



Preface

Population statistics show that more than 160,000 foreign spouses (not including spouses from Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau) have come to Taiwan to start new lives as of September 2014. To allow the marriage immigrants to adapt quickly to life in Taiwan, various government agencies have listed providing guidance to immigrants as one of their key tasks.

To establish a complete foreign spouse care and guidance system, the Ministry of the Interior has formulated care and guidance measures for foreign and Mainland Chinese spouses. As well as making good use of the Foreign Spouse Care and Guidance Fund, providing care services for foreign spouses the first-time they arrive in Taiwan, producing and broadcasting new immigrant TV programs and promoting the Convenient Action Service Train, and other convenient service measures, the Foreign Spouses Family Service Centers of centrally governed cities and county/city governments and the NIA's various service stations also serve as information and service referral platforms for foreign spouses, strengthening the function of the guidance network and helping make families happy, with the aim of allowing foreign spouses to quickly become accustomed to life in Taiwan and live here without worry.

This handbook was first published in 2008 and it was re-printed in 2011. To keep up with changes in society and related regulations, it has been amended in 2014 and divided into 10 sections, (household registration, cultural life, family, education, life, leisure, welfare, hygiene, work, tax) introducing Taiwan's customs and conditions and laws etc, and uses a question





and answer method to explain legal basis, qualifying requirements, application conditions and required documents for the reference of foreign spouses. Also, the important information and phone numbers of the handbook have been printed on a small card that can easily be carried and used in everyday life.

It is my hope that this handbook will become a manual for everyday life in Taiwan for foreign spouses, accompany them as they grow and help them quickly adapt to life in their new homeland, together enriching Taiwanese society.

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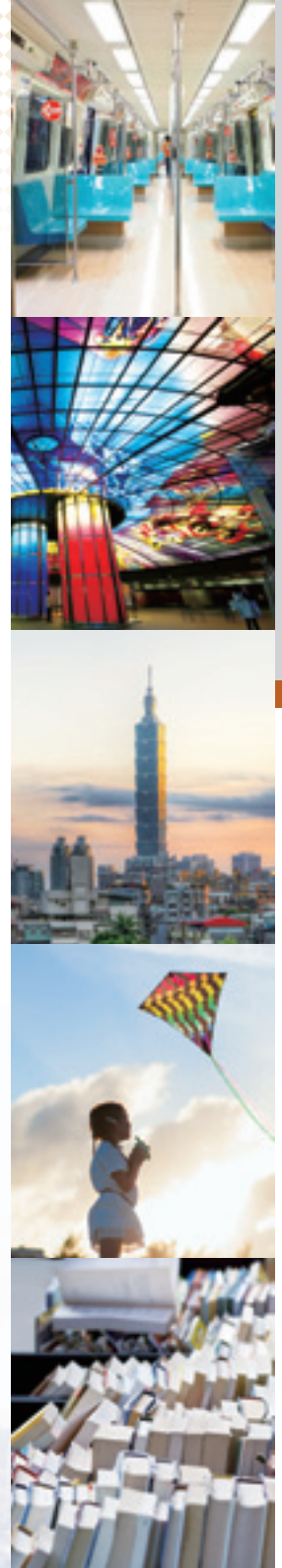
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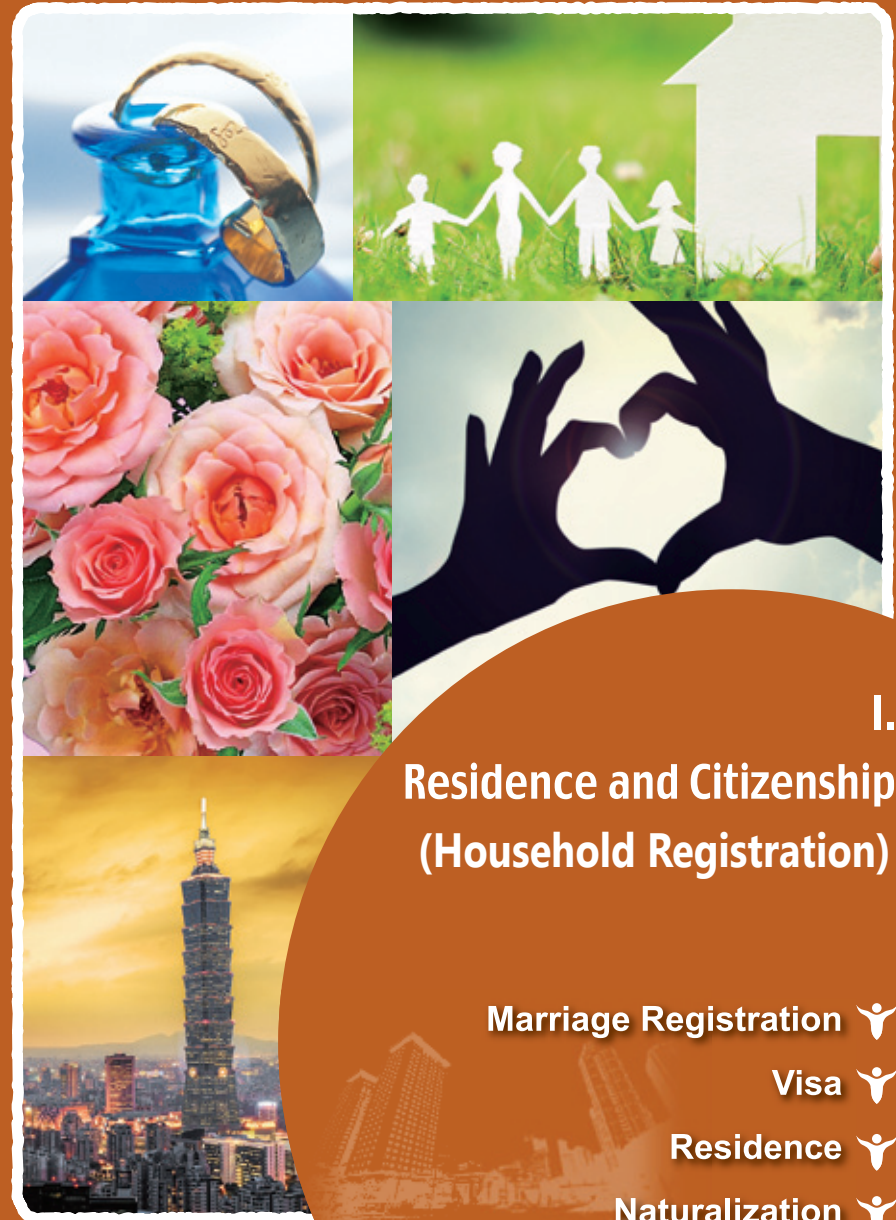
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I. Residence and Citizenship (Household Registration)

Marriage Registration

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I. Residence and Citizenship

Welcome! From getting married to becoming naturalized as a citizen of Republic of China(R.O.C.)requires a process including marriage registration, visa application, residence or permanent residence, and naturalization.

♥ Marriage Registration

Foreign spouses need to submit marriage registration documents or certificates issued by their countries of origin to the R.O.C. Embassies, Consulates, or Trade Offices abroad for document authentication. Taiwan-native spouses may use the certified marriage documents or certificates to apply for their marriage registrations at the Household Registration Office of his/her household registration locations.

♥ Visa

1. Foreign spouses should apply for family-based resident visas at the R.O.C. Embassies, Consulates, or Trade Offices abroad before entering Taiwan. Required documents are as follows:

- (1) The applicant's passport must have more than six month's validity remaining and must have blank pages.
- (2) Fill out the visa application form. The visa application form must be filled out through the online application form process on the Bureau of Consular Affairs (Foreign Ministry) website. Print out the visa application form with its associated barcode. The applicant must personally sign and approve the application form, and attach 2 color photographs taken within the last six months and against a white background.
- (3) An original copy of the household registration certificate issued within the previous three months which shows marriage registration specifies the nationality of the migrating partner, their proper name and date of birth.
- (4) An original copy and a duplicate copy of a marriage registration certificate or document (use marriage certificate instead if the nation does not have the marriage registration system) issued by the foreign spouse's native country. A copy of the Chinese or English translation should be attached and certified by the R.O.C. Embassy, Consulate, or Trade Office abroad. (The original copy will be returned after certification.)

- (5) 1 original of a valid document showing the applicant to have a clean criminal record or certificate of good citizenship (Police certificate), issued by the government of their country. It must have an attached Chinese or English translation and must pass through verification by an ROC Overseas Mission office. (When the period of validity is stated, this period will be the standard (if the period of validity is not stated, the period of validity will be one year from its issue by the applicant's home country government).
- (6) 1 original and 1 photocopy of a qualified health examination certificate, issued within the previous three months. Certification must be issued by hospitals appointed to perform such health examinations by the Department of Health of the Executive Yuan, or by a qualified foreign provider. In the latter instance, the health examination certificate must be translated into either Chinese or English and must pass through verification by an ROC Overseas Mission office.
- (7) Other documents may be requested for certain individual cases, such as the examine and approval of letter of guarantee by particulars of reference in Taiwan.
- (8) Processing fees.

2. Notice: In case of any changes to this information, check the website of Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<http://www.boca.gov.tw>).

♥ Residence

I. Applying for an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)

1. Foreign Spouses holding family-based resident visa:

Foreign spouses holding family-based resident visa should go to their place of residence's National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior local immigration service center to apply for ARCs with their wives or husbands within 15 days upon entering the R.O.C. Required documents and fees are as follows:

- (1) An application form with one 2-inch color photograph of the same size of the one on an R.O.C. ID Card and taken within the past one year.
- (2) Passport and resident visa.
- (3) Documents specifying the reasons of applying for ARC, such as Household Certificate Transcript with marriage registration and one original copy of Household Certificate Transcript issued within the previous 3 months.
- (4) Fees (ARC valid for one year is granted to first application. The processing fee is NTD\$ 1,000 per year.)

2. Foreign Spouses holding a family-based visitor visa:

Foreign spouses holding a family-based visitor visa after entering Taiwan, should go to local immigration service centers of the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior to apply for ARC before the expiration date, which is 30 days after arrival. This only applies to applicants holding a family-based visitor visa with validity of more than 60 days and not marked "No Extension" or subject to other restrictions. Required documents:

- (1) An application form with one 2-inch color photograph of the same size of the one on an R.O.C. ID Card and taken within the past one year.

- (2) Visitor visa and passport (valid for at least six months)
- (3) A health examination certificate issued within in the past 3 months by domestic or overseas hospitals designated by the Ministry of Health and Welfare (B form). (If the certificate is obtained overseas, both the original and the translated copy must be certified by the R.O.C. Embassy, Consulate, or Trade Office abroad.)
- (4) A certificate of 5-year non-criminal record (police certificate, an original copy verified by an ROC overseas representative office) issued within the previous six months by the applicants' country of origin and criminal record certificate issued by the police in Taiwan within the previous three months (those without a criminal record or entering for the first time are exempt)
- (5) Proof of residential address (not needed for applicants whose residential address is the same as that of the household registration address in Taiwan)
- (6) One original copy of Household Certificate Transcript issued within 3 months in Taiwan (with the nationality and foreign name of married spouses on the transcript)
- (7) Fees (an ARC valid for one year is granted for first application. The processing fee is NTD\$ 1,000 per year; those applying with a family –based visitor visa must pay an additional NT\$2,200.)

※Notice:

- (1) National Immigration Agency will have an interview with one who holds a family-based resident visa while applying for ARCs immediately or by appointment.

- (2) Foreign documents cannot be used in Taiwan until they are certified by the R.O.C. Embassies, Consulates, or Trade Offices and translated into Chinese.

Friendly Advice (1)

- Services of Household Registration Office in local cities and counties:** Marriage registration, naturalization, household registration, and ID Card
- Services of the R.O.C. Embassy, Consulate, and Trade Center:** Visa application
- Services of local service centers of National Immigration Agency:** Alien Resident Certificate, Alien Permanent Resident Certificate, residence certificate in Taiwan, and settlement certificate in Taiwan.

II. Applying for an Alien Permanent Resident Certificate (APRC)

Foreign spouses who have obtained Alien Resident Certificate for 5 consecutive years and taken up residence for above 183 days each year may apply for Alien Permanent Resident Certificate at local service centers of National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior. Required documents and fees are:

- (1) The Alien Permanent Resident Certificate(APRC) application form with one 2-inch color photograph of the same size of the one on an R.O.C. ID Card and taken within the past one year.
- (2) One original copy and one duplicate copy of new and old passports.



- (3) One original copy and one duplicate copy of Alien Resident Certificate.
- (4) A qualified health examination certificate.
- (5) A proof of properties or special professional skills.
- (6) A certificate of 5-year non-criminal record (police certificate, original copy verified by an ROC overseas representative office) issued within the previous six months by the applicants' country of origin and criminal record certificate issued by the police in Taiwan within the previous three months (those without a criminal record or entering for the first time are exempt).
- (7) Other related documents, such as one original copy of Household Certificate Transcript issued within 3 months in Taiwan (with the nationality and foreign name of spouses on the transcript), marriage certificate, and other documents depending on individual cases.
- (8) Fee: NT\$10,000.

Note: When travelling outside Taiwan for less than 3 months, foreigners who have been legally residing in Taiwan for a 5 year period are not obliged to provide a health certification or Taiwanese police record.



Friendly Advice (2)

Foreign spouses may choose between permanent residence or naturalization, and the flow chart of permanent residence is as follows:

Procedure for permanent residence application

Household Registration Office : Marriage registration

Taiwan overseas representative office : Apply for a residence visa or visitor visa valid for more than 60 days that is not marked NO Extension or subject to any other restriction.

National Immigration Agency Service Centers : Applying for an Alien Permanent Residence Certificate

To apply, an individual must have been continuously resident in Taiwan for 5 years for at least 183 days per year.

National Immigration Agency Service Centers : Alien Permanent Resident Certificate application

Sample of Alien Resident Certificate



Friendly Advice (3)

Any change of resident location must be registered within 15 days, which begins from the next day of the change.

Agencies-in-charge:

Local service center of the National Immigration Agency,
Ministry of the Interior in new resident location

Required documents:

1. An application form with one 2-inch color photograph of the same size of the one on an R.O.C. ID Card and taken within the past one year.
2. Passport
3. Alien Resident Certificate
4. A photo of ID size
5. Proof of new address (such as a new lease)

Friendly Advice (4) **Health examination for residence/settlement**

Foreigners applying for Alien Resident Certificates should provide the “Items required for health examination certificate” (B form) according to the regulations of the Ministry of Health and Welfare. (Note: This is not required for those who hold Joint-Family Resident Visa or those who apply for Taiwan Area Alien Resident Certificate.)

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Friendly Advice (5) **Application for Health Insurance Card**

Foreign spouses who have acquired ARC and stayed in Taiwan for more than six months are qualified to join the ROC National Health Insurance Program (those who have left Taiwan once for less than 30 days qualify from the day they have stayed in Taiwan for six months after deducting the days overseas, Toll-free service number of Bureau of National Health Insurance: 0800-030-598.

**How can I change a Visitor Visa to an ARC?**

A holder of a visitor visa of at least 60 days of duration and without being marked “No Extension”; and foreign spouses holding a family-based visitor visa should go to agency-in-charge with related documents to apply for ARC before the expiration date, which is 30 days after arrival.

Agencies-in-charge: local service center of the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior (Residence)

Required Document and Fee:

1. An application form with one 2-inch color photograph of the same size of the one on an R.O.C. ID Card and taken within the past one year.
2. Passport and Visitor Visa.
3. One original copy of Household Certificate Transcript issued within 3 months in Taiwan (with the nationality and foreign name of married spouses on the transcript)
4. Proof of Residence address (not needed for applicants whose residential address is the same as the household registration address)
5. Certified marriage certificate must be certified by the an ROC Overseas Mission office (not needed for applicants with passport names specified in Household Certificate Transcript issued within 3 months in Taiwan or passport names specified in visitor visa)
6. Fees (an ARC valid for one year is granted for first application. The processing fee is NT\$ 1,000 per year; those applying with a family-based visitor visa must pay an additional NT\$2,200.)



What if I need to extend my Alien Resident Certificate?

Foreign spouses who need to stay longer should apply for an Alien Resident Certificate 30 days prior to expiration.

♥ **Agencies-in-charge:** local service center of the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior (Residence)

♥ **Required Documents and Fee:**

1. An application form with one 2-inch color photograph of the same size of the one on an R.O.C. ID Card and taken within the past one year.
2. Passport
3. Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)
4. A Taiwan-native spouse's ID card and Household Certificate Transcript (issued within 3 months and with marriage registration recorded)
5. One photograph of the same size of that of ID Card within the past one year
6. Fee (NT\$1,000 per year of validity)



What should I do if I forgot to extend my Alien Resident Certificate?

We suggest foreign spouses to be on the alert of their Alien Residence Certificates' expiration dates. If foreign spouses overstay less than 30 days and their reasons of stay remain the same, then after paying the fine according to the regulations, they may apply for new Alien Residence Certificates from the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior.

Overstay fine:

1. 10 days and less: NT\$2000.
2. 11 days and above but less than 30 days: NT\$4000

3. 31 days and above but less than 60 days: NT\$6000

4. 61 days and above but less than 90 days: NT\$8000

5. 91 days and above: NT\$10,000

6. Foreign residents of 14 years old and younger are exempt; 14 and older but younger than 18 are fined by one-half of the fine.

♥ **Naturalization**

Foreign spouses applying for naturalization in Taiwan must go through marriage registration, visa application, and Alien Resident Certificate application. Then they must stay legally for three consecutive years with more than 183 days in Taiwan per year. In this way, they are entitled to apply at agencies in charge. The procedures of flow chart to the right are as follows:

1. Application for Republic of China Naturalization Certificate

Handling agency: Political Office of Domestic Place of Residency

Necessary documents Include:

- (1) Naturalization Form (including one color photo taken within the last two years, adhering to the same standards of the National ID Card photo).
- (2) A valid Alien Resident Certificate or Alien Permanent Resident Certificate
- (3) A foreigner's Certificate of Residence (proving consecutive days of stay)
- (4) Proof of properties or professional skills ensuring one can be self-sufficient



Workflow for the application for the Naturalization Certificate and household registration/Handling agency

Marriage Registration

Handling agency/ Household Registration Office

Application for visas

Handling agency/ Ministry of Foreign Affairs offices in the relevant country

Application for Alien Residence Certificate (ARC)

Handling agency/ Immigration Office service station of your place of residence

Application for a Naturalization Candidature Certificate

(calculated from the date of issue, the applicant must be legally resident in Taiwan for a minimum period of three years for not less than 183 days per year).

Handling agency/ Household Registration Office

Application for renunciation of original nationality

Handling agency/ Original country or the Taiwanese office of that original country

Application for naturalization

(calculated from the date of application, the applicant must be legally resident in Taiwan for a period of minimum period of three years for not less than 183 days per year)

Handling agency/ Household Registration Office

Application for a Taiwanese residence permit

Handling agency/ Immigration Office service station of your place of residence

Application for Permanent Residence Certification

(Applicant must be in residence for a set period: from the authorized date of residence, applicant must be in residence for a full year; or 2 years for over 270 days per year; or 5 years for over 183 days per year)

Handling agency/ Immigration Office service station of your place of residence

Application for household registration and national ID card

Handling agency/ Household Registration Office



(5) To naturalize in the R.O.C., one must achieve the standard of basic language ability and understand the legal rights and duties of citizenship. One must have one of the documents below:

- ▶ Study certificate issued by Taiwan-based private or public schools for more than one year
- ▶ Study certificate in classes that are conducted by the government or organizations entrusted by the government for 72 hours
- ▶ Passing naturalization examination with the score of 60 percent and above.

(6) Application for Household Registration after the registration of a marriage (original returned after authentication).

(7) Certificate fees: NT\$200 (please make the postal money order payable to the Ministry of the Interior)

2. Application for renunciation of original nationality

Handling agency: please consult the government of your original country, an embassy, or an authorized representative agency.

3. Application for naturalization

Handling agency: Local Household Registration Office near one's domestic residence

Required documents:

- (1) Application form for naturalization (including one color photo graph taken within the last two years, in accordance with the standard specifications for passport and ID card photographs).
- (2) Certificate of stateless, renunciation of the country of origin,

or documents certified by agencies of foreign affairs to be true (Chinese translation copy is required and documents need to be certified by the R.O.C. Embassies, Consulates, Trade Offices abroad and re-examined by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

(3) A valid Alien Resident Certificate or Alien Permanent Resident Certificate

(4) Foreign Resident Certificate (The duration of residence should be continuous without any disruption)

(5) Proof of properties or professional skills ensuring one can be self sufficient (Those who have Permanent Resident Certificate or R.O.C. Naturalization Candidature Certificate are exempt from this requirement during naturalization application.)

