjust the pay structure and develop sound regulations and standards to ease the transition to a new environment for the returning overseas scholars. Academia Sinica will also continue working together with domestic universities to train graduate students as well as post-doctoral scholars and expand the scope and improve the quality of our international graduate programs.

Academia Sinica has established firm academic cooperative relationships with institutes from more than thirty countries, including, for example, École des Hautes études en Sciences Sociales of France, the Academy of Finland, and the British Academy. Academia Sinica has also started the Taiwan Chapter of the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World to aid developing countries in scientific progress, extending the border of international academic cooperation to cover regions such as East Asia, South Asia, and Eastern Europe. Academia Sinica also serves as a liaison between members of various international scientific unions and Chinese Taipei of the national scientific bodies within the International Council for Science.
institute represents Taiwan in the scientific activities held by the International Council for Science to promote international scientific transfer and cooperation.

The current academic trend is the integration of research areas as well as increased interaction between researchers and research groups. Important areas of study with great prospects and high degrees of competitiveness are to be identified so that collaboration can be established. Academia Sinica, in addition to its solid fundamental scientific research, will seek breakthroughs in methodology and theory in the field of social sciences as well. More impressive academic accomplishments are to be expected from the endeavor. A more globally significant theory may bloom while being firmly rooted in traditional areas of study.

To feedback to society with intellectual wealth, Academia Sinica has established a technology transfer office and an incubation center where research results may be commercialized through technology transfer. In this regard, Academia Sinica will assist the government in drafting more comprehensive technology policies and related regulations so that researchers may serve as scientific advisors for start-up companies to help build strong knowledge-based industries such as the biotechnology, pharmaceutical and information technology industries in Taiwan so as to strengthen Taiwan’s competitiveness.

2. Organization
   (1) President and Vice Presidents

   Dr. Chi-Huey Wong, PhD
   President
   Academician, Academia Sinica (1994)
   Member of the US National Academy of Sciences (2002)

   Dr. Ts'ui-Jung Liu, PhD
   Vice President, Administration
   Academician, Academia Sinica (1996)

   Dr. Andrew H.-J. Wang, PhD
   Vice President, Research
   Academician, Academia Sinica (2000)
   Member, The Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS), 2005

   Dr. Chao-Han Liu, PhD
   Vice President, Academic Affairs
   Member, The Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS), 2004
(2) 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. Currently, there are 101, 79, and 57 academicians in Mathematics and Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, and Humanities and Social Sciences, respectively. A maximum of 10 new academicians can be elected for each division during the biennial Convocation.

The functions of Convocation are as follows:
1. To elect academicians and honorary academicians.
2. To elect members to the Council of Academia Sinica.
3. To advise on the policies of national academic research.
4. To lay out long-term research goals and plans at the request of the government.

It is interesting to note that among a total of 237 academicians, (as of December 2006), only 77 reside in Taiwan. However, this situation is gradually changing. In the past three years, we have succeeded to invite quite a few oversea academicians as well as outstanding scholars to return to Taiwan to assist with the advancement of research in Taiwan.

(3) Council of Academia Sinica

The Council of Academia Sinica is the decision making body of Academia Sinica. It consists of 27 ex officio members (i.e., the President, Vice Presidents, and Directors of the Institutes) and 34 elected members, each with a three-year term.

The Council's functions are as follows:
1. To formulate 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.

(4) 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:

- To recruit world-class scholars.
- To undertake in-depth review of the research programs within each of its research institutes.
- To evaluate the overall quality of research, assessment of recent recruitments, promotions, and reappointments.
- To promote international scientific and scholarly cooperation and exchanges.
- To provide assistance to the President of Academia Sinica on academic matters.
(5) Institutes (Preparatory Offices) and Research Centers

At present, there are 24 institutes (including preparatory offices) and 7 research centers in Academia Sinica under 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 (Preparatory Office)
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. Research Center for Biodiversity

**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 (Preparatory Office)
11. Institutum Jurisprudentiae (Preparatory Office)
12. Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences

(6) Research Fellow and Research Specialist

Up to December 2007, there are 940 Principal Investigators: 52 Distinguished Research Fellows; 324 Research Fellows; 221 Associate Research Fellows; 176 Assistant Research Fellows; 87 Research Assistants; 9 Assistants; 11 Senior Research Specialists; 15 Associate Research Specialists; 44 Assistant Research Specialists; 1 Research Technician, 606 Postdoctoral Fellows., and a total of 1881 students of which 943 are Ph.D. students, 871 Master’s degree students, and 66 students.
(7) Statistics of Annual Publication

There is a considerable increase in the number of papers published during the past decade - from 630 papers in 1996 to 1359 papers in 2005 with a total accumulation of 9662 papers. The number of citations with respect to these papers amounts to 81033, an average of 8.39 citations per paper. Of all the papers published at Academia Sinica, 104 are listed among the top 1% highly cited papers. On average, about one in every 100 published by Academia Sinica attained such status. (Reference: Web of Science: SCI, SSCI, A&HCI; ESI)
Section II. Information everyone should know

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 from the appointing institute written in a 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 http://www.ifc.sinica.edu.tw/item2-3.html.

2. Procedures for Legal Residency in Taiwan

(1) 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 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

- **National Immigration Agency**
  15, Guangjhou St., Jhongjheng District, Taipei, Taiwan, 100-66, ROC.
  Tel: (02) 2388-9393;
  Office Hour: 08:00-17:30 (Monday – Friday)
  Website: http://www.immigration.gov.tw/immig_eng/aspcode/main4.asp

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).

(2) 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 whom will re-enter the country within the validation date.
→ One may open a savings account (and ATM card) in Taiwan 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, one 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 the ARC.
→ Two copies of completed application forms;
→ A valid passport with resident visa
→ Two recent passport-sized photos
→ Relevant certificates (Refer to the back of the application form)
→ Application Fee: One Year : NT$1,000
Two Years : NT$2,000
Three Years : NT$3,000

Once the application materials are ready, one may go either one of the following two offices (shown below).

The processing needs five working days.
For renewal or re-issuance (lost, stolen, or damaged) application has to follow the above procedure except only one 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.
# National Immigration Agency County - Taipei City Service Center

- **Address**: NO.15, Guangjhou St., Jhongjheng District, Taipei City
- **Tel**: (02) 2388-9393; **Office Hour**: 08:00-17:30 (Mon. – Fri.)

- **MRT**: Take the Banchiao- Nankang 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.
- **Bus**: Take Bus 212 and get off at Taipei City Ho-Ping Hospital Station on Chung-Hua Road. Keep going ahead on Chung-Hua Road for a short distance turn left at the Gaungjhou St cross section. Look for #15.

(please refer to “Bus” and “MRT” sections in “Transportation on page 15)

# National Immigration Agency County - Taipei County Service Center

- **Address**: No. 168, Minzu Rd., Banciao City, Taipei County
- **Tel**: (02) 8964-7960; **Office Hour**: 8:30-17:00 (Mon. – Fri.)

