

# USEFUL WEBSITES

## FOR YOUR STAY IN TAIWAN: A SAMPLING

### GENERAL

Many of the following websites are bilingual, and you must search diligently for the link to the English version, which is usually in small letters in the upper right or left-hand corner of the home page!

1. **Foundation for Scholarly Exchange (FSE)** <http://www.fulbright.org.tw>  
The official site for the Fulbright program in Taiwan. Photos and recent activities, profiles of past grantees and information on all kinds of grants.
2. **American Institute in Taiwan (AIT):** <http://acs.ait.org.tw/>  
AIT functions as the American Embassy in Taiwan. Register online with AIT; obtain tax information; get information about document notarization; registering births, marriages, etc. Also has a section on resources in Taiwan for Americans.
3. **Community Services Center:** <http://www.communitycenter.org.tw/>  
Includes information about the Center's counseling services, continuing education, etc. The Center serves the whole foreign community in Taiwan, not just Americans.
4. <http://forumosa.com/taiwan>  
Originally a nonprofit website known as "Oriented", it was converted to a complicated network of commercial sites, of which "forumosa.com" "...will continue to be a volunteer effort designed for and by Taiwan's international community." Tips and discussion forums on travel agents, medical care, jobs, housing, language exchange, etc.
5. <http://www.tealit.com>  
Tealit stands for Teaching English and Living in Taiwan, but it is a good site for any foreigner living in Taiwan. Another good source to use when searching for housing, is recommended by former grantees.
6. **CURRENCY CONVERSION**  
<http://www.xe.com/ucc/>  
Good for calculating your stipend in US\$! Also it is helpful when budgeting for travel outside Taiwan or the U.S.

## ENGLISH MEDIA

1. **Taipei Times:** <http://www.taipeitimes.com>  
English daily newspaper (online)
2. **China Post:** <http://www.chinapost.com.tw>  
English daily newspaper (online)
3. **Taiwan News:** <http://www.etaiwannews.com>
4. **Taiwan Panorama:** <http://www.taiwan-panorama.com/en/index.php>
5. **International Community Radio (ICRT):** [www.icrt.com.tw](http://www.icrt.com.tw)  
English-language radio station website.
6. **Radio Taiwan International (RTI):** <http://english.rti.org.tw/>

## ENTERTAINMENT/CULTURE:

1. **National Theater & Concert Hall** <http://npac-ntch.org/en/>  
Has some English, including list of ticket-selling venues and the month's scheduled performances
2. **Cyberstage:** <http://cyberstage.moc.gov.tw/home/index?lang=en-US>  
Information about Taiwan's performing groups, in English
3. **National Palace Museum:** <http://www.npm.gov.tw/en/>  
"In addition to reading about current, special and long-standing exhibits, you can take a virtual tour of the museum, complete with pictures and classical Chinese music playing softly in the background."
4. **Ministry of Culture:** <https://english.moc.gov.tw/>  
A very extensive website in English. Includes information about performing arts, music, film, handicrafts, museums and galleries, and much more.

## HOUSING:

1. **E-rent:** <http://www.e-rent.com.tw> (in Chinese only)
2. **Teaching English and Living in Taiwan:** <http://www.tealit.com>  
Also listed above under "General."
3. **Craig's List Taiwan:** <http://taipei.craigslist.com.tw/search/apa>  
Also recommended by former grantees as a good place to search for housing

4. International House of Taipei: <http://www.reocities.com/soho/6271/ihmain.htm>
5. 591 house renting website: <http://rent.591.com.tw/> (in Chinese only)
6. Taiwan House website: <http://www.twhouses.com.tw/> (in Chinese only)
7. Yung Ching House Fun website: <http://rent.yungching.com.tw/> (in Chinese only)

#### RESEARCH, STUDY, AND TEACHING:

1. Academia Sinica: <http://www.sinica.edu.tw>  
This site also has extensive sections in English. Aside from information about research, the institutes, the libraries, etc., there is a section of the website especially for the organization's foreign employees, which has some useful information about living in the area: <http://www.ifs.sinica.edu.tw/link/AShandbook.pdf>
2. National Central Library:  
<http://www.ncl.edu.tw/mp.asp?mp=5>  
Comprehensive information about the library and its services to scholars.
3. Center for Chinese Language and Culture Studies (Mandarin Training Center):  
<http://mtc.ntnu.edu.tw/mtcweb/index.php?lang=en>  
One of the oldest and long-established schools for teaching Chinese to foreigners, recommended by many American Fulbright grantees.
4. International Chinese Language Program at National Taiwan University: <http://iclp.ntu.edu.tw/> (sometimes this URL does not work; instead, go to <http://www.ntu.edu.tw>, click on English, then Academics, then College of Liberal Arts, and you will come to the website.  
The successor to the well-known Stanford Center. Its programs are rigorous and effective, best for serious students who already have some Chinese language training.
5. Ministry of Education: <http://english.moe.gov.tw/mp.asp?mp=1>  
Go to this website and click on "Study in Taiwan", then "Chinese Language Center" on the left sidebar to find a list of places to study Chinese. For information about scholarships for study in Taiwan, click "scholarships" on the sidebar.
6. Dave's English Café: <http://www.eslcafe.com>  
Forums for ESL students and teachers at all levels

## **Entertainment, Travel and Tourism:**

- 1. Taipei Tourism and Transportation Guide:** <http://english.dot.gov.taipei/>  
The site includes an English summary of bus routes in Taipei.
- 2. Tourism Bureau, Ministry of Transportation & Communication:** [http://admin.taiwan.net.tw/index\\_en.aspx/](http://admin.taiwan.net.tw/index_en.aspx/)  
Lots of information about tourist attractions all over Taiwan.
- 3. Taiwan Railway Administration:** <http://www.railway.gov.tw/en/>  
Provides ticket scheduling and prices, and on-line purchase of tickets. A 2007-2008 grantee, recommends the following procedure for purchasing train tickets online:  
First, find train times and numbers at this website:  
[http://twtraffic.tra.gov.tw/twrail/English/e\\_index.aspx](http://twtraffic.tra.gov.tw/twrail/English/e_index.aspx)  
Then go to this website to order the tickets: [http://railway.hinet.net/net\\_eng.htm](http://railway.hinet.net/net_eng.htm) I usually keep both sites open in separate windows until I get everything figured out. Eventually, you get a reservation page you print. Then you pay at the train station by the deadline. It's best to buy round trip fares (Just reserve 2 single journeys, one in each direction and bring both to the station. The fare is calculated there.) There is a discount.
- 4. Taiwan High Speed Rail:** <http://www.thsrc.com.tw/en/?lc=en>  
Just opened in 2007, this "bullet train" can take you between Taipei and Kaohsiung in less than two hours.
- 5. Central Weather Bureau :** <http://www.cwb.gov.tw/eng/index.htm>
- 6. Taiwan FUN:** <http://www.taiwanfun.com/>
- 7. Hostel Bookers website:** <http://www.hostelbookers.com/hostels/taiwan/taipei/>