

# TAIWAN

YOUR MANDARIN CONNECTION

## HUAYU ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS TO LEARN CHINESE IN TAIWAN

Mandarin Chinese is becoming the most popular international language to study in recent years. The Republic of China (Taiwan) is the home of well-known institutions that teach Chinese Language. With the support of the Ministry of Education, more than 30 university-affiliated Chinese Language Centers in the nation offer classes year round to accommodate short-term or long-term learning goals. Classes are led by high quality faculty members, who have the knowledge and experience to teach non-native speakers. Taiwan continues to thrive as the best learning environment for Chinese language and culture. Students studying in Taiwan will not only benefit from the enriched study programs but also experience the blend of rich culture and modern living style in Taiwanese society.

## WHY TAIWAN

People like **Jon Huntsman**, U.S. Ambassador to China, **Kevin Rudd**, former Prime Minister of Australia, and **Scott K. Oelkers**, Managing Director of Domino's Pizza in Taiwan and China and many others **all learned Mandarin in Taiwan.**

### Jonathan H. X. Lee, Ph.D.

**Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies at San Francisco State University, 2005 Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Recipient.**



I was awarded the Taiwan Ministry of Education Scholarships, for modern and classical Chinese, and Minnanese studies at the International Chinese Language Program at the National Taiwan University (September 2005-March 2006). This scholarship was crucial to my success as a graduate student. The funding and opportunity to study in Taiwan assisted me in my doctoral studies at UC Santa Barbara in Religious Studies because I was able to conduct research on contemporary Chinese religions while living and studying in Taiwan. Taipei is an amazing City where arts and culture flourishes. The people of Taiwan were generous and welcoming. The food is exceptional and international in scope and flavors. I not only learned Mandarin and Taiwanese, I experienced a society with advance public transportation, universal healthcare, and a level of public safety that is truly extraordinary. Today, I am an Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies at San Francisco State University, in part because the Taiwan Ministry of Education Scholarship made it possible for me to complete my doctoral research and acquire the language and cultural skills I needed. I am forever grateful for their investment in me and my future.

### Michael Paul, Ph.D.

**Assistant Professor of Chinese, Brigham Young University-Idaho, 2007 Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Recipient.**

In 2007 I received a TECO Huayu Enrichment Scholarship and spent six months studying in Taiwan. I specifically chose to study in Taiwan because of the great reputation that many of the language programs have there. Additionally, I was concerned about finding a program where I could study at the advanced level. Furthermore, I have a family with small children and felt comfortable taking them to a developed country like Taiwan because of the excellent healthcare facilities and family friendly environment. The generous scholarship from TECO and excellent language program at National Taiwan University made it possible for me to accomplish my language learning goals. After completing my studies I was able to obtain a Chinese language teaching position at a university and I am currently teaching beginning and intermediate level Chinese language classes. I now recommend that my own students consider studying in Taiwan and applying for the TECO Huayu Enrichment scholarship.



### Robert Kazmarek III

**Facilities Manager, Adobe Systems Incorporated, 2005 Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Recipient.**



I was in my fourth year of university Chinese when I graduated from UC San Diego. I had already studied abroad in Shanghai the previous summer and felt strongly in control of Mandarin and my future. When I graduated, I wanted to be successful professionally yet, unfortunately, I didn't know how. My fourth year professor (Chen Pei-Chia) suggested I consider TECO's scholarship offer to study Chinese in Taiwan. When I finished as a scholarship recipient I realized I had grown as a human being. The result, summed up in two words, was confidence and perspective. Without the opportunity that TECO afforded me, I would not have been able to as confidently stake a claim to the understanding of language, culture, and people that I now have more of. Even now I can say Taiwan felt like home. I lived, loved, and experienced in Taiwan. It was a home that changed me. I invested a lot in Taiwan and Taiwan graciously returned the favor. If you are questioning whether to go, don't. Just go. Taiwan will change your life.