- **MRT**: Take the Banchiao- Nankang Line (Blue Line) at Kunyang Station and get off at Banchiao Station. Take Exit 2 and walk straight for 10 minutes ahead until you see Far Eastern Department Store. National Immigration Agency Taipei County Service Center is behind Far Eastern Department Store.
- **Bus**: Take 306 to Nan Sung Shan and transfer to Bus 307 and get off at Taipei Telecommunications Training Institute Station. Then follow the direction by MRT.

(please refer to “Bus” and “MRT” sections in “Transportation on page 15)

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(3) **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. Alien residents should carry with them their passports, ARCs, and re-entry permits when departing Taiwan.

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 Taipei County, one should notify the new address to Taipei County local Police Department within 15 days. A fine of NT$ 5000 will be applied for failing to report.

3. Medical Care

(1) The National Health Insurance (NHI) Program

■ The Monthly Premium
The foreign employee can join the NHI immediately after he/she get 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$ 72000 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 a 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: www.nhi.gov.tw/english. 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 or contact with below:

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<tr>
<th>NHI Headquarters</th>
<th>140, Sec. 3, Hsinyi Rd, Taipei, Taiwan 106 ROC Tel: 0800-212-369 Office Hours: 8:30-17:30 Mon. to Fri.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Taipei Branch of BNHI</td>
<td>5F., No.15-1, Gongyuan Rd., Zhongzheng District, Taipei, Taiwan, 10048 ROC Service Hotline: 886-2-2191-2006 Office Hours: 8:30-17:30 Mon. to Fri.</td>
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Note: There are medical consulting services offered in mandarin, Taiwanese & English languages during the office hours of both agencies.
(2) AS Group Insurance Program

AS provides a non-compulsory group insurance program (official name: Academia Sinica Employee Insurance Benefit Plan). All the full-time employees of Academia Sinica (AS) at the age of 15 to 65 can apply to join it. You may also apply to cover your spouse, children and parents. The current insurance company is Kua Hua Life Insurance (http://www.khltw.com/). A link to the summary of the contract is provided above. Please note that with AS approval, the contract may be renewed, even the insurance company can be changed. Monthly premium is $329/$397 NT for each employee and $169 NT for spouse/child.

Customer services are handled by Shi-Dai Insurance Agent Company (http://www.taconet.com.tw/timelife/).
The contact person is Ms. Deng. For enquiry, you may contact her at 0912-216589 (Cell) or 2560-1988(Office)
Or visit the website: http://www.ifs.sinica.edu.tw/down.html for an application form.

(3) International Technical Cooperation

For more further 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.

(4) 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**

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<td>325, Sec.2,Chenggong Rd., Neihu District, Taipei 114, Tel : 886-2-8792 3311</td>
<td><a href="http://www.tsgh.ndmctsgh.edu.tw/New-e/index.asp">http://www.tsgh.ndmctsgh.edu.tw/New-e/index.asp</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Taipei City Hospital</td>
<td>87, Tongde Rd., Taipei, 115, Tel: 886-2-2786 1288</td>
<td><a href="http://www.tpech.gov.tw/English/eIndex.aspx">http://www.tpech.gov.tw/English/eIndex.aspx</a></td>
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<td>Chung Shan Hospital</td>
<td>11, Lane 112, Sec. 4, RenAi Rd., Taipei Tel: 886-2-2708-1166</td>
<td><a href="http://www.csh.com.tw/">http://www.csh.com.tw/</a></td>
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(5) 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/)

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<td>Kunyang Store</td>
<td>Business hours: 8:00-23:00</td>
<td>Tel: 02-27863315 / 02-27864522 Add: No.440, Sec. 6, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<td>Houshanpi Store</td>
<td>Business hours: 10:30-22:30</td>
<td>Tel: 02-26522251 /02-26522253 Add: No.982, Sec. 5, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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(B) Cosmed (http://www.cosmed.com.tw/index.asp)

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<td>Business hours: 8:00-23:30</td>
<td>Tel: 02-27864104 Add: 1F., No.446, Sec. 6, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nangang Rd Store</td>
<td>Business hours: 8:00-23:00</td>
<td>Tel: 02-26546442 Add: 1-2F., No.8-10, Sec. 2, Nangang Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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C. Clinics (These clinics provide medical care to foreigners.)

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<td>Tang Ophthalmic Clinic</td>
<td>02-2788-8739</td>
<td>1F, No 169, Sec. 1, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>AnMing Dental Clinic</td>
<td>02-2783-8389</td>
<td>No 75, Sec. 1, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>HuaDe Dental Clinic</td>
<td>02-2782-4088</td>
<td>No 32, Sec. 2, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<td>Chen Clinic</td>
<td>02-2783-6972</td>
<td>No 99-13, Sec. 1, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>YouCheng Clinic</td>
<td>02-2788-5799</td>
<td>No 39, Sec. 2, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<td>ZhongYan ENT Clinic</td>
<td>02-2788-3861</td>
<td>1F., No 3-9, Sec. 2, Academia Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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<tr>
<td>Liu Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic</td>
<td>02-2788-0713</td>
<td>1F., No.8, Xinghua Rd., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ShengAn Pharmacy</td>
<td>02-2782-8450</td>
<td>No.165, Sec. 1, Jiuzhuang St., Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

4. Banking Services and Travel Agencies

(1) 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 Taiwan Post Office or bank by bringing 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), the Citi Bank (www.citibank.com.tw) and The International Commercial Bank of China (www.icbc.com.tw). A small office of the Land Bank located on the 1st floor (Room 1101) of the Central Administration Building provides basic banking services from 9.30AM-12.00 from Monday through Friday. Please note that Taiwan 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) A statement of the ARC duration more than one year

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

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<th>Bank Name</th>
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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.

(2) Banking Services On-Campus

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

A small office of the Land Bank located on the 1st floor (Room 1101) of the Central Administration Building 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.

(3) Travel Agencies

A 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.

