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**Academic Year 2023
Application and Transfer Guide
for the International Foundation
Program**

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I. Important Dates

2023 Fall Semester

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Application Guide Announcement	January 10, 2023
Application Period	January 15 to May 15, 2023
Review	First Period: March 15 to March 24, 2023
	Second Period: March 31 to May 26, 2023
Admission Result	First Period: Before March 31, 2023
	Second Period: Before June 3, 2023
Acceptance Letter Mailing	From March 31, 2023
Semester Begins	Mid-September 2023

2023 Spring Semester

Contents	Dates
Application Guide Announcement	July 15, 2023
Application Period	July 15 to November 30, 2023
Review	First Period: September 18 to September 29, 2023
	Second Period: December 1 to December 15, 2023
Admission Result	First Period: Before October 6, 2023
	Second Period: Before December 25, 2023
Acceptance Letter Mailing	From October 6, 2023
Semester Begins	Mid-February 2024

II. Application Instructions

Step 1	Make sure that you are eligible to apply as an International Foundation Program student. Please refer to “ Who can Apply ”.
Step 2	International students may apply for admission in our Fall and Spring semesters. Please confirm the available admission programs which you intend to apply. Please refer to “ Available Programs for 2023 Academic Year on page 11 ”.
Step 3	1. Please fill out the online application form at STUST Online Application and Status Inquiry System: https://www.stust.edu.tw/en/admission 2. Remember the Account and Password you used for applying. You will need it to log in to the system to check your application result and type of scholarship later.
Step 4	To complete the online procedure, please upload all the required documents to the Online Application System by the deadline. For detailed information, please refer to “ What to Submit ”.
Step 5	Follow each step to fill out and click “ Submit ” to complete the whole application procedure. Applicants will receive a confirmation email once the application is done.

III. About International Foundation Program (IFP)

- A. Duration of study: 1 year for Chinese language, 4 years for university, a total of 5 years.
- B. Chinese language pre-students will be guided by the International Specialization Department in terms of life, economics, study, learning effectiveness tracking and employment counseling.
- C. Approved by the Ministry of Education, the school has 8 departments: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Department of Electrical Engineering, Department of Semiconductor and Optoelectronic Engineering, Department of Electronic Engineering, Department of Information Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Engineering, Department of Biology and Food Technology, and Department of Elderly Welfare Services. student.
- D. The maximum period of Chinese language prerequisites is one year. During the period, students should take at least 15 hours of Chinese language courses per week, and at least 720 hours in one year.
- E. Students should meet the Basic Level (A2) standard for listening and reading of the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (hereinafter referred to as TOCFL) during or after the

Chinese language foundation program. Upon meeting the language proficiency, the student is allowed to continue study at the original department stated during admission.

- F. As mentioned above, students who do not meet the TOCFL A2 standard will be withdrawn and must leave Taiwan.
- G. Students should meet the TOCFL B1 standard before the second year of university.
- H. change of department or school is allowed during the Chinese language prerequisite, but after 1 year of formal study of the bachelor's professional course, the department or school may be changed to a related department or school in manufacturing, construction, agriculture and long-term care.
- I. International students who have completed the required number of credits for graduation within the prescribed period of study and have excellent grades may be allowed to graduate early in accordance with Article 26, Paragraph 2 of the University Law.

IV. Available Degree Programs

Table 1.

College	Departments/Programs
College of Engineering	Department of Mechanical Engineering
	Department of Electrical Engineering
	Department of Semiconductor and Electro-Optical Engineering
	Department of Electronic Engineering
	Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering
	Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering
	Department of Biotechnology and Food Science
College of Humanities and Social Sciences	Department of Senior Welfare and Services

