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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

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⁵ 雪山山脈

see 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 offshore islet, has recently from March through October. Yilan County is also

⁶ 礁溪

Jiāoxī

⁷ 林美山

⁸ 誠品書店

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/;

https://www.taiwan.net.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), Wellcome (頂好) 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. Wellcome is on the left-hand side of Luodong Train Station, in the front. 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.

The following are some nice coffee shops in Yilan:



Starbucks

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



Mr. Brown

It's famous in northern Taiwan. 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. Early this year, it is also available on I-Lan University campus.

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 two person and four person rooms available. All rooms have a bathroom and washing area. The cost for two person rooms is 597 TWD per week (12 weeks cost 7164 TWD), and four person rooms cost 486 TWD per week (12 weeks cost 5832 TWD). 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. Train tickets average 143-243 TWD one way.

On the other hand, public transportation within Yilan County is not very convenient. There are two 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. (taxi meters start at 120 TWD for 1.25 km and add 5 TWD every 300 meters) 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: http://www.railway.gov.tw/en/index/index.aspx
Yilan Railway Station

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⁹ 花蓮 Huālián

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.), but, compared with Taipei, the number of routes of scheduled buses is limited.

You can find the bus timetable and other information at: http://www.kingbus.com.tw/timprice_ys01.php
Two bus companies provide transportation via freeway between Yilan County and Taipei City:



Kamalan Bus Company

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 Luodong 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 Luodong 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. Don't doubt yourself too quickly! 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 form 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 stats 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 Wijshier 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¹º), 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 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 Ciry

- Website: https://www.ymuh.ym.edu.tw/

- Address: No.152, Sinmin Rd., Yilan City, Yilan County, 260 Taiwan

- 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

Luódōng Rén'ài Yīyuàn

¹⁰ 羅東

¹¹ 仁愛醫院

- 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		
	Morning: 09:00 – 12:00		
Monday-Friday: 07:30 – 20:00	Afternoon: 14:00 - 17:00		
Saturday: 07:30-11:30	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.

Otolaryngology Clinic

1. DR. LEES PEDIATRIC CLINIC

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

- Phone: (03) 935 6288

- Outpatient service hours:

Monday to Saturday: Morning_07:30-12:00

Afternoon_14:30-17:30

Evening_18:30-21:30

Sunday & Holidays: Morning_08:00-12:00

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

- Outpatient service hours:

Monday to Saturday: Morning_07:30-12:00

Afternoon_14:30-17:30

Evening_18:30-21:00

3.LIN Otolaryngology Clinic

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

- Phone: (03) 931 1234

- Outpatient service hours:

Monday to Saturday: Morning_07:30-12:00

Afternoon_14:30-17:30

Evening_18:30-21:30

Sunday: Morning_08:00-12:00

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

- Outpatient service hours:

Monday to Friday: Morning_08:00-12:00

Afternoon_14:30-17:30

Evening_18:30-21:00

Saturday: Morning_08:00-12:00

Sunday: Evening_18:30-21:00

This is a new clinic, doctor is a yang male, and good at normal departments also 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

- Outpatient service hours:

Monday to Saturday: Morning_08:30-12:00

Afternoon_15:00-17:30 Evening_19:00-21:00

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

- Outpatient service hours:

Monday: Morning_08:00-12:00

Afternoon_15:00-17:30

Evening 19:00-21:30

Tuesday: Morning_08:00-12:00

Afternoon_15:00-17:30

Evening_19:00-21:30

Wednesday: Morning_08:00-12:00

Evening_19:00-21:30

Thursday: Morning_08:00-12:00

Afternoon_15:00-17:30

Evening_19:00-21:30

Friday: Morning_08:00-12:00

Afternoon_15:00-17:30

Evening_19:00-21:30

Saturday: Morning_08:00-12:00

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 Jioujhihze 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!

Website: http://fushan.tfri.gov.tw/

Phone: (03)922-8900~2

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.