5. Transportation

(1) Around Taipei City

(A) Bus

There are more than 400 bus lines (421 exactly) 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-year old pays only half prize. 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, to take a 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/index_e.htm

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

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<tr>
<th>Bus#</th>
<th>Route Details</th>
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<tr>
<td>205</td>
<td>Lingyun 5th Village-Donyuan (popular stops: Academia Sinica, Nankang Administrative Center [Nankang train station], Sungshan Train Station, Chinghua Living Mall, Department of Motor Vehicle, Sungshan Train Station, and Kuanghua Market)</td>
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<tr>
<td>212</td>
<td>JiuZhuang-The Youth Park (popular stops: Academia Sinica, Nankan Administrative Center [Nankang train station], MRT Kunyang Station, Taipei Municipal Chungxiao hospital, and MRT Taipei Railroad Main Station)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>212</td>
<td>Chungxiao East Road Express: JiuZhuang-The Youth Park (popular stops: Academia Sinica, a temporary stop [Nankang train station],Nankang Administrative Center, MRT Kunyang Station, Sungshan, Taipei Municipal Chungxiao hospital, MRT Taipei Railroad Main Station)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>270</td>
<td>Lingyun 5th Village-ZhongHua Rd. (popular stops: Academia Sinica, a temporary stop [Nankang train station], MRT Kunyang station, Taipei Municipal Chungxiao hospital, Dr. Sun Yat Shen Memorial Hall, and National Taiwan University Hospital)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>270</td>
<td>Lingyun 5th Village and Taipei City Government Building Shuttle (popular stops: Academia Sinica, a temporary stop [Nankang train station], MRT Kunyang station,Taipei Municipal Chungxiao hospital, and Taipei City Government Biulding)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>276</td>
<td>JiuZhuang-Hengyang Road (Popular stops: Academia Sinica, Nankang Administrative Center [Nankang train station], Sungshan Train Station, and Adventist Hospital)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>306</td>
<td>JiuZhuang-Luzhou (Popular stops: Academia Sinica, Nankang Administrative Center [Nankang train station], Sungshan Train Station, Taipei Arena, and MRT Chungshan Station)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>620</td>
<td>China Institute of Technology-Shinkuang Hospital (popular stops: Academia Sinica, Kangning Hospital and Taipei 2nd Fruits and</td>
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</table>
Note: There is no uniform way on when to pay the bus fare. Some pay when boarding on the bus, and some pay when disembarking. It depends on the bus lines and sometimes even depends on the driver. However, one can tell by a sign above the driver and facing the boarding passenger, with a red light panel. Be sure to learn the Chinese character of 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 eight lines, two extensions, and one cable car (Maokong Gondola) for serving the Taipei Metropolitan.

The eight lines are listed at below:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Line</th>
<th>Route Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Muzha Line</td>
<td>Zhongshan Junior High School station — Taipei Zoo station, 10.5 km, 12 stations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Danshui Line</td>
<td>C.K.S. Memorial Hall station — Danshui station (include Xinbeitou branch Line), 23.5km, 22 stations.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Zhonghe Line</td>
<td>Guting station — Nanshijiao station, 5.4 km, 4 stations</td>
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<tr>
<td>Xiaonanmen Line</td>
<td>Ximen station — C.K.S. Memorial Hall station, 1.6 km, 1 station (Xiaonanmen station).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Xindian Line</td>
<td>Xindian station — C.K.S. Memorial Hall station (include Xiaobitan branch Line), 11.2 km, 10 stations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nangang Line</td>
<td>Starting from Kunyang station and ending at Ximen station, 9.5 km, 11 stations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Banqiao Line</td>
<td>Starting from Ximen station and ending at Fuzhong station, 7.2 km, 5 stations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tucheng Line</td>
<td>Starting from Fuzhong station and ending at Yongning station, 5.5 km, 4 stations.</td>
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The red, orange, and blue lines meet at MRT Taipei Railroad Station that is one of the major transfer stop.

For Metro Network map, please refer to page 16.

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 a 20% off on the MRT rides.
and also a 50% off on the continued bus ride (with one hour buffer time). A multiple entry one-day and group discount ticket are also available. In addition, the Easycard can be used at municipal operated garages. The Easycard can be purchased at the ticket (service) office of MRT stations and 7-11 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://www.trtc.com.tw/e/.

The nearest MRT station to Academia Sinica is Kunyang (about 3 km away). It can be connected by several bus lines (refer to the previous section). The riding time is about 15 minutes. It is faster to take a taxi. The fare is about NT$110 one way.

Note: There is two-hour limiting time 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.

(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. From November, the current nighttime fare will apply around the clock, with the flag fall rate remaining at NT$70 for the first 1.25km, after which an additional NT$5 will be required for every 250m, down from the current 300m. An additional NT$5 will also be required 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 NT$20 extra.
Note: A taxi cannot take more than four persons and the passenger in the front seat must buckle up, enforced by law.

(D) Free Shuttle Bus to Consortium Universities

- **Academia Sinica (AS) - National Taiwan University (Taida)**
  
  (A) From AS to Taida: **8:20, 10:40, 12:30, 12:40, and 15:10.**
  
  Note: The bus operates daily except weekends or National holidays. The bus leaves from Academia Sinica Garage (in front of the AS post office) and stops by the Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences inside Taida campus, Technology Building and Fu Chung Station except the last bus. The last bus stops at Taida main gate.

  (B) From Taida to AS: **9:20, 9:50, 13:10, 14:30,** and **18:10.**
  
  Note: The bus operates daily except weekends or National holidays. All buses, except the first one, are leaving in front of Institute of Atomic and Molecular Science. The first one departs from the Taida main gate. All buses stop at AS garage.

- **AS - National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU)**
  
  From AS to NTNU: **17:40,** from the AS garage to the main gate of NTNU. From NTNU to AS: **7:30** from the main gate of NTNU to AS garage.
  
  Note: The bus operates daily except weekends or National holidays.

- **AS - National Yangming University (NYU)**
  
  Tuesdays: AS to NYU: **12:30; NYU to AS: 16:40**
  
  Fridays: AS to NYU: **14:30; NYU to AS: 17:45**
  
  Note: Service is provided during the school semester only.

- **AS – National Tsinghua University (NTHU) with a stop at National Central University**
  
  AS – NTHU, **6:50 and 10:30**
  
  NTHU – AS: **12:20 and 18:30** (an express bus)
  
  Note: Service is provided on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during the school semester. Either an AS or consortium universities’ valid ID is necessary to board the bus.

For more information please refer to website at below (A.S. Free Shuttle Bus) [http://www.ifs.sinica.edu.tw/item4-2.html](http://www.ifs.sinica.edu.tw/item4-2.html)

(E) Other Ways for Getting to National Taiwan University (NTU)

- **Main Campus**

  Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences and Institute of Astronomy & Astrophysics, Academia Sinica are located at National Taiwan University main campus.

  The National Taiwan University main campus is at .
  
  No.1, Sec. 4, Roosevelt Road, Taipei, Taiwan. (Tel)+ 886 (02) 3366-3366

  For more information about National Taiwan University, please visit the website:
By MRT:

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

By Bus:

24 bus routes serve NTU (stop at NTU Main Campus):

0-South, 109, 207, 253, 280, 280(StraightLine), 284, 284-StraightLine, 290, 311, 505, 52, 642, 643, 668, 671, 675, 676, 907, SongjiangMainLine, SongJiang-XinShengMainLine, Dunhua Main Line, G11, 530.

Map of National Taiwan University

(2) Around 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 (seat reserved) express trains (Tze-Chiang, Ju-Kuang, and Fu-Hsing) and local shuttles. The ticket of the latter
trains can be purchased in the station. 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: Nankang, 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/index/index.aspx

The closest train station to Academia Sinica is Nankang, the next, Sungshan. They can be reached by several bus lines (see the “Bus” section). It takes about 10-minute to reach Nankang Station and about double of that to Sungshan, by bus.

