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## TAIWAN HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT

### SEVEN TAIWAN UNIVERSITIES RANK IN THE WORLD'S TOP 500

BY EDUCATION DIVISION  
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The QS 2024 World University Rankings name seven Taiwan universities in the global top 500.

National Taiwan University (NTU) was key winner, rising from last year's position of 77th to 69th. NTU also did well in two new measures that were introduced this year – the strength of its international research networks and graduate employability.

QS 2024 Ranking	University
69	National Taiwan University
217	National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University
228	National Cheng Kung University
233	National Tsing Hua University
387	National Taiwan University of Science & Technology
431	National Taiwan Normal University/ Taipei University of Technology

Besides NTU, the world's top 500 universities in Taiwan were National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU) at 217th, National Cheng Kung University (NCKU) at 228th, National Tsing Hua University (NTHU) at 233rd, National Taiwan University of Science & Technology (Taiwan Tech.) at 387th, National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) and National Taipei University of Technology (Taipei Tech.) both at 431st.

This year QS added three more criteria which are a measure of sustainability (both as practised and as taught by the university), as well as graduate employability and a measure of international research collaboration.

In Asia, the top 5 universities in terms of "graduate employability" were National University of Singapore, Seoul National University, University of Tokyo, National Taiwan University, and University of Hong Kong. National Taiwan University ranks 12th in the world for its graduate employability. University of Tokyo ranks 11th.

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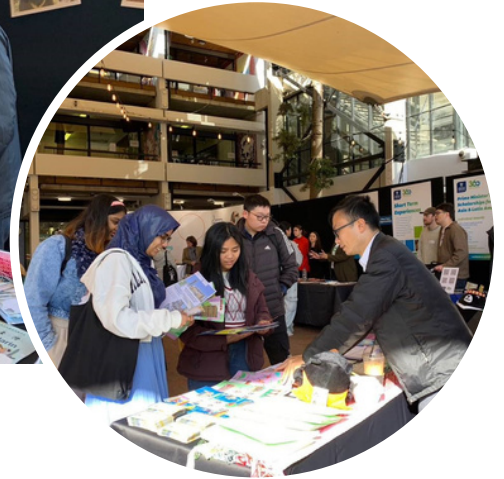
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## TECO IN AUCKLAND PARTICIPATED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND'S INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION EXPO

BY TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN AUCKLAND

Invited by the University of Auckland, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Auckland (TECO) set up a booth at the 360 International Program Expo held on August 1st, showcasing information about studying in Taiwan, learning Mandarin, and short-term exchange programs. As the largest university among the eight in New Zealand, the University of Auckland's event marked its first post-pandemic significant educational activity, resulting in enthusiastic student participation and active engagement with the booth to inquire about relevant information.

Organised by the University of Auckland's 360 International, the expo featured students who had previously participated in exchange programs at sister institutions abroad, sharing their international experiences and presenting related plans, including those who had studied at Taiwanese universities.


During the event, TECO utilised various educational materials to introduce Taiwan scholarships, Huayu Enrichment Scholarship, and resources such as the "Taiwan Huayu BEST Program" of National Tsing Hua University, the "New Southbound Policy Elite Study Program" at Taipei Medical University, National Taipei University of Technology, and National Quemoy University.

Many students were drawn to consult about opportunities for studying and exchanging in

Taiwan, demonstrating a keen interest in the abundant educational resources and scholarship programs.

The students of the University of Auckland also showed particular interest in scholarship information relevant to their respective fields of study and resources for learning Mandarin in Taiwan, to which TECO staff enthusiastically provided information on-site.

360 International is the outbound mobility team at the University of Auckland, as part of the International Office. 360 International provides University of Auckland students with access to a diverse range of overseas and virtual experiences including semester-long and year-long exchange, short-term programmes, research placements, internships, and more. 360 International facilitate the semester exchange programme for students, so students must first apply to 360 International for consideration in the semester exchange programme.

Please refer to the attached website which detailed application process and exchange partner university in Taiwan - National Taiwan University. 

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**Mandarin Language & Culture Program in Taiwan** 國立成功大學

Four weeks: 11/12/2023 - 04/01/2024

- Immerse yourself in a treasure trove of rich history
- Small classes
- Cultural classes & excursions
- One weekend staying with host family
- Partner University: National Cheng Kung University
- Location: Tainan City, Taiwan
- Language of Instruction: English
- Suitable for Macquarie Undergraduate
- Tuition fee: AUD \$ 2,385
- International Mobility Funding: AUD \$250
- The Ministry of Education, Taiwan Funding: AUD \$ 1,000 if eligible
- Students from the FOA can apply for scholarships from the Australia-Taiwan Culture Foundation

[Apply here](#) [Program booklet](#)

## PROMOTING MANDARIN LANGUAGE & CULTURE PROGRAM IN TAIWAN AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

BY EDUCATION DIVISION  
TECO IN AUSTRALIA

Mandarin Language & Culture Program in Taiwan is a four-week study tour program collaborated between Australia's Macquarie University and New Zealand's University of Auckland, with sponsorship by the Ministry of Education in Taiwan.