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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
Innuary	1.1/1 New Year Holiday	
January	2. 1/29 - 2/6 Chinese New Year	
	1. 2/9 Birthday of the Emperor of Heaven	1. Celebrations are held in various
	2. 2/15 Lantern Festival	Temples island wide.
February	3. 2/28 Peace Memorial Day	2. Lantern Festival, a very popular
		festival in Taiwan, signifies the end of
		Lunar New Year Holidays.
	1. 4/4-4/5 Children's Day &Tomb-sweepind Day	Matu's Birthday: Matsu Temple holds
April	2. 4/23 Matsu's Birthday	a parade for the goddess.
	1. 5/1Labour day	Mother's Day: Sales promotions held
May	2. 5/8 Birthday of Mercy Buddha	department stores.
	3. 5/8 Mother's Day	
	1. 6/3 Dragon Boat Festival	1. Dragon Boat Festival: dragon boat
	2. Yilan Water Lantern Festival	races are held on the Dongshan River
Iuno		2. The festival is an expression of the
June		unity of the various associations; it
		also protects the tradition of releasing
		water lanterns and lotus lanterns.
	1.8/2 Kuanti's Birthday	1. Kuanti's Birthday: Kuanti Temple
Angust	2. 8/4 Chinese Valentine's Day	holds a parade for the deity.
August	3. 8/8 Chinese Father's Day	4. Religious ceremonies dedicated to
	4.8/12 Chinese Zhongyuan Ghost Festival	the dead are performed in temples.
	1. 9/10 Mid-Autumn Festival	1. B.B.Q and Fireworks display
September	2. 9/28 Confucius's Birthday (Teacher's Day)	2. Commemorative rituals are held in
		Confucius temples.
October	10/10 National Day	National Day celebrations
October	10/31 Holloween	
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

Foreign nationals, who hold ordinary passports or other legal travel documents, who intend to stay in the Republic of China for more than six months for the purpose of join family; pursed studies; undertake employment; invest; conduct missionary work; conduct official duties; participate in international exchange programs; and engage in other activities approved by MOFA or other relevant agencies at the central-government level. A passport valid for at least six months; A duly completed application form with two passport-size photos in color within 6 months; Supporting documents or official letters of approval from a competent authority of the ROC; Other relevant documents. Health Certificate if applicable Visa Validity A Resident Visa is valid for three months. Resident Visa holders are required to apply for the Alien Resident Certificate and Re-entry Permit at local service centers of the National Immigration Agency within 15 days starting from the next day of their arrival. They may stay in the ROC as long as the Alien Resident Certificate remains valid. Please refer to "Standard Fees for Republic of China (Taiwan) Visas in Foreign Passports." An additional handling charge of NT \$ 800 shall apply to applications made in the ROC by visitor visa holders applying for change or replacement of visitor visa or resident visa. For foreign nationals from the countries with which the ROC has entered into reciprocal agreements, the Resident Visa is issued gratis. If foreign nationals who have entered the ROC with Visitor Visas are subsequently legally employed in the ROC, they may make the necessary change from their Visitor Visa into a Resident Visa in this country directly. The above regulations do not apply to blue collar workers or those who enter the ROC via the visa exemption program or landing visa.		
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exemption program or landing visa.		The above regulations do not apply to blue collar workers or those who enter the ROC via the visa
		exemption program or landing visa.

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.

<u>Option four</u> 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 TPE to Taipei City

Taipei Buses	
Description:	 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. Terminal 1 Bus Platform: On the southwest side of the arrival passenger reception area (the 1st floor). Reception Area. Terminal 2 Bus Platform: On the northeast side of the arrival passenger reception (the 1st floor). One-way fare varies from NT\$110 to NT\$140 per adult.
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KUO-KUANG MOTOR TRANSPORT. Kuokuang Line [1819 to Taiwan Railways Station / 1840 to Taipei Songshan Airport] 1819Taiwan Taoyuan International 1840Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport Taiwan Railways Station Airport Taipei Songshan Airport Taoyuan International Airport T2, Taoyuan Taoyuan International Airport T1, Taoyuan **Stops** International Airport T1, Taipei School for the International Airport T2, Rong-Xing Park, Hearing Impaired, Kulun St., Taiwan Xingtian Temple, Minquan Fuxing Road Architecture Park, Fortuna Hotel, Ambassador Intersection, Taipei Songshan Airport Hotel, Taiwan Railways Station. **Fare** Adult NT\$140/Child NT\$70/Round-Trip NT\$260 Adult NT\$140/Child NT\$70/Round-Trip NT\$260 Interval Everyday: 07:00 15:30 Everyday: 09:40 16:40 Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport: 06:10-24:00 24hr **Service Hours** Taipei Songshan Airport :04:30-22:45 **Driving Distance** 55 minutes 50 minutes T1(B1) T1(B1) T2(1F) T2(1F) **Photo**

KUO-KUANG MOTOR TRANSPORT. Kuokuang Line [1843] 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: 07:10 15:30 Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport: 06:20-23:20 Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center: 05:00-23:00

Driving Distance 80 minutes

T1(B1)



Photo

T2(1F)



Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport Taipei Songshan Airport Taoyuan International Airport Taoyuan International Airport Taipei Songshan Airport Taoyuan International Airport T2, Taoyuan International Airport T1, Huoyun Station, Shuiwei, Taimao, Nan Kan, Minquan W. Rd, Songshan Airport Fare Adult NT\$93/Child NT\$47 Interval 15-30 minutes Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport: 05:50-22:30 Songshan Airport: 03:30-23:45 Driving Distance 75 minutes 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

T1(B1)

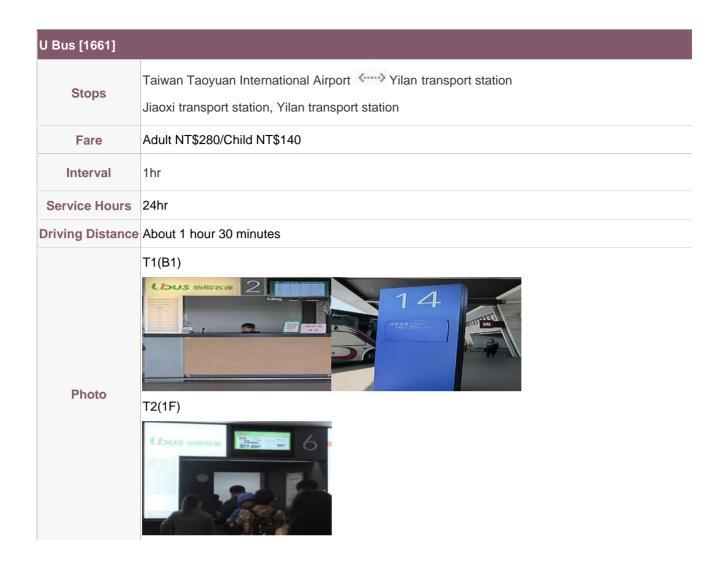


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Citi Air Bus [1960/1961] 1961Taiwan Taoyuan International 1960Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport Taipei(Western) Airport City Hall Bus Station Taoyuan International Airport T2, Taoyuan Taoyuan International Airport T2, Taoyuan Stops International Airport T1, Cargo Terminal, Kuolin, International Airport T1, MRT Zhong-Xiao Shuiwei, Xizhou, Tai Mall, Nan Kan interchange, Fu-Xing St, Far Eastern Plaza, Grand Hyatt Fortuna Hotel, Ambassador Hotel, Sheraton Taipei, City Hall Bus Station Hotel Taipei, Taiwan Railway station Adult NT\$145/Child NT\$70 Adult NT\$90/Child NT\$45 Fare Interval 30-40 minutes 30-40 minutes Taoyuan International Airport: 05:50-00:15 Taoyuan International Airport: 05:50-01:00 **Service Hours** Taipei(Western): 04:40-23:00 City Hall Bus Station: 04:40-23:00 Driving Distance 80~90 minutes 70~80 minutes T1(B1) T1(B1) **(地)** 500大有巴士 **Photo** T2(1F) 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 different.

	Taiwan Railway (台灣鐵路局¹²) <u>www.railway.gov.tw</u>					
Type of Train	Departure Time	Arrival Time	Ticket Price (NT Dollars)	Footnotes		
太魯閣 402	06:14	07:20	\$218			
自強 204	06:23	08:09	\$211			
普悠瑪 406	06:40	07:56	\$218			
自強 272	07:27	09:21	\$218			
普悠瑪 412	08:48	10:00	\$218			
自強 212	09:00	10:37	\$218			
太魯閣 278	09:20	10:29	\$218			
普悠瑪 280	09:40	10:51	\$218			
自強 170	10:00	11:23	\$218			

¹² 台灣鐵路局

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莒光	642	10:04	12:09	\$140	
普悠瑪	218	10:25	11:36	\$218	
普悠瑪	422	10:48	12:04	\$218	
普悠瑪	222	11:42	12:57	\$218	
自強	224	11:50	13:33	\$211	
普悠瑪	228	13:09	14:30	\$218	
太魯閣	230	13:45	14:54	\$218	
普悠瑪	232	14:25	15:36	\$218	
普悠瑪	432	15:09	16:23	\$218	
自強	236	15:45	17:04	\$211	
自強	172	16:04	17:52	\$218	
普悠瑪	238	16:24	17:35	\$218	
莒光	562	17:10	18:57	\$168	
普悠瑪	282	17:40	18:51	\$218	
普悠瑪	438	18:30	19:35	\$218	
自強	246	18:40	20:18	\$211	
太魯閣	248	19:20	20:31	\$218	
太魯閣	448	20:05	21:16	\$218	
自強	262	20:10	22:05	\$211	
普悠瑪	252	20:43	21:59	\$218	
莒光	554	21:05	23:04	\$168	
普悠瑪	288	21:20	22:31	\$218	
普悠碼	256	22:00	23:15	\$218	
				Update Tir	me: 4/8/2021 15:00 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	Ticket price (NT Dollars)
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	06:00 - 22:30	90 Minutes	130