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

Taiwan High Speed Rail (http://www.thsrc.com.tw/en/index.htm)

The Taiwan High Speed Rail (HSR) will link Taipei to Kaohsiung at a total length of 345km with 90 minutes traveling time. During the first stage of the operation, eight stations of the high speed rail are operated, namely, Taipei, Banciao, Taoyuan, Hsinchu, Taichung, Chiayi, Tainan, and Kaohsiung (Zuoying), and by 2010, four more stations will be open, i.e., 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:


How to purchase tickets:

Phone Booking Service Hotlines
To make a booking from local landlines, please dial 4066-5678. For Miaoli area, 4266-5678; Taitung and Kinmen areas 4666-5678; and Matsu areas and mobile phones, 02-4066-5678 or Customer Services 02-6626-8000. For international calls, please dial +886-2-6626-8000 or +886-2-4066-5678. Note: Calls are not toll-free.

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

Ticket Payment and Pick-up
The Booking Confirmation Number and customer’s Passport number are required for the ticket payment and pick-up process. 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.
### Business Class

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<th>Taipei</th>
<th>Banciao</th>
<th>Taoyuan</th>
<th>Hsinchu</th>
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<th>Chiayi</th>
<th>Tainan</th>
<th>Zuoying</th>
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<td>440</td>
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<td>1,490</td>
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<td>1,200</td>
<td>790</td>
<td>410</td>
<td>140</td>
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*Currency: NTDS*

Please click on the following link for more details:

### (B) Long distance buses

There are quite a few private owned long distance bus companies serving Taiwan. A consortium station is located near the Taipei Railroad Main Station. The name and website of a few companies are shown at below.

- **Kuo-Kuang Motor Transport Company, Ltd.**

- **Ubus:**

- **Dragon Bus Corporation**

- **Aloha Bus Company, Ltd**

- **Freego Bus Company**
  - http://freego.southeastbus.com/

Note: Unfortunately, none of the above websites is in English.

### (C) Driving your own vehicle or a rental car

An individual over 18 years old with a valid license can operate motor cycles and motor vehicles in Taiwan. 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. Please contact Taipei Motor Vehicle Office for detail information to obtain a license. There are three branch offices in Taipei. The closest one to Academia Sinica is listed at below.

**Address:** 21 Bade Rd., Sec 4, Taipei  
**Tel:** 2763-0155 and 2767-1900  
**Website:** http://163.29.36.51/tcmvd/index.jsp  
**Hours:** 09:00 to 17:30, Monday through Friday.

The highway information can be obtained at the following website:  
http://www.freeway.gov.tw/en_index.ASP

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.

### (D) 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 Kunyang (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 Academic Sinica as described in the previous sections.

By Aircraft

The local airport is Sungsan 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.

(E) 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/2005tax/english/e-index.htm

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

6. News Media in English

(1) 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) and China Post (news on line: http://www.chinapost.com.tw/).

(2) Radio
ICRT (International Community Radio Taipei) at 100.7 F.M. is a 24-hour English spoken radio station (radio on line: http://www.icrt.com.tw/en/nowonfm100.htm).

(3) 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$ 600 per month.

7. Telecommunications

(1) Telephone

■ Public Phone Service
Public phone in Taiwan can be operated either by coin or 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 required to subscribe for phone service**

Both new and existing customers must bring in the following documentation:

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<th>Item</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Charge</th>
<th>How to apply</th>
<th>Required documents</th>
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<tr>
<td>Installation of new phone</td>
<td>Installation of new or additional single-user phone or relay line.</td>
<td>1. Deposit of NT$1,000 for each number (not required for user-provided phones).&lt;br&gt;2. A device charge of NT$3,000 per number (NT$800 less if an indoor line is already installed).</td>
<td>1. By phone. 2. Online. 3. In person. 4. Someone else may apply on your behalf.</td>
<td>1. Citizens-- Main documents: Citizens' ID card (Seal or personal signature)&lt;br&gt;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&lt;br&gt;2. Foreigners-- Main documents: Alien Residence Certificate (Seal or personal signature)&lt;br&gt;Secondary documents: Passport, health insurance card, driver's license, employer's ID card and secondary document; use any one to support main document&lt;br&gt;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.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interim</td>
<td>1. Deposit of NT$1,000 for each number.&lt;br&gt;2. A installation charge of NT$3,000 per number.</td>
<td>1. In person. 2. Someone else may apply on your behalf.</td>
<td>1. By phone. 2. Online. 3. In person. 4. Someone else may apply on your behalf.</td>
<td>1. Citizens-- Main documents: Citizens' ID card (Seal or personal signature)&lt;br&gt;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&lt;br&gt;2. Foreigners-- Main documents: Alien Residence Certificate (Seal or personal signature)&lt;br&gt;Secondary documents: Passport, health insurance card, driver's license, employer's ID card and secondary document; use any one to support main document&lt;br&gt;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.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Change of number</td>
<td>A customer may request the phone company to change their phone number.</td>
<td>NT$240 per number</td>
<td>1. In person. 2. Someone else may apply on your behalf.</td>
<td>1. Citizens-- Main documents: Citizens' ID card (Seal or personal signature)&lt;br&gt;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&lt;br&gt;2. Foreigners-- Main documents: Alien Residence Certificate (Seal or personal signature)&lt;br&gt;Secondary documents: Passport, health insurance card, driver's license, employer's ID card and secondary document; use any one to support main document&lt;br&gt;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.</td>
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<td>Choice of number</td>
<td>A customer may select a new number from a list of available unused numbers at their local service office.</td>
<td>At least NT$480 per number.</td>
<td>1. In person. 2. Someone else may apply on your behalf.</td>
<td>1. Citizens-- Main documents: Citizens' ID card (Seal or personal signature)&lt;br&gt;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&lt;br&gt;2. Foreigners-- Main documents: Alien Residence Certificate (Seal or personal signature)&lt;br&gt;Secondary documents: Passport, health insurance card, driver's license, employer's ID card and secondary document; use any one to support main document&lt;br&gt;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.</td>
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<td>Temporary removal of phone</td>
<td>Customers who wish to temporarily stop using their phone may have their outside line removed while keeping their number.</td>
<td>1. NT$200 charge for temporary phone removal.&lt;br&gt;2. Basic monthly leasing charges are collected from the user according to residential user rates during the period of temporary removal.</td>
<td>1. In person. 2. Someone else may apply on your behalf. 3. By phone.</td>
<td>1. Citizens-- Main documents: Citizens' ID card (Seal or personal signature)&lt;br&gt;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&lt;br&gt;2. Foreigners-- Main documents: Alien Residence Certificate (Seal or personal signature)&lt;br&gt;Secondary documents: Passport, health insurance card, driver's license, employer's ID card and secondary document; use any one to support main document&lt;br&gt;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.</td>
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| 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:

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<th>Natural persons (including sole proprietorships)</th>
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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:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Service Center</th>
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<th>Business Hour</th>
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<tr>
<td>Nangang Service Center</td>
<td>No. 356, Sec.1, Nangang Rd. Nangang District, Taipei City 115, Taiwan</td>
<td>123 &amp; 0800-080-123</td>
<td>Mon.-Fri. 8:30-17:30, Sat. 09:00-13:00</td>
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**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.

