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Some Facts About Taiwan, Yilan and CLIC

The Natural Setting of Taiwan

Taiwan is located on the western side of the Pacific Ocean, just 160 km off the south east coast of Mainland China. The shape of the island is similar to that of a banana leaf. From the northern to southern tip it is 394 km long. Its widest area is approximately 144 km. The entire area of the island is 36,000 square km. Other than the main island, Taiwan has 21 islands, including Penghu Islands (澎湖群島¹), Lan Yu (蘭嶼²), and Green Island (綠島³). To the east of Yilan (宜蘭⁴) is the Pacific Ocean, to the west is the Xue Mountain Range (雪山山脈⁵). The scenery is both breathtaking and revitalizing. Further, the government does not permit the development of industries that are pollutant or damaging to the environment, so the air is clean and fresh. Due to these two attributes, those who live in Yilan live in health and comfort.

In terms of the climate, Taiwan belongs to the Asian Tropic Region. As a whole, the island is comparatively hot and humid. The two seasons, spring and fall, are not clear. Summer starts in April and ends in October, while winter starts in December and ends the next year in February. In the summer, the temperatures can reach 25-35C. Every year, typhoons occur in the summer season. When a typhoon come, it can last for one to two days. Typically, typhoons are not serious. However, if a stronger typhoon arrives, everyone need to stay in their homes. It is also possible to have a temporary loss of power and water. The temperature in the winter averages 14 to 20C. The lowest temperature, occurring three or four times a season and lasting about two days at a time, is 8C. It rains often in the winter time so people usually carry rain gear with them. The rain gear available in Yilan is reasonably price and is of very good quality. For only 100-200 TWD dollars, you can buy an excellent quality umbrella.

The People, Cities, and Culture of Taiwan

The population of Taiwan is very concentrated in certain areas. All together, the population is close to 23 million (23,000,000). Taipei, the capital of Taiwan, is located on the northern end of the island. With a population of 2.7 million (2,700,000), it is the center for both the economy and culture. Yilan County is in the north-eastern region of Taiwan, about one hour car ride from Taipei. The entire county includes 12 cities and towns and has a population of 450 thousand (450,000). Before, Yilan's major industries were agriculture and fishing. Within the past 10 years, tourism and cultural events have taken the lead. Besides the beautiful scenery, Yilan has many cultural, art, and traditional festivals and activities. It is gradually becoming the most fitting place to see



¹ 澎湖群島 Pénghú Qúndǎo
² 蘭嶼 Lányǔ
³ 綠島 Lǜdǎo
⁴ 宜蘭 Yílán
⁵ 雪山山脈 Xuěshān Shānmài

Chinese, Fujian culture.

Fo Guang University has two campuses. The main campus is in Jiaoxi (礁溪⁶), Yilan County on Linmei Mountain (林美山⁷, 430 meters above sea level) The university's dormitory and major buildings are in this location. The campus's environment is incredibly clean, fresh, and beautiful. The flora and fauna are abundant. In the day time you can see the Pacific Ocean and at night you can see the lights of Jiaoxi. Jiaoxi is very famous for its hot springs. On holidays, many people travel to Jiaoxi to relax in the naturally warm water. The prices are quite reasonable. If you are interested, it costs only 100 to 200 TWD dollars each visit. You can bring your swimming suit and swimming cap, or you can purchase them at most places in Jiaoxi.

The downtown campus is in Yilan. This is where all language students attend class. The downtown campus is a fourteen-story building, in bright, clean, centrally air-conditioned quarters. There are classrooms, offices, a library, a computer room with forty outfitted computers, lecture rooms and a common room (The common room has a TV, Chinese and English newspapers, tables for students use, and exercise equipments.) The school provides bus rides from the main campus to the city center. The ride takes about a half an hour and cost 20 TWD dollars. Yilan City is the capital of Yilan County and is the center for cultural education. The population is about 100 thousand (100,000). It is very convenient to get around the city center. A department store, supermarkets, Eslite Bookstore (誠品書店⁸, Taiwan's biggest and most popular bookstore) Culture Center, Opera House, train station, banks, and all types of restaurants are all within a 15 minute walking radius of the language center.

Like many places in Taiwan, the most useful languages in Yilan are Mandarin Chinese and Taiwanese. Simple English and Japanese can also be used for communication. As far as learning Mandarin is concerned, this is a great environment. Although most people in Yilan can not use English to communicate, people are still good intentioned and welcoming to foreigners. This doesn't need any further explanation, if you come to Yilan, you will find this easy to see.

Living in Yilan

About Yilan County

Yilan County, where 16 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship grantees will be placed, has a population of about 400,000 people. Yilan City, the county seat, is a compact town of about 100,000; Luodong, the other major town in the county, is a commercial center with a population similar to that of Yilan City. The county, about an hour's drive from Taipei by freeway, is a strip of land between mountains and the sea, known for its natural beauty and its environmental protection efforts. Like most Taiwan counties, Yilan is very different from what it used to be twenty or even ten years ago. In Yilan County, besides driving cars or using public transportation, local people ride bikes or scooters as means of transportation. Two annual events—Yilan International Children's Folklore & Folk Game Festival and Yilan Green Exposition—have been very popular, drawing many visitors to the county. There are not only restaurants and food stands providing local food at reasonable prices, but also coffee shops, bakeries, and McDonald's. Turtle Island, an

⁶ 礁溪

Jiāoxī

⁷ 林美山

Línměishān

⁸ 誠品書店

Chéngpǐn Shūdiàn

offshore islet, has recently from March through October. Yilan County is also famous for its wonderful hot- and cold-spring resorts in Jiaoxi (Chiaohsi) and Suao respectively. Suao's cold spring is one of the three such springs in the whole world.

The following websites give you more information about both Yilan and Taiwan.

<https://www.e-land.gov.tw> ;

<https://www.taiwan.net.tw/> ;

<https://travel.yilan.tw/> ;

Traveling in Yilan is an encounter with green mountains and the blue sea, and an experience of savoring culture and nature. In Yilan, you may take a cruise to Turtle Island in search of whales and dolphins, bathe in the hot spring in Jiaosi, take a stroll diverse views of Yilan. In Yilan you are bound to meet its natural beauty and hospitable people.

Food

Taiwan has many different types of restaurants. You can find places to eat from morning till night. Regardless of what time of the day, breakfast, lunch, of dinner, you can find many types of food in Yilan. This includes Chinese, Western, and Japanese food. Other than the standard Chinese food restaurants, you are sure to find a McDonalds, night market stands, KFC and 24 hour convenient stores such as 7-11 and Family Mart or Surewell (Yilan). At these two convenient stores, not only can you find food and drinks, but also items for everyday needs, books, magazines, newspapers, and local, international and cellular phone cards. Although prices of meals can vary depending on where and what you eat, in general, prices are considerably cheaper than those in near-by Taipei. On average, fast food like lunch boxes, McDonalds or KFC can cost 100-200 TWD.

Dining Out

Lunchboxes are common throughout the city, and a buffet take-out typically ranges from NT\$50 to NT\$100. The dishes you can choose from often include a mix of vegetables, fried foods, and meats. 7-Eleven have tea eggs, hot dogs, packaged beverages and junk food. Pre-packaged, microveable meals are also available, including dumplings, spaghetti and curry rice. In addition to restaurants and food stands providing local food at reasonable prices, there are numerous coffee shops, bakeries, and McDonalds.

Night markets are a great place to pick up cheap local foods, including stinky tofu, oyster omelets, red bean pancakes and the like. Don't forget to give your stomach some time to adjust before you plow into all the fried stuff at the stands.

Luodong Night Market (羅東夜市) is a tourism night market in Yilan County, and one of the great night markets in Taiwan. It's at the center of the Luodong Township and around Zhongshan Park. It famous for its various food stands and local dishes. Sometimes there are cultural performances performed in its square.

How to get there:

Walk straight from Luodong Train Station and turn left on Xing Dong Road (Holiday KTV is on the corner).

Keep walking about 5 mins and you will see it.

Dongmen Night Market was also named Triangle Park Night Market in its early days. Its vendors serve delicious snacks, including Pong's Green Onion Pancakes, Dou Hua (tofu pudding), Sticky Tofu, and others, making it a must-see site for tourists.

