

TAIWAN – A Center for Converging Global Talent

Taiwan at a glance



Capital
Taipei City

Total area
36,000 km²

GDP (per capita) in 2014
US\$ 22,597

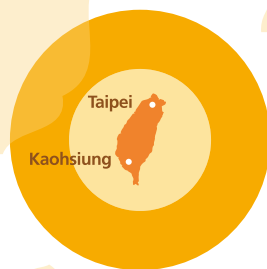
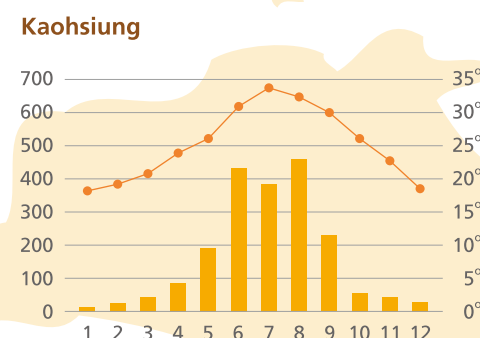
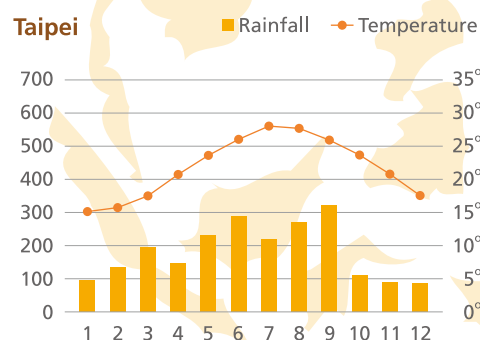
No. of students undertaking higher education
approximately 1,397,000

Population
approximately 23 million (50th in the world)

Population density
639 people / km² (2nd highest the world)

Number of universities in 2015
156
(58 public universities, 98 private universities)

Number of international students in 2015–2016
110,182



Economic competitiveness rankings

- 1st in Asia (8th overall) for Education in the Knowledge Economic Index (World Bank, 2012)
- 1st in Asia (13th overall) in the Knowledge Economy Index 2012 (World Bank, 2012)
- 11th in the World Competitiveness Yearbook (IMD, 2015)
- 11th for Ease of Doing Business in the Doing Business 2016 report (World Bank, 2015)
- 15th in the WEF's Global Competitiveness Report 2015–2016

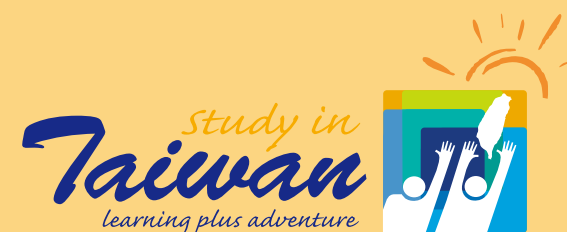
Higher education quality

- 12 universities in the Top 100 Asian universities – 2015 QS Asia University Rankings
- 11 universities in the Top 100 Asian universities – 2015 Times Asia University Rankings
- 3 universities in the Top 100 Under-50 Rankings – 2015 Times Higher Education

Traveling and environment rankings

- 2nd safest country (based on crime statistics from the U.S. FBI)
- 6th for Safety & Security (21st overall) in the Legatum Prosperity Index (2015)
- 10th in Muslim travel market survey (Global Muslim Travel Index, 2015)
- 11th in the 52 Places to Go in 2014 (New York Times, 2014)
- Taipei – 1st among 26 Remarkable Places for Solo Travel (BuzzFeed.com, 2014)
- Taipei – 16th in the Global Destination Cities Index 2015
- Taipei – 23rd in QS Best Student Cities 2016

10 things Taiwan does better than anywhere else (according to CNN): Night markets, themed restaurants, free Wi-Fi, Chinese artifacts, animated news, mock meat, Little League baseball, Taiwan's National Health Insurance system, Hello Kitty obsession, little dumplings.