(6) To naturalize in the R.O.C., the applicant should pass the basic language ability test and have knowledge about the legal rights and duties of R.O.C. citizens. Required documents: (Those who have R.O.C. Naturalization Candidature Certificate are exempt from this requirement.)

- ◎ Study certificate issued by Taiwan-based private or public schools for more than one year
- ◎ Study certificate in classes conducted by the government or organizations entrusted by the government for 72 hours.
- ◎ Passing naturalization examination with the score of 60 percent and above.

(7) Complete the application of Household Certificate Transcript with marriage registration (Applicants do not have to submit this item since the Household Registration Office would check it.)



- (8) Certificate fees: NT\$1,000 (Please make the postal money orderpayable to the Ministry of the Interior)

4. Application for Residence Certificate

Agencies-in-charge: local service center of the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior (Residence)

Required documents and fee include:

- (1) Visa application form (with one color photograph in standard ID card format attached)
- (2) Original and 1 photocopy of Naturalization Permit (original will be returned post authentication)
- (3) Original and 1 photocopy of Alien Residence Certificate (original will be returned post authentication)
- (4) Original and 1 photocopy of documentary proof of residential address, such as household registration following a registered marriage or National ID card (original will be returned post authentication)
- (5) Fee: NDT\$ 1,000

5. Application for a Permanent Residence Certificate

Agencies-in-charge: local service center of the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior (Residence)

Required documents and fee include:

- (1) Permanent Residence Certificate application form (including one photograph to ID card specifications)
- (2) Taiwan Residence Certificate
- (3) Original and one photocopy of household registration of a Taiwanese spouse or National ID card (original will be returned after authentication, with the exception of divorcees).
- (4) Health certificate, valid from within 3 months

- (5) Originals and photocopies of any other relevant documentation, such as certificate of divorce from a Taiwanese national, tax returns showing a correct address or rent contract (originals will be returned post authentication).

- (6) A self-addressed, stamped envelope, with name of the recipient, address, post code and telephone number.

- (7) Handling fee of 600 NTD

6. Apply for Household Registration and ID Card

Agencies-in-charge: Local Household Registration Office near one's domestic residence

Required documents and fee include:

- (1) The Certificate of Settlement sent by National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior for notifying Household Registration.
- (2) A Household Certificate (No need for independent household, but one has to show ownership certificate of the house or other relevant documents.)
- (3) 1 color photograph, in line with the standard specifications for ID card or passport photographs.
- (4) First-time ID Card applicants need to pay NT\$50. Applicants can get their ID Cards after completing the household registration.

Sample of Identification Card





If my foreign passport is lost, how can I apply for a new one?

Step 1. Filing a police report for lost passport:

♥ The holder of the passport is required to go to the local service center of the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior during office hours or local specialized team after office hours in person and notify the agency that your passport has been lost. Required documents:

1. An application form
2. Two 2-inch color photographs with a half front view
3. Relevant documents other than the passport

Step 2. Reissuing passport:

♥ Applicants should carry the police record and other relevant documents to the governments of their countries of origin or consulates in Taiwan or authorized agencies for processings of new passports or travel documents.



How do I get help if I have any legal question about residence?

If you have any legal question about residence, you may consult with local service center of the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior near you for help. Addresses and phone numbers of local service centers of the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of Interior can be found in Appendix 1.



Can I remain staying in Taiwan if my spouse died or I got divorced?

1. In the case of the death of the native spouse, the foreign spouse may lawfully apply to continue to reside in Taiwan; only upon the discovery of an illegal situation shall their resident permit and Alien Resident Certificate be cancelled.
2. A foreign spouse that suffers physical or emotional abuse by a national with household registration in the Taiwan Area and is granted a court protection order may apply to continue to reside in Taiwan.
3. Following divorce, if a foreign spouse has no reason to remain, the National Immigration Agency of the Ministry of the Interior will cancel their resident permit and Alien Resident Certificate. Only foreign spouses that are legal guardians of underage children with household registration in the Taiwan Area may apply to continue to reside in Taiwan.
4. A foreign spouse that divorces his or her native spouse after obtaining a court ruling of domestic violence, and has children with household registration in the Taiwan area, may apply to continue to reside in Taiwan.
5. If a foreign spouse's resident permit has been revoked, and he or she faces deportation, if deportation will cause significant and irreparable damage to his or her children with household registration in the Taiwan Area, the foreign spouse may apply to continue to reside in Taiwan.



Under what situations would the Alien Resident Certificate be revoked or cancelled?

1. If a foreigner no longer has legal reason to be resident during the resident period, his/her resident permit will be revoked and cancelled the Alien Resident Certificate.
2. Application documents are false or misleading.
3. Using illegal, forged or altered certificates

4. If a foreigner is found guilty and sentenced to a definite term of more than one year, his/her resident permit will be revoked and cancelled the Alien Resident Certificate. One who commits the crime by negligence is not subject to the disposition.
5. R.O.C. nationality being restored
6. R.O.C. nationality being obtained
7. An applicant has R.O.C. nationality, and also go, stay or reside abroad with citizenship.
8. Obtaining Alien Permanent Resident Certificate
9. Deportation



If my R.O.C. citizen spouse died, would I be entitled to realty inheritance? What procedure should I follow?

In accordance with ROC law, foreign spouses have the same rights to inherit both personal property and real estate as a Taiwanese spouse. If a spouse unhappily dies, then the inheritance of property must be settled in accordance with the law, and inheritance taxes must also be settled in accordance with the law. However, only if the origin country of a foreign spouse has equal, reciprocal provisions as Taiwan on the inheritance of real estate will a foreign spouse be eligible to inherit real estate. An inheritance application should be made to the local government office for the property within six months of the death of a Taiwanese national. Applications made after the first month will be subject to a fine. For further information see the website of the Land Bureau, Ministry of the Interior (<http://www.land.moi.gov.tw/>).



If my R.O.C citizen spouse died or I got divorced, how could I obtain custodial right of the children?

1. According to the civil law of the R.O.C., the legal right and duty to underage children belongs to both parents. Only if one of the parents cannot exercise the right, the other party may exercise the right. Therefore, if one of the parents died, the legal right and duty of underage children belongs to another parent.
2. According to the R.O.C. civil law, divorced parents may negotiate their rights and obligations about their children.
3. If the parents agree and the social welfare organization accepts the agreement, then it will be done according to the agreement. If any of parents disagree, a judge will decide what is the best for the child(ren) based on the reports made by the social workers and other important details the judge feels significant in deciding what is best for the child(ren).
4. If you have further question, please read the Civil Law for reference, or check the “Foreign spouses family service center contact information” in Appendix 5 and ask for help.



What should I do if my parents want to visit me in Taiwan?

Parents of foreign spouses may apply for family-based visitor visa to the consulates and missions of R.O.C. abroad.

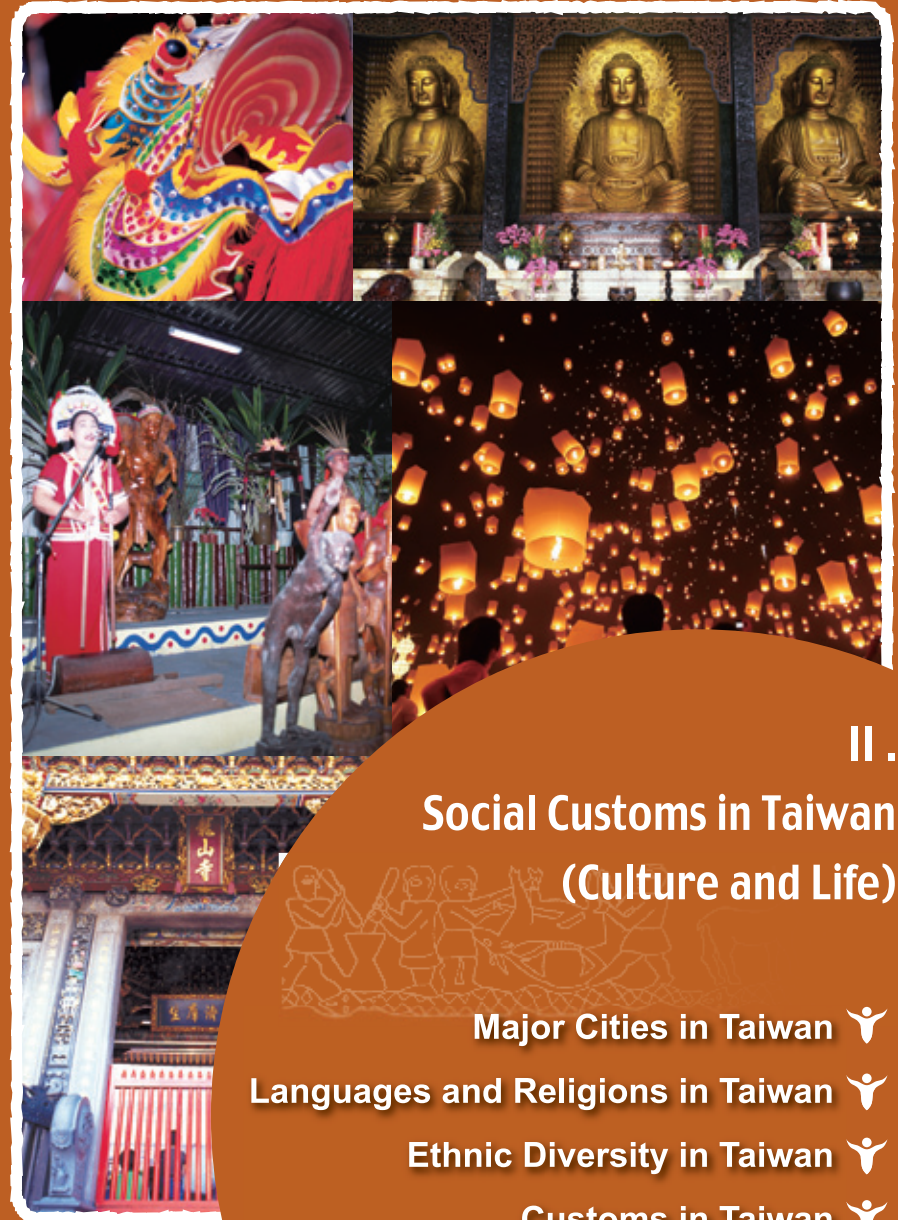
Required documents:

1. An original and a duplicate copy of passport (relevant pages)

2. A visa application form (including 2 4x6 photographs taken within the past 3 months)
3. An original copy and a duplicate copy of relationship certificate (The original copy will be returned. Chinese-translation copy may be needed upon request.)
4. Foreign Spouses Alien Resident Certificate, an Alien Permanent Resident Certificate (APRC) and An original copy of Household Certificate Transcript issued within the previous 3 months.
5. A copy of marriage certificate
6. Copies of children's Resident Visa, Alien Resident Certificate or ID Card of the R.O.C.
7. If applicants come for daughters' postpartum care, please attach certificates issued by Taiwan-based hospitals.
8. A letter of explanation written by Taiwan-native son- or daughter-in-law. No format restriction, but contents should include the reason of stay and contact information, and an attached ID card or a copy of visa with signatures.
9. You may need to have a person living in Taiwan standing guarantee for you upon request.

※ Notice:

If the applicant downloads application from Bureau of Consular Affairs, MOFA, please pay attention that there's no need to involve guarantee for applicant's company or head of community.



II.

Social Customs in Taiwan (Culture and Life)



Major Cities in Taiwan

Languages and Religions in Taiwan

Ethnic Diversity in Taiwan

Customs in Taiwan



II. Social Customs in Taiwan

Taiwan has long been called “Formosa” meaning a beautiful island from the ancient times with comfortable climate, stable economic development and democracy.

♥ Major Cities in Taiwan

Taiwan has an area of around 36,000 square kilometers and a population of 23.4 million people. Taiwan’s climate is regulated by the oceans and it is both warm and humid. Summer temperatures can be scorchingly hot, and Taiwan occasionally experiences typhoons. In winter, temperatures are slightly lower. May to September is Taiwan’s main rainy season. Due to the influence of atmospheric fronts, in winter the north of country is still often quite rainy, although less so than in the summer season. However, the central and south regions have a clear dry season over the winter.



Where is the city I live in Taiwan?



There are several important metropolitan areas in Taiwan:

- ▶ Taipei city, in the northern part of Taiwan, is the largest city in Taiwan. It is the political, economic, and cultural center and is praised for its well-organized public transportation system. In recent years, Taipei city takes “environmental protection” and “technology” as its development goals in the hope of making Taipei the most competitive and the most livable city in Asia Pacific region.
- ▶ Kaohsiung city, in the southern part of Taiwan, is the second largest city in Taiwan. Kaohsiung Harbor, located in the southwest part of Kaohsiung city, is the largest international harbor in Taiwan. It is also the second city in Taiwan following Taipei city to develop the Mass Rapid Transit.
- ▶ Taichung city, in the middle part of Taiwan, is the third major metropolis in Taiwan. It has the geographical advantage of linking the north and the south and a sound living environment and business functions.
- ▶ Tainan city, in the southwest part of Taiwan, is the earliest and most historical city with more than one hundred years of history. It has several ancient monuments, and it is also famous for its humanity and culture.
- ▶ Hualien county, in the eastern part of Taiwan, has a beautiful coastline and charming natural scenery, and it is rich in humanity.

♥ Languages and Religions in Taiwan

There are Mandarin, Taiwanese (Hoklo), Hakka and aboriginal languages in Taiwan. Taiwan has multiple religions, including

Buddhism, Daoism, Christian, Catholicism, Mormonism, Islam, I-Kuan Tao, the Unification Church, and Hinduism.

♥ Ethnic Diversity in Taiwan

From its early history to the present day, Taiwanese society has always been composed of immigrants. In recent history, the major ethnic groups of recent history are the aborigines, Hoklo people, Hakka people, and the new immigrants. Hoklo and Hakka immigrated to Taiwan from China hundreds of years ago; therefore, they represent a larger population in many parts of Taiwan. Aborigines are Austronesian people who exists in Taiwan long before other immigrants.

♥ Customs in Taiwan

Chinese New Year is the most important annual festival in Taiwan. Besides Chinese New Year, there are three major holidays, including the Tomb Sweeping Day, the Dragon Boat Festival, and the Mid-Autumn Festival. And the Double Ninth Festival is becoming more and more important in recent years. During these holidays, the entire family gets together, showing how Taiwanese people treasure the importance of family relationship. The celebration and cuisines of these festivals are as follows:





Traditional celebrations and ceremonies of major festivals:

Chinese New Year

Holiday in Lunar Calendar Dates:

From Dec. 30 to Jan. 5

Celebrations and Meanings:

Spring Festival includes both New Years' Eve and New Years' Day. Families who normally live apart will reunite for the holiday. In earlier times, celebratory customs including cleaning everything before the festival, buying New Years' merchandise, eating a reunion meal on Spring Festival itself, giving New Year money to children, seeing in the New Year, hanging Spring Festival couplets beside the doors, praying to the Gods, praying to the ancestors, dragon dances, setting off firecrackers, paying New Year visits to friends and relatives... many of these customs are still observed during Spring Festival.



The Lantern Festival

Holiday In Lunar Calendar Date:

Jan. 15

Celebrations and Meanings:

Lantern Festival is celebrated on the night of the 15th of the 1st lunar month. It is also known as the "mini Chinese New Year." During the festival, people appreciate colorful lanterns and guess riddles on the lanterns. Glutinous rice balls are the festival cuisine because of its circular shape symbolizing family reunion.



The Tomb Sweeping Day

Holiday In Lunar Calendar Month:

March

Celebrations and Meanings:

People worship their ancestors' tombs on this day symbolizing family prosperity. Since the founding of the R.O.C., Tomb Sweeping Day has been celebrated on April 5th of the solar calendar to express filial piety to their ancestors. The festival cuisine is spring rolls.



The Dragon Boat Festival

Holiday In Lunar Calendar Date:

May 5

Celebrations and Meanings:

The meaning of the Dragon Boat Festival is to detoxicate, therefore, people spread realgar, insert moxa, and hang up fragrant sachets. There are customs of eating rice dumplings and rowing the dragon boat to commemorate ancient patriotic poet Qu Yuan. The festival cuisine is rice dumplings and the festival activity is dragon boat racing.



The Hungry Ghost Festival

Holiday In Lunar Calendar Date:

July 15

Celebrations and Meanings:

There are customs of worshipping ghosts in the Hungry Ghost Festival. On the day, people worship all kinds of ghosts, spirits and ancestors. They usually prepare chickens, ducks, fish and pork for ghosts. Besides, many places hold festivities of “Chiang Ku” competition and light up water lanterns.



The Mid-Autumn Festival

Holiday In Lunar Calendar Date:

Aug. 15

Celebrations and Meanings:

Among the legends of the Mid-Autumn Festival, the most famous one is the legend about Chang-Er, the Moon Goddess. Full moon symbolizes reunion; therefore, family members go home and enjoy the full moon together. The festival cuisines are moon cake and pomelo.



The Double Ninth Festival

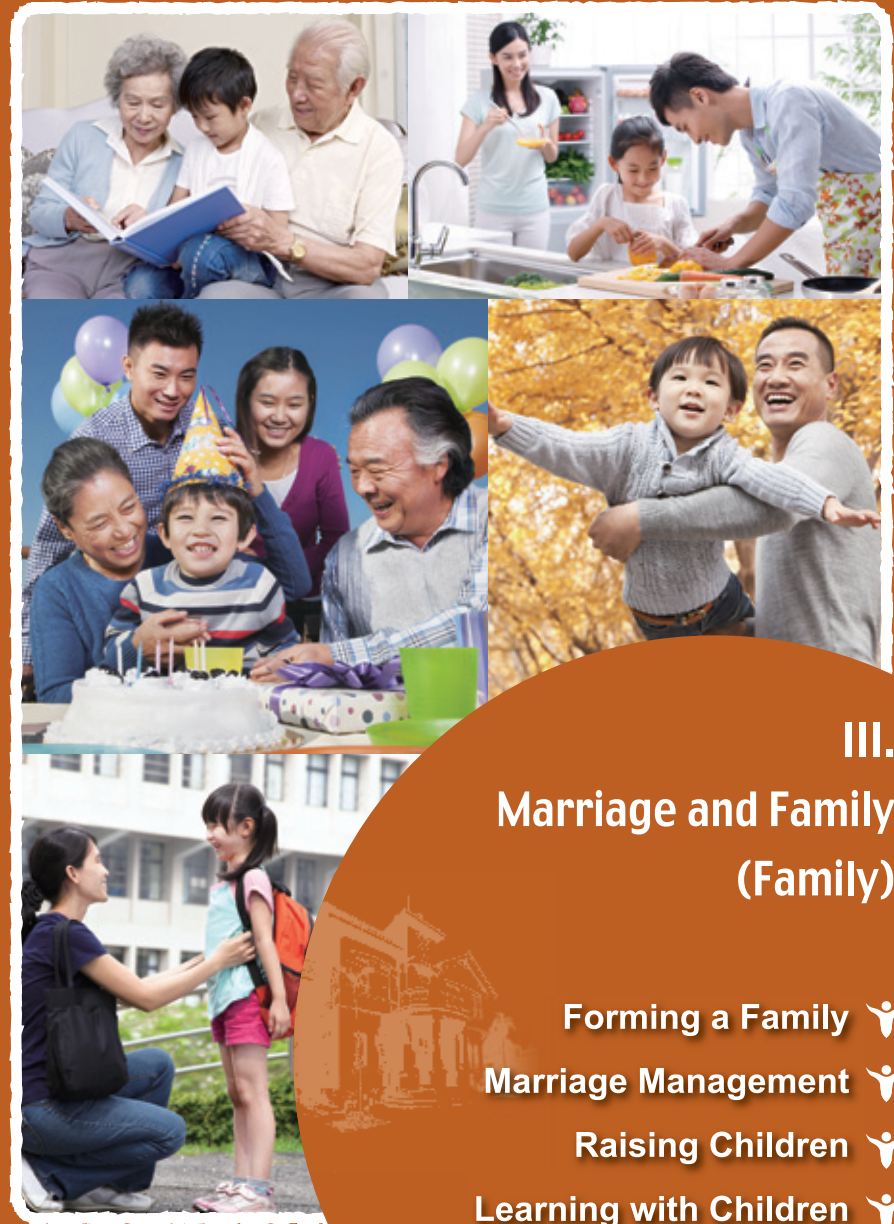
Holiday In Lunar Calendar Date:

Sept. 9





Celebrations and Meanings:

The Double Ninth Festival is also known as the Respect-for-the-Aged Day. On this day, many elders get subsidies as gifts, and there are many activities held especially for the elderly.





III. Marriage and Family (Family)

- Forming a Family 
- Marriage Management 
- Raising Children 
- Learning with Children 



III. Marriage and Family

Marriage is not only a combination between husband and wife, but a union between two families. It is even a mutual adaptation of two cultures, including couples getting along with each other and other family members, parents educating and communicating with children.

