Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission

Language Study Program for Overseas Chinese Youth

Admission Guidelines

1. Objective
To provide an educational program for overseas Chinese youths that improves their competency in spoken and written Mandarin, adds to their knowledge of Chinese history and civilization, and deepens their understanding of the establishment and development of the Republic of China.

2. Sponsoring Agency
The Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission of the Republic of China (OCAC)
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3. Study Center Location
Yuan Ze University
135, Yuantung Road, Chungli, Taoyuan, Taiwan, R.O.C.

4. Class Starting Dates
Singapore group is Nov.15th 2004.
Australia group is Dec.13th 2004.

5. Study Periods
Singapore group is for 4 weeks, from Nov.15th – Dec.12th 2004.
During the study program, Mandarin courses are arranged on Monday to Friday, as well as Taiwanese, Hakka language and culture studies. In the evening each student may elect spend the time in leisure activities, internet courses or self-study. Art and Youth Activities are arranged on Saturday and Sunday.

6. Eligibility
a. Youths aged 14 to 24 (as shown on passport), in good academic standing and health, eager to learn Mandarin, adaptable to boarding life during the 6-week program, currently residing outside of Taiwan, and of Chinese/Taiwanese descent are eligible to apply.
b. Application must be accompanied by a written statement asserting serious intent to learn Mandarin. Alternatively, a recommendation by local
commission is also acceptable.

7. Course Content
   a. Mandarin, Taiwanese, Hakka, language studies and Chinese internet class.
   b. Cultural Studies (including Chinese Kung-fu, Chinese Folk Dancing, Chinese Yo-yo, Chinese Music, Chinese Children’s Games, Chinese Embroidery, Chinese Knotting and Chinese Paper Cutting). Students select from among these course offerings according to their personal preferences, but classes are subject to change.
   c. Physical activities (2 hours per week)
   d. Group activities or speech (4 hours per week)
   e. Visits to sites of interest in northern Taiwan (4 hours per week)
   f. Graduation Trip (3 days)

8. Special Features of the Study Center
   a. An intensive study program geared towards yielding the best results in the shortest amount of time.
   b. Utilization of audio-visual instructional equipment.
   c. Library facilities for convenient study and research.
   d. Qualified Mandarin, Taiwanese, Hakka language specialists.
   e. Air-conditioned classrooms, bedroom, activity area and laundry facility are offered.
   f. Meal and accommodations provided by the Study Center.
   g. Daily management by levels of age (age certified by passport)
      (a) Participants should strictly abide by the program guidelines as stipulated by Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission.
      (b) To temporarily leave the camp, participants under 18 should have parents’ written approval, or always be accompanied by an adult relative (assigned by their parents and over 20) who lives in Taiwan.
      (c) To spend the right in places outside the camp, all participants should have the written approval of their parents or the relatives (assigned by their parents) who live in Taiwan.

9. Application Procedure ( domestic application will not be accepted. )
   a. Initial screening: Submit application form and enclose the following items: One copy of academic records, four passport photos and health certificates (the form is provided by Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission). Applications lacking Laboratory test, and without a written statement asserting serious intent to learn Mandarin result will not be processed. Alternatively, a recommendation by local Chinese school or honorary personnel of Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission is also acceptable. Please apply through Representative Offices of the Republic of China, or Overseas Chinese Cultural Service Centers, both of which will administer Initial screening. If the application is not approved by the local office or center, it will not be accepted.
   b. Final screening: Final screening will be undertaken by OCAC. A Certificate of
Admission to the Program will be issued if requirements are fulfilled.

**c.** Deadlines: *Final screening will be processed* three months before the class starting date. Application period will end one month before, or until classes are full.

**d.** Entry Visas: Representative Offices of the Republic of China will issue an entry visa to the student upon presentation of a Certificate of Admission to the Program.

**e.** Applications for 6-week session will be *processed* at the end of this August; for exact deadlines, please contact the nearest representative office or cultural center for details. *(Final screening will be made during September 1 ～ September 31.)*

### 10. Registration

**a.** Date: The registration date will be printed on the Certificate of Admission. Applicants who cannot register on time must notify *OCAC via* the local representative office or cultural center beforehand. Maximum postponement of registration is 3 days. Applicants of *continued* study who cannot register on time must inform the Center of their absence in advance.

**b.** Location: will be specified to the Certificate of Admission sent by OCAC.

**c.** Upon registration, students must present their Certificate of Admission and tuition. Passports should be turned over to the center for safekeeping. Registration cards, student handbooks and room assignments *(Students must reside in the Center’s dorm)* will then be distributed.

**d.** Tuition: The total expenditure of each student is NTS41,698 *(six weeks)* per term *(Every student must pay NTS17,698; OCAC pay the rest NTS24,000 for each student)*

   **I.** *The payment of each student is used for* dining fee, *(From the lunch on the first day of courses to the lunch on the last day), boarding fee* *(42 days, and insurance fees)* *(All students are insured for NTS4,000,000).*

   **II.** *The Payment of OCAC for each student*: The instructors’ salaries, teaching material fees, graduation trip expenses, administration fees, and supplements dining and boarding fees.

**e.** Class Level: Students will be assigned classes in accordance with their marks on a placement test.

**f.** Those students not eligible for subsidization must pay the full tuition amount.

### 11. Regulation for continuing study

**a.** Students may apply for continued study, but the entire period of study cannot exceed 3 sessions total *(six months).* Students who continue after this period are eligible for subsidization and must pay the full tuition.

**b.** OCAC will consider students’ performance and the number of new application in deciding whether students will be permitted to continue studying at the center. No appeals will be accepted from applicants *(including those who pay full tuition).*

### 12. Remark
a. There will be no classes on national holidays (Other activities will be arranged on Sat and Sun).

b. Students must abide by the Center’s rules and regulations during the term of study. Students committing serious violations of the rules will be reported to OCAC and expelled.

c. A Certificate of Study will be issued by the Center to certify that students have completed the term of study.

d. Smoking and drinking are prohibited in the Center. Violators will be punished according to the regulation.

e. Participants are advised to purchase medical insurance at their respective place of residence prior to attending the study program; the program will not be liable, nor willing, to pay for any medical expenses incurred by its participants or their parents will be denied.

f. Applicants who have special medical conditions (including heart problems, diabetes, hypertension, epilepsy, etc.) that may affect the activity are not encouraged to participate in the Study Program. If they do, Applicants are personally responsible for the care of their medical conditions while participating in the study program. The study program will not be liable for any damages or accidents that occur as a result of the applicants’ health conditions, and applicants have to pay their own medical and return expenses.

g. Upon completing study at the Center, students are required to return promptly to their countries.

h. Students accepted to the Australia team (Dec. 13th – Jan. 23rd 2005) cannot transfer to the other tour program.

i. According to the laws of Department of Health in Taiwan, immigrants who stay in Taiwan for more than 4 consecutive months (inclusive) must take National Health Insurance and pay approximately NT$700 monthly.

Date: May 2004.