**(B) 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**

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<tr>
<th>City and county name</th>
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**Domestic Long-Distance Phone (STD) Price Table**  
Charge units: NT$

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<td>Charge per second</td>
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<td>Standard time periods</td>
<td>0.035/sec.</td>
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<td>Reduced time periods</td>
<td>0.025/sec.</td>
<td>35 sec.</td>
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**Rate periods**

1. 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.
2. New rates now apply to Tungsha, Nansha, Kinmen, and Matzu.
3. 081 collect calls: the charge for calls within the same long-distance zone is calculated according to local rates.
(C) 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 in more than 200 countries worldwide.

Calculation of Charges:

General Discounts: CHT offers a discount rate for high-volume (002 or 009)
Special Discounts: CHT also offers special discounts for contracted customers.
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
(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 has 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
Int'l 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
The cards have the following three face values: 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.

**D) 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 Chunghua Telecom [CHT](http://www.cht.com.tw/CHTFinalE/Web/) 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**:

**Fareastone**:
[http://www.fetnet.net/servlet/ContentServer?c=Page&t=efnHomePageT&pagename=@eFETnet/Page/efnHomePageT&cid=1118627852869](http://www.fetnet.net/servlet/ContentServer?c=Page&t=efnHomePageT&pagename=@eFETnet/Page/efnHomePageT&cid=1118627852869)
Prepaid card

**Ideal Card**

Among prepaid cards with no deposit and no monthly fees, the Ideal Card stands out for its many advanced features, which can make your mobile communications life truly effortless and carefree. You not only enjoy Chunghwa Telecom's superb island-wide dual-frequency communications quality, but also get the most advanced intelligent network technology with the Ideal Card. It can additionally provide you with many unique benefits and convenient services.

Comes with a mobile phone number. Face value NT$1,000 includes NT$300 connection credit. Valid for 180 days. Can be recharged and validity period extended using an additional ID number.

**Refill Card**

Has a 12-digit number printed on the card. Face values of NT$328, NT$528 and NT$928. Valid for 180 days. Used to recharge Ideal Card and extend its validity period without having to change numbers.

**Monthly charge**

You may pay certain amounts per month for using the cellular phone. Monthly free minutes must be used within the allocated month. Unfinished minutes may not be carried forward to the subsequent month. Free minutes are only limited to accessing calls and voice mailbox within the country, not applicable toward any voice data services or international calls.

(2) Internet - ADSL


**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 islandwide 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.


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

(3) 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 Taiwan Post Office’ website for more information.


Domestic Letter-Post Items

Postage rates (Effective July 15, 1999 Unit NT$)

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Newspapers: NT$1.25 for every 50g (weight limit: 2kg)
Magazines: NT$1.75 for every 50g (weight limit: 2kg)
Postcards: NT$2.5 per item?ANT$9.5 per item for each prompt delivery postcard
Small packets: NT$10 for every 100g (weight limit: 1kg)
Aerogramme: NT$4 per item
### International Letter-Post Items

**Postage Rates** (Effective Feb. 1, 2002 NT$)

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Remarks
1. Airmail rates for Africa, Europe, Central & South America are applicable to items destined for islands east of longitude 180 degrees, such as Tonga, Tahiti, Western Samoa, American Samoa, etc.
2. Registration charge and insurance charge shall be added for insured letters. Insured letter service is only available to post offices at Keelung, Taipei Taan, Taichung Yingtsai, Tainan and Kaohsiung, where Taiwan customs have an office.

Other postage rates enquiry, please click the website:
http://www.post.gov.tw/post/index.jsp

**Track & Trace Service**

- [International Incoming Letters Tracking Service](http://www.post.gov.tw/post/index.jsp)
- [International Incoming Parcels Tracking Service](http://www.post.gov.tw/post/index.jsp)
- [EMS Tracking Service](http://www.post.gov.tw/post/index.jsp)


(B) Parcel service
In addition to Taiwan 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/](http://www.fedex.com/tw/)) and DHL ([http://www.dhl.com.tw/publish/tw/zt.high.html](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
8. Electricity

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

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9. Emergency

The emergency number in Taiwan is “119”. Operators speak both Chinese and English.

10. Religions

Taiwan is highly diversified in terms of religious faiths, with the practice of Buddhism, Daoism, Christianity, Mormonism, the Unification Church, Islam, and Hinduism, as well as native sects such as Yiguandao and others. The island not only respects traditional faiths but also opens its arms to other types of religious thought from the outside.

11. Housing/Accommodations

(1) 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 single room are NT$ 800 (standard) and 1100 (deluxe); for doubles the rates are 1200 (standard) and 1400 (deluxe). The check out time is at noon. Only NT$ are accepted for payment. However, the US$ (cash) can be exchanged to NT$ at counter for one’s convenience. One may browse the detail service on the following website [http://www.sinica.edu.tw/as/law/general/room-fee-e.html](http://www.sinica.edu.tw/as/law/general/room-fee-e.html).
  
  Tel: (+886-2) 2785-2717  
  Fax: (+886-2) 2783-3905  
  Reservations should be made through the Institute (Preparatory Office) or Research Center.

- Scholars’ Guest House
  
  Scholars’ Guest House provides for visitors who stay more than a month but shorter than a year. 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, is NT$ 8000; telephone, cable TV, and utilities are extra. Reservations should be made through the Institute (Preparatory Office) and Research Center.

Note: Both Academic Activity Center and Scholars’ Guest House respond to applications issued by Institute (Preparatory Office) or Research Center only. All visitors are advised to keep close contact with the Institute you are about to visit regarding accommodations on campus. A valid ID or passport should be presented during registration.

Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP) Student Dormitory

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2) Off Campus Housing

There are quite a few rental apartments and boarding house in 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.

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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. One may also seek assistance at the International Affairs Office. 128, Yen-Chiu-Yuan Road, Sec. 2, Nankang, Taipei 115, Taiwan Tel: +886-2-27898023 | Fax: +886-2-27834496 | email:iao@gate.sinica.edu.tw.

3) 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.


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<th>Address</th>
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<td>B1, No. 100, Tun-Hwa N.</td>
<td>Tel: (02)2716-8900</td>
<td>Sun. through Thr. and holiday</td>
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### How to go?

**Metro:**
Take Mu-Zha Line to "Nanking E. Road Stop", and walk heading Tun-Hwa N. Road for about 10 min. (follow the map on up right)

**Bus:**
- Bus Stop: Nanking-TunHwa Block (near Nanking E. Road):
  - Brown-9, Brown-0, 6-East, 46
  - 311, 652, 672, 266, 279, 288
  - 306, 307, 604, 668
  - 605, 622, 248, 282
- 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, 6-East 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.

