

# Summer 2002 in Taiwan

## American Student Ambassador ~ July 6 - July 26

Organized by The IEF Education Foundation

*"As the traveler who has once been away from home is wiser than one who has never left his own doorstep, so a knowledge of one other culture should sharpen our ability to scrutinize more steadily, to appreciate more lovingly, our own." ~ Margaret Mead*

### Program Introduction



The IEF Education Foundation, a non-profit international education organization, is pleased to sponsor a three-week cultural and educational exchange program to Taiwan. This program is designed to give a select group of American students an introduction to

Taiwan's history, culture and people.

In addition to gaining an in-depth insight into Taiwan, participants will represent their college or university at several special events scheduled with students and professors from three major universities in Taiwan. At these events students will have the opportunity to talk about their schools, share personal experiences and answer questions. In essence, participants are expected to become ambassadors for their college and the American educational system.

### Program Description

**American Student Ambassador** will leave Los Angeles for Taiwan on July 6 and return home on July 26, 2002. The trip spans across three cities including Taipei, Hsinchu, and Kaohsiung, each city respectively located in the northern, northwest and southern region of Taiwan.

American students will have an intercultural and educational exchange between the host universities' professors and students at:

- Shih Hsin University
- Hsuan Chuang University
- Shih Chien University

In addition, Ambassadors will be hosted by local Taiwanese families in Hsinchu. Each day features a combination of activities and visits that will enrich the participants' understandings of the social and cultural aspects of Taiwan.

The action-packed itinerary features an extensive array of cultural experiences to help students understand the rich and fascinating Taiwanese cultures. The program features:

- An overview of Taiwan's art, music, drama and cuisine
- A thoughtful review of Taiwan's history

- Seminars and social events with local students and professors
- Tours of Taiwan's cultural and historic sites

### Visits and Tours Highlights:



Chiang Kai Shek Memorial Hall ▪ Martyrs' Shrine ▪ National Palace Museum ▪ Fort San Domingo ▪ Chuifen - "Gold Capital of Asia" ▪ Yang Ming Shan Hot

Spring ▪ Tihua Street ▪ Ying Ko Ceramic Museum ▪ Salt-picking path ▪ Sanyi Wood Carving ▪ Whitewater Rafting ▪ Kenting National Park ▪ Maolin National Park and Rainforest ▪ Famous night bazaars and markets ▪

### City Introduction

**Taipei** is the bustling and modern capital city of Taiwan. It is a political, economic, financial and cultural center. With its vibrant culture and economic growth, the city has become a sophisticated international metropolis. Despite its glass-faced high rises and posh nightclubs, Taipei remains cultural at heart. Students will have ample opportunities to experience traditional lifestyles and customs of Taiwan. In Taipei, students will be hosted at the Shih Hsin University and stay at the university's dormitory.

**Hsinchu** is situated on Taiwan's northwest coast, to the southwest of Taipei. In the days before semi-conductors and mother boards, Hsinchu was known as "Wind City." Efforts are underway to restore 16 km worth of local beachfront to its pre-industrial splendor. Students will also

experience local Hakka and Vegetarian cuisines. Taiwanese host families, the Flying Cow Ranch, and Hsuan Chuang University will host students.

**Kaohsiung** offers a charmingly different setting from Taipei. This growing coastal and harbor city is a stone's throw from vast green valleys, dramatic shorelines and breathtaking views. Kaohsiung is much more than a starting point for scenic tours. In Kaohsiung, students will be hosted at the Shih Chien University and stay at the university's dormitory.

## Program Cost

**Program Expenses -----\$800**

Program, tour, transportation, room and board, and insurance.

Cost excludes international air fare to Taiwan, passport & visa fees, connecting flight to L.A. (If applicable), and personal expenses.

**IEF Summer Intern Scholarship ----- \$500**

Qualified students will be awarded the IEF Summer Internship Scholarship whereby students will intern as English Conversation Partners and serve as Ambassadors to facilitate American Culture discussions to students in Taiwan.

**\*Actual Program Cost ----- ONLY \$1,300**

(After qualifying for IEF Summer Intern Scholarship)

## Eligibility

US citizenship students. Currently enrolled in accredited high schools, colleges and universities.

## How to Apply

**Application Deadline: May 15, 2002**

Download an application form at

[http://www.ief-usa.org/ambassador/ambassador\\_tw.htm](http://www.ief-usa.org/ambassador/ambassador_tw.htm)

Submit the following required documents:

- **Application**
- **A copy of your student ID**
- **A copy of your passport**
- **Two passport size photos**

By mail to:

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