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Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) **Foreign Student Information for UK Applicants**

1. Purpose

Established by the Ministry of Education, Republic of China (Taiwan) (the MoE) to encourage international students (Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao SAR students are not eligible) to undertake Huayu courses in Taiwan, in order to provide them with opportunities to increase their understanding of Taiwanese culture and society and to promote mutual understanding and interactions between Taiwan and the international community.

2. Award Value

A monthly stipend of 25,000 NTD.

3. Duration

Huayu Enrichment courses may last two months, six months or one year. The duration of the one-year scholarship is from September 1st to August 31st of the following year, while the six-month scholarship offers two options within the same academic year: **a)** September 1st to the last day of the following February; or **b)** 1st March to 31st August. The two-month scholarship covers the summer session from the 1st July to the 31st August. If recipients fail to come to Taiwan for enrolment during the above time, they will forfeit their right to retain their scholarships. Scholarship funding will become effective on the date of the recipient's enrolment. Scholarship funding will end on the month of the expiration of the scholarship or if the scholarship is revoked.

4. Eligibility

International applicants above the age of 18, who possess a high school diploma or above, excellent academic performance and are of good moral character are eligible. Applicants who have already studied Chinese language to a basic level or higher at the time of application will be preferred. Candidates with one of the following qualifications may not apply.

- a. Overseas Chinese students and nationals of the R.O.C.
- b. Those currently registered as a student at a Mandarin Language Centre and those who have been a degree-seeking student at any university or college in Taiwan.
- c. Those who have already received a HES or a Taiwan Scholarship in the past.
- d. Those who will be an exchange student to Taiwan during the scholarship period.
- e. Those currently receiving financial benefits from the Taiwan government or other educational institutions.

5. Application

Applicants need to submit the following documents to the British Association for Chinese Studies (BACS: <http://www.bacsuk.org.uk/>) before the announced deadline (in principle, the yearly application period is from February 1st to March 31st).

- a. An application form (provided by BACS).
- b. Photocopies of his/her passport or any other documents that can verify the nationality of the applicant.
- c. Photo copies of the certificate of the highest credential and transcript.
- d. Proof of application to a recognised Taiwanese language centre (e.g. photocopy of completed application form or notification of receipt from the language centre's admissions department).
- e. Other documents required by local embassies or missions.

Please note that all applicants must be prepared to participate in a telephone or webcam interview after submitting their application. The purpose of the interview will be to ascertain that the applicant has a genuine wish to study in Taiwan, is serious about attending the required number of classes and intends to remain enrolled at the language centre for the full duration of the scholarship period.

6. Selection Procedure

- a. This will be carried out as stated by the British Association for Chinese Studies (BACS) and the Cultural Division, Taipei Representative Office in the UK (TRO). A document review will be processed.
- b. When a successful candidate has waived his/her right to a scholarship before arriving in Taiwan, his/her position will be filled by the next reserve candidate.

7. Terms and conditions: Recipient

- a. The recipient should study at a registered Mandarin Language Centre approved by the MOE.
- b. Applications should be carried out according to the regulations of the Centre. Once admitted, the recipient should send a photocopy of the admission letter to the local embassy or mission before June 30th for confirmation. Recipients who do not send their documents before the deadline may be disqualified from the scholarship selection process.
- c. The recipient should undertake at least 15 hours of language courses each week. This does not include cultural visits, speeches and other self-learning curricula or activities.
- d. After the first semester (quarter), recipients of the one-year scholarship can request a one-time-only transfer to another Mandarin Language Centre with the permission of the original Mandarin Language Centre. Recipients of the two-month and six-month scholarship are not allowed to apply for a transfer.
- e. If the recipient concurrently accepts scholarships from other sources, he/she will lose their placement in the scholarship programme. He/she will also have to return the funds granted for those months he/she received multiple scholarships.
- f. The termination and cancellation of a scholarship is based on regulations specified by each individual Mandarin Language Centre and the HES guidelines set by the Ministry of Education, Taiwan. Mandarin Language Centres have the right to terminate or revoke a scholarship if the recipient's academic performance, behaviour in class or attendance record is not up to standard.
- g. Recipients of the six-month or one-year scholarship are obligated to join the National Health Insurance Programme. Before joining, recipients should purchase student accident insurance and other relevant insurance. Insurance fees can be deducted by the

Mandarin Language Centres from the monthly stipend before paying to recipients.

h. The scholarship will be suspended in the following cases:

- If a student is absent from more than twelve hours of classes in one month;
- If the grade point average of a scholarship recipient falls below 80 in the first term of study;
- If a recipient of the one-year scholarship does not participate in the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) ('Learner' Level) and had not submitted a TOCFL certificate or transcript (for 'Learner' level) at the time of application. Failure to submit a valid TOCFL certificate will cost the recipient a month's grant subsidy. Recipients should pay for the TOCFL themselves. The latest date for submitting a valid TOCFL document is one month prior to the completion of their study term.

i. The scholarship will be revoked in the following cases:

- If the grade point average of a scholarship recipient falls below 80 over two consecutive terms;
- If a scholarship recipient obtains no grade point average / study record / grade transcript (except in the event of serious illness or injury);
- If a scholarship recipient commits a crime or violates any Taiwanese laws;
- If a scholarship recipient violates any rules set by their language centre / university.