### 12. 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 1st and ends May 31 yearly. Please contact the accountant or treasurer of the host Institute (Preparatory Office) or Research Center for assistance. All guidelines on filing taxes of a foreigner can be found on the National Tax Administration website:


### 13. Supermarkets and traditional markets for food

In addition to the groceries store on the second floor of the garage (refer to “grocery shopping”, page 70). There are supermarkets and traditional markets scattered within walking distance of Academia Sinica. To name a few:
14. Dining (for lunch and dinner)

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.

15. Children's Education

The education system of ROC 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 four elementary schools (for grades one to six) and one middle high school (for grades seven to nine) near Academia Sinica.

(1) Hu Shih Elementary School,
(2) Jiu-Zhuang Elementary School,
(3) Nankang Elementary School,
http://www1.nkps.tp.edu.tw/English_web/default.htm

Bilingual Education Class: http://www.nkps.tp.edu.tw/mweb/;

(4) Pai Yun Elementary School (located in Taipei County)

(5) Chen Cheng Middle High School.

The enrollment of public school (tuition free) 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, German, French, British, and American nationalities in the Taipei.

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<td>Taipei British School</td>
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<td>Deutsche Schule Taipei</td>
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(6) **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://www.sinica.edu.tw/~garden](http://www.sinica.edu.tw/~garden) (Chinese) or phone 2783-5325 for detail.

**16. Foreign Organizations in Taiwan**

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<td>Austrian Trade Delegation</td>
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<td>British Trade and Cultural Office</td>
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<td>Canadian Trade Office in Taipei</td>
<td>02-2544-3000</td>
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<td>Czech Economic and Cultural Office</td>
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<td>Embassy of the Republic of Costa Rica</td>
<td>02-2875-2964</td>
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<td>The European Chamber of Commerce Taipei</td>
<td>02-2740-0236</td>
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<td>Israeli Economic and Cultural Office</td>
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<td>The Jordanian Commercial Office</td>
<td>02-2871-7712</td>
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<td>Trade Office of Swiss Industries (TOSI)</td>
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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:

Section III. Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP)

1. An Overview of the TIGP

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 both the number of inter-disciplinary programs and the number and global distribution of students - currently there are 148 students from 21 countries studying in TIGP.

In 2008, TIGP offers the following 8 interdisciplinary Ph.D. programs:

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 (NST)
7. Molecular Medicine Program (MM)
8. Computational Linguistics and Chinese Language Processing Program (CLCLP)

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.

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<td>Institute of Biochemical Sciences</td>
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|                                        | National Tsing Hua University [http://www.nthu.edu.tw](http://www.nthu.edu.tw) | 1. Department of Life Sciences  
2. Department of Chemistry                      |
| Molecular Science and Technology        | National Tsing Hua University [http://www.nthu.edu.tw](http://www.nthu.edu.tw) | Department of Chemistry                        |
| Molecular and Biological Agricultural Sciences | National Chung Hsing University [http://www.nchu.edu.tw](http://www.nchu.edu.tw) | 1. Graduate Institute of Biotechnology  
2. Department of Life Sciences                  |
| Molecular and Cell Biology              | National Defense Medical Center [http://www.ndmctsgh.edu.tw](http://www.ndmctsgh.edu.tw) | Institute of Life Science                      |
| Bioinformatics                          | National Yang-Ming University [http://www.ym.edu.tw](http://www.ym.edu.tw) | Institute of Bioinformatics                     |
TIGP has established the following programs 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) **TIGP Student 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.

(C) **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.

(D) **Student Exchange Scheme(s)**

Academia Sinica has established foreign collaborative universities, through which TIGP students will be able to extend their academic pursuit and cultural enrichment beyond the one AS has to offer.
2. The TIGP Administrative Team

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**Nano Science and Technology Program**
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l hwu@phys.sinica.edu.tw
**TIGP personnel coordinating various programs and services**

**Important faces to remember!**

1. **TIGP Office:**
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   - Senior Administrative Assistant: Ms. Nancy Yang

2. **CBMB:** Ms. Teresa Pan

3. **MST:** Ms. Jennifer Ma

4. **MBAS:** Ms. Hsuan Wu

5. **MCB:** Ms. Jessica Shih

6. **MM:** Ms. Alice Tsai

7. **Nano:** Ms. Flora Wu

8. **Bioinfo:** Ms. Elsa Pan

9. **CLCLP:** Ms. Clara Chen
3. **Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP) Student Dormitory**

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**The public facilities include:**

(A) **The Lobby:**

Lobby at 1st (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.

The dormitory office is located at the 1st floor.
19, Alley 2, Lane 61, Yen-Chiu-Yuan Road, Sec. 2, Nankang, Taipei 115, Taiwan
Tel: 886-2-2651-0277 ext. 1109, Fax: 886-2-2783-5217
Email: ifanlin@gate.sinica.edu.tw
For more information please visit the website at [http://tigp.sinica.edu.tw/housing.html](http://tigp.sinica.edu.tw/housing.html).

4. **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.

5. **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 staying in Taiwan. Additionally, the orientation includes field trips, on-campus tours, and a tour to the neighboring areas around Academia Sinica.

6. **TIGP scholarship**

(1) **The Scholarship**

The scholarship payable to students as a monthly stipend (NT$32,000/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 maximum grant period of the scholarship is 36 months: The first year is guaranteed; the amounts of the stipend for the second and third year will depend on student’s performance. Starting from the 4th year, the thesis advisor will take over the stipend of the student, the amounts to be determined by mutual agreement between the professor and the student.

The general guidelines of TIGP scholarship is as follows:

(A) The initiating date of TIGP scholarship is set at the September 1st of the academic year that the student is admitted to TIGP.

(B) 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.

(C) 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.

(D) If for some reasons (other funding source, counted from students’ enrollment, all stipends should be granted within 4 years.

(E) Local male students who are currently serving National Defense Service will not receive the TIGP stipends until they discharge from the 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.

(F) TIGP reserves the right to make changes to terms described in this section.
(2) 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 1st. Please note that TIGP Scholarship can only be transferred to no other bank except Chunghwa Post. Therefore every TIGP student is required to open a Chunghwa Post bank account as soon as possible when you arrive in Taiwan.

(3) Income Tax

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 (4th~) 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 1st to December 31st), namely, the number of days of your residency in Taiwan is recounted annually. On the other hand, local students will be taxed 6% off their monthly income. 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 http://www.ntat.gov.tw/county/ntat_ch/index.jsp.

(4) 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.(please refer to page 36)

7. **TIGP Student Conference Travel Grant**

The grant is designated to assist TIGP students traveling abroad to conferences not for attending classes/workshops/summer schools or 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/news.html.
Section IV. Introduction to Taiwan

1. Introduction to Taiwan

(1) 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. In consequence, 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.

(2) 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.

(3) 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. Typhoon season is mainly between May and September.

(4) 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.