♥ Forming a Family

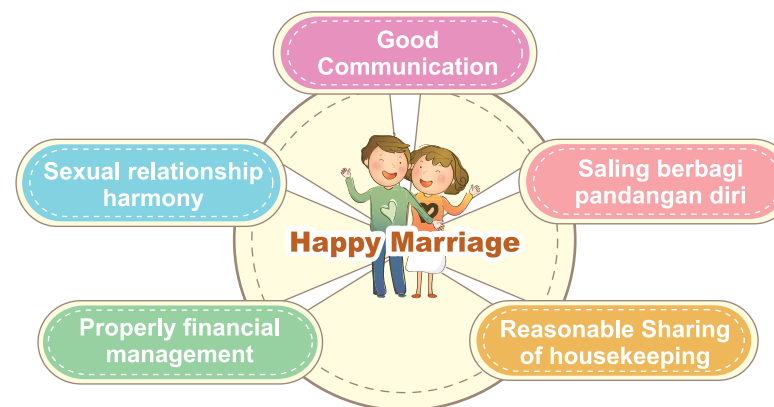
There are some differences between families of urban and rural areas in Taiwan. In urban areas, most are nuclear families where only parents and children live together. However, in rural areas, most are cross-generational families where grandparents, parents, and unmarried children live together, and this type of family structure is called a stem family. After marriage, the roles of men and women are changed, and titles of family members are no longer the same.

♥ Marriage Management

Marriage is not only a combination between two persons, but also a union between two families. Couples not only have to communicate with each other, but also have to pay attention to maintaining a good relationship with the in-law families and neighborhoods. Given the difference in culture and fundamental values, couples, mother and daughter-in-law, and sisters-in-law have to be considerate, respect one another, and follow the saying “While in Taiwan, do as the Taiwanese do” in order to immerse in Taiwan’s unique culture and lifestyle.

1. Managing the relationship between the husband and wife

A happy marriage is composed of many elements, including mutual understanding, good communication, a harmonious sexual relationship, proper financial management, and reasonable sharing of household chores.



2. Relationship with parents, sisters-in-law and neighbors

Other than the relationship between the husband and the wife, newly-wed couples need to have a good relationship with parents, sisters-in-law and neighbors. Daughters-in-law should respect parents-in-law and treat them as their own parents. Parents-in-law expect filial piety, such as taking care of children, providing money to and maintaining a connection with parents-in-law. Getting along with sisters-in-law and making a peaceful family are most people's expectation of family.

♥ Raising Children

1. Preparation for being first-time parents

From getting married, getting pregnant, giving birth, and bringing up children and teenagers are lessons for first-time parents to learn. First-time parents may make good use of the “Health 99 Education Resource” Website (<http://www.health99.hpa.gov.tw>).

Couples should plan the life after having their new-born baby, including how to use money, time, energy and resources, to provide a healthy environment for the future mental and physical development of children. Both parents should pay attention to providing a balanced diet



for their children and keep them away from staying up late, smoking, drinking, or consuming other stimulating food.

2. Methods of bringing up children

The most important attitude of raising children includes:

- (1) Be consistent
- (2) Cultivating children to have good living habits, includes eating, getting dressed and manners
- (3) Be the role models for children
- (4) Building up children's knowledge and skills to improve the relationship between parents and children
- (5) Taking children to attend activities held by county /city family education centers or schools
- (6) Practicing effective communication skills and teaching children the moral values to establish intimate relationship between parents and children.

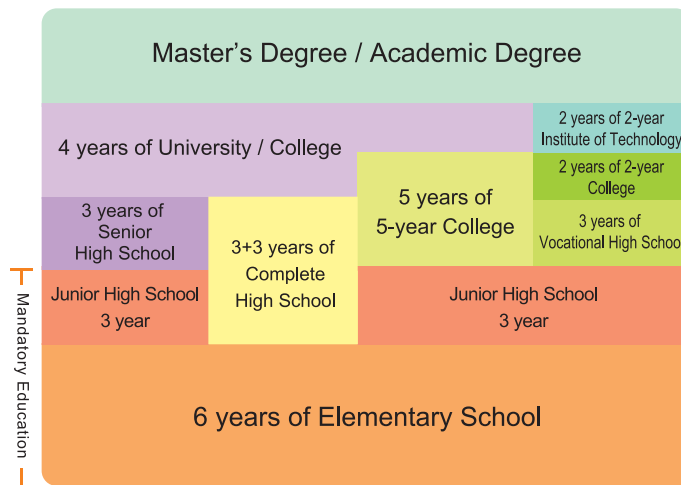
♥ Learning with Children

Education is Taiwan's most important channel to cultivate outstanding talents. Children enter elementary school at age of 6 and junior high school at 12. In this phase, education is mandatory, and tuition is paid by the government to provide the best education for school children. There are two kinds of high school education in Taiwan. One is senior high school, and another one is vocational high school. Learning in college is also common in Taiwan. There are over

one hundred colleges in Taiwan for training talents in various fields of study.

As children begin to go to school, parents should keep in close touch with school teachers. We call this “parents teachers interaction.” School children's plasticity is very high and school education has its profound impact on children.

Therefore, good relationship between parents and teachers may help children adapt to campus lives. Foreign spouses can speak their native languages at home with children while telling stories or illustrating books, or teaching folklore songs in their native dialects. This helps children learn about the culture of their mothers' countries of origin. This not only brings the parents-children relationship closer, but also widen children's global horizons.



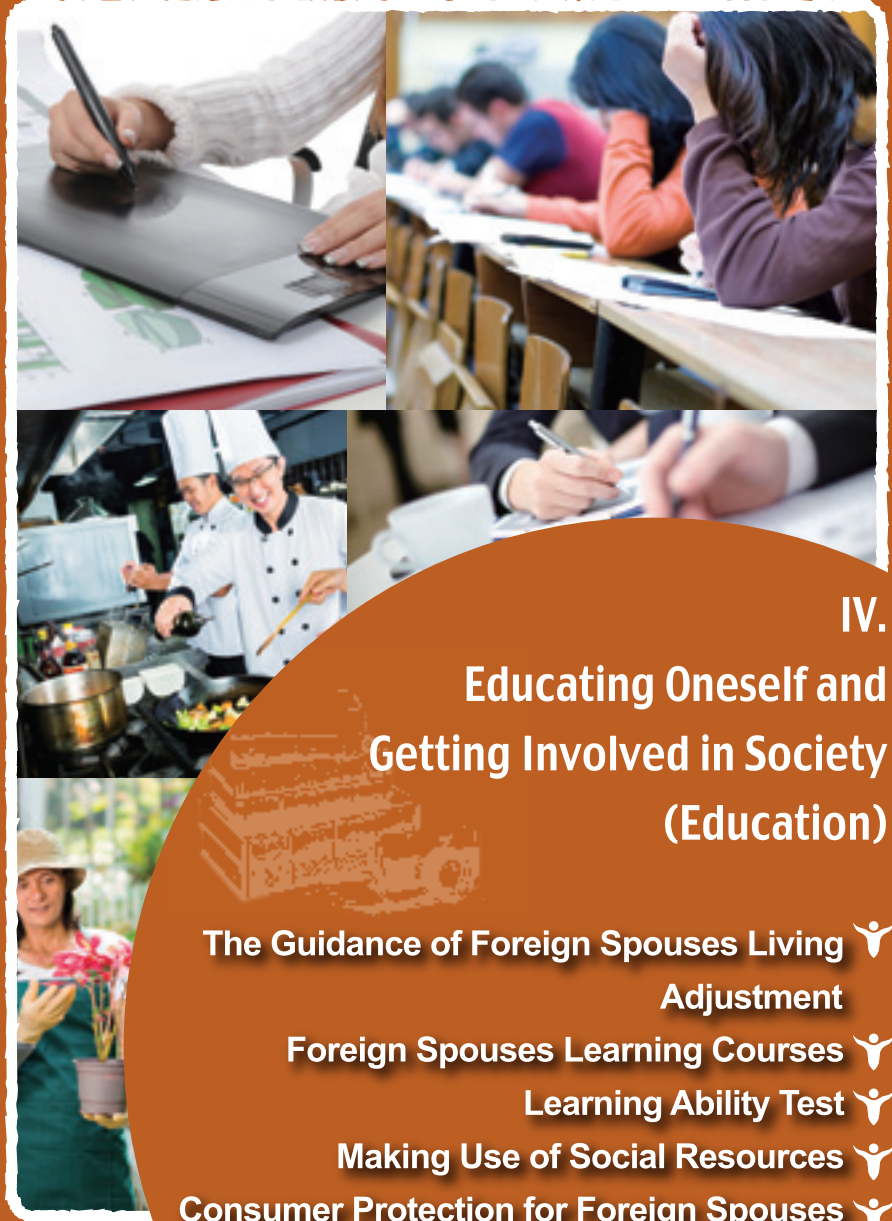
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Where can I seek help if my child's development is slower than others of the same age?

The R.O.C. government provides free preventive health care services for children under 7 years old. Parents may contact hospitals, health service centers in townships and villages, joint assessment centers for children with delayed development, or referral centers for children with delayed development in cities and counties to get better assistance.





IV. Educating Oneself and Getting Involved in Society (Education)

The Guidance of Foreign Spouses Living 
Adjustment

Foreign Spouses Learning Courses 
Learning Ability Test 

Making Use of Social Resources 

Consumer Protection for Foreign Spouses 



IV. Educating Oneself and Getting Involved in Society

Language barrier is the biggest obstacle for foreign spouses who just come to Taiwan. Only through “studying” could they get to know the new environment and social norms. Therefore, they should seize every opportunity to learn.

Friendly Advice (6)

Information about Foreign Spouses Living Adjustment Guidance Course

Agencies-in-charge:

Country/City Bureau of Civil Affairs or Bureau of Social Affairs

Restrictions:

Foreign spouses completing marriage registrations are welcome to take courses for free.



The Guidance of Foreign Spouses Living Adjustment

“Language barrier” is the biggest challenge for foreign spouses who just came to Taiwan. Therefore, learning Chinese language is the beginning of their adaptation processes. The government attaches great importance to the language learning of foreign spouses, and city and county governments as well as private organizations offer “Foreign Spouses Living Adjustment Guidance Courses.”

Foreign Spouses Living Adjustment Guidance Courses include:

- ▶ Language learning
- ▶ Residence and settlement
- ▶ Living adaptation
- ▶ Local customs
- ▶ Employment, health, and education
- ▶ Parenting
- ▶ Basic rights
- ▶ Personal safety



♥ Foreign Spouses Learning Courses

Country/City bureaus and departments of education, family education centers, elementary and junior high after-hour schools, new immigrants learning centers, and community colleges are providing foreign spouses with diverse learning channels. Courses include Chinese learning, parents education, practical living skills, family education, and others. Foreign spouses are very much welcome to enroll.

♥ Learning Ability Test

Some foreign spouses may need learning ability certificates for employment purposes. Therefore, they may take the “Test of Academic Attainment through Self-study” organized by education agencies.

♥ Making Use of Social Resources

There are many civil social welfare organizations in Taiwan to offer not only the “foreign spouses living adaptation guidance courses,” but also various kinds of study groups, self-development courses, lectures, arts and skills training courses, community services, and a diverse range of courses, which are good resources for foreign spouses in Taiwan.



The contact information of some major civil organizations is as follows. If you have any living difficulties or adjustment problems, you may contact them for help.

- ▶ The Pearl S. Buck Foundation (02)2504-8088
- ▶ Good Shepherd Social Welfare Services (02)2381-5402
- ▶ Eden Social Welfare Foundation's New Immigrants Development Division (02)2577-7663
- ▶ Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) (02)2314-0408
- ▶ TransAsia Sisters Association, Taiwan
Taipei: (02)2515-9943 / Kaohsiung: (07)681-7292
- ▶ Taiwan Women's Development Association (02)2891-1870

♥ Consumer Protection for Foreign Spouses

- ▶ Consumer Issues and Complaints

For any consumer problems or complaints in Taiwan, please call the national consumer service hotline on 1950. Consumer service centers in each locality will also be happy to provide you with a professional and enthusiastic service to help resolve your problems. We remind you that the 1950 hotline is a charged service, with the tariff calculated in accordance with local city rates.

- ▶ Fraud Prevention

The National Police Agency has established an anti-fraud enquiries hotline on 165 as an anti-fraud measure for citizens to employ.

Friendly Advice (7)



Test of Academic Attainment through Self-study

Agencies in charge:

1. College – The 1st Division of Department of Technological and Vocational of Education, Ministry of Education Tel: (02) 7736-5847
2. High School Division, High school-K-12 Education Administration, Ministry of Education Tel: (04) 3706-1175
3. Elementary school and junior high school – Departments of Education in municipalities, and other local governments.

Required documents:

1. Alien Resident Certificate, Passport, or ID Card of R.O.C.
2. Diploma of graduation
3. One 2-inch photo
4. A class B certified technician certificate is required for participating in college-level Test of Academic Attainment through Self-study.



V.

Living in Taiwan (Daily Life)

Food in Taiwan 🍴

Clothing in Taiwan 👗

Living Safely and Conveniently in Taiwan 🏠

Rapid and Convenient Transportation 🚗

Services in Taiwan 🏢



V. Living in Taiwan (Daily Life)

The four essential needs—food, clothing, housing and transportation—are modernized and convenient in Taiwan.

♥ Food in Taiwan

There are a variety of fruits with abundant production in Taiwan, which is nicknamed a “fruit kingdom.” There are different types of fruits to choose from all year round. In Taiwan, rice is the primary food, while wheat is the second. Taiwan has a diverse dietary culture, and you may buy food in traditional markets, supermarkets, 24-hours



convenient stores, or shopping malls.

The “Night market” is one of the most famous features of dietary culture in Taiwan. There, you may find various kinds of local snacks or cuisines, which are gradually becoming unique to Taiwan and attractions for tourists.

♥ Clothing in Taiwan

The temperatures in central and southern parts of Taiwan do not vary much in the four seasons. The temperatures in northern part is high in summer and slightly lower in winter. People usually wear casual and comfortable clothing. In winter, people wear heavy coats or jackets to keep warm. Spring and autumn are not obvious; therefore, people wear primarily winter and summer clothes. Given Taiwan's cultural diversity, there is no designated traditional costume or dress code in Taiwan, and “casual” is the widely accepted style here.

♥ Living Safely and Conveniently in Taiwan

There are many housing styles in Taiwan: single unit housing and bungalow in rural areas as well as apartments and high-rise buildings with elevators in urban areas.

When an emergency or disaster occurs, people may call toll-free number “110.” For fire accidents or other emergencies at home, people may dial toll-free number “119” for immediate assistance.



♥ Rapid and Convenient Transportation Services in Taiwan

The domestic and international transportation in Taiwan is very convenient.

Air transportation:

As for international airports, at present Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, Taipei (Songshan) International Airport and Kaohsiung International Airport operate flights to 85 of the world's major cities. In addition, there are 5 airline companies who operate domestic flights between Taiwan's primary cities and islands.



Bus:

There are regional and island-wide buses to and from cities in Taiwan. The buses are also open for rent for tourism purposes.



Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) systems:

Taipei and Kaohsiung both have MRT systems. Taipei at present has 11 lines, whilst Kaohsiung has 2. Kaohsiung MRT also connects to Taiwan's high speed rail network, the standard rail network and Kaohsiung airport.



Taiwan High Speed Rail (HSR):

Currently, there are eight stations in operation, including Taipei, Banciao, Taoyuan, Hsinchu, Taichung, Chiayi, Tainan, and Zuoying, and it takes as short as 96 minutes from Taipei to Zuoying. Please visit <http://www.thsrc.com.tw> or call 4066-3000 for more information. (Miaoli: 4366-3000; Taitung and Kinmen: 4666-3000; Matsu: 02-4066-3000).





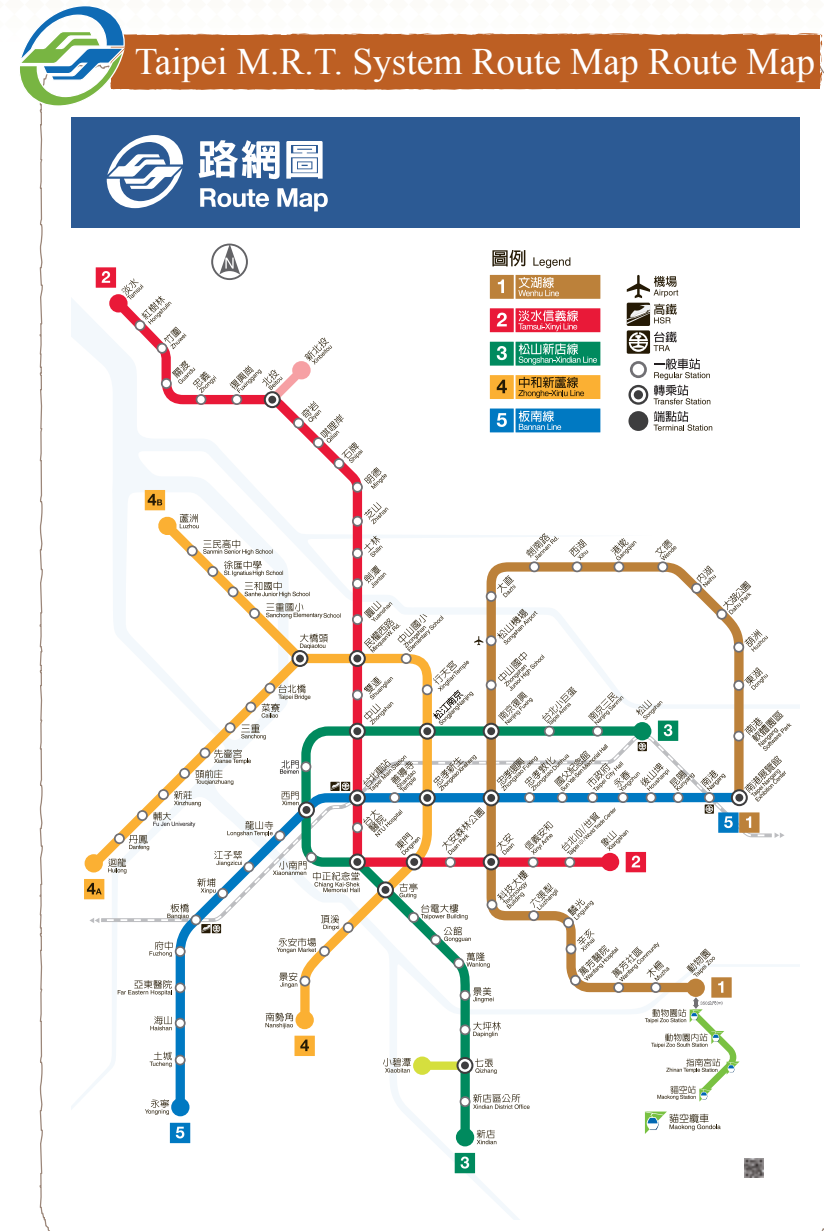
Taiwan Railway Administration Services (TRA):

There are many different classes of service running on the Taiwanese railway system, which forms a loop round the entire island. Tickets can be bought on the day, or reserved in advance up till one hour prior to departure. Tickets can be reserved from two weeks (14 days) prior to departure, that is on a Monday it is possible to reserve tickets for the Monday of the week after next, but each Friday it is possible to reserve tickets for the weekend two weeks hence (that is on a Friday it is possible to reserve tickets for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the week after next). It is possible to reserve train tickets by phone (412-1111 or 412-6666, enter the service code 333) or online (<http://railway.hinet.net>)



Sea travel:

Keelung, Taichung, Kaohsiung and Hualien are the primary international ports for passenger vessels. Travel from Taiwan to its outlying islands, and between Kinmen and Matsu is mainly by air, with ferries as an auxiliary service.





Kaohsiung M.R.T. System Route Map Operation System Map



There are several traffic regulations that the newcome foreign spouses should pay attention to:

- ▶ In Taiwan, the position of driver's seat is on the left-hand side; therefore, automobiles must be driven on the right hand side of the road.
- ▶ Drivers or pedestrians should abide by the direction of traffic signs, road markings and traffic lights, and obey traffic officers' commands and gestures.
- ▶ Given that drivers driving on the right side on the road, pedestrians have to look at left and then right while crossing the roads.
- ▶ Drivers without driver's license are not allowed to drive. Drivers should have driver's license approved by Taiwan government while driving.
- ▶ Car drivers, front-seat passengers, or passengers in the backseats of compact car should all wear seatbelts. Children aged 4 years or below should be seated in safety seats. Scooter riders and passengers should wear helmets.
- ▶ No speeding. Drive slowly in rainy or misty wheather.