Guóguāng Kèyùn

¹³ 國光客運

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	140	
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 131					
Footnotes	This destination point is at. N	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)					
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)					

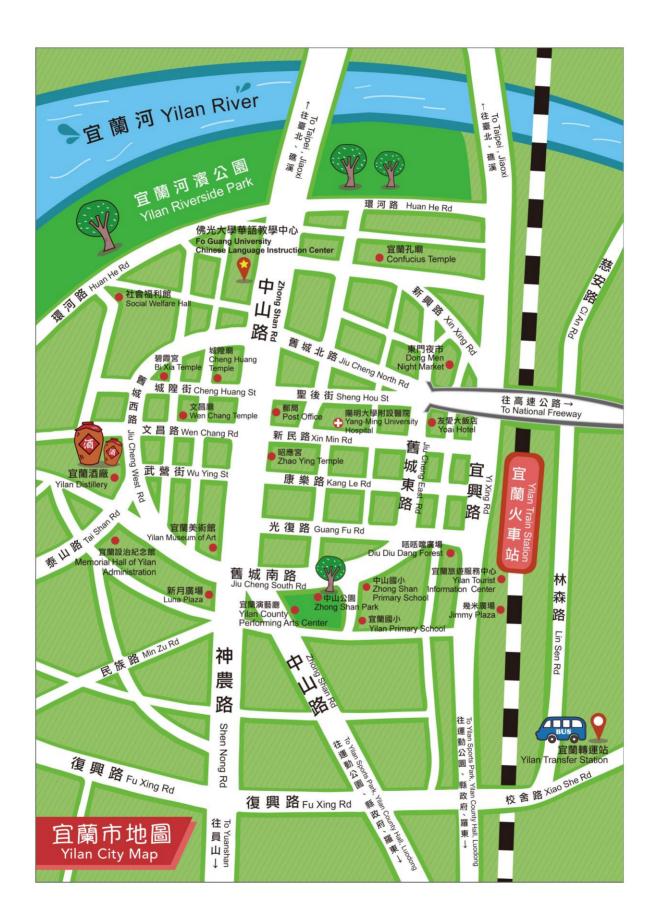
From Yilan Train Station to CLIC

Here are two options for getting to CLIC:

- 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 (唸佛會15). The cost is about 120 TWD and the trip is about 5 minutes.
- 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.



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
- Http://www.yellowbridge.com/chinese/zhuyin.php

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	ク B	タ P	ПМ	ΓF	
Dental Initials	分D	t T	3 N	カ L	
Guttural Initials	≪ G	5 K	ΓH		
Palatal Initials	Ч Ј	⟨ Q	ΤX		
Retroflex Initials	业 ZH	彳 CH	ア SH	□R	
Retroflex Initials	РZ	ちC	L S		
Mesials	— I,YI	メ U,WU	ЦÜ,YU		
	ΥA	T 0	さ E	せ E,YE	
Finals	历 AI	✓ EI	幺 AO	ヌ OU	
	7 AN	5 EN	尤 ANG	L ENG	儿 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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2021 華語春季班 Spring Term-12 weeks						
March 8th - May 28th						
March 1st	Mon.	Last Arrival Date for Spring Term Students				
March 2nd – 3rd	Tue Wed.	Placement Testing				
March 5th	Fri.	Orientation/Pick-Up Class Schedule & Tuition Payment				
March 8th	Mon.	Classes Begin				
April 5th	Mon.	Holiday (Tomb-Sweeping Day)				
May 28th	Fri.	Last Day of Classes; Final Exams				
2021 華語暑期班 Summer Session-12 weeks						
	June 7	th – August 27th				
May 31st	Mon.	Last Arrival Date for Summer Session Students				
June 1st - 2nd	Tue Wed.	Placement Testing				
June 4th	Fri.	Orientation/Pick-Up Class Schedule & Tuition Payment				
June 7th	Mon.	Classes Begin				
June 14th	Mon.	Holiday: (Dragon Boat Festival)				
August 27th	Fri.	Last Day of Classes; Final Exams				
2021 華語秋季班 Autumn Term-12 weeks						
		6th – November 26th				
August 30th	Mon.	Last Arrival Date for Autumn Term Students				
August 31st-September 1st	Tue Wed.	Placement Testing				
September 3rd	Fri.	Orientation/Pick-Up Class Schedule & Tuition Payment				
September 6th	Mon.	Classes Begin				
September 20th	Mon.	Adjusted holiday(Make-up work on September 11st)				
September 21st	Tue.	Holiday: Mid-Autumn Festival				
October 11th	Mon.	Adjusted holiday (National Day)				
November 26th	Fri.	Last Day of Classes; Final Exams				
2021 華語冬季班 Winter Term-11 weeks						
December 6th 2021 - February 25th 2022						
November 29th	Mon.	Last Arrival Date for Autumn Term Students				
November 30th -December 1st	Tue Wed.	Placement Testing				
December 3rd	Fri.	Orientation/Pick-Up Class Schedule & Tuition Payment				
December 6th	Mon.	Classes Begin				
December 31st	Fri.	Adjusted holiday				
January 30th - February 6th	MonSun.	Holiday: The Lunar New Year				
February 25th	Fri.	Last Day of Classes; Final Exams				

