**2019 Press Release - Taiwan, the best education destination for Filipino students**

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The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in the Philippines has once again provided various scholarship programs for qualified Filipino students. These scholarships are intended for Filipinos who wish to pursue degree studies in Taiwan (Bachelor’s, Master’s and Doctoral Degrees) or for those who would like to learn the Mandarin language in the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Due to popular demand and the positive response from Filipino students in past years, Taiwan‘s Ministry of Education (MOE) has decided to offer more slots for the scholarships for Filipinos to pursue their studies in Taiwan. Through this initiative, the MOE also presents the opportunity to learn the Mandarin language, not only through highly qualified teachers in more than 50 language institutions, but also the chance to experience the rich and vibrant Taiwanese culture, and broaden their international perspectives through their daily lives there.

As from February 1, 2019, TECO will accept applications for the following scholarship programs:

1. **Ministry of Education (MOE) Scholarship**: Grants a 4-year scholarship for undergraduate studies, a 2-year scholarship for Master’s, and a grant of up to 4 years for Doctoral Degree. The MOE will shoulder 40,000 NTD each semester for the corresponding tuition and miscellaneous expenses. The remaining costs will be shouldered by the scholarship recipient. An additional 15,000 NTD will be given to those undertaking university undergraduate studies, and 20, 000 NTD for those pursuing their Master’s and Ph.D will be given as the scholar’s monthly stipend.

**Application is from February 1 to April 30, 2019**.

Website: <http://edu.law.moe.gov.tw/EngLawContent.aspx?Type=E&id=250>

1. **Huayu (Mandarin) Enrichment Scholarship**: Allows applicants to choose to pursue either 2 months or 3 months of intensive Mandarin courses, subject to TECO’s approval. The grant provides a monthly stipend of 25,000 NTD to cover all the expenses (tuition, miscellaneous, etc.)

**Application is from February 1 to March 31, 2019**.

Website: http://edu.law.moe.gov.tw/EngLawContent.aspx?Type=E&id=70

1. **International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF):**The grant covers the full tuition fee, living expenses, economy class airfare tickets and textbook costs. Scholars pursuing Master’s will receive a monthly stipend of 15, 000 NTD and 17, 000 NTD for those pursuing Doctoral degrees.

**Application is from January 1 to March 16, 2019**.

Website: http://www.icdf.org.tw/ct.asp?xItem=12505&CtNode=30316&mp=2

Each applicant can only apply for one scholarship program among these offerings and must process first their university admission to their preferred university in Taiwan. They also have to comply and submit necessary scholarship requirements to TECO for review and recommendation based from the indicated deadlines of each program.**It is important to note that a student is ineligible to apply if he or she is currently enrolled in another program in Taiwan**. Scholarship guidelines and additional requirements prescribed by TECO can be found at the official website of TECO in the Philippines at <https://www.roc-taiwan.org/ph_en/cat/38.html>

You may also refer to the “Study in Taiwan” website for more information on the universities and programs available in Taiwan, as well as some featured universities by the Foundation for International Cooperation in Higher Education (FICHET) through the following links.

<https://www.studyintaiwan.org/discover/education>

<https://www.studyintaiwan.org/upload/file/2017-2018FeaturedUniversities_FICHET.pdf>

Since the introduction of the scholarship programs to the Philippines, Taiwan has partnered with Philippine institutions and universities to attract more young and capable talents to study in Taiwan. More and more Filipinos have become interested in pursuing their studies there because of various reasons. Aside from being the Philippine’s closest neighbor, Taiwan is also known to be one of the safest countries to reside in and is home to some of the nicest people in the world. They share the same qualities as their Filipino neighbors and provide a very affordable living environment for those staying there. Taiwan also possesses some of the best professors and high-class university facilities worldwide. Not only is Taiwan considered to be a melting-pot of different cultures, but also possesses a high quality living standard suitable to all its international students.

In order to enhance the cooperation with its neighboring countries, President Tsai Ing-wen is pushing forward with the “New Southbound Policy” to emphasize greater people to people exchanges in the different sectors, especially in the fields of education, tourism, and culture. Mr. Michael Peiyung Hsu, Representative of Taiwan/ROC to the Philippines is hoping that more and more Filipinos seize this opportunity to study and experience Taiwan as he sees our two countries and its people can complement each other, emphasizing that Taiwan is truly the best location for Filipinos to pursue higher studies due to the conveniences that it presents.

For further information regarding these scholarship programs, you may check the “STUDY IN TAIWAN” section found in official website of TECO in the Philippines at <https://www.roc-taiwan.org/ph_en/cat/38.html> or contact TECO’s Education Division at philippines@mail.moe.gov.tw

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