

Dear Students,

Congratulations! We are excited to inform you that you have been selected to participate in the **2026 Taiwan Study Abroad Program at Chihlee University**. This is a wonderful opportunity to immerse yourself in Taiwan's vibrant culture, language, and daily life.

Please review the following information carefully to prepare for your journey.

1. Travel Dates & Flight Information

Program Route: Los Angeles (LAX) ⇄ Taipei (TPE)

Airport Codes for Reference:

- **TPE: Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport**

Departure (LAX → TPE):

- Date: June 26
- Time: 11:50 PM
- Arrival: June 28, 5:10 AM (Taipei Time)

Arrival Logistics:

- **A group bus will pick you up at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (TPE) at 8:00 AM.**
- **This schedule allows you approximately 2.5–3 hours to clear immigration, collect your luggage, and meet the coordinator in the Arrivals Hall.**

Return (TPE → LAX):

- **Departure: July 18, 11:30 PM**
- **Arrival: July 18, 9:00 PM (LAX)**
- ***Note: Due to the time difference, you will arrive in Los Angeles on the same calendar day you depart Taiwan.***

2. Booking Your Flight

You may book your flight on your own or work with a travel agent.

Optional Travel Agents:

- **Kirk Vacation – May Huang**
Email: May.huang@kirkvacation.net
- **J & C Travel – Tracy Wang**
Email: Tracy999w@gmail.com
Phone (text only): 626-226-7392

Tip:

If several students book the same flight, you may qualify for a **group rate**. Travel agents can help coordinate this.

3. Arrival & Airport Pickup

- **Arrival Deadline:** Please ensure your flight arrives **before 6:00 AM on June 28**
- **Meeting Point:** Look for the program coordinator in the TPE Arrivals Area.
- **Group Pickup:** The bus departs promptly at **8:00 AM**.

If your flight arrives later than the suggested time, you may need to arrange your own transportation to the campus.

4. Program Coverage

This program is generously hosted by Chihlee University and includes:

- **Mandarin Lessons:** 3 hours per day in small groups (under 10 students) with dedicated teaching assistants.
 - **Meals:** 2 meals per weekday.
 - **Housing:** Shared dormitory rooms (2–4 students per room).
 - **Transportation:** Group tour buses and MRT (public transit) for program activities.
 - **Excursions:** Various cultural activities and field trips.
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5. Program Payment Instructions : \$750 Program Fee

Please follow these steps to secure your spot:

7. Purchase travel Insurance

All participants are suggested to purchase travel insurance for the duration of the trip.

The following information include affordable travel Insurance

8. Gift Etiquette (Important Cultural Note)

In Taiwan, it is a thoughtful tradition to bring small "Omiyage" (souvenirs) to show appreciation to your hosts.

- **Quantity:** We recommend 5 small tokens and 1 slightly nicer gift for faculty.
 - **Budget:** \$30–\$50 total.
 - **Ideas:** Items representing Los Angeles, the USA, or your own cultural background (e.g., keychains, local T-shirts, or regional treats).
 - **Pro Tip:** Leave extra space in your suitcase! You will likely receive many gifts to bring home.
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8. Final Reminders

- Book your flight as early as possible
 - Make sure your passport is valid for at least **6 months beyond your travel dates**
 - Review all travel details carefully before departure
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We are excited to share this meaningful international experience with you. This program is a great opportunity to improve your language skills, explore a new culture, and build lasting friendships.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

We look forward to traveling with you!

Warm regards,

Dr. Shin Liu

Study Abroad Coordinator

Rio Hondo College