- ▶ Keep proper braking distance with the car in front.
- ▶ Drive slowly in the mountain. Switch to slow speed gear when going downhill.
- ▶ No rebuilt or remodeled vehicles, and no driving in a zig-zag manner, competing, racing and other dangerous acts allowed on the road
- ▶ No drunk-driving
- ▶ Whilst driving, it is forbidden to use handheld mobile communication devices, computers or other similar devices to make calls, conduct conversations, transmit digital data or any other actions which inhibit driver safety.



Procedures of Driver's License

Light Motorcycle



Processing fee / 125
License fee / 200

Procedures of Driver's License

Required documents:
Alien Resident Certificate or ID card,
2 photos

▼
driver's license registration

▼
pass physical exam

▼
Paper exam
(score over 85)

▼
Get a license

Regular Heavy Motorcycle



Processing fee / 250
License fee / 200

Procedures of Driver's License

Required documents:
Alien Resident Certificate or ID card,
2 photos

▼
driver's license registration

▼
pass physical exam

▼
Paper exam
(score over 85)

▼
Driving exam
(score over 70)

▼
Get a license

Motor



Processing fee / 450
License fee / 200

Procedures of Driver's License

Required documents:
Alien Resident Certificate or ID card,
3 photos

▼
driver's license registration

▼
pass the physical exam and
Fitness Performance Test

▼
apply for learner's license

▼
Paper exam
(score over 85)

▼
Driving exam
(score over 70)

▼
Get a license

- ※ Written or practical driving tests can be retaken 7 days after a failed examination.
- ※ Physical examinations and written tests are valid for a year.
- ※ Applicants for the ordinary compact car license can register to take the written exam only after having completed 3 months of driving lessons (or attending after completion of a 5 week driving training short course).
- ※ People who have not obtained a vehicle or scooter driving license must first receive a safety lecture when taking a scooter test for the first time.



How can I acquire a Driver's License in Taiwan?

- ♥ **Agencies-in-charge:** Motor vehicles offices
- ♥ **Prerequisites:** (1) 18 years old and older
(2) Certificate or document of permitted stay or residence over 1 year
- ♥ **Procedures:**
 - (1) Getting a physical examination and a fitness performance test given by public hospitals or public health agencies, or hospitals designated by motor vehicle offices (Except for those who apply for small light, regular light and regular heavy motorcycles)
 - (2) Sign up → Taking paper exam → Taking driving exam → Get a license
- ♥ **Required documents:**
 - (1) Certificate of visit permission or residence over 1 year
 - (2) Learner's licenses (not required for obtaining motorcycle licenses), expired or invalid formal licenses issued by foreign governments, or international licenses
 - (3) Regular vehicles' driving license registration (Passing the physical examination and Fitness Performance Test required)
 - (4) One 1 inch photo taken within the past 6 months (The format should be the same as the one on the physical examination form and learner driver's license.

Sample of Driver's License



Where can I get information about the Driver's License Examination?

Directorate General of Highways, MOTC provides test questions for download: <http://www.thb.gov.tw/TM/Menu/Menu03/Cai/Drivingtests.aspx>



Motor riders and passengers should wear helmets.



Car drivers or passengers should fasten seat belts.



One of the tests in motor vehicle driving examination (Straight line balance riding)

Knowing the Traffic Signs:

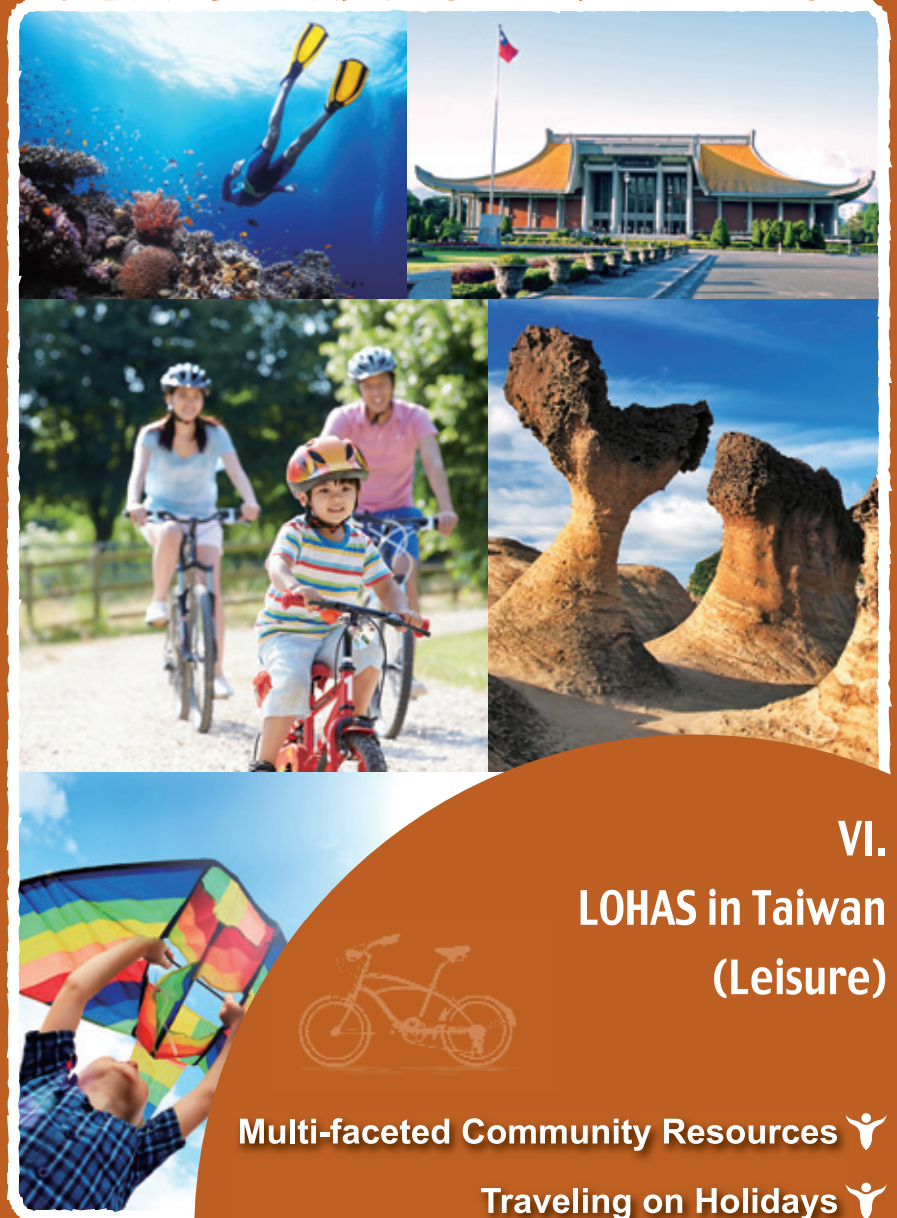
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Warning 6 Steep Downhill Slope	Warning 11 Crossroad	Warning 12 T Intersection	Warning 13 Intersection	Warning 14 Intersection
Warning 15 Intersection	Warning 16 Intersection	Warning 21 Merging Traffic From Left	Warning 22 Diverge	Warning 23 Signal Ahead
Warning 24 Roundabout	Warning 25 Railroad crossing with Gate	Warning 26 Railroad crossing without Gate	Warning 31 Bump	Warning 32 Dip in the Road
Warning 33 Slippery Road	Warning 27 Railroad crossing without Gate First Warning	Warning 28 Railroad crossing without Gate Second Warning	Warning 29 Railroad crossing without Gate Third Warning	Warning 40 Caution! Airplanes

Knowing the Traffic Signs:

Warning 43 Wharf	Warning 44 Cliff (R)	Warning 45 Cliff (L)	Warning 46 Falling Rocks (R)	Warning 47 Falling Rocks (L)
Warning 50 Danger	Prohibition 10 No Bicycles	Prohibition 17 No Right Turn	Prohibition 18 No Left Turn	Prohibition 23 No Passing
Prohibition 27 No Merge	Direction 3 Checkpoint	Direction 4 Customs Checkpoint	Direction 5 Stop for Toll/ Toll Booth	Direction 6 Weigh Station
Direction 18 Keep Right	Direction 19 Keep Left	Direction 20 Motorcycle Left Turn Waiting Area	Direction 11 Through Traffic Only (Lane)	Direction 12 Right Turn Only (Lane)
Direction 13 Left Turn Only (Lane)	Direction 14 Through Traffic or Right Turn Only (Lane)	Direction 15 Through Traffic or Left Turn Only (Lane)	Guide 46 Parking	Guide 47 Parking

Knowing the Traffic Signs:

<p>Guide 48 Parking Sign</p>	<p>Guide 49 Handicapped Parking only</p>	<p>Guide 52 Tow pound</p>	<p>Guide 53 MRT station</p>	<p>Indication 54 Pedestrian Bridge</p>
<p>Indication 55 Underpass</p>	<p>Indication 61 Catering services</p>	<p>Indication 62 School</p>	<p>Indication 63 hospital</p>	<p>Indication 64 Escape Ramp</p>
<p>Indication 65 Dead End</p>	<p>Indication 66 U-Turn Lane</p>	<p>Indication 67 Detour Ahead</p>	<p>Movable barricades</p>	<p>Fixed Traffic Barricade</p>
<p>Traffic Cone</p>	<p>Construction 5 Road Closed</p>	<p>Construction 11 Left Lane Closed</p>	<p>Construction 12 Left Lane Closed</p>	<p>Construction 13 Central Lane Closed</p>
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VI.

 LOHAS in Taiwan
(Leisure)

Multi-faceted Community Resources

Traveling on Holidays



VI.LOHAS in Taiwan

Leisure is an integral part of life in modern society. Planning appropriate leisure activities may improve your relationship with family members. Therefore, gathering all kinds of leisure information is important in modern family life.

♥ Multi-faceted Community Resources

A community's humanity environment, public facilities, and



education standards affect it's residents' quality of life and children's education. Therefore, comprehensive “community activity centers” are set up to provide residents a place for leisure and learning. These centers offer a series of courses, such as learning for life, cookery, housekeeping, parenting to help foreign spouses learn local customs and Taiwan's cultural characteristics.

♥ Traveling on Holidays

Saturdays and Sundays are usually leisure time for outdoor activities and allow families to venture out and enjoy the beauty of nature.

Taiwan is a beautiful place offering many travel options, including natural sceneries such as Sun Moon Lake, Alishan's steam trains and sunrise,



Chitou's original forests, Hualien's coastline, and many others. Besides, Jiufen, Lukang, Dajia, Dashi, and other old streets are also widely-received by tourists recently.

For more detailed travel information of Taiwan, please visit the Tourism Bureau's website: <http://taiwan.net.tw/>



Taroko Gorge in Hualien



Eluanbi Lighthouse in Pingtung



Sun Moon Lake's scenery



Alishan's sunrise on the top of Ali Mountain



Yushan National Park



Yangmingshan National Park

Friendly Advice (8)

If I go travelling abroad, what items am I forbidden from bringing back with me?

Travellers abroad or to the Chinese mainland are forbidden from importing animals, plants and other products (see table below) without permission. If you are importing animals, plants or other articles, you should fill out a customs declaration form and go through the red customs inspection lane. Those illegally carrying animals, plants, or other products which do not pass the quarantine inspection will be subject to a fine of unset degree.

* Forbidden plants, animals and products

Seeds	Living animals	Products
Animals	Dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, rats etc	1. Fresh, chilled or frozen meat and meat products (such as sausages, jerky, pork balls, wonton, roast duck etc). 2. Products containing processed meat (instant noodles, chicken stock, meat powder) 3. Egg products, blood products or other materials from living sources, including cooked, processed, vacuum-packed or dried products.
Plants	1. Fresh fruit 2. Live insects or harmful living creatures 3. Soil, near soil or harmful living plants 4. It is forbidden to import plant matter from an epidemic area or that have been transported through an epidemic area.	It is forbidden to import plant matter from an epidemic area or that have been transported through an epidemic area.

For the relevant regulations on traveller quarantine, see the 'Notes for Travellers on Quarantine' section of <http://www.baphiq.gov.tw>


Council of Agriculture. Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine Bureau Central Office phone line: 886-2-23431401
 Fax: 886-2-23322200



V II.

Social Welfare and Individual Safety (Welfare)

Structure of Social Welfare 

Gender equality, mutual respect 

Individual Safety 





VII. Social Welfare and Individual Safety

Foreign spouses should take precautionary measures to protect one's own health and safety. If you are a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault, you must contact local government for help immediately.

♥ Structure of Social Welfare

Taiwan has abundant welfare resources, including health care, social insurance, welfare services, and social relief.

1. Health Care

Health care includes general health examinations, children's preventive health care, pregnant woman's prenatal care and child-bearing health care, and others. Health examinations are essential for the early detection, prevention, and treatment of diseases and reducing unnecessary worries or loss.



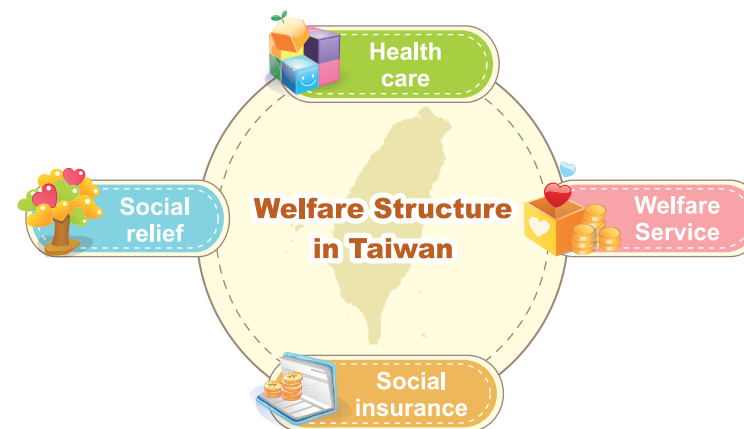
2. Social Insurance

Social insurance is a form of welfare mechanism. Taiwan's social insurance scheme includes: labor insurance, farmers' health insurance, student groups' insurance, the national pension and National Health Insurance. The scheme provides safeguards for people's lives, and prevents citizens from becoming impoverished due to suffering illness, old age or at death, or for reasons of loss of income and extended hospital stays. National Health Insurance is Taiwan's primary form of social insurance. Foreign spouses with a valid residence permit and who have been resident in Taiwan for a period of six months and who have not left for a period in excess of 30 days should participate in the National Health Insurance scheme. However, those who are legally employed in Taiwan should be enrolled in the scheme by their employer from the day they start their employment, and are not subject to the 6 month restriction.

3. Welfare Services

To overcome the language barrier often encountered by foreign spouse in Taiwan, the Ministry of the Interior has established a special hotline to provide foreigners with assistance on matters of Taiwanese life

Welfare Structure in Taiwan



on 0800-024-111. The hotline provides telephone advice in 7 languages, namely Chinese, English, Japanese, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Thai and Cambodian. The service provides advice on topics including adapting to Taiwanese life, education and culture, employment services, healthcare, personal safety, infant education, and visa and residence laws. Should you encounter any problem in Taiwan or any language barrier, please call this hotline.



Service Times:

- ★ Chinese, English, Japanese: 24 hours every day.
- ★ Vietnamese: Monday to Friday, 9-5 (not including national holidays and other holidays)
- ★ Indonesian, Thai, Cambodian: Monday to Friday, 1pm-5pm (not including national holidays and other holidays)

In addition, 22 Taiwanese counties/cities have also established service centers providing support to households with foreign spouses (see Table 4 for details). In accordance with the individual needs of the foreign spouse, these provide a comprehensive range of services, including: information services for issues faced by foreign spouses, family social services, assistance with applications for social welfare, a range of courses and lectures such as classes tackling how to adapt to life in Taiwan, life skills, parent education seminars, growth groups, and multicultural activities.

4. Social Relief

Social Relief is to help disadvantaged families and families with special needs with children's living subsidies, students' living subsidies, disaster relief or medical treatment, and others. Among them, the assistance for families with special needs has greatly helped

foreign-spouse families entangling in difficulties. The relief efforts include emergency living support, children living subsidies, children education subsidies, medical subsidies, children daycare subsidies, legal proceedings support, and discounted rate of business startup loans.

Friendly Advice (9)

If your family encounters economic or living difficulties, please contact local government for further assistance.

- ♥ **Application Department:** Bureau of Social Affairs of Country/City Government (Please see Appendix 4 for further information)
- ♥ **Contents of assistance:** Emergency living relief, children living support, children education subsidies, medical subsidies, children daycare subsidies, legal proceedings support, discounted rate of business startup loans, and others.



Whom can I ask for help if I have mental or emotional problems?

- ♥ You can request assistance from the Community Mental Health Centers found in each county. The professional staff in these centers can provide you with counseling and referral services.
- ♥ You can call the Peace of Mind Hotline operated by the Ministry of Health and Welfare on 0800-788-995. This line provides a professional counseling service 24 hours a day for those facing mental or emotional issues.



♥ Gender equality, mutual respect

In order to implement the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; to promote gender equality, mutual respect, and a zero-tolerance attitude to gender-based violence among all citizens; and to raise awareness of gender issues among the judiciary when handling cases involving women and children, the Department of Gender Equality of the Executive Yuan has produced seven core discussion topics for gender equality policy-making: “Power, Policy and Influence,” “Employment, Economy and Welfare,” “Education, Culture and Media,” “Personal Safety and Justice,” “Health, Medicine and Care,” “Family, Marriage and Domestic Life,” and “Environment, Energy and Technology.” These topics, and the programmatic policy measures that accompany them, will help build a safe and secure environment for citizens of all genders. Citizens with gender-related complaints are encouraged to contact the Gender Equality Complaint Mailbox, established by the Gender Equality Committee of the Executive Yuan. Please see <http://www.gec.ey.govt.tw> for more details.



♥ Individual Safety

The safety problems encountered by foreign spouses are mostly domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking:

1. Domestic violence

Domestic violence means “a physical and mental violation by family members.” Physical violation refers to behaviors such as abusing, abandoning, pushing to sell others, forcing and enticing, inappropriate use of relationship, using children and teenagers to commit crimes, injuring others, hampering freedom, sexual assault, and others. Actions include whipping, beating, kicking, beating with fists, pushing, pulling, flinging, tearing, slapping, grabbing, biting, burning, twisting the body, clutching hair, grabbing throat or using apparatus to attack. Mental violation refers to:

- (1) Verbal violence: Using speech and tone to threaten and frighten for controlling victims, such as abusing, roaring, mocking, scaring and threatening to hurt the victims or their relatives, and threatening to use violence.
- (2) Mental abuse: Eavesdropping, following up, observing, unconcerning, despising, humiliating, false accusing, attempting to control the victims, and other inappropriate behaviors which may cause spiritual suffering
- (3) Sexual abuse: Forcing to engage in sexual or special sexual activities, watching sex activities, erotic films and pornography, and others.

If you suffer from domestic violence, we suggest:

- (1) Keep calm, and do not enrage the counterparty to avoid inflaming.
- (2) Protect yourself, especially those important parts of your body, such as head, face, neck, breast, and belly.
- (3) Cry out for help from family members or friends.
- (4) Keep distance immediately and go away from the locality to ask for help from friends, family members, or other assisting ones.
- (5) If there is any emergent danger, dial 110 to report the case to the police and ask for help.
- (6) Go to the hospital for injury diagnosis, and try to take pictures of the injuries.
- (7) If you need any legal assistance, injury diagnosis, emergency treatment, psychological therapy, guidance, and temporary shelter, please dial 113 Protection Hotline or ask for assistance from Country/City Center for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention (Please see Appendix 6).

2. Sexual Assault

Sexual assault is the use of emotional or physical violence to force another person to engage in sexual activities, including rape, coercion, threat, hypnosis, and others. Serious sexual assault behaviors include sexual intercourse, oral sex, Coitus interrupts, touching sexual organs, sexual molestation, and others. If you are a victim of such sexual assault, you:

- (1) Do not wash or change the clothes, keep every piece of evidence, and go to the hospital for injury diagnosis and select evidences.
- (2) When reporting a sexual assault to the police, a police officer will accompany you to a hospital for a detailed examination, check-up and to gather evidence.
- (3) During the examination or interrogation, you may ask the company of legal representative, spouse, direct or collateral line relatives, parents or social workers.
- (4) During the investigation, your identity and related documents will be kept confidential. Please do not worry.
- (5) If you need legal support, medical treatment and injury inspection and verification, emergency treatment, psychological counseling, guidance or shelter call the 113 Protection Hotline or seek help from a city/county government Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Center.
- (6) If there is any emergent danger, dial 110 to report the case to the police and ask for help.



How do I get help if I unfortunately suffer from domestic violence or sexual assault?