How to get there:

Turn right at the exit of Yilan Train Station (Yi Xing Road). Walk around 10 mins and it will be on your left-hand side. It's across from Grand Boss Hotel and under an overpass.

Cooking yourself

You can buy groceries at the following locations:

(1) Surewell (喜互惠), Luna Plaza (新月廣場) Carrefour (家樂福) PX Mart(全聯福利中心)



These stores sell most of your basic necessities: meat, eggs, tofu, drinks, chips, etc. as well as clothes, shoes, kitchen supplies and just about everything else for that matter. Most of the food items are Taiwanese, but they do sell a decent variety of American snack foods and candy. Look around and find what you like. Carrefour is at the basement of Luna Plaza (B2) in Yilan City. Surewell grocery stores around Luodong Night Market and Dongmen Night Market are 24-hour stores. PX Mart is on the left-hand side of Luodong Train Station, in the front. Another PX Mart is close to Fo Guang University Yilan campus. Walk around 10 minutes.

(2) Traditional Markets

Traditional markets can be found in the neighborhood of You-ai Department Store, on the same road as Yilan Train Station, or near the Cultural Center every morning, selling fresh vegetables, meat, rice, beans, noodles, etc. They are great places to buy vegetables and meat (usually cheaper than Surewell), but you need to speak some Mandarin Chinese or even Taiwanese there. Check it out and decide for yourself.

There are small fruit markets in Yilan. Most of the fruit they sell is very fresh, especially local seasonal fruit. You can't miss them; try it!

Beverage & Drinking Water

While tap water is most certainly NOT potable, good reverse osmosis filtration will remove bacteria and heavy metals, and is considered safe for consumption. Often, it is easier to simply purchase green tea at a stand or a soft drink at a convenience store. Restaurant water is safe, with the exception of some lunchbox eateries and stands on the street.

Beer from the local beer company, Taiwan Beer, can be commonly found on the island and purchased by visitors. Most major soft drinks are available, and tea stands on almost every corner offer concoctions of fruit, yogurt, green tea, the Taiwanese specialty "bubble tea," and a variety of other flavors.

Some coffee shops can also be found in Yilan



Starbucks

There are three Starbucks in Yilan County. One is at Luna Plaza (1F); another one is at the Taiwan National Center for the Traditional Arts, and the other is next to Yo-Ai Department Store.



Mr. Brown

In Yilan, you can find Mr. Brown coffee shops close to scenic spots, such as the one near Wai Ao Beach in Toucheng and another by Orchid Garden in Jiaoxi. The third one is close to Yuanshan County which sells wine as well.

Housing

Full time language center students can apply to live in the university's dormitory. The dormitory about 330 square meter(10 坪). There are both double room and quadruple room available. All rooms are equipped with a bathroom and shower area. A double room cost 7164 TWD for 12 weeks, and quadruple room cost 5832 TWD for 12 weeks. Includes the water and electricity fees. But you need to pay Dorm Deposit NT\$2,000(Refundable)

If you are not willing to live in the dorms or hoping to live in closer contact with the people of Yilan, you have the option of renting a house or apartment in Yilan city. Price can vary based on factors such as location, if the place is old or new, size, and what facilities are available. You might even at times need to take into account the disposition of the landlord (all people are different). On average, apartment may cost 5000-9000 TWD a month. Typically, when renting a house or apartment in Taiwan, furniture is not included (however, some might have basic furnishing), so you might want to consider the cost of buying furniture when making your decision. Often when signing a contract, a deposit of two months rent worth is required. This is returned in full at the end of the contract period, if no repairs are needed or no other deductions need to be made. Most contracts are for one year. Except for very special circumstances, most landlords are not willing to make contracts for less than a year.

Most homes in Taiwan use 110V, and air-conditioning outlets use 110V and 220V. All sorts of converters and sockets are inexpensive and easy to find.

Regardless of if you live in the school's dorms or rent a house or apartment, CLIC is willing to provide the necessary assistance you might need. We hope that you inform us of any needs you might have at least two weeks before your arrival in Taiwan. Naturally, the earlier we are informed, the more of an opportunity we have to help.

Getting Around

From Yilan to neighboring counties, such as Taipei and Hualian (花蓮⁹), transportation is very convenient. A trip by train or car can take approximately one to two hours.

There are four companies that provide bus service. Bus times are very frequent. Bus times average around one bus every fifteen Minutes. Commonly people have their own car or motorcycle. Within the city, speeds are considerably slower (speeds vary around 50 to 70 km/ h), but traffic is still a bit disorganized. Walking is very safe. Even so, when crossing the street, other than watching the traffic lights, you must also pay attention to the road conditions. (Taiwan drives on the right side of the road.)

Yilan is a fairly small city. Students at CLIC agree that most necessities can be found within a 15 minute walking distance. Therefore not having a car or motorcycle is not a big problem. If you need to transport by car, Yilan's taxis are convenient but expensive. People in cities like Yilan do not commonly take taxis. As a result, taxis are comparatively more expensive. If using the meter, most drivers will add 20-50 TWD to the fee. Other times, drivers will not use the meter and instead use a set price for certain trips. For example, the trip from the Jiaoxi train station to the Fo Guang main campus, a 15 minute trip, can cost 250 TWD.

We DO NOT recommend you buy a motorcycle, besides the fact the traffic is disorganized, the government requires foreign nationals to follow certain steps before purchasing one. This includes applying and receiving an "Alien Resident Certificate" (ARC), testing for a motorcycle license, etc. Also, when you are wanting to leave Taiwan, selling the motorcycle and transferring registration is not an easy task.

Using a bicycle for transportation is an option to consider. Bicycles are simple to buy and you have many types to choose from. Prices, depending on quality, can span from 2,000 TWD all the way to 20,000 TWD.

Daily Life in Yilan County

A. Transportation

Various means of transportation are available for you to get around in Yilan County and travel to other parts of Taiwan. The following is information about different modes of transportation:

1. By Train

Taiwan Railway: Yilan is served by the Taiwan Railway Administration's East Line. The city is about 1 hour from Taipei by normal express train. Website: <https://www.railway.gov.tw/tra-tip-web/tip>

Yilan Train Station

Address: NO.1 Guangfu Road, Yilan City, Yilan County; Tel:03-9323801

2. By Bus

Kuo-Kuang Bus Company is the bus company that runs in Yilan County. The bus routes are various (eg. to Toucheng, to Nan Fang Ao, to Taipei, to Keelung, etc.).

Four companies provide transportation between Yilan County and Taipei City:



Kamalan Bus Company

⁹ 花蓮

Huālián

Kamalan is available for booking tickets within 15 days from the desired booking day (including the return ticket). We recommend you take Kamalan, which has an early stop right at the Technology Building MRT station (on the Brown line) where you should get off. If you want to take it straight to the train station, you will get stuck in traffic and spend excess time sitting on the bus. If you're returning from Taipei on a weekend evening, be sure to purchase tickets in advance; otherwise, you'll be waiting at bus station for hours.

Website: <http://www.kamalan.com.tw/>



Capital Bus Company

Capital Bus is on a first-come, first-served basis and starts to sell tickets 1 hour before each bus leaves, but it will take you straight to Taipei 101. If you just want to buy some American groceries at Jason's and some books at Eslite or Page One, this is probably your best option.

Website: <http://www.capital-bus.com.tw/>



Kuo-Kuang Bus

Kuo-Kuang Bus is available for booking tickets within 15 days from the desired booking day (including the return ticket) If you want to go Nangang Exhibition Hall or MRT Yuanshan st, you can choose to take Kuo-Kuang Bus.

Website: <http://www.kingbus.com.tw/>

Bus Terminal:

- Yilan – Yilan Transfer Station, located behind Yilan Train Station.
- Ludong – From the rear entrance of Ludong Train Station, go straight on Gongzheng E. Rd. Capital will be to your right; Kamalan will be to your left.
- Jiaoxi – Jiaoxi Transfer Station



Tong Lian Bus

Tong Lian Bus is available for booking tickets within 17 days from the desired booking day (including the return ticket) If you want to go Taoyuan Airport, you can choose to take Tong Lian Bus.