At least 15 places are available this year as the study duration from 11 December to 4 January, 2024. National Cheng Kung University (NCKU) as a host institution tailor made the program, aiming to immerse language learners in Tainan's treasure trove of rich history. Cultural classes and excursion are all included with a weekend get-away staying with local host family.

On the 1st of August, an information session was organised by Macquarie University. Ms. Jill Lai, executive director of Education Division at TECO in Australia, introduced a comprehensive Study-in-Taiwan package including other scholarship opportunities.

There were over 20 students registered for the session with members of the Taiwanese Students' Association (TSA) at Macquarie on-site assisting throughout the event. Benjamin Wood, Mobility Student of Australia's New Colombo Plan Program, joined and shared his study abroad experience in Taiwan. Here we included a summary of his presentation to share with our readers, particularly for those newcomers who are heading to Taiwan in September onwards.

"I was very fortunate to be invited to present my experiences and insights regarding living and studying in Taiwan, particularly because of the chance to talk to others who were once in my position," Benjamin said.

"My experience overseas was so impactful and useful to both my personal and professional development that I would never miss out on the chance to help other people get onboard, excited, and prepared."

### When I was in Taiwan...

"My experience in Taiwan is one of the best things I have on my resume. The amount of times I've been in an interview, and started one of my answers with "When I was in Taiwan..." goes far beyond what I expected before I had that experience. Equally, the connections you make from studying abroad, the boots-on-the-ground experience of life in an unfamiliar location, the tutelage from some of the best universities in Asia, and the personal growth that comes from committing yourself to an experience that can be challenging at times, are all incredibly useful. I can't think of anyone that would not benefit from exchange, particularly to somewhere as rich in culture, knowledge, history, and beauty as Taiwan."

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## TRAVELLING TAIWAN: ADVICE & INSIGHTS

BY BENJAMIN WOOD, 2022 NCP MOBILITY STUDENT OF MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Benjamin Wood is a third-year Security Studies student of Macquarie University. In 2022, he undertook a semester exchange at National Taiwan University under the Mobility grant of Australia's New Colombo Plan Program (NCP). He is interested in international security, foreign affairs, and other cultures.

"So much of your time in Taiwan is really what you make of it. I promised myself from the outset that work-life balance would be a focus of my time abroad; while studying is important, I knew that it was entirely possible to both get the best grades possible while abroad, alongside experiencing the most I could of the rich Taiwanese culture, history, cuisine, and social scene."

"Before you depart for Taiwan, I would really recommend doing some preliminary research. This has two functions. First, you'll be more prepared for the process of entering and settling into the country (applying for Visas, getting doctor's notes for medications, navigating the sometimes tricky process of getting accommodation without speaking Mandarin, etc.), while familiarising yourself with some of the elements of Taiwanese society that are different from your home country."

Second, it's a really great way to excite yourself about the experience. Often, the weeks before leaving on exchange are a mixture of excitement and trepidation. Researching all of the amazing things that Taiwan has to offer is a great way to help push that trepidation down and go into the experience with a far more optimistic and open mindset, which is a real boon."

Coming from Australia to Taiwan was certainly a culture shock at first. I remember the moment I stepped out of my quarantine hotel and into the bustling streets near Taipei Main Station. The sounds of the swarms of scooters whizzing past me, the side streets and carts selling food I'd never seen before, the signs outside of stores in a language I hadn't the foggiest how to read. And while that was an intimidating feeling at first, I look back with incredible nostalgia at those first few moments. That sense of awe, of being completely immersed in unknowns and surprises, is an experience that I would never be able to have had I stayed in Australia.

That sense of discovery never really left me across the entirety of my trip. Whether it was walking up the peaks of Jiufen near sundown and seeing the town illuminated, or trying food that was so unlike the usual Australian fare but so delicious (gua bao being a particular favourite that I miss every day now that I'm back in Sydney), or travelling to Kaohsiung via bus and seeing the rolling green hills and mountains of less urban areas, or visiting temples and being taught how to pray by the ever-kind locals, I was constantly making breakthroughs in my own knowledge of the country.

So much of my experience was characterised by an attitude of never saying no to an experience that sounded awesome yet unfamiliar. If there's one piece of advice I hope people take away from this article and my presentation, it's to say yes to as many experiences as possible. If they go well, and even if a few of them aren't what you expected, you'll have a new experience and a story that you wouldn't have otherwise.

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***"I got to meet some truly great people in Taiwan, both Taiwanese and foreign, simply because I couldn't fall back on familiar friends...push yourself to be bold and connect with other people that you're overseas. You will thank yourself for it, trust me." One of Benjamin Wood's advice out of his Travelling Taiwan experience in 2022!***





## TAIWAN AS AN INSPIRATION TO IMPROVE VICTORIA'S PUBLIC TRANSPORT

BY JESSE DASS, 2022 MOE HUAYU ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Jesse Dass is a Science and Global Studies graduate from Monash University, majoring in Indonesian, Spanish, and Ecology. As a 2022 Taiwan Huayu Enrichment Scholarship recipient, Jesse was selected to study Mandarin at National Sun Yat-Sen University in Kaohsiung, Taiwan for 6 months. He has volunteered for several youth-led organisations, and worked in customer service, education, and non-for-profit sectors in Australia.