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Centers have been established across Taiwan, providing foreign spouses with legal assistance, emergency treatment, psychological counselling, advice and refuge services. If you are unlucky enough to experience domestic violence or assault, we recommend you immediately call the 113 Protection Hotline, which provides free help services. Otherwise, request assistance from one of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Centers established in each county. Otherwise dial the emergency number 110 to report a crime to the police, request medical treatment, make a court application for protection or request advice.



What is sexual harassment? How do I get help if I was sexually harassed?

Sexual harassment is a behavior of sexual nature that continues even after the individual made it clear that it is unwanted. They include: (1) Using behaviors of accepting or rejecting from others as conditions of acquiring, losing, or decreasing in benefits of work, education, training, service, plans or activities. (2) In terms of demonstrating or broadcasting words, pictures, sound, images or any other things, or having speech of prejudice, insult or others, and damaging others' dignity, or causing other people's fear, hostile or offensive feelings, or affecting other people's work, education, training, service, plans, activities or normal lives.

Victims may go to the police station to report the case. Police stations will record, and investigate your case and protect the evidence.

If employees are harassed by employers according to Gender Equality in Employment Law, victims may sue via the designated body within the company.

3. Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is defined as the following: the intent to force others to engage in prostitution, labor for which compensation is not equivalent to the burden of work, or organ harvesting, through the use of violence, coercion, intimidation, detention, monitoring, drugs, hypnotism or fraud, the deliberate concealment of important information, improper use of debt obligations, taking advantage of another's helpless position or any other methods which violate the wishes of the individual; the recruitment, trading, taking into bondage, transportation, delivery, receipt, harboring, concealment, brokering, or accommodation a local or foreign person or any of the above methods to cause others to engage in prostitution, or labor for which compensation is not equivalent to the burden of work, or organ harvesting; intent to cause any persons under the age of 18 to engage in prostitution, labor for which compensation is not equivalent to the burden of work, or organ harvesting; the recruitment, trading, taking into bondage, transportation, delivery, receipt, harboring, concealment, brokering, or accommodation a local or foreign person or using any of the above methods to cause a person under the age of 18 to engage in prostitution, labor for



which compensation is not equivalent to the burden of work or organ harvesting.

Tricks often used by criminal trafficking organizations include: promises of opportunities for employment, education or marriage, arranging a free passport, or arranging a tourist visa, promising to arrange a work permit, transport across borders and more.

The victims of human traffickers are not distinguished by age or gender. Traffickers may target women and children, but they also target adult men. Therefore we remind everyone to be on alert - make sensible decisions and seek aid immediately if in need. Not all human traffickers are strangers to their victims, they could also be friends, neighbours or relatives. They can be organizations or individuals. And so we remind you:

- ▶ To understand the content of every document before you sign it.
- ▶ To keep safety of your passport or airline tickets.
- ▶ Carry your family phone number with you, and memorize Taiwan's free helpline number: 110. For free advice or to report an incident to Taiwan's dedicated hotline for human trafficking call 02-2388-3905 or call the Ministry of Labor hotline on 1955.
- ▶ To prevent your own body from getting harmed by someone else.



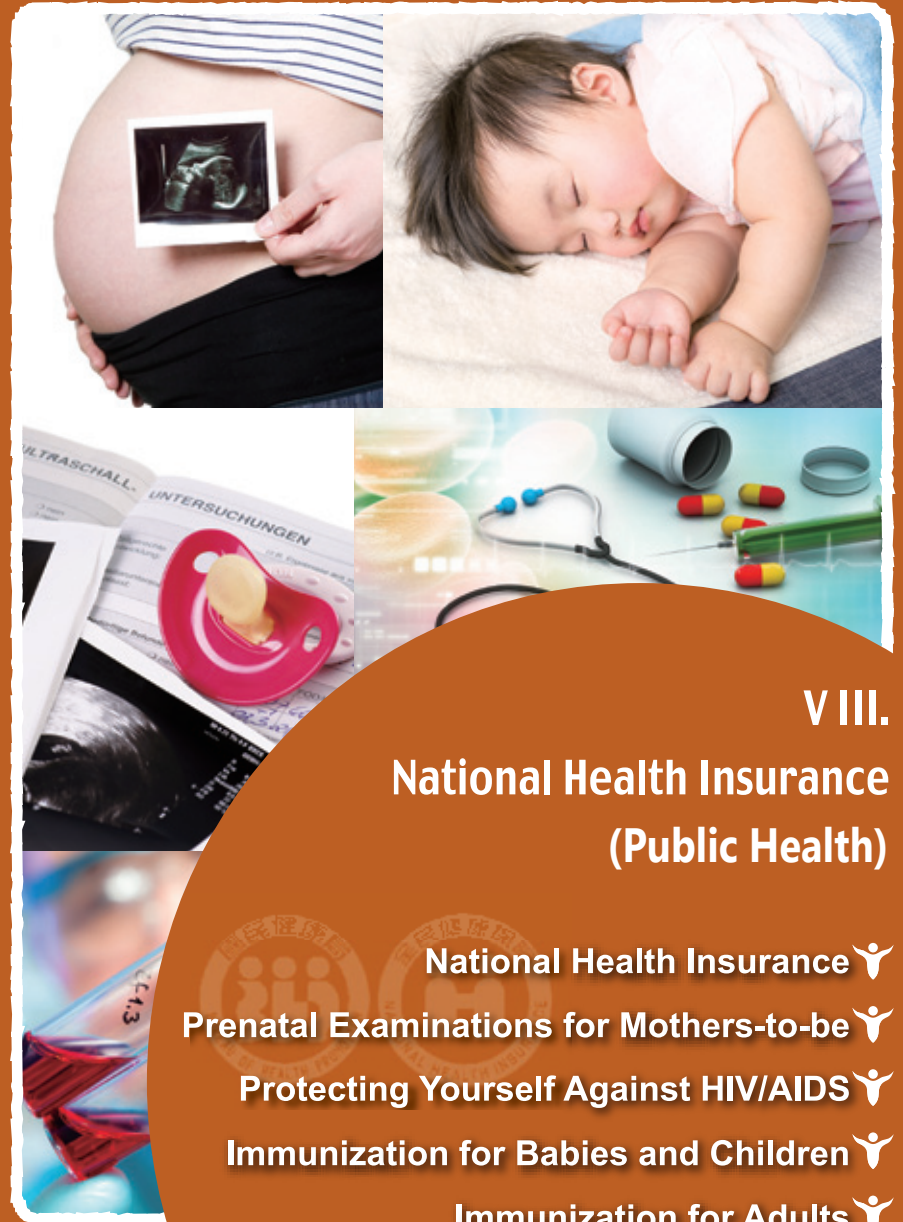
How to discern the victim of human trafficking?

If you have an opportunity to talk with someone suspected to be the victim of human trafficking, you may try to separate them from accompanying persons, such as the individual's spouse, family members or employers, because these persons may be the perpetrators of human trafficking. And you may ask following question to make sure if they are the victim of human trafficking:






1. Did you ever suffer threat or damage because of trying to go away?
2. What is the conditions of the place you work or live?
3. Where do you eat and sleep?
4. Are you controlled while eating, sleeping, and going to the bathroom?
5. Are your doors and windows locked?
6. Does anyone threaten your family to do things that you don't want to do?



Emergency Rescue Hotline **110**
or **1995** (the Ministry of Labor hotline)
or **02-2388-3095**



V III. National Health Insurance (Public Health)

- National Health Insurance 
- Prenatal Examinations for Mothers-to-be 
- Protecting Yourself Against HIV/AIDS 
- Immunization for Babies and Children 
- Immunization for Adults 



VIII. National Health Insurance

“National Health Insurance” is the most important social insurance in Taiwan. It emphasizes the promotion of all citizen's physical and mental health and living quality. The terms of insurance and the content of service are relevant to the healthy living of foreign spouses in Taiwan.

♥ National Health Insurance

“National Health Insurance” is the major social insurance in



Foreign spouses may apply to join according to the law after they arrive in Taiwan, and the terms of insurance and contents of service are as follows:

1. Eligibility for National Health Insurance

All those who have identity papers granting permission to reside in Taiwan, and who have resided in Taiwan for a 6 month period with no one journey abroad in excess of 30 days, when they reach a total 6 month period of residence after time spent abroad is subtracted from the total, should participate in the National Health Insurance scheme. However, employees should be registered for National Health Insurance by their employer on the day they begin their employment and are not subject to the 6 month restriction.


2. Application process:

Foreigners who are eligible to join the National Health Insurance scheme should prepare a photocopy of their ARC and follow the procedure below.


- ▶ Employees of a fixed employer should apply for National Health Insurance through their employer.
- ▶ Unemployed foreign spouses who have continuously resided in Taiwan for 6 months or have been a resident for a total of 6 months after time spent abroad is subtracted from the total and with no absences abroad for more than 30 days should apply alongside their Taiwanese spouse.
- ▶ Foreigners who are unemployed and who are not eligible to apply for insurance alongside a family member should be a resident in Taiwan for 6 months or have been a resident for a total of 6 months after the time spent abroad is subtracted from the total and with no absences abroad for more than 30 days should apply by taking a photocopy of their visa documentation to their local (village, town, city or district) administration office to arrange insurance.

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When pregnant, foreign spouses who already have National Health Insurance can directly go to the hospital or clinic for prenatal examinations. If you haven't yet received national health insurance, you can apply for a prenatal examination subsidy from your local government's health office, with a maximum allowance of 10 examinations per child. As of January 1st according to the "Medical Service Organization's Preventative Healthcare Service Notice" financial subsidies are distributed according to the standard allowance of pregnant women's prenatal examination.

 **Required documents for foreign spouses who have not joined the National Health Insurance:**

1. An original copy of Household Certificate Transcript or Household Certificate.
2. Original copy of resident certificate or traveler certificate.

 **Procedures of application for prenatal examination subsidization:**

1. Prepare all certificate documents.
2. The Public Health Center officers will issue a prenatal examination case record slip to be the proof of medical treatment upon confirmation.
3. Pregnant women who bring their prenatal examination record together with their prenatal health handbook to the medical institution where they get their prenatal examination will be charged a reduced cost for their examination.

**What is a cervical smear test? Where can I have the test done?**

All sexually active females should receive a smear test once every three years. The government provides a smear test once a year for all females over 30 years of age as a health protection service.

1. Test providers: NHI authorized departments of obstetrics and gynecology, family medical clinics or hospitals.
2. Necessary documents: health insurance card and ID card.
3. Before your smear test: on the day before your test please do not bathe or douse the vagina or use vaginal suppositories. Do not engage in sexual activity the night before, and avoid taking the test during your menstrual period.

**How can I choose the appropriate contraception?**

Before choosing a method of contraception, you should discuss the options with your doctor and choose the method that is right for you. Common methods of contraception include:

1. Intrauterine Device (IUD): devices include the IUD, LePu, Copper IUD, Muti Le, etc. Contraceptive devices placed in the uterus to prevent pregnancy can be used six weeks after giving birth, and the rate of effectiveness is over 95%.
2. Oral Contraceptives: A form of hormonal treatment. If used as directed it can be over 99% effective at preventing pregnancy.
3. Condoms: If every time you engage in sexual intercourse you use this product correctly from the beginning to the end, the rate of effectiveness is over 87%.
4. Tubal ligation (tubectomy), Vasectomy: Using this method those who do not want to have children can permanently prevent pregnancy, with a rate of effectiveness of nearly 100%.



3. Service items of National Health Insurance:

To provide outpatient and inpatient treatment services for the insured with diseases, injuries, and child-bearing related incidents. But the insured person shall be responsible for partial medical expenses according to related regulations.

4. When visiting the doctor, remember to take your insurance card.

Whether you are visiting the doctor, getting a prescription or having a medical examination, please remember to bring your insurance card to all hospitals or clinics with a national health care insurance symbol hanging by the doorway in order to use your medical insurance in the appropriate capacity. Please comply with the standard registration fees and charges of your clinic or hospital and claim in accordance with the regulations governing health insurance.

If for some reason you do not have your health insurance card with you when receiving medical treatment, you must first pay all medical expenses yourself. As long as you bring your medical insurance card to the clinic or hospital where you received treatment within ten days (not including holidays), the clinic or hospital will immediately deduct the appropriate charges and return the remainder to you.

Sample of National Health Insurance IC Card



♥ Prenatal Examinations for Mothers-to-be

Mothers-to-be shall maintain good health and rest while being pregnant, get appropriate nutrition, and have prenatal examinations timely to understand fetus growth, which are issues most important during pregnancy.

♥ Protecting Yourself Against HIV/AIDS

The best way to prevent HIV/AIDS is to only have one sexual partner and to encourage your partner to use a condom correctly every time. Once you find out you are pregnant, apart from going to the hospital or clinic for a prenatal examination, it is important to get an HIV/AIDS test at four months to determine whether the child is inflicted with HIV/AIDS.

Pregnant women suffering from HIV should evaluate their situation regularly and in coordination with their prenatal and postpartum medical treatments select a suitable method of birth and breast milk substitute (formula) in order to protect the child from contracting HIV/AIDS. You



can directly consult with your local county or city health bureau, for related resources please go to the Center for Disease Control's website (<http://www.cdc.gov.tw>) or to make an inquiry or for a consultation use special telephone line 1922.

According to the “Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection Control and Patient Rights Protection Ordinance”, in the case of those who have contracted AIDS in their own country or who contracted it during the course of treatment in their own country and who are not Taiwanese citizens but who have at least two relatives resident in Taiwan who are registered, then an application may be made to the central authorities and courts to fight for the right to legal residence and free AIDS treatment. For the relevant regulations and application form, please see the Disease Control Bureau website (<http://www.cdc.gov.tw>).

♥ Immunization for Babies and Children

1. How to Continue Children's Immunization If They Frequently Travel between Countries?

Immunization schedules vary from country to country due to different epidemics in each country. Thus, when taking children to stay or travel between countries, parents are supposed to learn about the required immunization and the immunization schedule in the country they stay, and complete the required immunization. After coming back to Taiwan, parents may bring the immunization record of their children to the local public health center or hospital to complete inoculations of make-up immunization.

2. Keeping and Reissuing Records of Immunization

From when a child is born, a record of their vaccinations and the place of vaccination are kept in their ‘Prophylactic Vaccination Timeline and Record’ (at present this is incorporated into their Child Health Handbook). This assists medical professionals in ensuring your child is afforded constant protection against diseases, completing any necessary follow-up care, and for the purposes of later health enquiries. When a new student enters a kindergarten or primary school, it is essential to provide the school with a photocopy of this timetable. If following school checks it is found that a course of immunization has not been completed supplementary vaccinations will be arranged. For students working or studying abroad, it is likely that foreign states will request immunization information on entry. If your child's vaccination record is lost, a new copy can be requested from the institution which performed the vaccinations. If vaccinations have been performed in different places, please contact the local Department of Health of your current place of residence, who should be able to access an electronic, unified record of your child's vaccinations.

♥ Immunization for Adults

The health certificate for foreign nationals applying for residency covers a range of tests and includes requirements for positive antibody tests for measles and rubella. The Center for Disease Control currently provides female foreign spouses of childbearing age (15 to 49), when applying for a residence visa/permanent residence or who already acquired residence in Taiwan, with a free MMR vaccine should they test negative for rubella. This vaccine is available from any health bureau.



What is a breast x-ray screening examination? Does the government subsidize this test? Where can I have the test done?

A breast x-ray screening is a kind of X ray technology that uses low doses of radiation to examine the breast in order to detect calcification and tumors in order to discover asymptomatic breast cancer at early stages. Currently it is confirmed to be the most effective screening tool, foreign research shows that for women over 50 regularly receiving a mammogram reduces the rate of death from breast cancer by 20-30%.





The government subsidizes the fee of one mammogram examination every two years for the following women:

1. Women between 40-44 whose direct kin suffers from breast cancer (namely a paternal grandmother, maternal grandmother, mother, daughter, or sister that suffers from breast cancer)
2. Women between 45 and 69, please bring your health insurance card and your identity card to the mammogram certified medical institutions. You can make queries or contact your local health bureau / office on the National Health Department website (<http://www.hpa.gov/tw>)

Friendly Advice (11)



Please contact local public health centers for health Counseling and the following services:

-  Health examinations and guidance
-  Various kinds of health knowledge or lectures
-  Guidance of contraception or prenatal examinations
-  Various kinds of examinations for infants and children



IX.

Enjoy the Work (Employment)

Working Makes Your Dreams 
Come True
Getting a Grip on the Job Market 
Brings Greater Opportunities



IX. Enjoy the Work

The government highly values the development of personal abilities and therefore has developed a series of employment services and vocational training programs.

♥ Working Makes Your Dreams Come True

Taiwan's economic prosperity serves as the fundamental for finding



jobs or creating new business. If foreign spouses are qualified to stay, as a permanent resident or resident, they can work in Taiwan without a work permit or ID Card.

If foreign spouses want to look for work, they can bring their resident card to the employment agency. The public employment agency provides various kinds of employment services, including registration for job bank, employment consultations, employment recommendation services, accompanying services for interviews and coordinating employer services. Foreign national spouses can also call the Labor Department's Employment Services Customer Service hotline for a free consultation: 0800-777-888, providing 24 hour specialized service, or you can go to the Department of Labor's Workforce Development Bureau National Employment website (<http://ejob.gov.tw>) or the Taiwan Employment website (<http://www.taiwanjobs.gov.tw>) to make inquiries about seeking employment.



- The Labor Department's Workforce Development Bureau' free employment services hotline: **0800-777-888**
- National Employment website: <http://www.ejob.gov.tw> or Taiwan Employment website (<http://taiwanjobs.gov.tw>)



Do I need to apply for a job permit if I want to work in Taiwan?

If foreign spouses are married with citizens who have Taiwan-based household registration and granted residence, they can work legally without a job permit or ID Card.

Spouses of foreign nationality looking for employment or currently employed are all protected by the “Employment Services Act” and “Gender Equality in Employment Act”, and employers cannot treat spouses of foreign nationality differently or discriminate against them in recruitment, candidate evaluation, use, distribution, deployment, performance appraisal, promotion, salary, retirement and resignation. In addition, employers must not dismiss a spouse of foreign nationality due to circumstances related to marriage, pregnancy, delivery or childcare.

Employers must comply with the regulations regarding taking out workers insurance for spouses of foreign nationality, employment insurance and national healthcare insurance, and must comply with the Labor Standards Law. Employers must not pay less than minimum wage (the current minimum monthly salary is 19,273 NTD, with a minimum hourly wage of 115 NTD).

Every public employment service organization provides the following services:

- ▶ Employment registration for those seeking a job, employment consultation, vocational training counseling, and individualized employment services.

- ▶ The newest employment opportunities and information about vocational training.
- ▶ Accompaniment to interviews and coordinated employer services.
- ▶ Allowances for temporary work, career advancement and reentry planning as well as short term employment opportunities.
- ▶ Strengthened advocacy to employers and eliminate the obstacles to employment for spouses of foreign nationality, improve employer’s intentions to hire.
- ▶ If foreign spouses have related needs, they will be referred to other social welfare organizations and health care institutions.

♥ Getting a Grip on the Job Market Brings Greater Opportunities

Unemployed foreign spouses can attend free professional training courses run by the branches of the Ministry of Labor’s Workforce Development Agency. Otherwise, you are free to attend professional training courses run by local government to assist you in acquiring specialized skills to increase your employability. Available professional training courses include make-up, hairdressing, catering, computing and secretarial skills, childcare, care serves, domestic administration and others. For the duration of your training course, childcare will be provided, or a subsidy to support the cost of childcare, allowing attendees to concentrate on their studies without worry for their dependents. Those who qualify for the ‘Promoting Foreign and Mainland Spouses into Employment Subsidy’ can further apply for living allowance to support them through professional training. For all forms of training courses,



please direct your enquiries to public employment service agencies or see the Taiwanese Employment website run by the Development Bureau of the Ministry of Labor.



· Taiwanese Employment website run by the Development Bureau of the Ministry of Labor: <http://www.taiwanjobs.gov.tw>

For a foreign spouse to take an examination for a professional qualification, you must have a residence permit. For the level one qualifications in the hygiene inspection of Chinese cookery, carework, make-up, female hairdressing and childcare, you must select a district to apply to which provides Mandarin audio recordings of exam question services. For information on professional certification exams, please refer to the General Regulations, issued annually, or inquire of the Professional Certification Centers run by the Development Bureau of the Ministry of Labor.



· Professional Certification Center, Development Bureau, Ministry of Labor: <http://www.labor.gov.tw>



Where can I file a complaint if I was discriminated at work?

If there is any questions about employment, foreign spouses can get help from public employment service agencies. If foreign spouses suspect that employers might violate the Labor Standards Act, Employment Service Act, or Gender Equality in Employment Act, then they should file a complaint to local agencies-in-charge, such as labor and social units of the central and local governments. These agencies will handle the case according to the law. If the violation is confirmed, then employers will be fined.