Website: <https://www.ubus.com.tw/Booking/StationInquiry/90>

Bus Terminal:

- Yilan – Yilan Transfer Station, located behind Yilan Train Station.
- Ludong – Ludong Transfer Station
- Jiaoxi – Jiaoxi Transfer Station

3. By Scooter

(1) Driving and Traffic in Yilan County

Driving in Yilan County can be terrifying for first timers! However, once you understand some of the “rules”, it can be a great way to see the county and have a lot of fun. Motorbikes are not for everyone, but if you decide to give it a try, the motorbike (or scooter) can give you a lot of independence and make your life in Yilan easier. Operating a motorbike is relatively easy, but learning how to maneuver through Yilan traffic might be challenge. Our advice is to start out by driving small distances on less crowded streets to get the hang of it. It takes a while to gradually become comfortable with your motorbike or scooter. In Taiwan a confident driver is a good driver.

(2) Buying a Motorbike / Scooter

In Taiwan there are three basic types of motorbikes: 50cc, 100cc, and 125cc. You can get a brand new or used one. If you are not driving fast or do not plan to take longer trips on your motorbike, a 50cc scooter will do just fine. It can be accelerated to a decent speed and is relatively easy to control and move around. However, if you are looking for one with more power and speed, you might want to try a 100cc or a 125cc motorbike – they can reach higher speeds and handle the hills, bumps, and inclines of some of Yilan’s remote areas.

Although the cost of purchasing a brand-new motorbike will be more expensive than purchasing a used one, a new motorbike will let you not worry about motor or battery problems. To avoid motorbike theft, be cautious as to where and when you park yours. Although buying a second-hand or used motorbike will save you some money, you will need to do some shopping around before you make your purchase (despite what the owner may try to tell you). Beware that looks aren’t everything. Don’t be surprised if they try to charge you more for a better-looking motorbike with a less than perfect motor. It is more important to own a motorbike that is reliable and sturdy.

When purchasing a brand-new or used motorbike, be sure to ask about the company’s service (e.g., repair) policies. Many store-owners will fix your motorbike for free or at a discounted cost. Having a good relationship with the owner and a clear understanding of the store’s policy in the beginning will pay off if you need help down the road. Motorbike dealers can easily be found in Yilan and Luodong. If you need assistance when buying a scooter, your co-teachers or program coordinator can help you.

(3) Driver’s Licenses and the DMV

You need to get your scooter driver’s license first before you buy and ride a motorbike. Though spending one morning in the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicle 監理所) to obtain a license is not fun, it is necessary if you want to drive in Taiwan. Most dealers need to see your license before they sell you a motorbike, and having a license with you will definitely help you if you get ticketed, pulled over, or into an accident. It is a serious violation if you ride a motorbike without a valid driver’s license. The DMV is not an easily accessible place for a foreigner, so it is highly recommended that you seek the assistance of your co-teacher or FSE staff when visiting.

There are separate license categories for motorcycles. Each has been listed with a description of the license restrictions, requirements and basic costs for each one.

‘Normal, Heavy Motorcycle’ License (50cc up to 249cc)

Minimum age of **18** years

Requirements:

1. Application form (available at testing center)
2. A record of a recent physical exam
3. 1 inch passport style photo taken within the last 6 months (black and white or color)
4. A locally issued I.D. card or A.R.C. card with a minimum 1 year validity period
5. NT\$250 Road Test including Theory Test, NT\$125 Road test only, NT\$200 license card fee

'Large, Heavy Motorcycle' License (250cc and over)

Minimum age of 20 years

Must have held a 'Normal, Heavy Motorcycle' License for at least one full year

All applicants must book at an official, licensed practice and testing center and will be tested on a practical course at the center on an allotted date. Not all official Motor Vehicle Offices will offer this course.

Requirements:

1. Application form (available at testing center)
2. A record of a recent physical exam
3. 1 inch passport style photo taken within the last 6 months (black and white or color)
4. A locally issued I.D. card or A.R.C. card with a minimum 1 year validity period
5. NT\$250 Road Test including Theory Test, NT\$125 Road test only, NT\$200 license card fee

The physical exam, which can be taken in Yilan Hospital, includes a fairly simple vision test. The DMV also requires that all motorbike drivers take a written or listening test. The written tests are administered throughout the whole day and take about half an hour. While they are in English, be aware that many of the questions are awkwardly worded and poorly translated. Don't be shy to ask the administrator for assistance if you find any questions unclear, because the administrators at the DMV are more than willing to help you pass. Most questions are fairly simple, some bordering on painfully obvious, but you might want to ask for a test preparation booklet at the registration counter to flip through before the test. (Keep in mind that only a Chinese version is available.) The driving test can be taken on the same day as your written test and it is significantly more difficult. Although it appears to be fairly simple, it can be tricky and many people fail at the first turn. It tests your skills at maintaining a slow speed for more than 7 seconds, passing a 25-meter straight line, turning, and following traffic signs and signals. While taking the driving test, you can't put your feet on the ground or even touch it. Getting your license is not as daunting as it seems, and if you are patient, it can be taken care of in one day.

(4) Driving tips (Things to watch out for)

In Yilan, traffic rules sometimes serve just as guidelines, and there are those who don't obey traffic rules (we call them "dangerous drivers"). A honk of the horn warns you that the person behind the wheel may break a rule or run you over, but people do not honk every time they break the rule — it would be too noisy. People seem to follow the unwritten rule that they can drive in any available space, so don't assume that you will not have oncoming traffic in the lane you are entering. Watch out for kids, old men on bikes, and people who are turning without signaling. People also make left turns before the traffic starts moving. When a light turns green or is about to turn green, watch out for people turning left. Pass people in intersections — they

are liable to turn right into you without signaling.

(5) In Case of Accidents

As you can guess, accidents often happen in Taiwan. The chaotic traffic makes it difficult to predict when and where accidents can occur, but there are some things you can help prevent one from happening to you. First and foremost, don't drive in heavy traffic until you are comfortable and confident on your motorbike. Yilan traffic doesn't leave a lot of room for hesitation or second-guessing. Always remember to put on your lights after dark; this will help drivers see you better on some of the darker alleys and roads.

Be aware of all vehicles on the road, including those in other lanes, across the road, and parked. Signaling, lane changes, and one-way streets are not well-defined in Taiwan. Finally, watch your speed. Though it is tempting to zoom away on empty roads or zip through cars on the streets, speeding is dangerous. Cars and motorbikes will often stop; turn, or pull out without warning and speeding will make it difficult for you to react.

Even the most careful drivers may find themselves involved in a motorbike accident. For this reason you should never drive without your mobile phone and driver's license. If you find yourself in an accident of any kind, stay calm and don't move anything, including both vehicles. If you are physically stable, the first thing you should do together with the other party is:

- Call the police (dial the emergency number 110) immediately!!!
- Then, call Mr. Trace Chang. Immediately after this, you should call

your local English teacher (LET) or a Taiwanese friend. Even if your Chinese is great, a police station or hospital is no place for cultural exchange. Having a Taiwanese person vouch for you and help you communicate can save you time, money, and a lot of headaches.

- No matter who is at fault, you should refrain from arguing or placing blame until someone has arrived to help you. You may want to take down license plate number of the other party in case they attempt to leave.
 - You should also not make any attempt to move your scooter from the scene of the accident. The police are very particular about this. If it is moved, you may be perceived as having tampered with the scene. (If possible, you should also take some photos of this accident, because they will help the police learn the truth.)
- Accidents can be messy and will most likely take you a while to fully sort out. Remember to stay calm and ask for help when needed.

4. By Bike

Bike are also common in Yilan. GIANT, a widely-recognized Taiwanese brand, has shops in the city. Heavy traffic rule violations by cyclists have not been fined in the past, but this is quickly changing. Government authorities are implementing new rules to improve traffic conditions in a not too distant future. Cycling in Yilan is all about taking in the scenery of the expansive Lanyang Plain, which features rice paddies, rivers, and the vast Pacific Ocean. Meet the locals and you will experience the warmth and hospitality of Yilan's people.

The following three paths are rather popular:

(1) Coastal Bike Path

The path starts near the mouth of Lanyang River inside the Donggang Banyan Park. It follows the coast northwards all the way up to Dafu, passing Guoling along the way. Near Lanyang River you can stop to

watch water birds. Part of the path is shaded by the lush greenery of River oaks. During the summer, cyclists enjoy the cool breeze of the ocean and gaze across the sea to admire Turtle Island in the distance.