V. Application Eligibility

- A. Meet the status of foreign students, Hong Kong and Macao students and overseas Chinese as stipulated in the "Regulations for Foreign Students to Study in Taiwan", "Regulations for Hong Kong and Macao Residents to Study in Taiwan" and "Regulations for Overseas Students Returning to Study in Taiwan and Guidance", and have the qualifications for admission to the bachelor's degree program.
- B. The criteria for admission qualifications for a bachelor's degree program are as follows: Applicants must have the equivalent academic qualifications in the Ministry of Education's "University Equivalency Recognition Standards" and the educational system in Taiwan and applicants with equivalent academic qualifications must attach a certificate of study. Graduates whose graduation grade is equivalent to the second grade of Taiwan Senior High School (Form 5) or those of similar schools in Hong Kong and Macau can apply for the bachelor's degree program, and they should add a total of 12 credits of professional subjects within the prescribed study period. Holders of foreign or Hong Kong or Macau education must comply with the relevant regulations of Article 9 of the Ministry of Education's "Recognition of Equivalent Academic Abilities for Admission to Universities".
- C. Applicants who are fresh graduates are not required to submit a graduation certificate when applying. If they are admitted, they must submit the original academic certificate and transcripts of previous years at the time of school registration. Otherwise, the admission qualification will be cancelled.

VI. Required documents

- A. Admission Application Form (to be filled out online)
- B. Photocopy of passport
- C. Original high school graduation certificate or equivalent academic qualification certificate and transcripts (in languages other than Chinese and English) presented by the original school, a Chinese or English translation should be attached) verified by Taiwan embassies, consulates, representative offices, offices or other agencies authorized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
- D. Chinese or English study plan
- E. Proof of sufficient financial resources to study in Taiwan from a financial institution. If the document is issued by a Taiwanese agency, verification is not required. Please provide a financial proof of US\$ 3,000 or NT\$ 100,000, or the minimum financial proof amount stipulated by the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office or embassy in your country.
- F. A health examination certificate issued by the hospital accredited by the Taiwan embassy within the last three months (you can apply after receiving the admission letter)

VII. Admission Criteria

- A. Hold a high school degree or have the equivalent academic qualifications of the Ministry of Education's "University Equivalence Recognition Standards" and the educational system in my country, and have bachelor's degree admission qualifications.
- B. After the written information has been reviewed, the student will be contacted and an online interview will be arranged. Interviews will be conducted in English or through translation in the applicant's native language to confirm that the applicant meets the school's talent cultivation standards.

VIII. Tuition and other fees

- A. During the first year of Chinese language prerequisite courses:
- i. Chinese language courses (including textbooks and TOCFL test) NTD 35,000.
 - ii. The dormitory is charged according to the school dormitory fee: NTD 12,500 per semester.
 - iii. Add foreign student health insurance according to regulations: NTD 500 per month.
- B. **During the second year and third year of university:** During the second to fifth year of the university, according to the tuition and miscellaneous fees per semester of **each college** (in NTD):

Table 2.

Tuition Fees/Semester	Dorm Fees/Semester	Language Lab Fees/Semester	Computer Lab/Semester	Internet Fees/One Time	Student Safety Insurance	National Health Insurance
24,000	12,500	500	900	800	Note 2	4,956

C. During the fourth year and fifth year of university:

From the 4th year (3rd year of the university), the IFP students should follow the regulations of “The STUST Scholarship Establishment Regulations for International Students”. Students who have maintained an average grade of 60 (or above) will continue to have the fixed tuition fee of NT\$ 24,000 as shown in Table 2, otherwise they fees will be charged according to Table 3.

Table 3.

College	Tuition Fees/Semester	Dorm Fees/Semester	Language Lab Fees/Semester	Computer Lab/Semester	Student Safety Insurance	National Health Insurance
College of Engineering	55,270	12,500	500	900	Note 2	4,956
College of Humanities and Social Sciences	47,425					

Note 1: **Starting from the THIRD semester of bachelor program, current enrolled undergraduate students (excluding transfer students) who have received the scholarship are required to maintain average score 60.**

Note 2: In accordance with bidding with the insurance company each year. For example, this semester the premium is NT\$395.

Note 3: International students who are qualified to join the National Health Insurance (NHI) 6 months after getting ARC, it is compulsory to join. The premium is NT\$826 per month, students pay NT\$4,956 per semester.

Note 4: Students taking language related courses, NT\$500 language lab fees will be charged per semester.

Note 5: Students taking computer related courses, NT\$900 computer lab fees will be charged per semester.

Note 6: New students pay internet fees ONE TIME, NT\$400 for graduate students, NT\$800 for bachelor degree students.