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June 2nd	Thu.	Orientation/Pick-Up Class Schedule & Tuition Payment			
June 3rd	Fri.	Holiday: (Dragon Boat Festival)			
June 6th	Mon.	Classes Begin			
August 26th	Fri.	Last Day of Classes; Final Exams			
	2022 華語秋季班 Autumn Term-12 weeks				
	Septer	mber 5th –November 25th			
August 29th	Mon.	Last Arrival Date for Autumn Term Students			
August 30th - 31st	Tue Wed.	Placement Testing			
September 2nd	Fri.	Orientation/Pick-Up Class Schedule & Tuition Payment			
September 5th	Mon.	Classes Begin			
October 10th	Mon.	Holiday: National Day			
November 25th	Fri.	Last Day of Classes; Final Exams			
2022 華語冬季班 Winter Term-11 weeks					
	December 3	5th 2022 - February 24th 2023			
November 28th	Mon.	Last Arrival Date for Autumn Term Students			
November 29th - 30th	Tue Wed.	Placement Testing			
December 2nd	Fri.	Orientation/Pick-Up Class Schedule & Tuition Payment			
December 5th	Mon.	Classes Begin			
January 20th - 26th	Fri. – Thu.	Holiday: The Lunar New Year			
February 24th Fri. Last Day of Classes; Final Exams					

嚴重特殊傳染性肺炎期間出國旅遊調查表暨切結書

(姓名)於 2021 年 8 月 31 日	前,是否有出國計畫?
□是,自2021年月日至2021年月日聚	子前往(國家)
(城市)。	
□否,2021年8月31日前我沒有出國計畫。	
若是,本人於行前已了解台灣與目的地國家對「嚴重特殊傳	染性肺炎」(COVID-19)防疫措施以及佛
光大學就學相關規定,非必要將避免出國,若仍決定前往,相關	引風險願意自行承擔。返台後悉依政府及
學校相關防疫規定處理,可能造成之相關權益損失及衍生費用等	[;] 一切後果由本人自負,與貴校無涉,絕
無異議。	
Survey and Affidavit for Travelling Abroad de	uring COVID-19 Outbreak
To affirm that I,	plan
to travel abroad before 2021/8/31 or not	
□Voc I will go to	0021 / / (MM/DD) to
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2021//_(MM/DD).	0021 / 9 / 21
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destination country, as well as the regulations of studying before	
abroad unless necessary and follow the rules of the Government	-
after returning. If I decide to go abroad, I am responsible for al	
charges such as loss of relevant equity with no objection.	, 1
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Affiant's Signature:	
Affiant's Passport Number:	
Affiant's ARC Number:	
Date of Signing:/(YYYY/MM/DD)	
備註 Note:本切結書一式二份,一份佛光大學保存,一份由學生自行 Two original copies of this affidavit shall be provided, one kept by th Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs, Fo Guang University	he Chinese Language Instruction Center,

reference.

名 稱: 專科以上學校推廣教育實施辦法

修正日期: 民國 108 年 02 月 21 日

法規類別: 行政 > 教育部 > 高等教育目第

17 條: 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。已繳代辦費應全額退還。但已購置成品者,發給成品。

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

REVISED: February 21th, 2019

Regulations Category: Administration> Ministry of Education> Higher Education projectArticle 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 berefunded.

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

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