(2) Dongshan River Bike Path

Following the bike path between Dongshan Railway Station and Wujie Floodgate near the Water Park, you come across the Zhenzhu Recreational Farm Area, Dongshan River Water Park, and the National Center for Traditional Arts. The Wjshier Jia Wetlands are home to many migratory birds, providing excellent opportunities for bird watching.

(3) Old Caoling Tunnel Bike Path

This is the first bike path in northern Taiwan that includes an old railway tunnel. Inside the tunnel you can still see some features of the old railway line and hear the sound of the trains now running through a new nearby. The bike path starts at Fulong Train Station, follows Longlin Street, and then passes through the tunnel. It ends at Shicheng near the coast. You can first the route through the tunnel and then return from Shicheng to Fulong by following the coastal highway.

5. By Taxi

Taxi can be an easy way to get to somewhere unfamiliar, and are fairly common in the city. If you have the business card of a location, or the Chinese characters written down, they can easily get you there far faster than other modes of transportation. It is best to ask for the price of the ride in advance, and, if possible, buckle up. Do not be surprised if taxi drivers drive the wrong way, up a hill, or through buckle up. Do not be surprised if taxi drivers drive the wrong way, up a hill, or through heavy traffic.

In order to provide the foreigners with friendly transportation, the front desk at Yilan city hall offers English Taxi call services. “Shengmei Taxi Firm”, a local taxi company in Yilan, has full-time personnel providing English communication services and foreigners can ask for pickup services through the person at the counter to get to different destinations in Yilan easily. Tel:03-9253300.

You can also take a taxi to Taipei if you are in a hurry. You may hear taxi drivers around the train stations or Yilan Transfer Station say “Taipei” in Chinese or English, meaning he is looking for more passengers to take his taxi (usually up to 4 passengers). The cost of a 4-person shared taxi is around NT\$1,000 to NT\$1,200. If you have the opportunity to take a 4-person shared taxi to Taipei, be aware that you will be sitting with strangers, so don’t be alone. Find a friend to take a taxi with you.

Health Care

Taiwan’s health care standards are fairly high. Yilan County has several mid-sized hospitals distributed in Yilan city, Luodong (羅東¹⁰), and Jiaoxi. The hospitals facilities are modern and the doctors are well-trained. On our main campus, Fo Guang has a health clinic which can provide the initial medical response to most medical needs. Also, the school has signed a contract with National Yang-Ming University Hospital (陽明醫院¹¹) in Yilan city where both teachers and students can receive the appropriate care they need. According to ROC (Taiwan) government regulations, all foreign language students are required to purchase medical and accidental insurance (CLIC can assist you in applying). The insurance cost approximately 2,500

¹⁰ 羅東

Luódōng

¹¹ 仁愛醫院

Rén’ài Yīyuàn

TWD. If you have your own domestic insurance, or have insurance from overseas that can be used in Taiwan, please bring the appropriate documents and/ or insurance card to Taiwan.

Medical Care

In case you don't feel well, please contact Mr. Trace Chang, who will recommend English-speaking medical doctors to help you.

The following is the information of three major hospitals in Yilan County:

1. National Yang-Ming University Hospital in Yilan City

- Website: <https://www.ymuh.ym.edu.tw/>
- Address: No. 169, Xiaoshe Rd., Yilan City, Yilan County
- Phone: (03) 905-1688 (03) 932-5192 (24hours)
- Registration phone: (03) 936-5432

On-sit registration	Outpatient service hours:
Morning: 07:30 – 11:00	Morning: 09:00 – 12:00
Afternoon: 12:00 – 17:00	Afternoon: 14:00 – 17:00
Evening: 17:00 – 20:30	Evening: 19:00 – 21:00

2. Lotung Poh-Ai Hospital

- Website: http://www.pohai.org.tw/pohai/index.php?option=com_wrapper&Itemid=347&lang=tw
- Address: No.83, Nan Chang St., Loudong Township, Yilan County, 265 Taiwan
- Phone: 03-9543131
- Registration phone: 03-9545555 , 03-9545683

On-sit registration	Outpatient service hours
Morning: 07:00 – 11:45	Morning: 08:00 – 12:00
Afternoon: 12:00 – 16:15	Afternoon: 13:30 – 16:30
Evening: 16:30 – 19:30	Evening: 18:00 – 20:00

3. Saint Mary's Hospital in Luodong

- Website: <http://www.smh.org.tw/2014/?language=zh-hant;text/html;charset=utf-8>
- Address: No.83, Nan Chang St., Loudong, Yilan County, 265 Taiwan
- Phone: 03-9567808
- Registration phone: 03-9567808 , 03-9545683

On-sit registration	Outpatient service hours
Monday-Friday: 07:30 – 20:00	Morning: 09:00 – 12:00
Saturday: 07:30-11:30	Afternoon: 14:00 – 17:00
	Evening: 18:00 – 20:30
	(Saturday: 09:00-12:00)

As you learn about life in Taiwan, you will learn that information is handled in a different way from the way it is handled in the States.

(1) If you have a serious illness, especially if it is an emergency (I mean life-threatening), go to 1National

Yang-Ming University Hospital or Lotung Poh-Ai Hospital. They have a good reputation in the area have pretty extensive facilities.

- The notion of patients' rights is much different here, which means that the hospital you first attend may make it very difficult for you to switch hospitals after you've entered.

- Furthermore, some hospitals as a rule don't communicate with other hospitals. If you have surgery at one place, your next doctor will not contact your first doctor. They will only go off the surgeon's report; the surgeon may not even let you transfer hospital in the first place.

(2)The emergency number is 119. (It is pronounced "yi yi jiu")

(3)You have to keep your own files here. Be diligent about this and keep all paperwork.

(4)If you're going to the hospital to check something out, it is best to go with some Taiwanese friends since the place can be a maze. You can make appointments through an automated switchboard, or at the hospital. You can often just walk in and get an appointment for the same day. If it is your first time at a hospital, you will have to register whether you've made an appointment or not in the past. When you get an appointment you get a number and you have to wait. The length of your wait is not determined by time, but by the number of patients the doctor must see before you.

(5) Go in with questions ready because the on-deck person is usually waiting in the room with things. There is less privacy and the physician might not see you through the whole process the way you're used to.

(6) Don't be afraid to get a second opinion if you have questions. It won't cost a lot and you may receive a different response.

●Family Medicine Clinic

1. DR. HUANG BAOKAI CLINIC

Address: 1F., No. 97, Tongxing Street, Yilan City, Yilan County 260, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

– Phone: (03) 935 6414

●Otolaryngology Clinic

1. DR. LEES PEDIATRIC CLINIC

Address: 1F.-2, No. 29, Sec. 3, Zhongshan Rd., Yilan City, Yilan County 260, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

– Phone: (03) 935 6288

2. DR. CHU CHUNYUAN CLINIC

Address: No. 175, Sec. 3, Zhongshan Rd., Yilan City, Yilan County 260, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

– Phone: (03) 932 2729

3.LIN Otolaryngology Clinic

Address: No. 233, Sec. 3, Zhongshan Rd., Yilan City, Yilan County 260, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

– Phone: (03) 931 1234

4. Yilan Clinic--Doctor Yun-Wu, Huang

Address: No. 86, Sec. 3, Zhongshan Rd., Yilan City, Yilan County 260, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

-Phone: (03) 9326234

This doctor can speak English. His major at Division of Family Medicine, General Surgery, Otolaryngological Dept., Dermatology Dept., chronic disease.

●Eye Clinic

1. Han Lin Eye Clinic

Address: No. 227, Sec. 3, Zhongshan Rd., Yilan City, Yilan County 260, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

– Phone: (03) 932 7880

2.CHANG CHIH CHIANG Eye Clinic

Address: No. 72, Sec. 3, Zhongshan Rd., Yilan City, Yilan County 260, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

– Phone: (03) 933 3372

●Gynecology clinic (Female Doctor)

Address: 3F., No. 146, Sec. 3, Zhongshan Rd., Yilan City, Yilan County 260, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

– Phone: (03) 936 4714

Entertainment

Yilan has several restaurants and bars that on the weekends are frequented by foreign nationals. There are quite a few foreigners in Yilan County, the majority coming from western English-speaking countries. Such as England, America, Canada, Australia, and South Africa. A large number are teaching English as an occupation. Yilan has a branch of the largest bookstore in Taiwan. Students and intellectuals alike are welcome to buy, or sit, read and enjoy a book of their choice. There are also a range of coffee houses, movie theaters and a department store. If you are a traveler, both Yilan and neighboring counties have many scenic places to visit. And the transportation is quite convenient.

