

Call for Applications: 2026 Student Exchange Project with National Taiwan University (NTU)

A Project to Discuss and Learn with Students of National Taiwan University
Organized by the Office for Social Impact Promotion, University of Tsukuba

1. Overview

This project aims to deepen understanding of Taiwan through short-term student exchanges (both online and in-person) with students from National Taiwan University (NTU). Participants will discuss the similarities and differences between Japanese and Taiwanese lifestyles, societies, and cultures, and reflect on multicultural co-existence.

2. Eligibility

Undergraduate students and graduate students (Master's program only) who wish to improve their English communication skills. Applicants must be able to participate in the entire project schedule (see Section 6).

3. Number of Participants

20 (Minimum number of participants: 10)

4. Objectives

- To gain new insights and inspiration by discussing student life, society, and future prospects with one another.
- To improve English proficiency and communication skills by setting group tasks and engaging in discussions.
- To deepen understanding of different cultures and acquire the qualities necessary to become global professionals capable of thriving in a multicultural society.

5. Program Format

The program will consist of 10 groups, each comprising 4 students (2 from the University of Tsukuba and 2 from National Taiwan University), and each group will conduct online and in-person discussions and present their findings. Students will gather information about Taiwan from books and the internet (see 14.) and discuss topics of interest within their groups. After the project concludes, they will prepare and submit a report.

6. Schedule

- 7/15 (Wed) 11:30–12:10, Student Commons (1A203): On-campus meeting (in-person). Project overview; explanation of group meetings and group discussions; important notes regarding airline ticket purchases.

- 7/15 (Wed) 18:00 – 20:00: Online meeting with NTU students (first group meeting).
- 7/16 (Thu) – 9/10 (Thu): Online meetings within each group (Hold at least four group meetings to decide on the presentation topic for September 13 and prepare the presentation).
- Early September: Online orientation for University of Tsukuba students (date and time to be announced). Checking progress on group work; sharing information about Taiwan; confirming the itinerary for the trip; assigning rooms in the accommodation, etc.
- 9/11 (Fri): Departure for Taiwan; meet at National Taiwan University's accommodation; meet group members in person.
- 9/12 (Sat): Participate in National Taiwan University's club recruitment event.
- 9/13 (Sun): City tour; present on similarities and differences between Taiwanese and Japanese lifestyles, societies, and cultures.
- 9/14 (Mon): Return to Japan.
- 9/28 (Mon): Report submission deadline.

7. How to Apply

Students wishing to participate should access the application URL below and complete the online application form.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/9Z03kKrXZM>

8. Required Application Documents:

- ① Online Application Form (to be completed and submitted)
- ② Consent Form for Use of Portrait and Agreement on Handling of Personal Information*1
- ③ Proof of English proficiency (TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS, Eiken, etc., if available) *2

*1 Download the form from the online application system, fill it out by hand on paper, convert it to a PDF, and upload it to the online application system, or submit the paper copy at the on-campus meeting on July 15.

*2 Please scan your English proficiency certificate (score report) (a photo is acceptable) and upload it to the online application system.

9. Application Deadline: 7/1 (Wed) 12:00 PM.

10. Selection Criteria

If there are many applicants, selection will be based on a comprehensive evaluation of the application content, language proficiency, and other factors.

11. Notification of Selection Results: Results will be announced via email on 7/6 (Mon).

12. Project Participation Costs

Airfare: Approx. 40,000 yen (using a low-cost carrier) to approx. 70,000 yen (per person, round-trip; details will be explained on July 15, but you will be responsible for purchasing your own tickets. You will be required to submit a copy of your e-ticket for purchase and flight verification.)

Accommodation: Approx. 27,000 yen (single room, 3 nights; half that amount for a double room; please pay accommodation fees upon arrival at the facility using cash in New Taiwan Dollars or a credit card.)

Meal expenses and transportation costs within Taiwan: To be covered by participants.

Estimated total cost: Approx. 80,000 yen to approx. 110,000 yen (Round-trip transportation costs to Narita or Haneda Airport are not included).

13. Other Important Notes

- Since this project is recognized as a multicultural co-learning activity, a digital badge (Gold Badge) will be issued to its participants.
- This project qualifies for 1 credit as the undergraduate course [8331172] 「多文化共修による課題解決実習 (海外) A」. It also qualifies for 1 credit as the graduate course [0A00323] 「多文化共修による課題解決実習(海外)」. When registering for this course, please be mindful of the annual or semester-based credit limits for course enrollment. If you have any concerns, please consult your academic department. Please note that you cannot register for this course via TWINS. Furthermore, while participation is possible even without enrolling in the course, you are still required to submit a report.
- Participants in this project must join the project-specific team created on Teams. This team is primarily used for student interaction. Administrative communications from the university will be sent via email or Teams. Please note that your participation may be canceled if you become unresponsive.
- Any costs incurred due to cancellation at the student's own discretion will be the student's responsibility.
- Please be aware that the project will be canceled if the number of participants falls below 10.
- Please be sure to check the expiration date of your passport. Holders of passports other than Japanese passports may be required to apply for a visa or submit a prior application through the Travel Authorization System to enter Taiwan, depending on their nationality. Please note that participation in this project may not be possible depending on your nationality.
- Example references: 72 Chapters to Understand Taiwan (Central Library 302.224-A31 General Books); 60 Chapters to Understand Taiwan (Central 302.224-A31 General Books); 60 Chapters to Understand Modern Taiwan (2nd Edition) (Central 302.224-A93 General Books); <https://ja.wikipedia.org/wiki/台湾>.

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