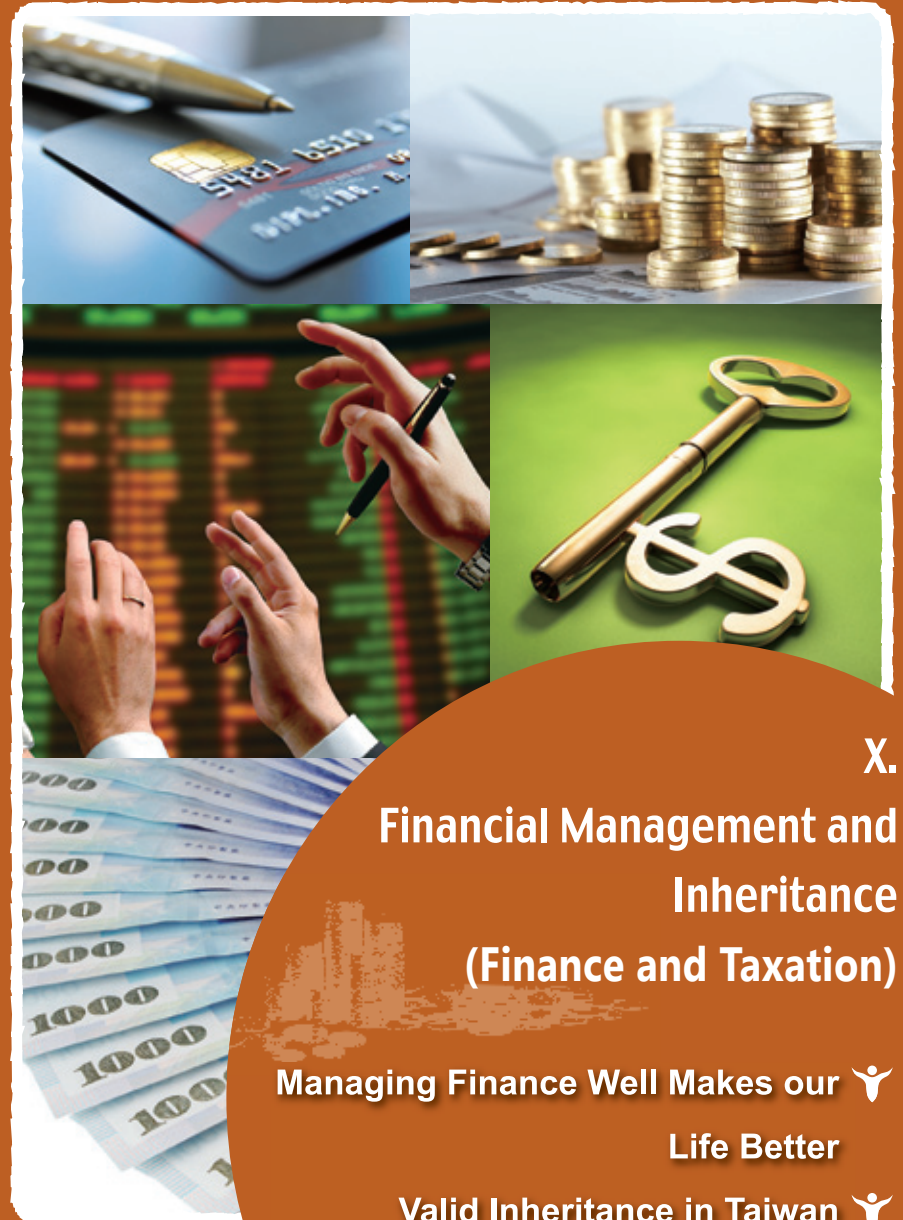
Friendly Advice (12)



There are many locations for acquiring employment information in Taiwan, please make good use of them if needed:

- ♥ **Physical services:** the public employment agencies of each locality or employment centers (Employment Services Centers (Taiwan), private employment agencies.
- ♥ **Online services:** employment network for the whole country (www.ejob.gov.tw), job advertisement boards run by local government in each area, and civil talent bank websites.





X.

Financial Management and Inheritance (Finance and Taxation)

Managing Finance Well Makes our 
Life Better

Valid Inheritance in Taiwan 



X. Financial Management and Inheritance

What should I do with my income? As you get a little richer and richer, do not forget the duty of “paying taxes honestly” as a citizen.

♥ Managing Finance Well Makes our Life Better

Managing family incomes and expenses efficiently is a requirement for happy lives. In Taiwan, people can use many ways to invest and do financial plans, such as bank deposit, stocks, and bonds. People with personal profit or interest incomes of managing finance investment should pay income taxes according to the law of R.O.C..

1. Opening a bank or post office account or applying for a credit card

In order to manage salary payment and company business revenues, enterprises usually use bank or post office accounts to pay salaries. Therefore, people should open accounts at banks or post offices for



salary transferring. Foreign spouses can go to banks or post offices in their residential areas to open accounts after coming to Taiwan. The procedures and certificates for opening an account are as follows:

(1) Bank

◎ Certificates:

- ▶ ID Card, Passport or Alien Resident Certificate and Driver's License or National Health Insurance IC Card (Dual Certificates)
- ▶ Signet
- ▶ Money

◎ Procedures:

- ▶ When you decide to open an account at a bank, you can ask at the information counter and show your relevant certificates. The service clerk will help you finish the procedures. Major procedures include:
- ▶ Writing account information, household registration information in accordance to your certificate.
- ▶ Decide the sum of money you'd like to deposit when you open the account.
- ▶ For protecting customer's benefit, a customer service clerk will take a photograph of you as reference.
- ▶ Customer service clerk will ask you if you'd like to apply for a “debit card” for withdrawing money from ATMs (Automatic Teller Machines).
- ▶ After opening the account, you'll get a passbook and debit card. Then you have to go to an ATM and change your password to protect the privacy of your information.



Procedures of opening an account at bank

Information Counter

- Write information



Counter

- Show certificate
- Sum of Withdraw money



Counter

- Take photograph



Counter

- Apply of debit card



Counter

- Get bankbook and debit card



ATM Machine

- Change password
- keep safely bankbook and debit card



- ▶ At present, most debit cards (or Integrated Circuit Card, IC Card) of each bank allow users to deposit, withdraw, and transfer money as well as pay tax, change passwords, list account balance, and others. Some of them are now combined with financing functions. If the client needs a credit card, cash card, or function of worldwide withdrawal, additional contracts will be required.

(2) Post Office

◎Certificate:

- ▶ “Passports” and “Alien Resident Certificate or Record of ID No. in the Republic of China”
- ▶ Seal (bank signature)
- ▶ Money (More than NT\$10) for opening an account
- ▶ Application in person

◎Procedures

- ▶ Fill out 2 copies of Application for postal passbook savings account, account agreement, as well as the certificates listed above, and then open an account in a local post office.
- ▶ For an applicant who wants to open an account has no relationship with the location of the post office should give reasonable explanations and be confirmed by the post office.

◎Notes:

Those who are not fluent in either Chinese or English will require a third person to accompany them to assist them. The third person must show their National ID card, and leave a photocopy of it for the record.

2. Personal consolidated income tax declaration

Foreign spouses who have no fixed abode in Taiwan and who have spent less than 183 days of the tax year within Taiwan are exempt from the obligation to file an income tax return. For income that does not come within the category of exemptions, tax should be paid in line with the tax rate. If the spouse is a ROC national living within ROC territory, then it is also possible to choose to file a joint declaration.

Foreign spouses who are normally resident in Taiwan and have a fixed address, or for those who have no fixed abode but who have been in Taiwan for over 183 days in the tax year, in the year of either marriage or divorce may choose whether or not to put in a single or joint tax declaration alongside their spouse. In years with a pre-existing marriage relationship, couples should file a joint income tax return, and may choose to name either husband or wife as their tax representative. Declarations should be made promptly to the tax authorities of the representative's household registration address.

- ▶ Declaration Period: From May 1 to 31 annually
- ▶ Declaration Mode: Tax payer may make declaration in artificial, 2-dimensional bar code or on the Internet.



♥ Valid Inheritance in Taiwan

If a citizen died, his/her foreign spouse would have to pay inheritance tax when inheriting the citizens' property according to the law; if the foreign spouse give others the heritage, then he/she should declare gift tax according to the law.

1. Declaration Categories

- ▶ Inheritance tax declaration: when an ROC national dies, an inheritance tax will be levied on his/her merged property both within the ROC and abroad.
- ▶ Gift tax declaration: a gift tax will be levied on assets within the ROC gifted to a foreign spouse who has not yet completed the naturalization process to become an ROC citizen; those who have completed the naturalization process to become an ROC citizens and who normally reside within the ROC will be liable for gift tax no matter whether the property gifted is within or without the borders of the ROC.

2. Authority receiving declaration

- ▶ Inheritance tax: when an ROC national dies, a declaration should be made to the tax collecting authority of his tax domicile.
- ▶ Gift tax: foreign spouses who have completed the naturalization process and are ROC nationals normally reside in the ROC should make a declaration to the tax collecting authority of their tax domicile. Under all other circumstances, the declaration should be made to the Taipei Internal Revenue Service.

3. Declaration Period:

- ▶ Inheritance Tax: From the day of citizens died to 6 months.

- ▶ Gift Tax: Foreign spouses give others more than gift tax exemptions within 30 days. Required documentation.

4. Required documentation

- ▶ Inheritance tax: inheritance tax declaration form, the death records of the deceased, the household information of the heir and 2 copies of the inheritance system table.
- ▶ Gift tax: gift tax declaration form, photocopy of the household registration of the donor, and a copy of the gift contract.
- ▶ For other required supplementary documents, please see the inheritance and gift tax declarations advice issued by the tax authorities of all relevant countries.

♥ Conclusion: Being a Taiwanese and Finding Your Own Value; God Helps Those Who Help Themselves

After being a new immigrant in Taiwan, you need to have an attitude of learning to face a new life here, and keep your own family peaceful and happy. Verbal communications, maintaining good relationship with spouses or their family, knowing every kind of service agencies, learning to cook Taiwanese cuisine, and others may help you get adapted to living in Taiwan as soon as possible.

Besides, you may share what you've learned with others, help friends to get involved in Taiwan, and encourage them to learn how to get along with their spouses actively, treat their families and elders well, and teach their children. You can even be volunteers in various kinds of foundations, non-government organizations or communities, and share your experiences with others to help new-comers overcome their difficulties and create harmonious families.

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Appendix 1
National Immigration Agency Country/City Service Centers,
Ministry of the Interior

Department	Address	Tel No.
Keelung City Service Center	11F Building A, No.18, Yi 1st Rd., Zhongzheng District, Keelung City 202	02-24281775
Taipei City Service Center	No.15, Guangzhou St., Zhongzheng District, Taipei City 100	02-23889393
New Taipei City Service Center	1F., No.135, Min'an Road, Zhonghe, New Taipei City	02-82282090
Taoyuan County Service Center	1F., No.106, Xianfu Rd., Taoyuan City, Taoyuan County 330	03-3310409
Hsinchu City Service Center	1, 2F., No.12, Sec. 3, Zhonghua Rd., North District, Hsinchu City 300	03-5243517
Hsinchu County Service Center	1F., No.133, Sanmin Rd., Zhubei City, Hsinchu County 302	03-5519905
Miaoli County Service Center	No.8, Lane 1291, Zhongzheng Rd., Miaoli City, Miaoli County 360	037-322350
Taichung City First Service Center	1F., No.91, Gancheng St., Nantun District, Taichung City 408	04-22549981
Taichung City Second Service Center	No.280, Zhongshan Rd., Fengyuan District, Taichung City 420	04-25269777

Changhua County Service Center	No.18, Heping St., Yuanlin Town, Changhua County 510	04-8343307
Nantou County Service Center	1F., No.87, Wenchang St., Nantou City, Nantou County 540	049-2200065
Yunlin County Service Center	1F., No.38, Fuqian St., Douliu City, Yunlin County 640	05-5345971
Chiayi City Service Center	2F., No.184 Wufeng North Road, East District, Chiayi	05-2166100
Chiayi County Service Center	1F., No.6, W. Sec., Xianghe 2nd Rd., Puzi City, Chiayi County 613	05-3623763
Tainan City First Service Center	No.370, Sec. 2, Fuqian Rd., West Central District, Tainan City 700	06-2937641
Tainan Second Service Center	1F., No.353, Zhongshan Rd., Shanhua District, Tainan City 741	06-5817404
Kaohsiung First Service Center	7F., No.436, Chenggong First Road, Qianjin, Kaohsiung	07-2821400
Kaohsiung Second Service Center	No.115, Gangshan Rd., Gangshan District, Kaohsiung City 820	07-6212143
Pingtung County Service Center	1F., No.60, Zhongshan Road, Pingtung	08-7661885

Yilan County Service Center	4F., No.16, Lane 160, Sec. 3, Chunjing Rd., Luodong Town, Yilan County 265	03-9575448
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Hualien County Service Center	5F., No.371, Zhongshan Rd., Hualien City, Hualien County 970	03-8329700
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Taitung County Service Center	No.59, Changsha St., Taitung City, Taitung County 950	089-361631
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Penghu County Service Center	1F., No.177, Xincheng Rd., Magong City, Penghu County 880	06-9264545
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Kinmen County Service Center	2F., No.5, Sec. 1, Xihai Rd., Jincheng Town, Kinmen County 893	082-323701
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Lienchiang County Service Center	2F., No.135, Fuwo Village, Nangan Shiang, Lienchiang County 209	0836-23738
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Appendix 2

Bureau of Consular Affairs & Branch Offices of MOFA
(Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Office / Consular Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Address / 3F, Northern Building of Central Union Office Building
 No.2-2, Sec. 1, Jinan Rd., Zhongzheng District, Taipei City 100
Tel • Fax / ★ Tel:02-23432888
 ★ Passport enquiries:02-23432807 • 02-23432808
 Fax:02-23432819 • 02-23432972
 ★ Visa counter:02-23432866 • 02-23432867
 ★ Visa enquiries:02-23432885 • 02-23432895
 Fax:02-23432883 • 02-23432893
 ★ Document certification counter:02-23432965
 ★ Document Certification enquiries:02-23432913 • 02-23432914
 Faximili:02-23432920

Office / Central Southern Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Address / 1F., No.503, Sec. 2, Liming Rd., Xitun District, Taichung City 407
Tel / 04-22510799
Fax / 04-22510700

Office / Southern Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Address / 2-3F., No.436, Chenggong 1st Rd., Qianjin District, Kaohsiung City 801
Tel / 07-2110605
Fax / 07-2110704 • 07-2110523

Office / Eastern Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Address / 6F., No.371, Zhongshan Rd., Hualien City, Hualien County 970
Tel / 03-8331041
Fax / 03-8330970

Office / Yun-jia Southern Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Address / 2F., No.184, Wufeng North Road, Chiayi
Tel / 05-2251567
Fax / 05-2255299



Appendix 3 Foreign Affair Division of Country/City Police Department

Department/ National Police Agency International Group
Address / No.7, Sec. 1, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Zhongzheng District,
 Taipei City 100
Tel / 02-23213175
E-mail / npafad01@npa.gov.tw

Department/ International Bureau, Aviation Police
Address / No.27, Hangqin N. Rd., Pusin Village, Dayuan Shiang,
 Taoyuan County 337
Tel / 03-3834728
E-mail / eyes@dns.apb.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Taipei City Police Department
Address / No.96, Yanping S. Rd., Zhongzheng District, Taipei
 City 100
Tel / 02-23817494
E-mail / fad@tcpd.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Kaohsiung City Police
 Department
Address / No.260, Zhongzheng 4th Rd., Qianjin District, Kaohsi-
 ung City 801
Tel / 07-2215796
E-mail / evb00@kmpb.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, New Taipei City Police
 Department
Address / No.32, Fuzhong Road, Banqiao, New Taipei City
Tel / 02-8072545 ext. 4095, 4096
E-mail / 2122@ntpd.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Yilan County Police Department
Address / No.167, Zhongshan Road Section 2, Yilan City, Yilan
 County
Tel / 03-9353921
E-mail / ilp0203@mail.e-land.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Keelung City Police
 Department
Address / No.205, Xin'er Road, Keelung
Tel / 02-24252787
E-mail / klg01010@klg.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Taoyuan City Police
 Department
Address / No.3, Xianfu Rd., Taoyuan City, Taoyuan County 330
Tel / 03-3335107
E-mail / kang@tyhp.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Hsinchu County Police
 Department
Address / No.12, Guangming 6th Road, Chupei City, Hsinchu
 County
Tel / 03-5557953
E-mail / cola2425@hchpb.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Hsinchu City Police
 Department
Address / No.1, Zhongshan Rd., North District, Hsinchu City 300
Tel / 03-5242103
E-mail / 411055@ems.hccg.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Miaoli County Police
Department
Address / No.2, Fuqian Rd., Jiangong Village, Miaoli City, Miaoli County 360
Tel / 037-356950
E-mail / ml9905@ems.miaoli.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Taichung City Police
Department
Address / No.588, Sec. 2, Wenxin Rd., Xitun District, Taichung City 407
Tel / 04-23273875
E-mail / ginadavi@tcpb.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Nantou County Police
Department
Address / No.133, Nangang 2nd Road, Nantou City, Nantou County
Tel / 049-2234302
E-mail / yuan@mail.ncpb.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Changhua County Police
Department
Address / No.778, Sec. 2, Zhongzheng Rd., Changhua City, Changhua County 500
Tel / 04-7615463
E-mail / duck71@ms2.chpb.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Yunlin County Police
Department
Address / No.100, Sec. 3, Daxue Rd., Douliu City, Yunlin County 640
Tel / 05-5329033
E-mail / fap@mail.ylhp.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Chiayi County County Police
Department
Address / No.3, E. Sec., Xianghe 1st Rd., Taibao City, Chiayi County 612
Tel / 05-3620220
E-mail / 7525122@m2.cypd.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Chiayi City Police Department
Address / No.195, Zhongshan Rd., East District, Chiayi City 600
Tel / 05-2220772
E-mail / mb01@mail.ccpb.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Tainan City Police Department
Address / No.3, Zhongzheng Road, Xinying, Tainan City
Tel / 06-6354531
E-mail / genace@mail.tainan.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Pingtung County Police
Department
Address / No.119, Zhongzheng Rd., Pingtung City, Pingtung County 900
Tel / 08-7336283
E-mail / ptb001@ptpolice.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Hualien County Police
Department
Address / No.21, Fuqian Rd., Hualien City, Hualien County 970
Tel / 038-224023
E-mail / fad@mail2.hlpb.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Taitung County Police
Department
Address / No.268, Zhongshan Rd., Taitung City, Taitung County
950
Tel / 089-334756
E-mail / v2122@mail.ttcpb.gov.tw

Department/ Foreign Affairs Bureau, Penghu County Police
Department
Address / No.36, Zhiping Road, Magong City, Penghu County
Tel / 06-9278466
E-mail / foreigner@msl.phpb.gov.tw

Department/ Administrative Bureau, Kinmen County Police
Department
Address / No.15, Jinshan Road, Jincheng Town, Kinmen County
Tel / 082-325653
E-mail / admin@mail.kpb.gov.tw

Department/ Administrative Division, Lienchiang County Police
Department
Address / No.260, Jieshou Village, Nankan Township, Lienchiang
County
Tel / 0836-25859 ext. 2044
E-mail / lj1404@ems.matsu.gov.tw



Appendix 4

Contact Details for Departments of Social Welfare and Affiliated
Foreing Spouse Family Service Centers for City and County Areas

Taipei City

- ★ Women and Child Welfare Bureau, Department of Social Welfare
Address / 5F., No.15, Sec. 5, Xinyi Rd., Xinyi District, Taipei City 110
Tel / 02-27256969~6971
- ★ Migrant Women and Family Welfare Center
Address / 7F., No.21, Dihua Road Section 1, Datong, Taipei City
Tel / 02-25580133 ext. 21

Kaohsiung City

- ★ Mother and Child Welfare and Protection Services, Department of
Social Welfare
Address / 10F., No.2, Siwei 3rd Road, Lingya, Kaohsiung
Tel / 07-3303353
- ★ Qianjin Immigrant Family Service Center
Address / No.209, Zhongzheng 4th Rd., Qianjin District, Kaohsiung
City 801
Tel / 07-2155335 ext. 126
- ★ Fengshan Immigrant Family Service Center
Address / No.100, Dadong 2nd Road, Fengshan, Kaohsiung
Tel / 07-7191450
- ★ Gangshan Immigrant Family Service Center
Address / No.99, Zhuwei South Road, Gangshan, Kaohsiung
Tel / 07-6232132
- ★ Qishan Immigrant Family Service Center
Address / No.199, Zhongzheng Road, Qishan, Kaohsiung
Tel / 07-6627984