Note 7: If a student leaves the dorm after 1 year (including the first day), the deposit will not be refunded.

Note 8: All the above fees might increase each year.

IX. Scholarships

A. Incentive money: Students who have obtained TOCFL B1 scores before entering the second year of high school will be given a one-time NTD 5,000 to reward students for studying Chinese seriously.

X. Study period

- A. Mandarin prerequisite: 1 year
- B. University Department: 4 years

XI. How and When to Apply

- A. Application: Please apply online and upload the required documents.
- B. Online application website: <https://www.stust.edu.tw/en/admission>
- C. Application period:
 - 1. Fall Semester: January 15 to May 15, 2023
 - 2. Spring Semester: July 15 to November 30, 2023.
- D. Application fee: **None**

Note: Applications after the deadline will not be accepted and applications will be rejected if any of the required documents are not submitted or the form is unreadable.

XII. Important notes for applicants

1. Fresh graduate applicants are not required to submit a graduation certificate when applying. **If admitted, the original academic certificate and transcripts of previous years must be submitted at the time of school registration, otherwise the admission qualification will be cancelled.**
2. The applicant has never applied in Taiwan as an overseas Chinese.
3. Foreign students applying to study in Taiwan **are limited to one application.** After completing the program of the school you are applying for, in addition to applying for a master's program or above, you can follow the school's regulations. If you continue to study in Taiwan, the entrance examination should be the same as that of ordinary students in Taiwan. Foreign students who apply to study in Taiwan to study at or below the bachelor's level, stay in Taiwan for less than one year, drop out of school or lose their student status for some reason, may reapply to study in Taiwan, and this is limited to one time.
4. According to the regulations of the Ministry of Education, foreign students who have been expelled by domestic colleges and universities for their conduct, failed academic performance, or who have been sentenced for committing a criminal case are not allowed to apply for admission through this channel. Those who violate this regulation and are verified to be true will have their admission qualification revoked.
5. After foreign students come to Taiwan to study, they will lose their international student status and should drop out of the school if they are permitted to set up household registration, household registration, naturalization or return to the Republic of Taiwan nationality in Taiwan during the school period.
6. According to the regulations of the Ministry of Education, when foreign students register, new students should attach medical and injury insurance that has been insured abroad for more than six months from the date of entry, otherwise the school will require students to take out short-term insurance in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Education.
7. Please fill in the correct email and contact number of the admission application form. The school will contact the applicant as necessary. If the applicant fails to reply within the deadline, it will be deemed to have waived its rights.
8. Application documents will not be returned, please keep a backup copy by yourself.
9. Tuition and miscellaneous fee collection and refund standards and arrears processing mechanism are governed by the "Tuition and Miscellaneous Fees Charge Standards" and "Tuition and Miscellaneous Fees Refund Standard Table for Colleges and Above" announced by the Accounting Office of Southern Taiwan University of Science and

Technology for each year.

10. The total number of credits required to graduate from each department (program) is subject to the curriculum of each department.
11. applying for admissions, our school shall obtain and keep personal data of applicants in accordance with the provisions of the Personal Data Protection Act, and process and use it for the purpose of admissions affairs. The school will fulfill its obligations and responsibilities as a good custodian, properly keep the personal information of students, and use it only for the purpose of enrollment-related work. Anyone who applies for admission to our school agrees to authorize our school to use the personal and related grade data obtained from the student 's registration for this admission to our school's admissions affairs. Handle the registration of new students or the establishment of enrollment materials.

Remarks:

1. For any matters mentioned in this brochure, please follow the relevant laws and regulations and the resolutions of the Admissions Committee of the University.
2. When the Chinese version of this application and transfer guide differs from the English translation, the Chinese version will prevail.
3. For Admission, please contact the International Foundation Program:
ifp@stust.edu.tw or call +886-6-2533131, Ext. 1601.

Attachment A : Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan

Amended Date : 2021-01-22

Category : Ministry of Education

If international student who studies in university or tertiary college Article 1

These Regulations are formulated in accordance with the provisions of Article 25, Paragraph 3 of the University Act, Article 32, Paragraph 1 of the Junior College Act, Article 41, Paragraph 1 of the Senior High School Education Act, and Article 6, Paragraph 3 of the Primary and Junior High School Act.