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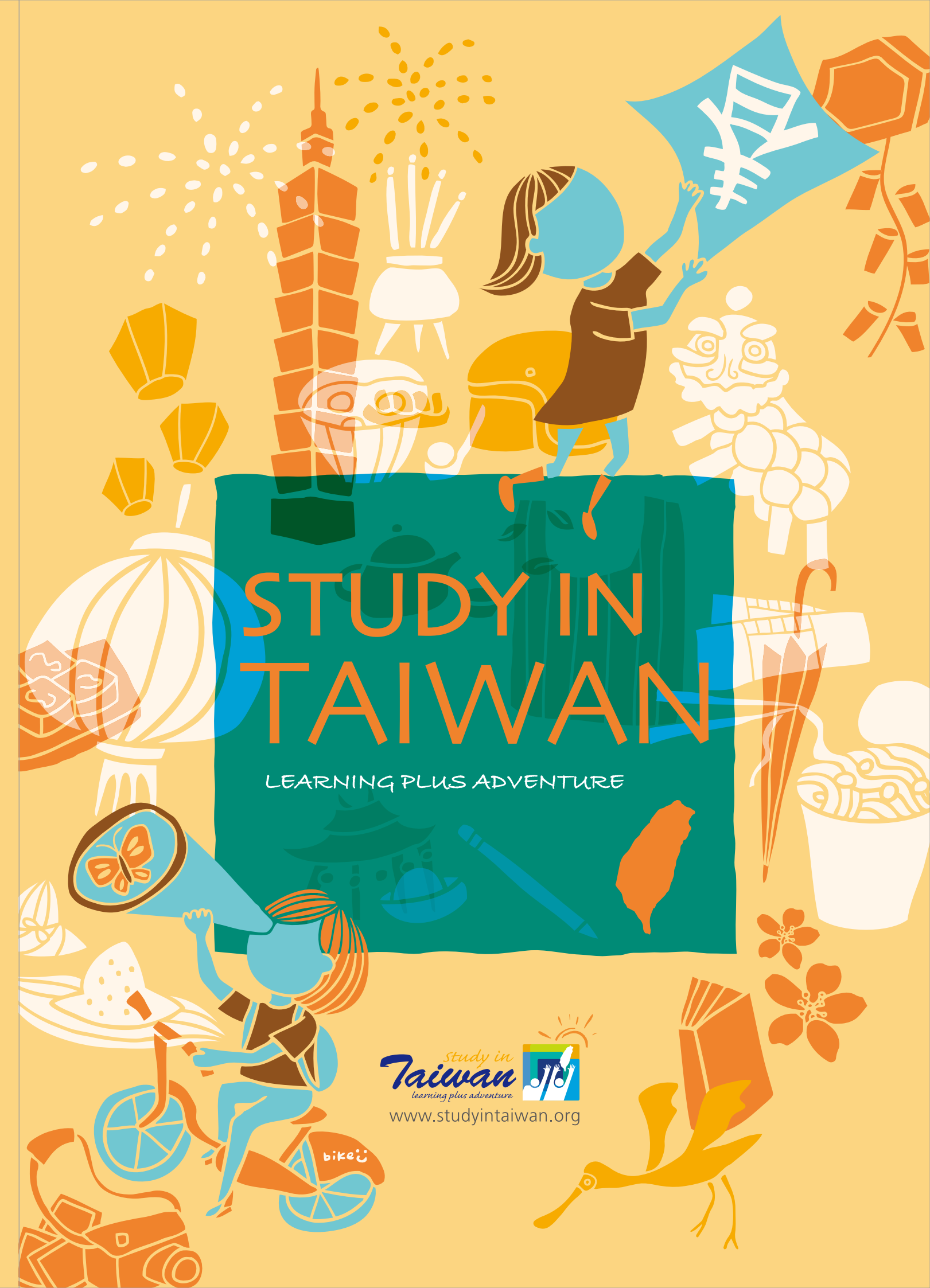
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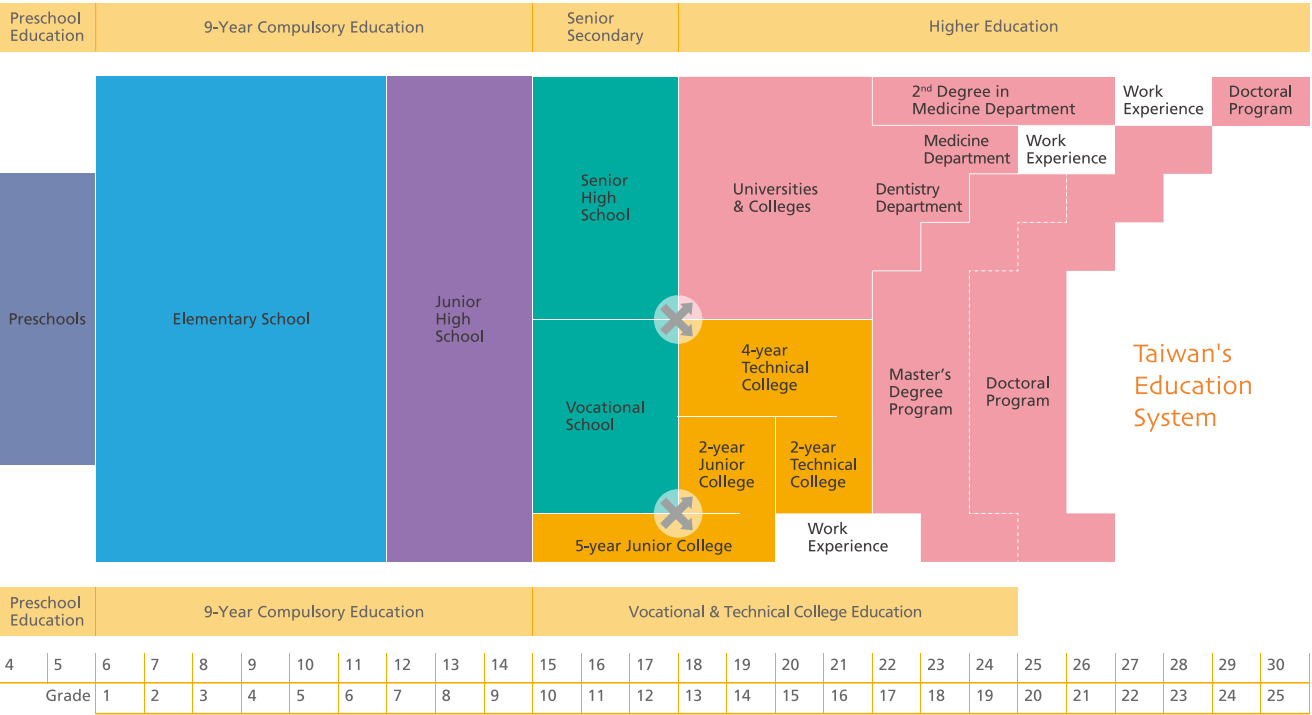
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Taiwan’s Education System

