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2021 TOCFL SCHEDULE IN AUSTRALIA

BY EDUCATION DIVISION TECO IN AUSTRALIA

In 2021, the Education Division of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Australia will organise the test of Chinese as a foreign language (TOCFL) for non-native speakers of Chinese. 2021 TOCFL is scheduled to take place in Queensland (3 venues) and Victoria (1 venue).

QUEENSLAND

TIME 2:00 pm on Sunday, **September 26, 2021**

VENUES

- Chung Tian Chines School of QLD 1034 Underwood Rd, Priestdale, QLD 4127
- University of Queensland, St Lucia campus
- Saint Stephen's College at 31 Reserve Rd, Upper Coomera QLD 4209)

REGISTRATION

Deadline: July 31st, 2021

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The TOCFL is administrated by the Steering Committee for the Test of Proficiency - Huayü (SC-TOP) in Taiwan on three proficiency band

and six levels, with these being:

Band A (Level 1 & Level 2)

Band B (Level 3 & Level 4)

Band C (Level 5 & Level 6)

Test takers who pass the requirements will receive a certificate. The certificate can serve as a Chinese proficiency credential for:

- Applying for the "MOE HES Scholarship" as a reference for 9-months and above award;
- Applying for the "MOE Taiwan Scholarship" to study non-English degree courses in Taiwan;
- Applying for the academic programs at colleges or universities in Taiwan.
- Serving as a reference of Chinese subject for University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan;
- Serving as a job-required proof of Chinese language proficiency.

VICTORIA

TIME 2:00 pm on Sunday, **November 21, 2021**

VENUE Formosa Chinese School

REGISTRATION

Date: 20 September to 20 October, 2021

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TOCFL Online Registration System:

<https://tocfl.sc-top.org.tw/zoom/index.php>

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HOW TO PREPARE TOCFL: SOME TIPS

BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE TEST OF PROFICIENCY-HUAYU (SC-TOP)

GET FAMILIAR WITH ALL THE INFO ABOUT THE TEST IN ADVANCE

Before taking the test, you should get familiar with the TOCFL related issues, including the test objectives/targets, test procedures, test types/content and rules of testing centers etc. The more you understand and familiar with the test procedure, the less nervous you will be on the test day.

SET YOUR LEARNING GOAL

Practice makes perfect. If you practice continuously everyday, your language ability will improve. In other words, if you set your learning goal according to your language ability, you will of course increase the possibility of passing the test to receive a certificate. There are many ways that you can use to enhance your Chinese proficiency, such as reading newspaper, magazines or books and so on.

PRACTICE THE MOCK TEST

SC-TOP offers two types of test samples, including the online mock test and printed mock test. You can practice them under the test time limitation, before taking the test, so as to get used to the answering speed. By practicing the mock test, you will be able to understand more regarding the question types and the answering methods and therefore get better scores.

GET READY For TOCFL Online Mock test?

TOCFL Band A Reading Vol.1 [click](#)

桌子上放著三種水果。

(A)



(B)



(C)



老王正畫著小天的臉。

(A)



(B)



(C)



Pondy works with SC-TOP to offer curricula that are optimised with learning outcomes for students taking TOCFL. Click the image below to link to Pondy.

SC-TOP offers choices of test in traditional Chinese and simplified Chinese to test takers. The design of TOCFL follows Common European Framework of Reference for Language: Learning, Teaching, Assessment; CEFR.

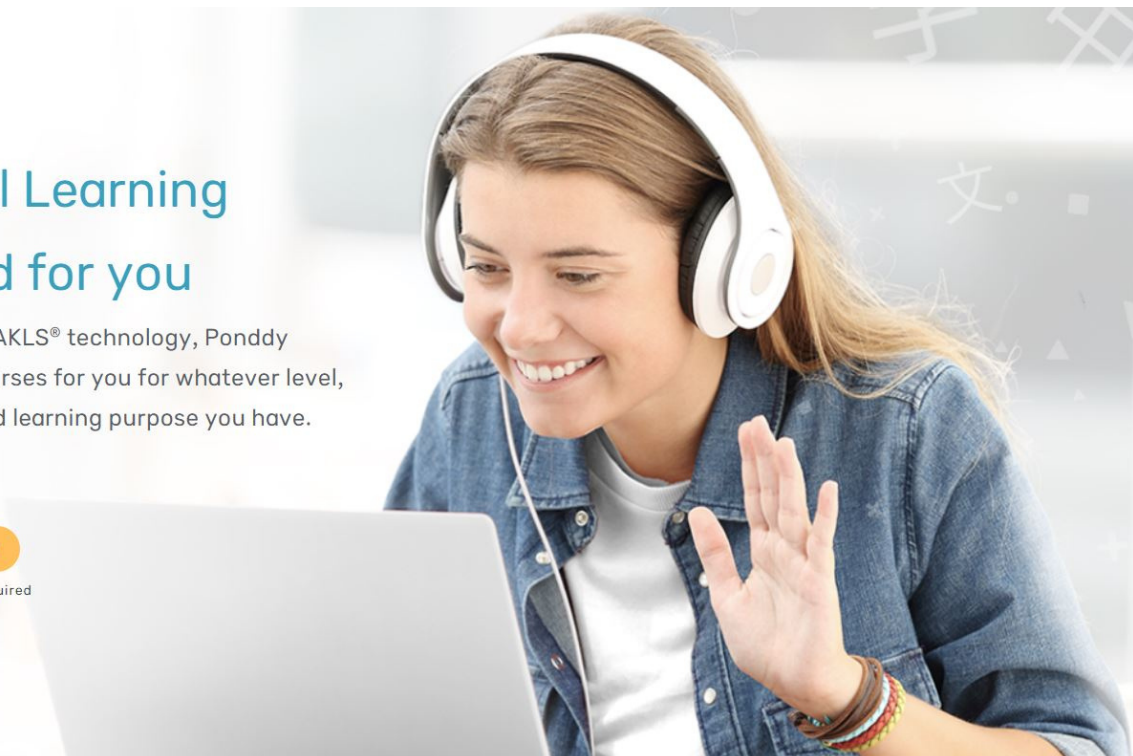
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TAIWAN AND HUAYU ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIP ALUMNI GATHER IN CANBERRA