Article 2

A person of foreign nationality who has never held Republic of China (“R.O.C.”) nationality and who meets the following requirements is permitted to apply for admission to an educational institution, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations:

1. The person has never undertaken studies in Taiwan as an overseas Chinese student.
2. The person has not been given a placement in the current academic year by the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students in accordance with the Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan.

A person of foreign nationality who meets the following requirements and who in the immediate past has resided overseas continuously for at least six years is also permitted to apply for admission to an educational institution, in accordance with these Regulations. However, a person who plans to apply to study in a university department of medicine, dentistry, or Chinese medicine must have resided overseas continuously for at least eight years.

1. A person who at the time of their application also holds dual R.O.C. nationality shall have never had household registration in Taiwan.
2. A person who before the time of their application also held dual R.O.C. nationality but no longer does at the time of their application shall have renounced their R.O.C. nationality with the approval of the Ministry of the Interior on a date at least eight full years before making their application.
3. A person referred to in either of the preceding two subparagraphs shall meet the requirements stipulated in Subparagraph 1 and Subparagraph 2 of the previous paragraph.

A foreign national who was selected by a foreign government, organization, or school to study in Taiwan in accordance with the Education Cooperation Framework Agreement, and who has never had household registration in Taiwan may be given exemption from the restrictions set out in the preceding two paragraphs if the competent education administrative authority gives approval.

The periods of six years and eight years stipulated in Paragraph 2 shall be calculated using the starting date of the semester (February 1, or August 1) as the end date of the period.

The term “overseas” used in Paragraph 2 refers to countries or regions other than the Mainland Area, Hong Kong, and Macau; the term “reside overseas continuously” means that an international student has stayed in Taiwan for no more than a total of 120 days in each calendar year. When calculating the number of consecutive years spent overseas, if the initial or final year of the period is not a complete calendar year, any time spent in Taiwan in the initial or final year must not exceed 120 days. However, time that a person has spent in Taiwan is not subject to this restriction and it is not counted when calculating how long they were in Taiwan in a particular year if the person has documentary proof that they:

1. attended an overseas youth training course organized by the Overseas Compatriot Affairs Council or a technical professional training program accredited by the Ministry of Education;
2. spent a total period of less than two years undertaking Mandarin classes at a Mandarin center at a university or tertiary college which has Ministry of Education approval to recruit students overseas;
3. spent a total period of less than two years in Taiwan as an exchange student; or
4. spent a total period of less than two years undertaking an internship that they came to Taiwan to undertake with the approval of the designated central competent authority.

A person who held both foreign and R.O.C. nationalities and applied for annulment of their R.O.C. nationality before the date of effect of the February 1, 2011 amendment to these Regulations may apply for admission as an international student in accordance with the provisions in place before the amendment and is not subject to the restrictions set out in Paragraph 2.

Article 3

An applicant of foreign nationality, who is eligible for permanent residence in Hong Kong or Macao, who has never had household registration in Taiwan, and who at the time of their application has resided in Hong Kong, Macao, or elsewhere overseas continuously for at least six years may apply for admission in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations. However, a person who plans to apply to study in a university department of medicine, dentistry, or Chinese medicine must have resided overseas continuously for at least eight years.

The term “resided [...] continuously” in the preceding paragraph means that a person did not spend more than a total of 120 days in Taiwan in each calendar year. However, this restriction does not apply if a person can present documentary proof that any of the circumstances listed in Paragraph 5, Subparagraphs 1 to 4 of the previous article apply. The time that they spent in Taiwan in the ways listed is not counted when calculating the period of continuous residence referred to in the previous paragraph.

A person who was formerly from the Mainland Area and who has foreign nationality and has never had household registration in Taiwan, and who at the time of their application has resided overseas continuously for at least six years may apply for admission to an educational institution, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations. However, a person who

plans to apply to study in a university department of medicine, dentistry, or Chinese medicine must have resided overseas continuously for at least eight years.