In Taiwan, students can pursue higher learning at two-year and four-year colleges and universities. As in many other countries, university undergraduate programs usually require four years of study; graduate programs leading to a master's degree require 1~4 years; and doctorate programs require 2~7 years. Some programs require an internship from 6 months to 2 years.



Expenses to Study in Taiwan

Taiwan is well-known as a country where you enjoy high quality education and modern living at affordable costs. Typical costs for Studying in Taiwan are set out below:

Tuition and miscellaneous academic fees

around US\$ 1,500 ~ 1,800 per semester for a bachelor's degree program. Tuition is around US\$ 1,600 ~ 2,000 per semester for a master's degree or PhD program.

Meals

US\$ 180~270 per month

Accommodation

- On campus:**
around US\$ 20~100 per month (depending on the individual university, and type of room)
- Off campus:**
around US\$ 200~600 per month (not including utilities)



Top 6 Reasons for Studying in Taiwan



High quality learning environment

Taiwan is a modern, free, democratic society. Its outstanding higher education system provides opportunities for international students to study a wide variety of courses and programs, ranging from the Chinese language and history to tropical agriculture and forestry, international business, semi-conductors, genetic engineering, and more. Chinese culture holds education and scholarship in high regard, and nowhere is this truer than in Taiwan. You can experience a vibrant, modern society rooted in one of world's most venerable cultures, and populated by some of the most friendly and hospitable people on the planet.

There are approximately 160 higher education institutions in Taiwan. 86% of the professors at public universities and 67% of professors at private universities have a PhD, and many have studied overseas themselves. More and more universities now offer individual courses and even full programs that are fully taught in English, particularly for higher degrees, and many engineering and business programs have been accredited by **IEET** and **AACSB** respectively.

A repository of Chinese culture

While eagerly embracing the future, the people of Taiwan hold onto traditional Chinese values and ideals. Traditional forms of writing, architecture, and art, festivals and associated customs are all an integral part of everyday life. The ancient and modern, traditional and new are seamlessly woven together in Taiwan, creating a fascinating, dynamic society like no other in the world. The National Palace Museum collections span the history of Chinese civilization and draw visitors from around the globe.

A perfect place to learn Chinese

Mandarin Chinese is the official language of Taiwan. Immersing yourself in the modern, Chinese-speaking society of Taiwan is an ideal way to learn Chinese. Taiwan uses the traditional Chinese characters (some places use modified forms of several hundred). It's essential for anyone who wants to be a translator or read historical (pre 1950s) material to learn them and this is the perfect place. There are Chinese Learning Centers in universities located all around Taiwan, so you can choose an area you'd like to explore as you study. The Chinese Learning Centers all provide high quality teachers and facilities, and a variety of courses to help students of all levels of proficiency achieve their goals. Best of all, outside of class, you'll have innumerable opportunities to practice reading Chinese characters and speaking Mandarin with Taiwan's friendly people. You'll quickly enjoy an ongoing sense of accomplishment as you communicate in Chinese.

Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL)

Take advantage of the opportunity to sit for the TOCFL test to assess your progress. TOCFL is a standardized language proficiency test that was developed in Taiwan for non-native speakers of Chinese.

Scholarships available

The Taiwan government provides the range of scholarships and fellowships listed below to encourage international students and researchers to study or conduct research in Taiwan. For more information about them, please visit the Taiwan Fellowships & Scholarships (TAFS) website at <http://tafs.mofa.gov.tw/>. Some individual universities, colleges, and Chinese learning centers also provide scholarships.

MOE Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES)

Scholarships for degree

- Taiwan Scholarship (from MOE, MOFA)
- TIGP Scholarship (from Academia Sinica)
- ICDF Programs Scholarship (from ICDF)

Fellowships for research

- MOFA Taiwan Fellowship
- MOE Short-Term Research Award
- Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese studies

Others

- Taiwan Foundation for Democracy's Fellowships
- Grants from the Chiang Chingkuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange

High standard of living

“Friendly”, “safe”, “modern”, “convenient”, and “dynamic” are words commonly used by international friends to describe Taiwan. Living in Taiwan is easy and affordable - you can find convenience stores open 24 hours everywhere - and Taiwan's medical and health facilities are world class.

All of China's regional culinary styles are available to be enjoyed, including those of Beijing, Tianjin, and Shandong in the north, and those of Sichuan, Hunan, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Guangdong, and of course, Taiwan itself further south. And you can find restaurants that serve the cuisines of countries all over the world.

Taiwan is readily accessible from Hong Kong, India, Japan, mainland China, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. And transportation in Taiwan is just as easy. Major cities have superb public transport, taxis, and now You-bikes (a public bicycle sharing service) you can whiz around on, and you can travel from Taipei in the north to the city of Kaohsiung on Taiwan's southern tip in just two hours on Taiwan's High Speed Rail.

TEEP - Gateway to Asia Exploration

The Taiwan Experience Education Programs (TEEP) is a new Ministry of Education initiative launched in 2015. International students can take one of a number of short-term programs that combine short courses, Chinese language-learning, and an internship. The practical focus depends on which university is offering their program: for example, International Consulting, Electrical Engineering or Computer Science, Culture Studies, and Taiwan's Natural Environment. The TEEP gateway is an exciting chance to experience Taiwan's quality higher education and connect with the Asian job market. For more details, see <http://www.studyintaiwan.org/teep/>.

Feedback from International Students

According to a survey conducted by FICHET in 2015, **93%** international students in Taiwan will encourage their friends to study in Taiwan, and **84%** want to work in Taiwan after their studies.



Stephen Downing



The United States of America

National Chiao Tung University
Decision Sciences

Being an international student in Taiwan opened doors for me in terms of both employment and further study. However, the most important outcome is more general and involves the well-rounded perspective international study allows you to cultivate about your work, and the people with whom you interact, more so than would otherwise be possible from a degree program exclusively in one's home country.



Paraguay

Tamkang University
International Business

Studying abroad is an exciting and yet crazy experience when your final destination is Taiwan. I had the opportunity to study abroad before, but no place is like this amazing island. Sure, everyone will have to deal with culture shock or language barriers, but this is the place to get over those fears. For my future, big plans are been set, but Taiwan is part of my home now, and is definitely a destination my children will be lucky enough to know.



Antonella Silvera Achon

Artem Braslavskiy



Russia

National Taiwan University
Business Administration

Taiwan is an amazing country with brilliant people, very interesting traditions and a unique environment. Even unknowing language can't make you to struggle with studying. Studying in other country with different language, traditions and culture can be pretty challenging. But if you study hard, you'll get everything you want. I really enjoy the time I spend here. I advise you to do the same.



Indonesia

National Cheng Kung University
Institute of International Management

For me, studying abroad is one step further for my personal development. It makes me more independent and be in a cross-nation environment, which would be beneficial in facing fast changing and globalization. By studying in Taiwan, you will be able to improve your Chinese and interact with nice local people. It will be unforgettable episode in my life.



Angie Anggana Tanaja

World rankings

	NTU	NTHU	NCTU	NCKU	NTUST	TMU	NYMU	NCU	CMU	NTNU	NSYSU	CGU	AU	NCHU
2015 QS ranking (in the Top 100 in Asia)	22	31	31	36	45	47	50	60		64	69	78		95
2015 THE ranking (in the Top 100 in Asia)	17	34	36	49	52		98	64	67	73	62		93	