

Taiwan Visiting Chinese Language Teachers Program Guidelines

Background:

Taiwan is world-renown for Mandarin Chinese teaching and learning. In order to promote international educational exchange, the Ministry of Education (MOE) in Taiwan, in cooperation with universities and school districts in the U.S., sponsors the “Taiwan Visiting Chinese Language Teachers Program” and implements training programs to help prepare teachers for teaching posts overseas.

This program encourages Taiwan’s professional Chinese language teachers to teach in American universities or school districts. The teachers are highly qualified, having attained undergraduate or postgraduate degrees, as well as certificates for teaching Chinese as a foreign language, issued by the Ministry of Education in Taiwan.

The general practice of the program is outlined as follows:

I. Application Procedures:

Interested universities or school districts submit requests for the program to the nearest Taiwan representative office, i.e., Education Division of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in New York, which will be forwarded in turn to the Ministry of Education in Taiwan. These requests should include the following details: job description with qualifications, Chinese program overview, curriculum, teaching hours, salary, hiring period, application deadline, etc.

Teachers’ applications will be sent directly to the Education Division of TECO to forward to the inquiring university or school district for approval. If possible, interviews may be arranged in Taiwan *via* phone or over the internet, for example.

II. Provisions from the Participating University in the U.S.:

The university or school district in the U.S. pays the teacher’s salary in accordance with the relative regulations that apply in the university or school district. It is suggested that the university or school district offers the following assistance as well:

- (1) Assisting the teacher in obtaining visa.
- (2) Providing teachers with professional teaching counseling upon arrival.

III. Grant from the Ministry of Education:

The grant from the Ministry of Education includes:

- (1) Living allowance of US\$1,600 per month.
- (2) Round-trip airfare of US\$1,750.
- (3) Subsidy of US\$300 for text books and teaching materials.

IV. For further information, please contact:

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