The term “resided [...] continuously” in the preceding paragraph means that a person did not spend more than a total of 120 days in Taiwan in each calendar year. However, this restriction does not apply if a person can present documentary proof that any of the circumstances listed in Paragraph 5, Subparagraphs 1 to 4 of the previous article apply. The time that they spent in Taiwan in the ways listed is not counted when calculating the period that they resided continuously overseas referred to in the previous paragraph.

The periods of six years and eight years stipulated in Paragraph 1 and in Paragraph 3 shall be calculated using the starting date of the semester (February 1, or August 1) as the end date of the period.

The definition of “overseas” given in Paragraph 5 of the previous article also applies, *mutatis mutandis*, to Paragraphs 1 to 4.

Article 4

An international student applying to study at an educational institution in Taiwan in accordance with the provisions of the two previous articles is limited to only applying once. If a student wants to continue studying in Taiwan, their application shall be handled in the same manner as the admission procedures for domestic students. However, this requirement does not apply to an international student in either of the following circumstances:

1. If an international student is applying for admission to a master’s degree or higher level program after completing the course of study at the educational institution to which they originally applied, the university to which the student is now applying shall handle the application in accordance with its regulations;
2. If an international student applied to come to Taiwan to undertake a bachelor's degree or lower level program in Taiwan and after coming to Taiwan stayed for less than one year for some reason then discontinued their studies or forfeited their student status, that student may lodge another application to come to Taiwan to study, but only one such re-application is permitted.

If an educational institution in Taiwan where an international student was studying considers that their conduct or academic performance was unsatisfactory, or if the student seriously violated any ordinances or the regulations of the educational institution and the circumstances were serious and as a result, in accordance with the provisions of its regulations governing student awards and penalties had to discontinue their studies or forfeited their status as a registered student, the student is not permitted to re-apply to study in Taiwan on the basis of the provisions of the previous paragraph.

Article 5

In principle, the actual number of places available for international students to be admitted to universities and two-year programs at junior colleges (hereunder referred to as “universities and tertiary colleges”) is limited to an additional ten percent above the admission quota that was

approved for the institution for the previous academic year by the Ministry of Education, and that number shall be incorporated into the total admission quota and reported to the Ministry of Education for approval. A university or junior college applying to recruit more than an additional ten percent shall submit a report of the planned increment (including associated quality control strategy and supportive measures) to the Ministry of Education for approval. Degree programs offered by collaborating domestic and foreign universities that have been approved on a case by case basis by the Ministry of Education are not subject to this restriction. The actual number of international students that may be admitted to a five-year program at a junior college, or to a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school is limited up to an additional ten percent above the admission quota that was approved for the institution for the previous academic year that was approved by the competent education administrative authority, and that number shall be included in the total number of students admitted for that academic year and be reported to the competent education administrative authority for approval.

Universities and tertiary colleges may augment the number of places at their institution available to international students by the number of places that were available to local students within the admission quota that was approved for the institution for the previous academic year and shall first report such an increase to the Ministry of Education for approval.

The admission quotas referred to in Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 2 do not include international students who are not officially registered as a current student.

Article 6

A university or tertiary college that recruits and admits international students into any year of its programs shall formulate its own related admission regulations and make these public after they have been approved by the Ministry of Education, and formulate a set of international student admission guidelines that outline details of the degree programs that admit international students, the length of time in which each program must be completed, admission quotas, admission eligibility requirements, reviewing and screening methods, and any other related regulations.

Article 7

International students applying for admission to a university or tertiary college shall submit the following documents and apply directly to the university or college during its designated application period, and applicants who pass the review or screening process will be issued an admission notice:

1. An enrollment application form

2. Academic credentials:

- (1) Academic credentials from the Mainland Area: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Academic Credentials for Mainland Area.

(2) Academic credentials from Hong Kong or Macao: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Educational Qualifications from Hong Kong and Macao.

(3) Academic credentials from other areas:

A. Academic credentials issued by an Overseas Taiwan School or a school for Taiwan business people in the Mainland Area shall be regarded as equivalent to academic credentials issued by an educational institution of the same level in Taiwan.

B. Academic credentials from overseas other than those referred to the preceding two items shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials for Institutions of Higher Education. However, academic credentials issued by a campus or branch that a foreign educational institution has established in the Mainland Area by a foreign educational institution shall be notarized by a notary public there and authenticated by an agency established or designated by the Executive Yuan, or by a private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan.

