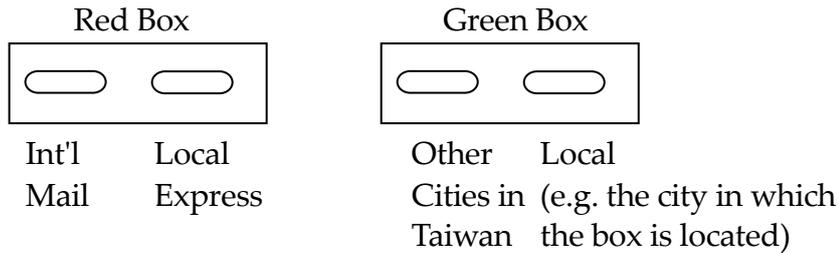


Postal and Courier Service

Taiwan postal services are efficient. However, if you can address your letters in Chinese for intra-Taiwan letters, they will arrive faster.

There are red and green mailboxes along the streets. Each box has two slots for mail, to be used as follows :

Mail Boxes :



The red boxes are for international mail and local express letters. The green boxes are for regular local mail.

Regular mail is delivered Monday through Friday. A letter sent to an address in Taiwan costs NT\$5.00 or about U.S. 20¢. However, for NT\$12.00 you can have the letter sent "fast delivery" and it will arrive within a day or two. Mail service is once a day, with only "fast delivery" on Saturdays and Sundays. Speed post which costs NT\$70 will deliver your letter or documents in a few hours.

A letter sent airmail to the U.S. will cost NT\$15.00 for the first 10 grams. Airmail letters reach the U.S. in seven to ten days. During the Christmas season and one month afterward, however, even air mail letters may take two weeks or even longer to travel between Taiwan and the U.S.; surface mail can take up to eight weeks. For NT\$30.00 extra, your letter can be sent "Express" and will arrive in the U.S. in five days. Express services through the post office are also available for packages.

Some Chinese envelopes and stamps have no glue on them because the high humidity here moistens it. The Chinese use paste, and post offices carry an abundant supply.

Packages sent by surface mail can take eight weeks or more to arrive, but the rates here are inexpensive compared to the U.S. If you want to buy Chinese goods for shipment to the U.S., make certain to check customs regulations as all packages are inspected by the Chinese and American post offices.

It is possible to keep your money on deposit in post offices, if you have an alien resident card. The interest is tax free, and like banks, the post offices have automated teller services. This is a very popular service of the post office in addition to their regular services.

It is illegal to send currency of any kind through the mail. As in the U.S., you can buy money orders at the post office.

Courier services such as DHL, Federal Express and UPS are available in Taiwan. There numbers are:

DHL (Taiwan) Corp.
Tel : 0800-769-888

Federal Express - Taiwan
Tel : 0800-075-075

UPS Taiwan Office
Tel: 0800-365-868

However, it is also possible to go to any 7-ELEVEN stores, Hi-Life stores, and FamilyMart stores to send a letter or small package by DHL, FedEx or UPS, and the Post Office also has an express delivery service.

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Directorate of Northern Taiwan Postal Region
114 Chung Hsiao W. Rd., Sec. 1, Taipei
(台北市忠孝西路一段 114 號)

Cable/Telegrams/Fax
International Telecommunications Administration(國際電信局辦事處)
28, Hangchou S. Rd., Sec. 1, Taipei
(台北市杭州南路一段 28 號)
Tel : (02) 2344-3780/3 (24-hour service)