New Taipei City

- ★Department of Social Welfare
Address / 25F., No.161, Sec. 1, Zhongshan Rd., Banqiao District, New Taipei City 220
Tel / 02-29603456 ext. 3623
- ★Immigrant Family Service Center
Address / 6F., No.73, Xiwei St., Sanchong District, New Taipei City 241 (New Taipei City Sanchong Social Affairs Building)
Tel / 02-89858509

Yilan County

- ★Department of Social Welfare
Address / No.95, Tongqing St., Yilan City, Yilan County 260
Tel / 03-9313116
- ★Zhuqin Family Welfare Service Center (Jiaoxi Branch)
Address / No.126, Jiaoxi Road Section 4, Jiaoxi Village, Yilan County
Tel / 03-9886775
- ★Zhuqin Family Welfare Service Center (Yilan Branch)
Address / No.3, Alley 11, Nongquan Road, Yilan City, Yilan County
Tel / 03-9313116
- ★Zhuqin Family Welfare Service Center (Luodong Branch)
Address / 3/F., No.171, Tianxiang Road, Luodong Town, Yilan County
Tel / 03-9533927
- ★Zhuqin Family Welfare Service Center (Su'ao Branch)
Address / 3F., No.36, Aiding Road, Su'ao Branch, Yilan County
Tel / 03-9908116

Taoyuan County

- ★Department of Social Welfare
Address / No.1, Xianfu Rd., Taoyuan City, Taoyuan County 330
Tel / 03-3322101 ext. 6424 ~ 6426
- ★Foreign Spouse Family Service Center
Address / 2F., No.147, Yanping Rd., Taoyuan City, Taoyuan County 330 (Taoyuan County Women House)
Tel / 03-2181128

Hsinchu County

- ★Mother and Child Welfare Bureau, Department of Social Welfare
Address / No.10, Guangming 6th Rd., Zhubei City, Hsinchu County 302
Tel / 03-5518101 ext. 3257
- ★Hsinchu Family Service Center
Address / No.620, Xianzheng 2nd Rd., Zhubei City, Hsinchu County 302 (Hsinchu County Women & Children House)
Tel / 03-6570832

Miaoli County

- ★Social Work Bureau, Department of Social Welfare
Address / 4F., No.1, Fuqian Road, Miaoli City, Miaoli County
Tel / 037-360995
- ★Immigrant Family Service Center (Shanxian Branch)
Address / No.28, Heping Road, Jinghu Village, Dahu Township, Miaoli County
Tel / 037-992825 · 037-996334
- ★Immigrant Family Service Center (Miaoli Branch)
Address / 3F., No.456, Weigong Road, Miaoli City, Miaoli County
Tel / 037-277017
- ★Immigrant Family Service Center (Zhunantou Branch)
Address / No.532, Zhongzheng 1st Road, Toufen, Miaoli County
Tel / 037-598098

Taichung City

- ★ Department of Social Welfare
Address / No.99, Taiwan Da Road Section 3, Xitun, Taichung
Tel / 04-22289111
- ★ Immigrant Family Service Center
Address / No.260, Hanxi West Road Section 3, Beitun, Taichung
Tel / 04-24365740 • 04-24365842
- ★ Datun Immigrant Family Service Center
Address / 5F., No.32, Xinguang Road, Dali, Taichung (Infant and Youth Welfare Service Center)
Tel / 04-24865363
- ★ Shanxian Immigrant Family Service Center
Address / No.46, Mingyi St., Fengyuan District, Taichung
Tel / 04-25255995
- ★ Haixian Immigrant Family Service Center
Address / 3F., No.169, Shuiyuan Road, Dajia, Taichung (3rd floor of the Taichung Female Welfare Service Center)
Tel / 04-26801947

Changhua County

- ★ Department of Social Welfare
Address / 6F., No.100, Zhongxing Rd., Changhua City, Changhua County 500
Tel / 04-7532287
- ★ Foreign Spouse Family Service Center
Address / 4F., No.60, Sec. 1, Nanguo Rd., Changhua City, Changhua County 500
Tel / 04-7237885

Nantou County

- ★ Department of Social Welfare
Address / No.660, Zhongxing Rd., Nantou City, Nantou County 540
Tel / 049-2247970
- ★ Foreign Spouse Family Service Center
Address / No.85, Nangang 2nd Rd., Nantou City, Nantou County 540 (Near Nantou County Women & Children House)
Tel / 049-2244755

Yunlin County

- ★ Department of Social Welfare
Address / No. 22, Fuwen Rd. Douliu City, Yunlin County 640
Tel / 05-5522576 • 05-5878585
- ★ Foreign Spouse Family Service Center
Address / 4F, No.22, Fuwen Rd., Douliu City, Yunlin County 640 (Yunlin County Women Welfare Service Center)
Tel / 05-5339646

Chiayi County

- ★ Department of Social Welfare
Address / No.1, E. Sec., Xianghe 1st Rd., Taibao City, Chiayi County 612
Tel / 05-3620900
- ★ Foreign Spouse Family Service Center
Address / No. 188-5, Neighbourhood No.14, Suantou Village, Lioujiao Township, Chiayi County 612
Tel / 05-3806995

Tainan City

- ★Department of Social Welfare
Address / 7 F., No.6, Yonghua Road Section 2, Anping, Tainan City
Tel / 06-2991111 ext. 5904
- ★No. 1 Immigrant Family Service Center
Address / 3F., No.61, Minquan Road, Xinying, Tainan City
Tel / 06-6330327
- ★No. 2 Immigrant Family Service Center
Address / 7/F., No.315, Zhonghua West Road Section 2, Anping, Tainan City
Tel / 06-2992562
- ★No. 3 Immigrant Family Service Center
Address / No.255, Zhongzheng Road, Liujia, Tainan City
Tel / 06-6989789

Pingtung County

- ★Department of Social Welfare
Address / No.527, Ziyou Road, Pingtung city
Tel / 08-7320415
- ★Immigrant Family Service Center (Pingtung)
Address / No.106, Defeng Road, Dalianli, Pingtung City
Tel / 08-7387677
- ★Immigrant Family Service Center (Chaozhou)
Address / No. No.16, Guangze Alley, Chaozhou Town, Pingtung
Tel / 08-7891929 · 08-7371382
- ★Immigrant Family Service Center (Donggang)
Address / 2F., No.201, Xingdong Road, Donggang Town, Pingtung
Tel / 08-8338610
- ★Immigrant Family Service Center (Hengchun)
Address / No.158, Hengnan S. Rd., Hengchun Town, Pingtung
County 946
Tel / 08-8893001

Taitung County

- ★Department of Social Welfare
Address / 2F., No.201, Guilin North Road, Taitung
Tel / 089-345106 · 089-341373
- ★Foreign Spouse Family Service Center
Address / No.660, Gengsheng Road, Taitung
Tel / 089-224818

Hualien County

- ★Department of News and Social Welfare
Address / No.17, Fuqian Road, Hualien
Tel / 03-8228995
- ★New Inhabitants Social Welfare Service Center
Address / C-1F., No.8, Fuhou Road, Hualien
Tel / 03-8246996 · 03-8246997

Penghu County

- ★Department of Social Welfare
Address / No.32, Zhiping Rd., Magong City, Penghu County 880
Tel / 06-9274400 ext. 397
- ★Foreign Spouse Family Service Center
Address / No.242 Zhonghua Road, Magong, Penghu County(Penghu
County Women and Child Welfare Service Center)
Tel / 06-9260385

Keelung City

- ★Department of Social Welfare
Address / No.1, Yi 1st Rd., Zhongzheng District, Keelung City 202
Tel / 02-24201122
- ★Foreign Spouse Family Service Center
Address / 5F., No.482, Maijin Road, Anle, Keelung
Tel / 02-24320495 • 02-24324145

Hsinchu City

- ★Department of Social Welfare
Address / No.120, Zhongzheng Rd., East District, Hsinchu City 300
Tel / 03-5216121
- ★Immigrant Family Service Center
Address / 3F., No.149, Alley 49 Jiangong 1st Road, Hsinchu
Tel / 03-5722395

Chiayi City

- ★Department of Social Welfare
Address / No.199, Zhongshan Rd., East District, Chiayi City 600
Tel / 05-2254321 ext. 155
- ★Immigrant Family Service Center
Address / 1st floor of the rear building, 6 De'an Road, West District,
Chiayi (Chiayi Female Welfare Service Center
Tel / 05-2310445 • 05-2314979

Kinmen County

- ★Department of Social Welfare
Address / No.60, Minsheng Rd., Jincheng Town, Kinmen County 893
Tel / 082-318823 ext. 62520
- ★Foreign Spouse Family Service Center
Address / No.35, Qiongjing Rd., Jinhu Town, Kinmen County
891(Kinmen Social Welfare House)
Tel / 082-335690 • 082-332756

Lienchiang County

- ★Social Department
Address / 3F., No.156, Jieshou Village, Nangan Township,
Lienchiang
Tel / 0836-25022
- ★Foreign Spouse Family Service Center:
Address / 4F., No.156, Jiesou Village, Nangan Township,
Lienchiang (office)
5F., No.1331, Qingshui Village, Nangan Township,
Lienchiang (Lienchiang County Comprehensive Welfare
Offices)
Tel / 0836-23884

Across 22 counties and cities there are a total of 38 foreign spouse family service centers.



Appendix 5 Legal Advisory Services for Foreign and Mainland Spouses

Section / Non-government Organization

Service Department / Legal Aid Foundation

Service Hours / Weekday 9:00 am ~ 12:00 pm
2:00 pm ~ 5:00 pm
Tuesday and Friday 6:00 pm ~ 9:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am ~ 12:00 pm

Service Place / 6F., No.200, Sec. 2, Jinshan S. Rd., Da-an District, Taipei City 106

Contact Tel / 02-66328282

Section / Non-government Organization

Service Department / Straits Exchange Foundation

Service Hours / Monday to Friday 9:00 am ~ 5:00 pm

Service Place / 16F., No.156, Sec. 3, Minsheng E. Rd., Zhongshan District, Taipei City 104

Contact Tel / 02-27134726

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / Public Service Center of Taiwan High Prosecutors Office

Service Hours / Weekday 8:30 am ~ 5:30 pm

Service Place / No.127, Bo-ai Rd., Zhongzheng District, Taipei City 100

Contact Tel / 02-3713261 ext.8423 • 02-3310901

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / The Prosecutor's Office of the High Court of Taichung acts as a customer service center

Service Hours / working days, 8:00am ~ 5:30pm

Service Place / No.91, Ziyou Road, West District, Taichung

Contact Tel / 04-2223231 ext. 2124

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / Public Service Center, Tainan Branch of Taiwan High Prosecutors Office

Service Hours / Weekday 8:00 am ~ 5:30 pm

Service Place / No.170, Zhongshan Rd., West Central District, Tainan City 700

Contact Tel / 06-2282111 ext.761

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / Public Service Center, Kaohsiung Branch of Taiwan High Prosecutors Office

Service Hours / Weekday 8:00 am ~ 12:00 pm; 1:30 pm ~ 5:30 pm

Service Place / No.586, Mingcheng 3rd Rd., Gushan District, Kaohsiung City 804

Contact Tel / 07-5533951 • 07-5524111 ext.139

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / The Prosecutor's Office of the High Court of Hualien acts as a customer service center.

Service Hours / working days, 8:00am ~ 5:30pm

Service Place / No.127, Minquan Road, Hualien

Contact Tel / 03-8225112 ext. 87

Section / Department of Justice

Service Department / Public Service Center, Taipei District Prosecutors Office

Service Hours / Weekday 8:00 am ~ 5:30 pm

Service Place / 1F., No.131, Bo-ai Rd., Zhongzheng District, Taipei City 100
3F., No.26, Sec. 2, Guiyang St., Wanhua District, Taipei City 108

Contact Tel / 02-23146871 ext. 8252 • 02-23899675

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / The Prosecutor's Office for the New Taipei City courts serves as a customer service center.

Service Hours / working days, 8:30am~12:00pm, 1:30pm~5:30pm

Service Place / No.249, Jincheng Road Section 2, Tucheng, New Taipei City

Contact Tel / 02-22616192 ext. 611

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / Public Service Center, Shilin District Prosecutors Office

Service Hours / Weekday 8:00 am~12:00 pm; 1:30 pm~5:30 pm

Service Place / No.190, Shidong Rd., Shilin District, Taipei City 111

Contact Tel / 02-28331911 ext.124 • 02-28351864

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / The Prosecutor's Office for the Taoyuan Courts serves as a customer service center.

Service Hours / working days, 8:30am~12:00pm, 1:30pm~5:00pm

Service Place / No.1, Fazhi Road, Taoyuan

Contact Tel / 03-3370737 ext. 133, 134

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / Public Service Center, Hsinchu District Prosecutors Office

Service Hours / Weekday 8:00 am~12:00 pm; 1:30 pm~5:30 pm

Service Place / No.136, Zhongzheng Rd., East District, Hsinchu City 300

Contact Tel / 03-5254102 ext.406

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / Public Service Center, Miaoli District Prosecutors Office

Service Hours / Weekday 8:00 am~5:30 pm

Service Place / No.1149, Zhongzheng Rd., Miaoli City, Miaoli County 360

Contact Tel / 037-353410 ext. 111

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / Public Service Center, Taichung District Prosecutors Office

Service Hours / Weekday 8:00 am~5:30 pm

Service Place / No.91, Sec. 1, Ziyou Rd., West District, Taichung City 403

Contact Tel / 04-22232311 ext.5806

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / Public Service Center, Nantou District Prosecutors Office

Service Hours / Weekday 8:00 am~5:30 pm

Service Place / No.757, Zhongxing Rd., Nantou City, Nantou County 540

Contact Tel / 049-2242602 ext.2013 • 049-2242975

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / Public Service Center, Changhua District Prosecutors Office

Service Hours / Weekday 8:00 am~12:00 pm; 1:30 pm~5:30 pm

Service Place / No.240, Sec. 2, Zhongshan Rd., Yuanlin Town, Changhua County 510

Contact Tel / 04-8357274 ext.322 • 04-8371295

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / Public Service Center, Yunlin District Prosecutors Office

Service Hours / Weekday 8:00 am~12:00 pm; 1:30 pm~5:30 pm

Service Place / No.38, Mingzheng Rd., Huwei Town, Yunlin County 632

Contact Tel / 05-6334991 ext.110

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / Public Service Center, Chiayi District Prosecutors Office

Service Hours / Weekday 8:00 am~12:00 pm; 1:30 pm~5:30 pm

Service Place / No.286, Linsen E. Rd., East District, Chiayi City 600

Contact Tel / 05-2782601 ext.115

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / The Prosecutor's Office for the Tainan Courts serve as a customer service center.

Service Hours / working days, 8.00am ~ 12.00pm, 1.30pm ~ 5.30pm

Service Place / No.310, Jiankang Road Section 3, Anping, Tainan

Contact Tel / 06-2959971

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / Public Service Center, Kaohsiung District Prosecutors Office

Service Hours / Weekday 8:00 am~5:30 pm

Service Place / No.170, Zhongyi Rd., Qianjin District, Kaohsiung City 801

Contact Tel / 07-2161467 • 07-2161468 ext. 3134

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / Public Service Center, Pingtung District Prosecutors Office

Service Hours / Weekday 8:00 am ~ 12:00 pm; 1:30 pm~5:30 pm

Service Place / No.11, Bangqiu Rd., Pingtung City, Pingtung County 900

Contact Tel / 08-7535211 ext.5120 • 08-7530448

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / Public Service Center, Taitung District Prosecutors Office

Service Hours / Weekday 8:00 am ~ 12:00 pm; 1:30 pm~5:30 pm

Service Place / No.310, Zhejiang Rd., Taitung City, Taitung County 950

Contact Tel / 089-310180 ext. 141 • 089-328049

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / The Prosecutor's Office of the Hualien Court serves as a customer service center.

Service Hours / Weekday 8:00 am~12:00 pm; 1:30 pm~5:30 pm

Service Place / No.15, Fuqian Road, Hualien

Contact Tel / 03-8226153 ext. 113

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / The Prosecutor's Office of the Yilan Court serves as a customer service center.

Service Hours / Working days, 8:00am~5:30 pm

Service Place / No.3, Zhengxi Road, Yilan

Contact Tel / 03-9253000 ext. 126

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / The Prosecutor's Office of the Keelung Court serves as a customer service center.

Service Hours / Working days, 8:00am~5:30pm

Service Place / No.178, Dongxin Road, Keelung

Contact Tel / 02-24651184

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / Public Service Center, Penghu District Prosecutors Office

Service Hours / Weekday 8:00 am~12:00 pm; 1:30 pm~5:30 pm

Service Place / No.309, Xiwen-ao, Magong City, Penghu County 880

Contact Tel / 06-9211699 ext. 113

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / The Prosecutor's Office of the Fujian Kinmen serves as a customer service center.

Service Hours / Working days, 8:00am~12:00pm and 1:00pm~5:30pm

Service Place / No.178, Minquan Road, Jihe, Kinmen

Contact Tel / 082-325090

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / The Prosecutor's Office of the Lienchiang serves as a customer service center.

Service Hours / Working days, 8:00am~12:00pm and 1:00pm~5:00pm

Service Place / No.210, Fuxing Road, Nangang Township, Lienchiang

Contact Tel / 0836-22823 • 0836-23043

Section / Taipei City

Service Department / Legal Advisory Counter, Joint Service Center,
Secretariat

Service Hours / Monday to Friday

9:00 am~12:00 pm; 2:00 pm~5:00 pm

Registration Hours 8:30 am~12:30 pm

Service Place / No.1, Shifu Rd., Xinyi District, Taipei City 110

Taipei City Government Building Joint Service Center
(Service Team, East Area)

Contact Tel / 1999 (long distance call 02-27208889 ext. 6168 or
02-27256168)

Section / Ministry of Justice

Service Department / Kaohsiung United Customer Service Center

Service Hours / 9:00 am~12:00pm (morning registration begins
at 8:00am) · 2:00pm~5:00pm (afternoon registra-
tion begins at 1:30)(each registration site can
accommodate 12 people at most)

Service Place / 1 F., No.2, Siwei San Road, Lingya, Kaohsiung

Contact Tel / 07-3368333

Section / New Taipei City

Service Department / New Taipei City Administrative Building 1st
Floor United Customer Service Center

Service Hours / Working days, 9:00am~12:00 pm and 2:00pm~
4:00pm

Service Place / 1F., No. 1, Zhongshan Road Section One Banqiao
New Taipei

Contact Tel / 1999 (From other cities 02-29603456 ext. 4250)

Section / Yilan County

Service Department / Secretariat of the Administrative Relief Branch

Service Hours / Every Wednesday 2:00~4:00pm

Service Place / No.1, Zhengbei Road, Yilan

Contact Tel / 03-9251000 ext. 2528 (Reservation Adopted)

Section / Taoyuan County

Service Department / County Government Legal Advisory Center

Service Hours / Monday to Friday 9:00 am~11:30 am

Service Place / No.1, 7F., Xianfu Rd., Taoyuan City, Taoyuan
County 330

Contact Tel / 03-3322101 ext. 5615

Section / Hsinchu County

Service Department / County Court Legal Consultation Office

Service Hours / Every Friday 2:00~4:00pm

Service Place / Legal Consultation Office 3F., No.10, Guang-
mingliu Road Chupei, Hsinchu

Contact Tel / 03-5518101 ext. 3991~3997

Service Department / Hsinchu County

Service Hours / Every Friday 2:00~4:00pm

Service Place / Mediation Room (3F) Zhudong Village Office
Mediation Room (3F) Hukou Village Office

Contact Tel / 03-5964492(Zhudong) · 03-5901157(Hukou)

Section / Miaoli County

Service Department / Legal Affairs Section, Department of General Affairs

Service Hours / 8:00 am ~5:00 pm

Service Place / No.1, Xianfu Rd., Miaoli City, Miaoli County 360

Contact Tel / 037-559840

Section / Taichung City

Service Department / Taiwan Avenue Municipal Services Building

Service Hours / weekdays 9:00 am ~ 12:00 pm 2:00 pm ~ 5:00 pm

Service Place / 10F., Wenxin Building No.99, Taiwan Avenue
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Contact Tel / 04-22289111 ext. 23610, 23611

Service Department / Department of Legal Affairs(Yangming Building)
Service Hours / weekdays 2:00 pm ~ 5:00 pm
Service Place / No.36, Yangming St., Fengyuan District,
 Taichung County 420
Contact Tel / 04-25297502

Section / Changhua County
Service Department / Civil Affairs Office(Legal Assistance)
Service Hours / Monday 9:00 am~11:00 pm
Service Place / 7F., No.416, Sec. 2, Zhongshan Rd., Changhua City,
 Changhua County 500
Contact Tel / 04-7531777