(5) 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 everyday, please consult the Services in the Bank of Taiwan for detailed information on the exchange rate: http://www.bot.com.tw

(6) 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. 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 brings to these age-old beliefs and stories a contemporary and universal perspective. The company is made up of two-dozen dancers whose training includes tai chi, meditation, martial arts, Chinese Opera movement, modern dance, and ballet.

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

(8) 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 in the Japanese 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 Nankang area ranges from NT$5000 to NT$12,000.

(9) Natural Hazards

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

The Central Weather Bureau (http://www.cwb.gov.tw/V5e/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 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 indoors, move outside to a vacant area as soon as possible. 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, to be calm and not panic is the most important thing to do.
2. Tourism and 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.tbroc.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


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

(1) **Taipei 101**


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

- ★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

- ★10am to 10pm daily
- ★Last Ticketing & entry: 9:15 pm
- ★Operating hours during holidays are subject to change.

### General Contact Information

Address: 89th 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  FAX：(02)8101-8897 FAX：(02)8101-8897
The Taipei 101 Mall shuttle bus has begun service, and stands ready to serve you.

Departure times:
Hours of operation are 1100-2100, with buses coming every 15 minutes on weekends and every 20 minutes on weekdays.

Stations:
Taipei City Hall MRT station, at exit No.2.
Entrance to Taipei 101 Mall at City Hall Rd

(2) The Tribes in Taiwan

There are many ethnic groups living on the beautiful island of Taiwan. Among them are 430,000 indigenous status persons, which is about 1.9% of the total population. Although the number is relatively small, they perform superbly well in music, culture, and sports endeavors. The name "YUAN CHU MIN" in fact is a collective term. It includes Atayal, Saisiyat, Bunun, Tsou, Rukai, Paiwan, Puyuma, Amis, Yami, Thao, Kavalan, and Truku, to make up the twelve indigenous tribes of Taiwan.

Austronesian Language Family and Taiwan Indigenous Peoples
Since the Paleolithic Age, the earliest inhabitants in Taiwan were the Austronesians. Academic research found that there were once more than 20 aboriginal tribes living in Taiwan and all belonged to the Austronesian family. Some scholars even
concluded that Taiwan might be one of the original homelands of the Austronesians. Currently, twelve of the Austronesian peoples are recognized by the government. They are Atayal, Saisiyat, Bunun, Tsou, Rukai, Paiwan, Puyuma, Amis, Yami, Thao, Kavalan and Truku.

(3) **Taiwan Aboriginal Culture Park**
http://www.tacp.gov.tw/INTRO/FMINTRO.HTM

- **History of the Park Organization**
  A site was selected for the "Aboriginal Culture Village" at "Fu-gu-wan" in Machia Township, Pingtung County, by the Department of Civil Affairs of the Taiwan Provincial Government in 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.

- **Personnel Structure**
  The bureau, a subordinate to the Council of Indigenous Peoples, Executive Yuan, consists of the Director, the Secretary, the Accountant, the Personnel Manager, and three divisions: Display and Performance, Education and Promotion, Administration.

- **Functions**
  - Director — supervise the management of park affairs.
  - Secretary — assist the management of park affairs.
  - Accountant — take charge of accounting and audit practices.
  - Personnel Manager — take charge of personnel management.
  - Chief, Display and Performance Division — supervise the management of division affairs.
  - Chief, Education and Promotion Division — supervise the management of division affairs.
  - Chief, Administration Division — supervise the management of division affairs.

- **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$120
- Student/military/police ticket -- NT$60
- A 20% discount is available for groups of 30 or more.
- Free admission for pre-schoolers, veterans, handicapped citizens, those at least 70 years old, and retired servicemen, civil servants, and teachers.

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

(4) National Parks & Scenic Areas

(A) Yangmingshan National Park

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

(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

(C) Tainan

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

(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.

(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/TarokoPortalEng/0_0_0/default.aspx](http://www.taroko.gov.tw/TarokoPortalEng/0_0_0/default.aspx)
(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.


(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://english.ysnp.gov.tw/](http://english.ysnp.gov.tw/)

(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.


(5) **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](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://green.taitung.gov.tw](http://green.taitung.gov.tw) (Chinese) or [http://www.eastcoast-nsa.gov.tw/](http://www.eastcoast-nsa.gov.tw/) (English)
(C) **Orchid Island**

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/en/index.php](http://www.eastcoast-nsa.gov.tw/en/index.php).

(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/english/main.htm](http://www.kmnp.gov.tw/english/main.htm)

(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.matzu-nsa.gov.tw/english/index.asp](http://www.matzu-nsa.gov.tw/english/index.asp)

For more information about travel in Taiwan, please check the official tourism bureau website: [http://www.tbroc.gov.tw](http://www.tbroc.gov.tw).
4. Attractions in Taipei

(1) 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 CKS 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 breathtaking 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 Nankang 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.

(2) 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.taipeieye.com/eng/index.htm

(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

(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 (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

(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/nmh_web/english_version/index.cfm (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

(3) **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.


(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.


(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.


(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).
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/fore/taindex_en.asp

Longshan Temple is a famous old temple in Taiwan, dedicated to Guanyin—the Guanshiyin Buddh—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://202.39.225.132/jsp/Eng/html/attractions/scenic_spots.jsp?id=93
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.
  

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

- **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.
  

(K) Taipei County Tour Net

(L) Taipei City Government

(M) Eat, Sleep, Play in Taipei

(N) Points of interest inside Academia Sinica campus

- **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:** Wed. & 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)

■ **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.

■ **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:** 2nd Fl., Institute of European and American Studies  
**Website:** http://www.sinica.edu.tw/~lnfam/index/ (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](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](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/home_eng.asp](http://asizrm.sinica.edu.tw/home_eng.asp)

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 “Nankang-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.

**Nankang Tourist Tea Plantation**
The Tourist Tea Plantation of the Nankang District is mainly located along Sec. 2 of JuiZhuang St. at an altitude of about 200-300 meters. In 1982, the Development Bureau of the Taipei City Government opened the Nankang Tourist Tea Plantation, to promote Nankang’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.

Note: You can take Bus#55 on holidays. (Schedule: 0640, 0730, 0900, 1000, 1030, 1120, 1250, 1320, 1440, 1530, 1615, 1745, 1830, 1930, 2000, 2040, 2200)

Note: Images above were reprinted by Tourism Bureau, Ministry of Transportation & Communications, R.O.C.
5. Tourism Promotion Offices

Austrian Information
http://www.austria.info/xxl/_site/en/_area/408015/index.html

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

Malaysia Tourist Promotion Board
http://tourism.gov.my/

Official Holland Site-Netherlands Boards of Tourism
http://www.holland.com/splash/

New Zealand Tourism Board
http://www.newzealand.com/travel/

Tourism Authority of Thailand
http://www.tat.or.th/
6. Entertainments

(1) Bookstores & Movies

(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.