A. Tourist Attractions

Within this year, you'll have chance to explore the very famous sites or events by yourselves around Yilan. The following information is provided by the Department of Tourism, Yilan County Government.

1. Whale and Dolphin Watching by Turtle Island 龜山島與賞鯨豚

According to the legends, Turtle Island was once a living and breathing turtle with a waving tail. It was thought to be the tutelary god and spiritual landmark of Yilan County. The island itself and the surrounding seas are also great sites for ecological studies because of its volcanic geography. You can also take a marine eco-trip searching for whales and dolphins in a special watching boat while enjoying the ocean view.

2. Forest Resort 森林遊樂區

To experience the beauty of mountains in Yilan, you can visit three popular forest resorts, Taipingshan

National Forest Recreation Area, Cilan Forest Recreation Area, and Mingchih Forest Recreation Area. Each of them presents different sceneries with their own special geographical environments and plentiful animal species. Taipingshan National Forest Recreation Area includes Jiujhihze hot spring and Cueifong Lake. We recommend you visit the three forest resorts over two or three days trip.

3. Wulaokeng Scenic Area 武老坑風景區

Located along the border of Dongshan and Suao, Wulaokeng Scenic Area is a valley shaped by two streams, which has been developed into a camping site. It has a complete ecosystem of streams species because of its clean water. It also has great views and good facilities for water sports and other recreational activities. The “Yilan Green Expo” held each spring has made this scenic area one of the major tourist attractions in Yilan.

4. Fushan Botanical Garden 福山植物園

Located in Yuanshan, Yilan County and Wulai, Taipei County, Fushan Botanical Garden is the largest botanical garden in Taiwan. At an attitude of 620 meters, there are various species of birds, insects, animals and plants. The Botanical Garden serves to balance the ecosystem inside the garden for years. Please be environmentally conservative while you’re visiting the botanical garden!

5. Jiaosi Hot Spring 礁溪溫泉

It is very rare to have a hot spring underground, but the hot spring at Jiaoxi is underground. During the period of Japanese colonization, people used the technology of well digging to acquire spring water from underground. The hot spring water is clear and odorless, and has plenty of minerals that are good for the skin. Moreover, this hot spring is also good for watering plants and growing vegetables.

6. Suao Cold Spring 蘇澳冷泉

The abundant rainfall in Yilan permeates through limestone stratum and the plate tectonic movement releases carbon dioxide that mixes with the water and becomes gassy carbonic acid water. This explains how a cold spring is formed. When you walk into the cold spring you might feel a chill, but your body will get hotter as time goes on. And, it is fun to see gas bubbles drinking spring water cures gastrointestinal problems.

7. Dongshan River Water Park 冬山河親水公園

“Splashing in water and enjoying greenery” is the theme of the Water Park. Utilizing the special features of Dongshan River, it has developed into an open space integrating “water and green.” A water motif is utilized in different manners for sightseeing, leisure activities, entertainment, and education.

There are boats and water buses that shuttle visitors to the National Center for Traditional Arts. Boat trips and night tours are also available.

8. Yilan Delicacies 宜蘭名產

Yilan not only has rich and fertile commodities, but also delicious foods and snacks Marinated pork liver (膽肝), goza (糕渣 deep-fried cube mixed with chicken gravy and corn starch), zaobing cake (糟餅 Yilan style dessert), smoke duck (鴨賞), fengchang (粉腸 Yilan style sausage), purow (卜肉 deep fried pork with batter),

fish-ball rice noodles (魚丸米粉 in Yuanshan), Yilan cookies (牛舌餅 ox tongue-shaped cookies), preserved fruit (蜜餞), and Yugan (羊羹 made from the cold spring water of Suao) are among its specialties. As for vegetables, spring onion (青蔥 in Sansing), kumquat (金棗), tomato, water convolvuluses (空心菜 in Jiaosi), sponge cucumber (溫泉絲瓜 in Jiaosi) and water bamboo shoot (茭白筍 in Jiaosi) are important agricultural products in Yilan.

9. Yilan Green Expo 綠色博覽會

People hope to live in environments with plenty of natural greenery, and the “Green Expr” blends elements of health, environmental conversation, and ecology to show the meaning of a “green” lifestyle. Via exhibitions, performances, and recreational activities, the Green Expo has gathered the passion of the people of Yilan and successfully attracted over millions of visitors. It also provides creativity and energy to the people of Yilan. You are encouraged to discover the wonders of this amazing “Green” land!

10. Baimi Clogs Villages 白米木屐村

A traditional old house with creative mosaic walls catches your eyes with its colorful appearance. Inside the house, there are panels explaining the production process of clogs and displaying all kinds of clogs according to its function and time. We hope you will not only visit the village, but also bring a pair of clogs home with you! The Baimi Clogs Village is an example of a community redevelopment project. If you have more time, you are welcome to color your own pair of clogs and bring home the colorful dreams of this community!

11. National Center for Traditional 國立傳統藝術中心

The National Center for Traditional Arts is located at Dongahsn Scenic Area across the river from the famous Water Park. Simulating “Museum Menjimura” in Japan, it moved historical houses and gathered them in the center in order to conserve them. Moreover, it also invited traditional folk arts to the center to conserve vanishing folk arts. This is a good example of blending a traditional culture with a modern one. The Folk Arts Street shopping area is the most popular area among visitors. This is because all buildings in the area designed as traditional grocery stores.


B. Festivals

Month	Holidays / Festivals	Activites
January	1.1/1 New Year Holiday 2. 1/31 - 2/6 Chinese New Year	
February	1. 2/9 Birthday of the Emperor of Heaven 2. 2/15 Lantern Festival 3. 2/28 Peace Memorial Day	1. Celebrations are held in various Temples island wide. 2. Lantern Festival, a very popular festival in Taiwan, signifies the end of Lunar New Year Holidays.
April	1. 4/4-4/5 Children's Day & Tomb-sweepind Day 2. 4/23 Matsu's Birthday	Matu's Birthday: Matsu Temple holds a parade for the goddess.
May	1. 5/1 Labour day 2. 5/8 Birthday of Mercy Buddha 3. 5/8 Mother's Day	Mother's Day: Sales promotions held department stores.
June	1. 6/3 Dragon Boat Festival 2. Yilan Water Lantern Festival	1. Dragon Boat Festival: dragon boat races are held on the Dongshan River 2. The festival is an expression of the unity of the various associations; it also protects the tradition of releasing water lanterns and lotus lanterns.
August	1.8/2 Kuantí's Birthday 2. 8/4 Chinese Valentine's Day 3. 8/8 Chinese Father's Day 4.8/12 Chinese Zhongyuan Ghost Festival	1. Kuantí's Birthday: Kuantí Temple holds a parade for the deity. 4. Religious ceremonies dedicated to the dead are performed in temples.
September	1. 9/10 Mid-Autumn Festival 2. 9/28 Confucius's Birthday (Teacher's Day)	1. B.B.Q and Fireworks display 2. Commemorative rituals are held in Confucius temples.
October	10/10 National Day 10/31 Holloween	National Day celebrations
November	11/24 Thanksgiving	
December	12/25 Constitutional anniversary	

Communications

Applying for a number is quite easy. If you have a cellular phone, we suggest you bring your phone to Taiwan, and apply for a phone number here. CLIC can help you with the application process.

