

2024 Taiwan Innovation Industry Visiting and Business Exploration Program for Overseas Compatriot Entrepreneurs Information & Application Bulletin

I. Purpose and Objectives:

Taiwan boasts robust innovative R&D capabilities that enables the government to introduce six core strategic industries along with the 5+2 Industrial Innovation Plan, covering innovative sectors such as semiconductors, net-zero green energy, information security, space technology, artificial intelligence, 5G, and biotechnology and medical industries, all of which are now gradually showing fruitful achievements. To strengthen the connections between worldwide overseas Taiwanese businesses and all relevant government departments and industries in Taiwan, promote the exchange and cooperation of innovative technologies, enhance the competitiveness of overseas Taiwanese businesses, facilitate the complementary integration of advantageous industries and resources at home and abroad, benefit the domestic economy, expand the international market for Taiwan's advanced technological products, and promote the commercialization of technological innovations, the OCAC hereby invites overseas Taiwanese entrepreneurs who are interested in developing or are currently operating in innovative industries to return to Taiwan for visits and exchanges with the hope of creating more business opportunities for the overall industry.

II. Program Date:

October 14 (Monday) to October 18 (Friday), 2024. Total 5 days and 4 nights.

III. Eligibility for Registration:

Overseas compatriot entrepreneurs with Mandarin communicative skills who are engaged in the Innovation industry (or those with related experience) in their overseas location of residence and are willing to collaborate with or invest in related Taiwanese businesses and assist them in expanding into international markets. Priority will be given to those who have not participated in OCAC's economic and trade workshops or visiting delegations in the past two years.

IV. Registration Information:

A.Registration Period: From July 29, 2024 until 24:00 on August 13, 2024 (Taiwan Time). Late submissions will not be accepted or waitlisted.

B.Registration Method:

1. This program utilizes the “OCAC Overseas Compatriot Affairs Activity Registration System”. Please register via the program webpage prior to the registration deadline. (Registration site : <https://register.ocac.gov.tw>)
2. For all the personal data of the workshop’s participants, the OCAC shall handle its collection, processing, and utilization in accordance with regulations stipulated in Article 8 of the Personal Data Protection Act. Please read the notice items carefully and check the boxes to indicate your consent so as to facilitate smooth registration procedures.
3. In order to streamline application procedures, personal information will be automatically filled out when applicants apply with their i-Compatriot Card accounts (including information such as your Chinese and English names, birthdates, gender, email, i-Compatriot Card Number and residing country); applicants who do not apply with their i-Compatriot Card accounts, please make sure to fill out the i-Compatriot Card Number accurately; applicants who are not registered with an i-Compatriot Card account, please check the box for “agree to register for an i-Compatriot Card, after which the OCAC will approve and issue your i-Compatriot Card according to the information of your application for this workshop).
4. When registering, please provide a frequently used email address capable of receiving messages, to ensure receipt of registration results and online check-in instructions.
5. Initial review of the overseas compatriot attendee application will be handled by the Culture Center or OCAC overseas offices, and furthered reviewed by the OCAC. OCAC will send registration results to the applicants via email.

V. Program Agenda:

The entire program spans 5 days and 4 nights, including visits to relevant government agencies and institutions in Taiwan’s Innovation industry, attending the “Taiwan Innotech Expo 2024” exhibitions, corporate visits, “Exchange Conference for Youth Entrepreneurs at Home and Abroad”, business collaboration

meetings, and integrative discussions. (Please refer to the tentative agenda; a full schedule will be provided upon confirmed registration. OCAC reserves the right to amend the agenda as necessary.)

Note: In order to proactively connect overseas youth entrepreneurs with Taiwanese youth entrepreneurs to jointly create more business opportunities, the agenda further included an “Exchange Conference for Youth Entrepreneurs at Home and Abroad” to facilitate interaction and exchange between worldwide youths and innovative industries.

VI. Program Fees:

A. Expenses to be covered by OCAC:

Program attendees’ lunches and dinners, accommodations, group transportation, visitations, insurance (NT\$2,000,000 travel safety or accident insurance, with an additional 10% accident medical coverage), and venue expenses for the duration of the program.

B. Expenses to be covered by the program attendees:

1. Round-trip airfare and other transportation fees between location of residence and Taiwan, transportation to and from the registration site, as well as other personal expenses.
2. During the program, double occupancy rooms will be arranged. If any participant requires a single occupancy room, he or she will need to cover the difference; if any participant need to check in early or check out late, he or she should mention it in advance, and room will be arranged depend on the accommodation situation of the hotel. The relevant expenses will be borne by the participant.
3. During the program, attendees will be covered by a NT\$2,000,000 travel safety or accident insurance, with an additional 10% accident medical coverage. If attendees consider this coverage insufficient, they may choose to increase the coverage limit at their own discretion. If the attendee contracts any disease, falls ill, and requires medical treatment while in Taiwan, he or she is responsible for all related medical expenses.

VII. Important:

- A. Registration is limited to only 1 person from each household or company; to retain the integrity of this program, companions (including family members and assistants) are not permitted.
- B. Applicants will obtain program eligibility only after receiving official notification and completing the confirmation of registration and check-in procedures with the organizer.
- C. The schedule of this program is intensive. Attendees are advised to consider their own health and physical condition to avoid overexertion during the program, which could impact the flow of activities. Full participation throughout the program is required. Unless with special reasons approved by the OCAC, attendees should not leave the program without authorization. Those who cannot participate for the entire duration should refrain from registering.
- D. Applicants are advised to refrain from purchasing air travel tickets until they have received official confirmation of acceptance. If the attendee experiences any suspected symptoms of conditions such as COVID-19 before check-in or during the program, please inform the OCAC or staff members immediately and cease participation in the program, to safeguard the health of other attendees.

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