(B) Bookstores

[Redacted] Lai Lai Book Co.
Tel: (02) 2363-4265, 2392-9765
Address: 4F, 271, Sec. 3, Roosevelt Rd., Taipei

Random selection of novels, some scholarly books and used books. The staffs are friendly. They give a ten percent discount, so almost everything is considerably cheaper than Eslite bookstore. http://www.lailai.com.tw/e_default.aspx

[Redacted] The Eslite Book Store
Tel: (02) 8789-8907 for Customer Service Hot-line
Address: 2F, 245, Sec 1, DunHua S. Rd. Taipei


[Redacted] Bookman Books
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. http://www.bookman.com.tw (Chinese)

Tel: (02) 2331-5726; 2371-9893; 2361-2735
Address: 2F, 141, Sec. 1, ChongQing (Chunking) S. Rd., Taipei

Good selection of dictionaries and other languages materials, as well as literature and magazines in French, German, Spanish, Russian and Italian. http://www.centralbook.com.tw/eng/index.php

[Redacted] Page One The Bookshop Taiwan Branch Private Limited Office and Retail
Tel: (02)-8101-8282
Fax: (02)-8101-8283
Address: Taipei 101 4F-1, No. 45, Shin Fu road 110, Taipei

In order to present reader with the variety view of international books, PAGEONE established their mega general bookstore in Taipei in the year of 2004. After 2 years of operation in Taipei, they decide to have their second branch at Sogo Fuxing department store at the end 2006.
The PAGEONE Bookshop design is taking from the concept of Zen master Setsusyu's landscape painting. PAGEONE characteristic is to provide readers the cultural aesthetic sense, walking in between the bamboo strip bookshelf, reading and enjoying the harmony with the nature.

One of PAGEONE main duties is to introduce Asian culture and translate Asian literature to the whole world. In order to accomplish this mission. They are willing to excavate the native and original work and to translate it to English and other important languages. At the same time, PAGEONE is positively introducing and connecting the Asian culture, custom, and humanities to the world. We diligently seek Asian author, artist and publisher to cooperate with them, establish the bridge between Asia and the world together.

(2) Academia Sinica On-Campus Museums

(A) Lingnan Fine Arts Museum
Website: http://www.sinica.edu.tw/~lnfam/index/

(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/MainFrame.htm

(D) Museum of the Institute of Ethnology
Website: http://www.ioe.sinica.edu.tw/tool/museum/index.html

(5) The Research Museum in Research Center for Biodiversity
Website: http://asizrm.sinica.edu.tw/home_eng.asp
Section V. Appendix

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

2. Restaurants

(1) 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: 07:30 - 09:00
- Lunch: 11:30 - 13:30
- Dinner: 17:00 - 20:30

The reservation hotline is 02-2785-2717 ext. 1222.

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$ 40 and 65 for lunch and supper, respectively, Monday through Friday, per person. An Academia Sinica ID is required.

(2) The Coffee Shop

A coffee shop is also located on the first floor (to the left of the main entrance) of Academic Activity Center. It serves hot and cold drinks, cookies, cakes, ice cream, sandwiches, a western style food on breakfast, lunch, supper, and afternoon snacks. A discount lunch with a designated entry is served on every weekday. The price is merely NT$200. It is interesting to note that one may sit/rest in the “free” area without ordering any food or drink. The hours are 09:00-22:00 daily. Reservation can be made by phone 2785-2717 ext. 1219

(3) Western Style Food

A European-Style Restaurant is located behind the Academic Activity Center. It serves western style food. A discount buffet with one choice of main dishes charges serve at noon with a flat price (NT$220). The hours: Lunch: 11:30 - 14:00; Dinner: 17:30 - 20:30. Reservation can be made by phone 2785-2717 ext. 8105.

3. Gymnasium

The gymnasium opens from 7 am to 10 pm everyday 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 fee (NT$) charged are itemized at below.

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There is no extra charge for using the fitness equipments, 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 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 on 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 by 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 would be 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 haircut on 2789 9719 and hair do by 2789 9718, respectively.
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 - 21:00 Monday through Friday. 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: 2783-9605

7. Academia Sinica Kindergarten

Academia Sinica Kindergarten was founded in 1969 to serve employee’s children from age three to six. It locates in the 1st floor of Taiwan International Graduate Program Teaching and Research Building. One may browse the website at: http://www.sinica.edu.tw/~garden (in Chinese) or call (02) 2783-5325 for further information.

8. Chinese Learning

(1) Learning Chinese in Academia Sinica

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

(2) The current class schedules are as following

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<td>Class F (Intermediate)</td>
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The contents of each class are:

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

**Intermediate:** Intermediate Mandarin conversation, Taiwan Today, Chinese Customs and Traditions

**Inter-Advanced:** Chatting in Mandarin, Taiwan Today, Customs and Culture, Introduction to tourism spots in Taiwan.
**Class Location:**

Class A, B, C & D: Academia Sinica campus; Academic Activities Center Conference Room 5 (2nd floor)
Class E & F: National Taiwan University campus; Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Conference Room #716, (7F)

**(3) Attendance Policies**

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<td>Students should notify the teacher and Ms. Nancy Yang if they are unable to attend the class further.</td>
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<td>Comments and suggestions are welcome to improve the class.</td>
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Please contact Nancy Yang at International Affairs Office (Tel: 2789-8050, e-mail:nancyy@gate.sinica.edu.tw) for further details.

**(4) Chinese Learning other than Academia Sinica**

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

| Center for Chinese Language and Culture Studies (CCLC) | [http://mtc.ntnu.edu.tw/](http://mtc.ntnu.edu.tw/) |

Foreigners who want further studies on Chinese are encouraged to contact them individually.
B. Organization of Academia Sinica
C. About International Affairs Office (IAO) Staff

Taiwan International Graduate Program & Services for Foreign Staff

IAO Director: Sue Lin-Chao

- Seau-Feng Hong
- Ellen Hsu

International Visibility Budget & Student Affairs

- Yvonne Lin

TIGP Student Dormitory

- Nancy Yang
- Alice Lee

TIGP Admission & Services for Foreign Staff
International Liaison

IAO Director: Sue Lin-Chao

Simone Ho
Special Assistant to Director
International Conference

Melody Yu
International Collaboration

Shu-Ning Chen
International Organizations Collaborate with local universities

Mei-Chih Wu
Section Chief

Emma Liao
International Conference

HT Chang
International Collaboration

Svetlana Sam
International Collaboration
D. Useful Information

(D-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

(D-2) Other Useful Telephone Numbers for Emergency

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<td>02-2556-6007</td>
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(D-3) Travel Agency

An on-campus travel agency providing 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. Hours of operation: Monday - Friday: 09:30-11:00, 13:00-16:00 Tel:2789-9433

(D-4) National Holidays

For national holidays, please visit the Central Personnel Administration website at: http://www.cpa.gov.tw.
E. Maps
(E-1). Map of Taiwan

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(E-2) Districts Map of Taipei City

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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.
(E-7) TIGP Dormitory

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