On the 27th of June, Jesse Dass, a 2022 Taiwan Huayu Enrichment Scholarship recipient, called on the Victorian Government to draw inspiration from Taiwan to improve the state's public transport. Jesse, representing Northern Victoria as a Youth Legislative Council member, addressed his speech to Jacinta Allen, the Minister for Transport, during the 37th YMCA Youth Parliament.

His speech compared the efficiency of public transport in Kaohsiung, with a population less than three million people, compared to Melbourne, Australia's largest city. These comparisons included the 13-minute difference in wait-times between trains on the Sizihwan and Mernda lines, and the Taiwanese High-Speed Rail (HSR) that enables travel over 100 kilometres further "than from Melbourne to Wilson's Prom" in under two hours.

He also highlighted Taiwan's inclusivity of minority language speakers, particularly Hokkien and Hakka, through multilingual public transport announcements.

Jesse's speech outlined six recommendations based on his six-month experience in Kaohsiung.

- 1) Increase the frequency and regularity of express services on every Victorian metro train line, mentioning the shorter Kaohsiung to Taichung HSR routes compared to end-of-line train commutes in Melbourne.
- 2) Integrate a public bike system payable through myki with PTV, while also expanding bike lanes.
- 3) Combine university student cards with tertiary concession myki cards, that convert to full-fare cards upon graduation.
- 4) Implement multilingual train announcements in areas with sizeable culturally and linguistically diverse communities. For City Loop trains, Jesse recommended Mandarin, Hindi, Woiwurrung, and Boonwurrung (First Nations languages), in addition to English.
- 5) Connect regional Victoria and Melbourne through HSR networks. Jesse emphasised that Youth Parliamentarians from Mildura "should not need to drive more than six hours" or fly within the same state to participate in Youth Parliament.
- 6) Strengthen connections with Taiwan and establish a sister city relationship between Melbourne and Kaohsiung to improve the efficiency of Victorian public transport.

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*Jesse Dass is passionate about environmental sustainability, languages, and international affairs. Jesse's speech called on the Victorian Minister for Transport to look towards Taiwan as an inspiration to enhance the state's public transport. He outlined six recommendations based on his half-year experience studying in Kaohsiung.*



## TAIWAN ALUMNI UPDATE SYDNEY CANBERRA

### BY EDUCATION DIVISION TECO IN AUSTRALIA

The Ministry of Education in Taiwan has released the latest international student data for the year of 2022-2023. There were 103,658 international students studying in Taiwan. The top 5 countries and regions accounted for 66% of international students; Vietnam (23%), Indonesia (16%), Malaysia (12%), Hong Kong (9%) and Japan (6%).

During 2022-2023, 578 students were from Australia studying in Taiwan, of whom 549 were under non-degree studies such as semester-long exchange and Mandarin language learning.

Many students return to Australia to work as young professionals in various fields. It is important to have networks to allow the alumni to connect with each other and share their experience with young students who are planning to study in Taiwan.

### SYDNEY

On the 1st of August, Taiwan alumni in Sydney joined a social network gathering organised by Ms. Jill Lai, executive director of Education Division, TECO in Australia. The gathering aimed to build a sustainable network to allow alumni to share their study-in-Taiwan experiences and to connect with other alumni in Australia. Attendees were recipients of the Taiwan Scholarship, Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) and the Australian Government's New Colombo Plan. The event was coordinated with assistance by Alex Matos, a recipient of Taiwan Scholarship in 2016, who volunteered to set up a FB social group and remained as an exclusive network to offer Taiwan alumni in-country support.



### Australian Alumni FB Network - Taiwan/ Huayu Scholarships 澳洲校友聯絡站

This group remains as a networking platform for Australians who are present and past recipients of the Taiwan Huayu Enrichment Scholarship, Taiwan Scholarship, and New Colombo Plan scholars who have gone to Taiwan, or Australian's who have studied in Taiwan.



Please click the logo to connect through its social media

### CANBERRA

Taiwan Alumni Network in Canberra was launched in 2021. While in Canberra, the Taiwan alumni members were able to get to know each other, network, learn the experiences of other members and practice Mandarin in a casual setting.

On the 12th of August, the gathering of Taiwan alumni network in Canberra was a memorable night out. 9 Taiwan alumni gathered in a chilly night chatting away about their past and future adventures to Taiwan. One of our 2023 recipients of HES for 9 months was due to depart to Taiwan with intention to upgrade her Mandarin language proficiency for academic career.

Matildas' World Cup quarterfinal battle against France added to the night's festivities. This night the Matildas delivered a history-making moment and the togetherness of Taiwan alumni was truly a night to be remembered.



**The task of the Education Division of TECO in Australia is to facilitate cooperation between Taiwan and Australia in the areas of education.**

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