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U.S.-Taiwan Education Initiative

Overview

In December 2020, the United States and Taiwan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to increase two-way language education exchange by expanding existing language programs. Beyond the academic, economic, and national security benefits to the U.S. and Taiwan, the Initiative also presents invaluable opportunities for Taiwan to expand its soft power and visibility abroad.

Goals



- Allow U.S. and Taiwan students to pursue language studies in an environment free from censorship and coercion, supporting the democratic values of the U.S. and Taiwan.
- Support President Tsai's goal of making Taiwan bilingual by 2030 by expanding the number of American English teachers in Taiwan and the pathways for Taiwan students to study in the United States.
- Increase access to Mandarin instruction in the United States while limiting PRC influence; increase pathways for Mandarin teachers from Taiwan to teach in the United States and expand opportunities for American university students to study Mandarin in Taiwan.

Next Steps

In the coming months, the Initiative will promote language exchange through

- Support for Taiwan's Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) to become the standard Mandarin language test.
- Continued efforts to move USG-funded Mandarin language programs to Taiwan.
- Two-way teacher exchanges, including Mandarin and English instruction.



By the Numbers:



US\$ 790k has been pledged by Ministry of Foreign Affairs to expand the existing U.S. government exchange programs for American students to study Mandarin in Taiwan. With the funding support, we anticipate additional grantees for the Critical Language Scholarship (CLS), Gilman Scholarship, and National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) programs, starting 2021.



US\$ 774K will be the total sum of USG annual contributions for the FSE/Fulbright program in Taiwan after an increase of US\$206K.



47 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants (FLTA) will head to the United States in Summer 2021.



152 Fulbright English Teaching Assistants (ETA) will be co-teaching in 13 localities in Taiwan in 2021-2022 academic year.



70 English Teaching Fellows (ETF) will be fully funded by Taiwan's Ministry of Education with 2.5 million USD allocated for 2021-2022 academic year.



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