Section / Nantou County
Service Department / Legal Division of Administrative Office
Service Hours / Wednesday 9:00am ~ 12:00pm (registration
 ends at 11:30)
Service Place / 1F., Nantou County Customer Service Center
 (600 Zhongxing Road, Nantou)
Contact Tel / 049-2222106 ext.2032 · 049-2204012

Section / Yunlin County
Service Department / Joint Service Center
Service Hours / Monday and Friday 9:00 am~11:00 am
Service Place / No.515, Sec. 2, Yunlin Rd., Douliu City, Yunlin County 640
Contact Tel / 05-5329504

Section / Chiayi County
Service Department / Department of Civil Affairs
Service Hours / Friday 2:30 pm~4:30 pm
Service Place / In the county government or city office as scheduled
Contact Tel / 05-3623456

Section / Tainan City
Service Department / City Government
Service Hours / Wednesday 9:00 am~11:00 am
 Saturday 9:00 am~11:30 am Friday
Service Place / No.36, Minzhi Rd., Xinying City, Tainan County 730
 (Yonghua Administration Center)
Contact Tel / 06-3901039

Service Department / City Government
Service Hours / 9:00 am~11:00 am
Service Place / Civil Service Center, 1F, No.6, Sec.2 Yonghua Rd,
 Tainan City 730 (Minzhi Administration Center)
Contact Tel / 06-3901039

Section / Pingtung County
Service Department / Joint Service Center, County Government
Service Hours / Monday 9:00 am~11:30 pm
 Wednesday 7:30 pm~9:30 pm
 Friday 2:00 pm~5:00 pm
Service Place / No.527, Ziyou Rd., Pingtung City, Pingtung County 900
Contact Tel / 08-7320415 ext.6123

Section / Taitung County
Service Department / Residents Service Center
Service Hours / Monday 9:00 am~11:00 am
Service Place / No.275, Poai Rd., Taitung City, Taitung County 950
Contact Tel / 089-347550

Section / Hualien County
Service Department / Express Service Center
Service Hours / Wednesday 10:00 am~12:00 pm
Service Place / No.17, Fuhou Rd., Hualien City, Hualien County 970
 County Government Instant Service Center
Contact Tel / 03-8221206

Section / Penghu County
Service Department / Legal Service Department Center, Civil Affairs De-
 partment
Service Hours / Monday 2:00 pm ~5:00 pm
Service Place / No.32, Zhiping Rd., Magong City, Penghu County 880
Contact Tel / 06-9274400 ext.323

Section / Keelung City
Service Department / Joint Service Center Bureau of Civil Affairs
 Reception
Service Hours / Monday- Friday 9:00am~12:00pm
Service Place / No.1, Yiyi Road Keelung
Contact Tel / 02-24201122 ext. 1213

Section / Hsinchu City
Service Department / Department of Civil Affairs
Service Hours / Wednesday 9:30 am~11:30 am
 Thursday 7:00 pm~9:00 pm
Service Place / No.120, Zhongzheng Rd., East District, Hsinchu City 300
 Hsinchu City Government Service Center
Contact Tel / 03-5216121ext.232

Section / Chiayi City
Service Department / Bureau of Civil Affairs
Service Hours / Monday and Friday 9:30 am~12:00 pm
Service Place / No.199, Zhongshan Road, Chiayi Government
 Consulting Roomnd
Contact Tel / 05-2254321 ext. 342, 339

Section / Kinmen County
Service Department / Bureau of Civil Affairs
Service Hours / Monday to Friday
 8:00 am~12:00 am; 1:30 pm~5:30 pm
Service Place / No.60, Minsheng Rd., Jincheng Town, Kinmen
 County 893
Contact Tel / 082-325640

Section / Liendiang County
Service Department / Legal Affairs Section, Planning Office
Service Hours / Monday to Friday 8:00 am~5:30 pm
Service Place / 3F., No.76, Jieshou Village, Nangan Shiang, Lienchi-
 ang County 209
Contact Tel / 0836-23367



Appendix 6 Country/ City Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Center

Agency	Address	Tel
Health Department Protection Services	No.488, Zhongxiao Dong Road Section 6 Nangang, Taipei	02-85906666
Taipei City Government	No.2, Alley 5, Lane 54, Sec. 1, Sinsheng S. Rd., Jhongjheng District, Taipei City 100	02-23961996
Kaohsiung City Government	10F., No.85, Mincyuan 1st Rd., Lingya District, Kaosiung City 802	07-5355920
New Taipei City Government	3F., No.10, Jhongjheng Rd., Banciao District, New Taipei City 220	02-89653359
Yilan County Government	No.95, Tongcing St., Yilan City, Yilan County 260	03-9328822 ext. 252
Taoyuan County Government	6F., No.51, Sianfu Rd., Taoyuan City, Taoyuan County 330	03-3322111
Hsinchu County Government	No.10, Guangming 6th Rd., Jhu- bei City, Hsinchu County 302	03-5518101
Miaoli County Government	No.1, Fuqian Rd., Miaoli City, Miaoli County 360	037-360995

Taichung City Government	No.36, Yangming St., Fongyuan District, Taichung City 420	04-22289111 ext. 38800
Changhua County Government	4F., No.37, Huashan Road Changhua, Changhua	04-7261113
Nantou County Government	No.660, Jhongsing Rd., Nantou City, Nantou County 540	049-2247970
Yunlin County Government	No.515, Yulin Road Section 2 Touliu	05-5348585
Chiayi County Government	No.1, E. Sec., Sianghe 2nd Rd., Taibao City, Chiayi County 612	05-3620900 ext. 3303
Tainan City Government	6F., No.6, Yonghua Road Section 2 Anping, Tainan	06-2988995
Pingtung County Government	No.527, Ziyou Road Pingtung	08-7321896
Taitung County Government	3F., No.201, Guilin Bei Road Taitung	089-320172 ext. 54
Hualien County Government	No.17, Fuqian Road Hualien	03-8227171 ext. 392, 441

Penghu County Government	No.32, Jhihping Rd., Magong City, Penghu County 880	06-9264068 (Direct line) 06-9274400 ext. 381
Keelung City Government	5F., No.482, Maijin Rd., Anle District, Keelung City 204	02-24340458
Hsinchu City Government	No.120, Jhongjheng Rd., East District, Hsinchu City 300	03-5245233
Chiayi City Government	No.199, Jhongshan Rd., East Dis- trict, Chiayi City 600	05-2253850
Kinmen County Government	No.60, Minsheng Rd., Jincheng Township, Kinmen County 893	082-373000
Lienchiang County Government	3F., No.156, Jieshou Road Nangan, Lienchiang	0836-23575



Appendix 7 Foreign Consulates and Missions in Taiwan

Institution /
INDONESIAN ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE TO TAIPEI
Address / 6F., No.550, Ruiguang Rd., Neihu District, Taipei City 114
Tel / 02-87526170
Fax / 02-87523706

Institution /
MANILA ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE
Address / 11F., No.176, Changchun Rd., Zhongshan District, Taipei
City 104
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Fax / 02-25084045

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EXTENSION
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Fax / 07-3985929

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Tel / 02-25166626

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Institution / THAILAND TRADE AND ECONOMIC OFFICE

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City 104

Tel / 02-25811979

Fax / 02-25818707

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information about foreign institutions stationed in Taiwan.([http://
www.mofa.gov.tw](http://www.mofa.gov.tw))



Appendix 8 Directory of Foreign Language (Non-English) Radio Programs in Taiwan

Radio Company / Taiwan Radio

Taipei 1 Radio: AM 1323 KHz (Taipei City,
New Taipei City, Greater Taipei)
Daxi Relay Station: AM 621 KHz (Taoyuan,
Hsinchu)

Hsinchu Radio: AM1206 KHz (Taoyuan,
Hsinchu, Miaoli)

★ Repeat: AM1206 KHz (Taoyuan, Hsinchu,
Miaoli)

★ Internet listening website:
www.taiwanradio.com.tw (Simultaneous
broadcasting to all areas)

Program/Language / Beside Maenam River (Thai)

Showtime / First broadcast Every Sunday 7:00~8:00
Repeat Every Sunday 16:00~17:00

Radio Company / Taiwan Radio

Taipei 1 Radio: AM 1323 KHz (Taipei City,
New Taipei City, Greater Taipei)
Daxi Relay Station: AM 621 KHz (Taoyuan,
Hsinchu)

Hsinchu Radio: AM1206 KHz (Taoyuan,
Hsinchu, Miaoli)

★ Repeat: Taipei 1 Radio: AM 1323 KHz (Taipei
City, New Taipei City, Greater Taipei)

★ Repeat: Guanxi Relay Station AM 1062 KHz
(Taoyuan, Hsinchu)

★ Internet listening website:
www.taiwanradio.com.tw (Simultaneous
broadcasting to all areas)

Happy Holiday Jakarta (Indonesian)

Program/Language / First broadcast Every Saturday 17:00~18:00

Showtime / Repeat Every Saturday 18:00~19:00 (AM 1323
KHz)
Every Sunday 19:00~20:00 (AM 1062 KHz)

Radio Company / Taiwan Radio

Taipei 1 Radio: AM 1323 KHz (Taipei City,
New Taipei City, Greater Taipei)
Daxi Relay Station: AM 621 KHz (Taoyuan,
Hsinchu)

Hsinchu Radio: AM1206 KHz (Taoyuan,
Hsinchu, Miaoli)

★ Repeat: Daxi Relay Station: AM 621 KHz
(Taoyuan, Hsinchu)

★ Repeat: Guanxi Relay Station AM1062 KHz
(Taoyuan, Hsinchu)

★ Internet listening website:
www.taiwanradio.com.tw (Simultaneous
broadcasting to all areas)

Program/Language / language Just Like Home-Manila (Tagalog)

Showtime / First broadcast every Sunday 18:00~19:00
Repeat Every Sunday 21:00~22:00

Radio Company / Taiwan Radio

Taipei 1 Radio: AM 1323 KHz (Taipei City,
New Taipei City, Greater Taipei)

Hsinchu Radio: AM1206 KHz (Taoyuan,
Hsinchu, Miaoli)

★ Repeat Taipei 2 Radio AM1188 KHz (Taipei
City, New Taipei City, Greater Taipei)

★ Repeat: Daxi Relay Station: AM 621 KHz
(Taoyuan, Hsinchu)

★ Repeat: Guanxi Relay Station AM1062 KHz
(Taoyuan, Hsinchu)

★ Internet listening website:
www.taiwanradio.com.tw (Simultaneous
broadcasting to all areas)

Program/Language / The Warmth of Vietnam (Vietnamese)
Showtime / First broadcast Every Sunday 13:00~14:00
 Repeat Every Sunday 18:00~19:00(AM1188 KHz)
 20:00~21:00(AM621 KHz ,AM1062 KHz)

Radio Company / Taipei Broadcasting Station FM93.1 AM1134
<http://www.radio.taipei.gov.tw/>

Program/Language / Hello Taipei
Showtime / Every Saturday 21:00~22:00 (Bahasa Indonesia)
 22:00~23:00 (Thai)
 Every Sunday 21:00~22:00 (Filipino)
 22:00~23:00(Vietnamese)

Radio Company / Central Broadcasting Station RtiFM
 FM radio
 Chiayi: 91.7
 Hsinchuang, New Taipei: 88.5
 Chiayi, Tainan: 101.3
 Taitung: 105.3
 Hualien: 104.5
 Kaohsiung, Pingtung: 107.3

AM radio
 AM1494
Program/Language / Indonesian
Showtime / Every Friday 20:00~22:10(AM1494)
 Sunday 20:00~21:00 (FM88.5)
 22:00~23:00 (FM91.7)
 Tuesday and Wednesday 13:00~14:00/
 Thursday and Friday 23:00~24:00/
 Saturday 6:00~7:00
 (FM101.3/ FM105.3/ FM104.5/FM107.3)

Radio Company / Central Radio RtiFM
 FM radio
 Kaohsiung City: 94.3
 Central region: 99.5
 Miaoli, Taichung, Changhua, Yunlin, Chiayi, Hualien: 104.5, 101.3
 Tainan, Kaohsiung, Pingtung: 101.3, 107.3
 Taitung: 105.3
 Taipei, Keelung, Yilan, Taoyuan, Hsinchu: 106.5

Program/Language / Thai Broadcast
Showtime / Monday - Friday 13:00 - 14:00
 Saturday, Sunday 07:00 - 08:00
 Sunday: 8:00 - 9:00 (FM94.3)
 19:00 - 20:00 (FM 99.5)

Radio Company / Central Radio RtiFM
 FM radio
 Xinzhuang, Taishan, Sanchong: 88.5
 Chiayi: 91.7
 Northern region: 106.5
 Central region, Hualien: 104.5
 Chiayi, Tainan: 101.3
 Kaohsiung, Pingtung, Yuli: 107.3
 Taitung: 105.3

AM radio
 Kaohsiung: 738 kHz/1148 kHz
 Taipei, Taichung: 1494 kHz
Program/Language / Vietnamese Broadcast
Showtime / Monday to Wednesday, 23:00 - 24:00 (FM 101.3/ FM 107.3)
 Thursday 13:00 - 14:00 (FM 105.3)
 Tuesday-Saturday 13:30 - 14:00 (AM 738/1148)
 Tuesday-Saturday 20:20 - 20:30 (AM 1494)
 Sunday 6:00 - 7:00 (FM 106.5 / FM 104.5)
 19:00 - 20:00 (FM 88.5)
 23:00 - 24:00 (FM 91.7)



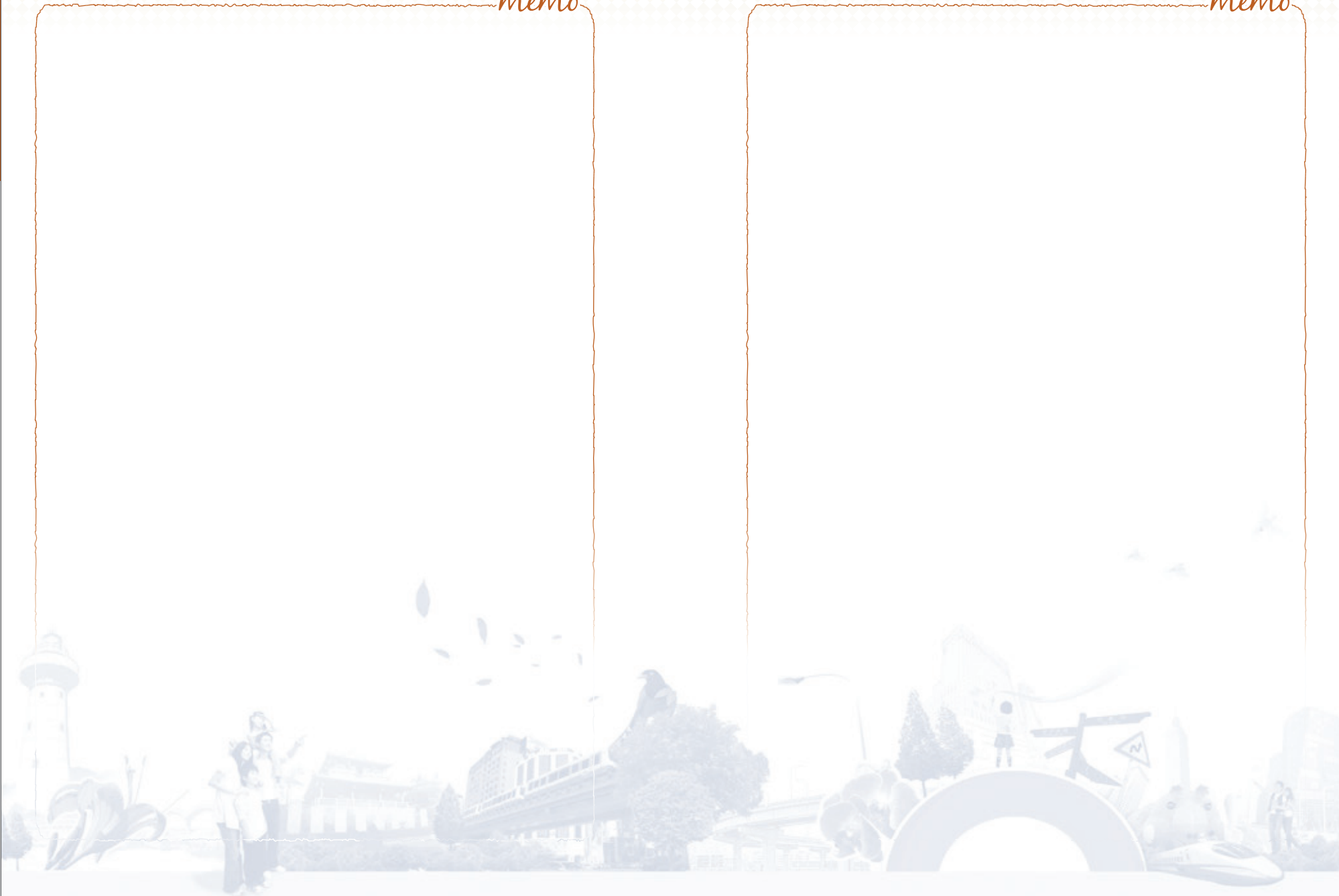
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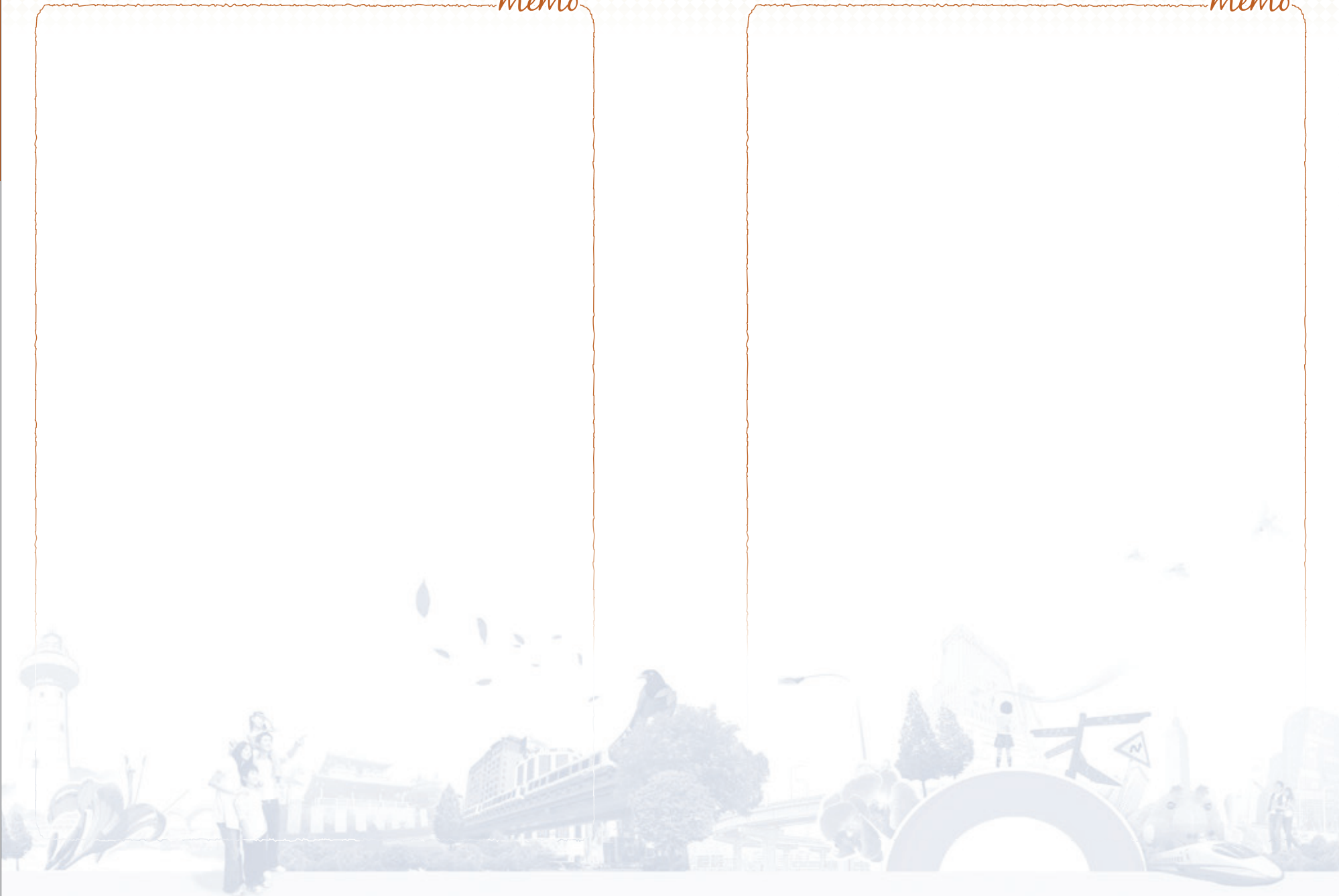
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