Information on Republic of China Resident Visas

REQUIREMENTS	DESCRIPTION
Application form	Go to website: https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw Fill out the application form online and print it out. Make sure the application form shows a bar code on it. Sign the application form. 
Two color passport-size photos	Paste on the application form two color passport-size photos with a white background taken within 6 months.
Passport and one photocopy of the passport	The passport must be valid for at least 6 months and there are blank pages left in it. One photocopy of the passport bio-page including the holders picture is required.
Original and one photocopy of health certificate	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The health certificate should be issued within 3 months by one of the local hospitals designated by the Centers for Disease Control of Ministry of Health and Welfare of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) or a foreign hospital. Health certificates issued by foreign hospitals must be authenticated by an R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission. 2. Visit the website of the Centers for Disease Control at https://www.cdc.gov.tw/En for health checkup items and the list of designated local hospitals.
Original and one photocopy of certificate of enrollment with record of registration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The certificate of enrollment and record of registration should be issued by one of the Mandarin Chinese Learning Centers affiliated to universities accredited by the Ministry of Education. 2. Check the website of the Ministry of Education for the list of the Mandarin Chinese Learning Centers. 3. The certificate of enrollment must indicate completion of 4 months of study and registration for continued study for at least another 3 months. 4. Weekly hours of attendance, Monday to Friday, must not be fewer than 15 hours.
Original and one photocopy of record of attendance	Hours of absence including those taken on a leave must not exceed a quarter of total class hours.
Original and one photocopy of transcripts	The school transcripts from the period of study.
Study plan	Study motives should be included.

REQUIREMENTS	DESCRIPTION
Original and one photocopy of proof of financial support	<p>Bank statements or records of remittance provided by the applicant or his/her relatives within the third degree of kinship (grandparents, parents and siblings).</p> <p>*Bank statements or records of remittance supported by the applicant's relatives must be submitted along with the household registration/ birth certificate/ family book which may prove the relationship of relative.</p> <p>*The amount showing on the bank statements or records of remittance, when the visa application is submitted, must be sufficient enough for at least a consecutive 3 months living needs.</p> <p>*The scholarship certificate must indicate the duration and the exact amount of the scholarship.</p>
Other supporting documents	To be decided on a case-by-case basis. Applicants who apply for a Resident Visa after having arrived in the R.O.C. (Taiwan) are required to present also one photocopy of the Visitor Visa and the immigration entry stamp.

Application Procedure

Applicants who have entered the R.O.C. (Taiwan) on a Visitor Visa with an annotation indicating studying Chinese as the purpose of visit, have completed 4 months of study, have registered for continued study for at least another 3 months, may apply to the National Immigration Agency for residence and obtain an Alien Resident Certificate.

Notice

1. Visa issuance is an act of sovereignty. According to the "Statute Governing Issuance of R.O.C. Visas in Foreign Passport" and "Enforcement Rules for the Issuance of R.O.C. Visas to Foreign-Passport Holders," the R.O.C. reserves the right not to issue a visa and is under no obligation to disclose the reason. Application fee for no-issuance cases is non-refundable.
2. Processing of Resident Visa application inside the R.O.C. (Taiwan) takes 8 work days. Resident Visa applicants are advised to apply to the Bureau of Consular Affairs 8 work days before the duration of stay expires. Application will be turned down and fee not refunded in the event that required documents are not submitted in full within 7 days after the applicant is informed by the Bureau of Consular Affairs. In the event that the applicant's duration of stay expires while the Resident Visa is under processing and eventually rejected, the applicant is to assume the sole responsibility of overstay and the penalty therefore imposed.
3. Original documents are to be returned after review. Documents produced outside of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) must be authenticated by an R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission. Documents that are in languages other than Chinese or English must be accompanied by a Chinese- or English-translation version. The original-language documents and the accompanying Chinese- or English-translation version must be authenticated by an R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission.
4. For visa application fees, please refer to "Standard Fees for R.O.C. (Taiwan) Visas in Foreign Passports"(pdf file).
5. Those who enter the R.O.C. (Taiwan) without a visa or with a landing visa and those who enter the R.O.C. (Taiwan) on a Visitor Visa not for the purpose of studying Chinese may not apply for a Resident Visa or an extension of duration of stay on the ground of studying Chinese.
6. Those who enter the R.O.C. (Taiwan) on a Resident Visa or get a Resident Visa after having arrived in the R.O.C. (Taiwan) must apply for an Alien Resident Certificate and Re-entry Permit at local service centers of National Immigration Agency. The former must apply within 30 days from the next day of arrival, and the latter must apply within 30 days from the Resident Visa issuance date. Duration of stay is noted on the Alien Resident Certificate.

7. Obtaining a school admission permit does not guarantee the issuance of a Resident Visa. Obtaining a Resident Visa does not entitle the visa holder to enter the R.O.C.(Taiwan).

ABBREVIATIONS

1. BOCA - Bureau of Consular Affairs
2. R.O.C. - Republic of China
3. R.O.C. overseas missions- R.O.C. embassies, consulates and representative offices, or other agencies authorized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the R.O.C.
4. MOFA -Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Registration

We have a flexible registration program. Students who have checked in with CLIC can register for classes anytime CLIC is open (8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Mon-Fri) . The following is required when registering: 1) Students fees must be paid in full, 2) A form must be filled out with the necessary students information, 3) Four photographs (Both color or black & white will be accepted). You will be informed of the test time at the time of registration. You can find inexpensive places in Yilan to take passport-sized photographs. However, we advise you bring photographs to Taiwan in order avoid difficulties when registering.

Arriving in Taiwan

It is advisable to arrive in Taipei a few days before the “last arrival date”, list on the calendar, so that you will have a reasonable amount of time to recuperate from jet leg, find a place to live, adjust to the food etc. When you arrive in Yilan, check in at the CLIC office as soon as it’s convenient to do so.

You will arrive in Taiwan at the Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (TPE) International Airport, 45 kilometers out of Taipei. The first thing to do after clearing customs is to change some money at the change booth in the airport foyer. There is also an ATM at the airport where you can get Taiwan currency (in 1000 TWD bills) with your credit/ debit card. However, for those students on flights arriving at non-business hours, the change booth in the airport foyer and the ATM may be closed. Therefore, it is advisable to exchange a small amount of money in your country before departure.


How to Get to CLIC

From TPE, you have four options for making your way down to Yilan. **Option one**, which is probably easier but longer, is to take a bus or Taoyuan Airport MRT to the Taipei Train Station. From there take a train to Yilan. It will take about 90 minutes from Taipei Train Station to Yillan Train Station . **Option two** is to take a bus or Taoyuan Airport MRT to Taipei and get off at Taipei Train Station. From there , take the *KAMALAN Bus* (<http://www.kamalan.com.tw>) to Yilan. It will take about 45 minutes to Yilan transport station. **Option three** is to take a bus to the Taipei City Hall. From there , take the Capital Bus (<http://www.capital-bus.com.tw/>) to Yilan. It will take about 45 minutes to Yilan transport station.

Option four is to take the Ubus (<http://www.ubus.com.tw/index.php>) to Yilan. It will take about 90

minutes from Taoyuan Airport to Yilan transport station .

Below are timetables for buses and trains that lead to Yilan. From Taoyuan to Taipei City

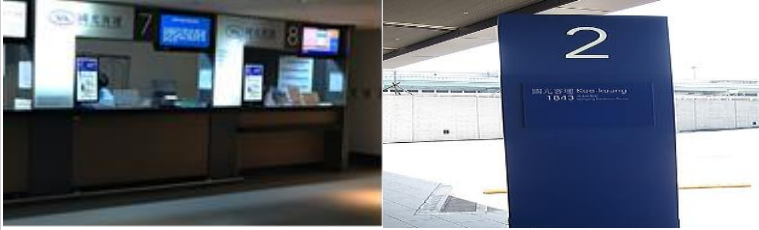

Description:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Where to buy bus tickets: Taoyuan Bus Corporation: Fare paid on the bus. Other buses: Ticket counters are located in the Arrival Passenger reception areas of both terminals, T1 & T2.2. Terminal 1 Bus Platform: On the southwest side of the arrival passenger reception area (the 1st floor).3. Reception Area. Terminal 2 Bus Platform: On the northeast side of the arrival passenger reception (the 1st floor).4. One-way fare varies from NT\$110 to NT\$140 per adult.
Photo :	

KUO-KUANG MOTOR TRANSPORT. Kuokuang Line [1819 to Taiwan Railways Station / 1840 to Taipei Songshan Airport]



