

2026 Taiwan Global Pathfinders Initiative
Diplomatic Allies Inbound Track
Program (Participation-based) Application Guidelines

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
ROC (Taiwan)

- A. Background:** On January 24, 2025, President Lai Ching-te announced the launch of the Taiwan Global Pathfinders Initiative. He stressed that a number of slots in the program would be reserved for young people from Taiwan's diplomatic allies. This would allow them to realize their dreams in Taiwan, whether by drafting their own proposals or participating in government programs. And upon returning to their home countries, they could contribute to social progress.
- B. Program overview:** To enhance international youth exchanges, deepen ties with Taiwan's diplomatic allies, and achieve the vision of having prosperous allies, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, has commissioned the International Cooperation and Development Fund (Taiwan ICDF) to plan training, visits, and exchange activities. The program will bring selected promising young individuals from diplomatic allies to Taiwan for one month of training, visits, and cultural exchanges, held annually in the month of October.
- C. Eligibility:**
- a. Outstanding youth (18-30 years old) from Belize.
 - b. Priority will be given to those who have never visited Taiwan or traveled abroad.
 - c. A portion of the slots will be reserved for economically disadvantaged youth (including low- and lower middle-income households).

- d. Applicants must possess good oral communication skills and the ability to participate in exchanges.
- D. Theme:** “Sustainable Tourism” or “New Energy and Carbon Credit Cooperation”.
- E. Application method and deadline:** Applicants must adhere to *the Guidelines* and submit all required documents to the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Belize in person by 3:00 pm, August 20, 2026. Late and incomplete applications will be disregarded without notification.
- F. Financial support:** The Ministry of Education will subsidize the following expenses for participants from diplomatic allies:
 - a. economy-class airfare to and from Taiwan
 - b. accommodation and meals in Taiwan
 - c. local transportation and insurance costs
- G. Program duration:** The program will be one month long and is tentatively scheduled from October 1 to 29, 2026.
- H. Selection process:** Applicants are required to submit all documents to the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Belize in person. The Embassy will be responsible for recruitment, review, and interviews. Applications will then be presented to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Education of Taiwan for final approval.
- I. Additional information:** Overseas missions are to state in the program announcement that participants from diplomatic allies who fail to follow the designated program and do not make corrections after having been instructed to do so, or who violate relevant regulations or run afoul of Taiwan law, may have their participation in the program terminated, be required to return home, and be liable to repay any subsidies received.