BY EDUCATION DIVISION
TECO IN AUSTRALIA

The excellent quality of higher education in Taiwan is recognised worldwide and this has attracted many foreign students to study there. There were 678 students from Australia studying in Taiwan in 2020, of whom 209 were studying for Huayu in short-term. Many students return to Australia to work as young professionals in various fields. It is important to have a network to allow the alumni to share their study-in-Taiwan experiences with each other and with young students who are planning to study in Taiwan.

Abi and Daniel, two scholarship alumni of the Australian Government's New Colombo Plan (NCP) also took the chance to join in the gathering. Both have spent one year to study in Taiwan at the National Taiwan University and followed with internships. NCP is a signature initiative of the Australian Government to enhance knowledge of the Indo-Pacific in Australia. In 2020, 364 Australian students were approved by NCP to study in Taiwan under scholarship and mobility plan.

Taiwan Alumni Network was organised by the Education Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Australia and launched in May. While in Canberra, the Taiwan Alumni members were able to get to know each other, network, learn the experiences of other members and practice Huayu in a casual setting. Indeed, this was just the beginning of numerous opportunities provided to the cohort of young professionals. Alex volunteered to chair the next gathering in June with the support of chairwoman Vera of Taiwanese Students Association (TSA) at the National Australian University.

Jill Lai, Executive Director of TECO Education Division, encouraged the newly established network to continue practicing Huayu conversations and invite more members to join in, so the following plans were made:

- To set up a "Taiwan Alumni Network in Canberra" group on Line social media for networking. TSA at ANU will assist the volunteer chair of each month to set up a topic and accommodate a place;
- Volunteer chair of the month will be invited to share their study experience in Taiwan with young language learners at schools that are facilitated with Chinese immersion programs;
- The Taiwan Alumni Network will be able to function as a bridge for education exchanges between Taiwan and Australia and it can play a valuable role in giving Australian students first-hand knowledge and reliable information about studying in Taiwan from their fellow Australians.

The upcoming June meetup is scheduled to take place on 25 June, at W121 Baldessin Precinct Building of ANU. '10 reasons to fall in love with Taiwan' article was selected as a starting point to talk about our own experiences and get to know each other a bit more, Alex (HES alumni 2013)





LEARNING MANDARIN *PLUS* A TAIWAN CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Come in to experience Taiwan's culture: tasting tea, local specialties and treats, tile coaster DIY, flipbook making, calligraphy writing etc., after learning some Mandarin phrases on Taiwan's food and the way of living.

The program provides learning materials, morning tea and treats at a cost of \$10 for adults and \$5 for students per class. The program is suited for learners of Mandarin at beginner level and above. 10 places limited in one class.

The Food

TERM 1: 21 AUG - 18 SEP

Learn how to make conversation with Taiwanese locals on:

- Drinking tea with style;
- Seasonal foods and cooking; four seasons in fruits;
- Vegan food: one of the best destinations by CNN travel;
- Confectionery and drinks;
- A few simple recipes.

The Way of Living

TERM 2: 9 OCT - 6 NOV

Learn how to make conversation with Taiwanese locals on:

- How artisans are reviving the old town with new creativity;
- Elements of Taiwan's architecture design;
- A practical guide to dining out: verities of eateries;
- Modern living.

Goals

- Read and write Chinese using the Pinyin Romanisation system;
- Speak Chinese with correct pronunciation and tones;
- Apply a basic working Chinese vocabulary, visually recognise Chinese characters, and write simple and basic characters;
- Familiar with key words and phases of cultural related objects or events, use them confidently to develop conversations with friends.

PARTNERS

- Museum of Old Taiwan Tiles
- Islander Design Taiwan
- Taiwanese Association of Canberra, Australia (TACA)
- Taiwanese Students Association at ANU (TSA)

台灣華語 &文化課堂

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beyond bubble tea



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21 AUG - 6 NOV, 2021
SAT 10:30-12:30PM
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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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