Stops	1819Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport <----> Taiwan Main Station Taoyuan International Airport T2, Taoyuan International Airport T1, Taipei School for the Hearing Impaired, Kulun St., Taiwan Architecture Park, Fortuna Hotel, Ambassador Hotel, Taiwan Railways Station.	1840Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport <----> Taipei Songshan Airport Taoyuan International Airport T1, Taoyuan International Airport T2, Rong-Xing Park, Xingtian Temple, Minguan Fuxing Road Intersection, Taipei Songshan Airport
Fare	Adult NT\$140/Child NT\$70/Round-Trip NT\$260	Adult NT\$140/Child NT\$70/Round-Trip NT\$260
Interval	Everyday: 08:30 17:00	Everyday: 09:40 16:40
Service Hours	24hr	Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport : 06:10-24:00 Taipei Songshan Airport :04:30-22:45
Driving Distance	50 minutes	50 minutes
Photo	<p>T1(B1)</p>   <p>T2(1F)</p>  	<p>T1(B1)</p>   <p>T2(1F)</p>  

KUO-KUANG MOTOR TRANSPORT. Kuokuang Line [1843]

Stops	Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport <----> Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center Taoyuan International Airport T1, Taoyuan International Airport T2, Ruiguang Rd.(Neihu Dist.), Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center Station.
Fare	Adult NT\$145/Child NT\$75/Round-Trip NT\$270
Interval	Everyday: 09:30 17:15

Service Hours	Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport : 06:20-23:20 Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center : 05:00-23:00
Driving Distance	90 minutes
Photo	T1(B1) 
	T2(1F) 

KUO-KUANG MOTOR TRANSPORT. ZhongXing Line [1841]

Stops	Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport ↔ Taipei Songshan Airport Taoyuan International Airport T2, Taoyuan International Airport T1, Huoyun Station, Shuiwei, Taimao, Nan Kan, Minguan W. Rd, Songshan Airport
Fare	Adult NT\$93/Child NT\$47
Interval	15-30 minutes
Service Hours	Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport : 05:50-22:30 Songshan Airport : 03:30-23:45
Driving Distance	70 minutes
Photo	T1(B1) 
	T2(1F) 

Evergreen Bus [5203]

Stops	Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport ↔ Taipei Taoyuan International Airport T2, Taoyuan International Airport T1, Xingtian Temple Station, Minsheng Songjiang Road Intersection
Fare	Adult NT\$90/Child NT\$45
Interval	20-30 minutes
Service Hours	To Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport : 06:15-00:30 Taipei to Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport : 05:00-16:45
Driving Distance	40 minutes to 50 minutes

Photo

T1(B1)



T2(1F)



Citi Air Bus [1960/1961]

Stops	1960Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport <----> City Hall Bus Station Taoyuan International Airport T2, Taoyuan International Airport T1, MRT Zhong-Xiao Fu-Xing St, Far Eastern Plaza, Grand Hyatt Taipei, City Hall Bus Station	1961Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport <----> Taipei(Western) Taoyuan International Airport T2, Taoyuan International Airport T1, Cargo Terminal, Kuolin, Shuiwei, Xizhou, Tai Mall, Nan Kan interchange, Fortuna Hotel, Ambassador Hotel, Sheraton Hotel Taipei, Taiwan Railway station
Fare	Adult NT\$145/Child NT\$70	Adult NT\$90/Child NT\$45
Interval	30-40 minutes	30-40 minutes
Service Hours	Taoyuan International Airport : 06:00-01:00 City Hall Bus Station : 04:40-23:00	Taoyuan International Airport : 05:50-01:00 Taipei(Western) : 04:40-23:00
Driving Distance	80~90 minutes	70~80 minutes

Photo



U Bus [1661]

Stops	Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport <----> Yilan transport station Jiaoxi transport station, Yilan transport station
Fare	Adult NT\$280/Child NT\$140
Interval	1hr
Service Hours	24hr

Driving Distance About 1 hour 30 minutes

Photo

T1(B1)



T2(1F)



From Taipei City to Yilan City (by Railway)

Taiwan has only one train company. There are different types of trains, so the times and price of tickets may differ.

Taiwan Railway (台灣鐵路局 ¹²) https://www.railway.gov.tw/tra-tip-web/tip			
Type of Train	Departure Time	Arrival Time	Ticket Price (NT Dollars)
普悠瑪 202	06:00	07:12	\$218
太魯閣 402	06:13	07:21	\$218
普悠瑪 406	06:40	07:57	\$218
自強 272	07:24	09:23	\$218
自強 472	08:40	09:58	\$218
自強 212	08:52	10:24	\$218
普悠瑪 278	09:20	10:32	\$218
自強 418	09:30	10:45	\$218
自強 280	09:45	10:03	\$218
自強 170	10:00	11:25	\$218
普悠瑪 218	10:24	11:40	\$218
自強 422	10:40	12:01	\$218
自強 222	11:45	13:01	\$218
普悠瑪 228	13:08	14:30	\$218
自強 428	14:00	15:16	\$218
自強 232	14:25	15:41	\$218
太魯閣 432	15:08	16:22	\$218
自強 236	15:48	17:08	\$211
自強 172	16:03	17:51	\$218

¹² 台灣鐵路局

自強 434	16:10	17:26	\$218
自強 442	17:09	18:33	\$218
普悠瑪 282	17:40	18:51	\$218
自強 438	18:28	19:40	\$218
自強 246	18:40	20:18	\$218
太魯閣 248	19:20	20:31	\$218
太魯閣 448	20:05	21:16	\$218
自強 252	20:42	22:02	\$218
普悠瑪 288	21:20	22:32	\$218
普悠瑪 256	22:00	23:75	\$218
Update Time : 26/1/2024 16:00 P.M.			

From Taipei City to Yilan City (by Bus)

These are the transfer options from Taipei City to Yilan City.

Company name	Departure station/ Destination	Frequency of Departures	Business hours	Travel time
Kuo-Kuang Motor Transport Company Ltd. (國光客運 ¹³) www.kingbus.com.tw	TPE/ Taipei Train Station 捷運圓山站	15 – 30 Minutes	05:40 - 21:30	90 Minutes
Footnotes	You will need to disembark at the East Kuo-Kuang Terminal Station.			
Kamalan Bus INC. (葛瑪蘭客運) gémǎlán kèyùn www.kamalan.com.tw	TPE/MRT Technology Building Station (Return : Fux ing S. Rd. Station)台北 轉運站	30 Minutes	05:15 - 22:50	70-85 Minutes
Footnotes				
Capital-bus (首都客運) shǒu dūkè yùn www.capital-bus.com.tw	TPE/ Taipei City Hall Bus Station (台北市府轉運站)	10 - 15 Minutes	06:00 – 22:00	70 - 90 Minutes
Footnotes	This destination point is at. No.6, Sec. 5, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Xinyi Dist., Taipei City			
U-bus (統聯客運) tǒngliánkè yùn https://www.kkday.com/zh- tw/product/21420	Taoyuan international airport/ Terminal 1 spot / Terminal 1 spot (桃園機場第一第二航廈)			

¹³ 國光客運

Guóguāng Kèyùn

Footnotes

This destination point is at. No. 15, Hangzhan S. Rd., Dayuan Dist., Taoyuan City 337, Taiwan (R.O.C.)(T1)

This destination point is at. No. 9, Hangzhan S. Rd., Dayuan Dist., Taoyuan City 337, Taiwan (R.O.C.)(T2)

From Yilan Train Station to CLIC

Here are two options for getting to CLIC:

1. You can take a taxi from Yilan Train station. Tell the driver you would like to go to Leiyin Temple (雷音寺¹⁴) or Center of Buddhist Worship (唵佛會¹⁵). The cost is about 120 TWD and the trip is about 5 minutes.
2. Walking for 10-15 minutes.

Please, mind the school open hours (Mon-Fri 08:30 - 17:30)

Add:No. 257, Zhongshan Rd., Sec. 3, Yilan City, 260, Taiwan.

¹⁴ 雷音寺

Léiyīnsì

¹⁵ 唵佛會

Niǎnfóhuì

Appendix

Chinese Character Romanization Conversion Chart

In Taiwan, different Romanization systems of Chinese characters have been used. Hanyu Pinyin is now the system recommended by the Ministry to Education, but you will find that some counties still adopt the Tongyong Pinyin system, and the Wade-Giles system is also in use. The following sites contain charts on Romanization, which may be useful to you.

- PinYin and BoPoMoFo ZhmYin Equivalence
- <http://terpconnect.umd.edu/~nsw/chinese/pinyin.htm>

Zhuyin and Pinyin Conversion Table

Zhuyin, popularly known as bopomofo, is a system designed to represent the Mandarin Chinese sounds. It is still used in Taiwan as a teaching aid for children and as the phonetic symbols in dictionaries. The pinyin system, on the other hand, was designed on the same Mandarin dialect, the conversion from one system to the other is straightforward.

The Zhuyin system, not being encumbered by the Roman alphabet is more efficient way to represent Mandarin sounds. Although the symbols it uses were derived from Chinese characters, they are not Chinese characters themselves. The ordering of the zhuyin alphabet helps demonstrate the limited number of sounds that exist (excluding the tones, of course). In Zhuyin, a Mandarin syllable can be composed of up to three parts: an initial, a medial, and a final, where one or more parts may be omitted. The set of valid combinations is shown in the following [Pinyin Initials and Finals](#)

Combination Table.

Labial Initials	ㄅ B	ㄆ P	ㄇ M	ㄈ F	
Dental Initials	ㄉ D	ㄊ T	ㄋ N	ㄌ L	
Guttural Initials	ㄍ G	ㄎ K	ㄏ H		
Palatal Initials	ㄐ J	ㄑ Q	ㄒ X		
Retroflex Initials	ㄓ ZH	ㄔ CH	ㄕ SH	ㄖ R	
Retroflex Initials	ㄗ Z	ㄘ C	ㄙ S		
Mesials	ㄟ I,YI	ㄨ U,WU	ㄩ Ü,YU		
Finals	ㄚ A	ㄛ O	ㄜ E	ㄝ E,YE	
	ㄞ AI	ㄟ EI	ㄠ AO	ㄡ OU	
	ㄢ AN	ㄣ EN	ㄤ ANG	ㄥ ENG	ㄦ ER

A Few Other Important Things

1. After you book your flight, please notify us by email, fax, or phone with your flight information. Email: clic@mail.fgu.edu.tw
Facsimile: 886-3-931-5903
Phone: 886-3-931-3343 Ext. 302, Peggy Shen, 303 Bettina Lo
2. When you arrive in Taiwan, please notify us immediately with the information about which method of transport are you coming by, and what time you will arrive.
3. If you plan on staying in Taipei for a while, please notify us of where and how long you will be staying.
4. We recommend you arrive in Yilan during our school days (Mon-Fri). This will make it easier for our staff to assist you.
5. Taiwan News Link <https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/index>





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2024 華語春季班 SPRING TERM-12WEEKS		
MARCH 4TH – MAY 24TH		
Feb. 26th	Mon.	Last Arrival Date for Spring Term Students
Feb. 27th, Feb. 29th	Tue., - Thu.	Placement Test
Mar. 1st	Fri.	Orientation/Pick-Up Class Schedule & Tuition Payment
Mar. 4th	Mon.	Classes Begin
Apr. 4th - Apr. 5th	Thu.- Fri.	Holiday (Children's Day, Tomb-Sweeping Day)
May 24th	Fri.	Last Day of Classes; Final Exam, Chinese Presentation
2024 華語暑期班 SUMMER SESSION-12WEEKS		
JUNE 3RD – AUGUST 23RD		
May 27th	Mon.	Last Arrival Date for Summer Session Students
May 28th – May 29th	Tue.-Wed.	Placement Test
May 31st	Fri.	Orientation/Pick-Up Class Schedule & Tuition Payment
June 3rd	Mon.	Classes Begin
June 10th	Mon.	Holiday: (Dragon Boat Festival)
Aug. 23rd	Fri.	Last Day of Classes; Final Exam, Chinese Presentation
2024 華語秋季班 AUTUMN TERM-12WEEKS		
SEPTEMBER 2TH – NOVEMBER 22ND		
Aug. 26th	Mon.	Last Arrival Date for Autumn Term Students
Aug. 27th- Aug. 28	Tue. - Wed.	Placement Test
Aug. 30th	Fri.	Orientation/Pick-Up Class Schedule & Tuition Payment
Sep. 2nd	Mon.	Classes Begin
Sep. 16th - Sep. 17th	Mon. - Tue.	Holiday: Bridge holiday, Mid-Autumn Festival
Oct. 10th - Oct. 11th	Thu. - Fri.	Holiday: Bridge holiday, Double-Tens Day
Oct. 12th	Sat.	Fo Guang University 25 th anniversary
Nov. 22nd	Fri.	Last Day of Classes; Final Exam, Chinese Presentation
2024 華語冬季班 WINTER TERM-12WEEKS		
DECEMBER 2ND – FEBRUARY 21ST 2025		
Nov. 25th	Mon.	Last Arrival Date for Winter Term Students
Nov. 26th – Nov. 27th	Tue. - Wed.	Placement Test
Nov. 27th	Fri.	Orientation/Pick-Up Class Schedule & Tuition Payment
Dec. 2nd	Mon.	Classes Begin
Jan. 1st- Jan. 2nd	Sun.-Mon.	Holiday: New Year's Day
Jan. 20th – Jan. 26th	Fri. - Thu.	Holiday: The Lunar New Year
Feb. 21st	Fri.	Last Day of Classes; Final Exam, Chinese Presentation



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Aug. 26th.- Aug. 27th	Tue. - Wed.	Placement Test
Aug. 29th	Fri.	Orientation/Pick-Up Class Schedule & Tuition Payment
Sep. 1st	Mon.	Classes Begin
Oct. 6th	Mon.	Holiday: Mid-Autumn Festival
Oct. 10th	Fri.	Holiday: Double-Tens Day
Oct. 12th	Sun.	Fo Guang University 26 th anniversary
Nov. 21st	Fri.	Last Day of Classes; Final Exam, Chinese Presentation
2025 華語冬季班 WINTER TERM-12WEEKS		
DECEMBER 1ST – FEBRUARY 20TH 2026		
Nov. 24th	Mon.	Last Arrival Date for Winter Term Students
Nov. 25th – Nov. 26th	Tue. - Wed.	Placement Test
Nov. 28th	Fri.	Orientation/Pick-Up Class Schedule & Tuition Payment
Dec. 1st	Mon.	Classes Begin
Jan. 1st	Thu.	Holiday: New Year's Day
Feb. 14th – Feb. 22nd	Sat. – Sun.	Holiday: The Lunar New Year
Feb. 20th	Fri.	Last Day of Classes; Final Exam, Chinese Presentation

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第 17 條

學校辦理推廣教育應以服務社會為原則，並審酌成本辦理，收費及鐘點費支給基準，由各校定之。經費之收支，均應依學校會計作業程序辦理。

學員完成報名繳費後，因故申請退費，應依下列方式辦理：

一、學員自報名繳費後至開班上課日前申請退費者，退還已繳學分費、雜費等各項費用之九成。自開班上課之日起算未逾全期三分之一申請退費者，退還已繳學分費、雜費等各項費用之半數。開班上課時間已逾全期三分之一始申請退費者，不予退還。

二、已繳代辦費應全額退還。但已購置成品者，發給成品。

三、學校因故未能開班上課，應全額退還已繳費用。

前項退費規定，應於招生簡章及報名表載明之。

Regulations : the Ministry of Education's Guidelines for Colleges with Extension Education Programs.

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Regulations Category: Administration> Ministry of Education> Higher Education project Article 17 Paragraph One,

" Refunds" in these Guidelines refer to tuition cost only.

Other costs, including application fees, placement test fee and insurance costs will not be refunded.

90% of tuition will be refunded for applications submitted no later than the day before the semester starts.

50% will be refunded for applications submitted before 1/3 of the semester is completed.No refunds will be given for applications submitted after the semester is 1/3 completed. 已了解上述內容無異議

I am responsible for all acts and consequences, with no objection.

姓名 Name : 中文 Chinese _____ 英文 English

簽名 Signature

出生年月日 Birthday

_____ (YYYY/MM/DD) 日

期 Date : _____ (YYYY/MM/DD)

備註 Note

本切結書簽署後至少備置 2 份正本，1 份佛光大學保存，1 份由學生自行留存查核。Two original copies of this Affidavit shall be provided, one kept by the Fo Guang University Lifelong Education Center Chinese Language Instruction Center, another kept by the foreign student, for reference.