3. Proof of applicant's having sufficient funds to live on while studying in Taiwan, or proof of having a full scholarship or grant provided by a government, university, college, or private organization.

4. Other documents required by the educational institution being applied to.

When an educational institution reviews an international student's admission application, if any of the documents specified in Subparagraphs 2 and 4 of the preceding paragraph have not been authenticated by an overseas mission, or by an agency established or designated by the Executive Yuan, or by a private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan, and the educational institution has any doubts about them, it may request authentication by an overseas agency. If documents that have already been authenticated raise any doubts, the educational institution may request examination of the documents.

Article 7-1

An international student who submits any certificate or document as part of their application for admission to an educational institution that is found to be forged, fabricated, or that has been altered in some way shall have their enrollment eligibility revoked. If the student has already registered and begun classes, their registration as a current student shall be cancelled and they will not be awarded any certification whatsoever regarding their related academic undertakings. If any such circumstances are first discovered after a student has already graduated, the educational institution shall revoke the former student's eligibility to graduate and shall require any degree already awarded to be returned and shall rescind it.

Article 8

An international student who has completed a bachelor's degree or a higher degree in Taiwan and is applying to be admitted to do a master's degree program or a higher degree may submit copies of their graduation certificate from a university or tertiary college in Taiwan and

transcripts for each year of their studies and apply in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 and is not subject to the provisions of Article 7, Paragraph 1, Item 2.

An international student who has graduated from a school for international residents in Taiwan, or from a bilingual division (program) affiliated to a domestic senior secondary school, or from a program offering a foreign curriculum at a division of a domestic private senior secondary school may submit copies of their graduation certificate, and their transcripts for each year, and apply for admission in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 and is not subject to the provisions of Article 4, Paragraph 1, or the provisions of Article 7, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 2.

Article 9

A university or tertiary college that admits international students shall promptly register details of the following into the international student data management information system designated by the Ministry of Education: the international students admitted and registered, any transfer, deferral or abandonment of studies, and any change to or loss of student status.

Article 10

An international student is not permitted to apply to study any recurrent or continuing education bachelor's degree program or in-service master's degree program, or any other program which is only taught in the evening or during vacations, at a university or tertiary college in Taiwan. However, an international student who already has legitimate resident status or who is undertaking a program approved on a case by case basis by the Ministry of Education is not subject to this restriction.

Article 11

An international student who reports to register at a university or tertiary college, a five-year program at a junior college, or a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school before it is already one-third of the way into the first semester of the current academic year shall be registered for the first semester. If it is already more than one-third of the way into the first semester, the international student shall register for the second semester or the next academic year. However, this restriction does not apply if each competent education administrative authority has some provision that overrides it.

Article 12

An international student who with Ministry of Education approval is undertaking an internship after graduating from a university in Taiwan may have their international student status extended for up to one year after their graduation.

An international student who has been permitted to undertake initial household registration, resident registration, naturalization, or restoration of R.O.C. nationality procedures during the course of their studies in Taiwan will forfeit their international student status and shall be dismissed by their educational institution. However, student whose application was handled in the same manner as the admission procedures for domestic students and who apply for

naturalization to acquire the nationality of the ROC in accordance with Subparagraph 1 to 3, Paragraph 1, Article 4 of the Nationality Act is not subject to this requirement.

in Taiwan want to transfer to another university or tertiary college. Each university or tertiary college shall formulate its own regulations regarding transfers of international students who study in university or tertiary college in Taiwan, incorporate these into its admission regulations, and submit these to the Ministry of Education for approval. However, an international student who has been dismissed by the educational institution that admitted the student as a result of unsatisfactory conduct or of a conviction in criminal case proceedings is not permitted to transfer to another university or tertiary college.

Article 13

A university or tertiary college may sign an education cooperation agreement with a foreign educational institution and recruit and admit international exchange students, provided that this does not affect normal teaching. A university or tertiary college may also apply, *mutatis mutandis*, its own international student admission regulations to accept suitable international students as non-degree students.

With approval from each competent education administrative authority, senior secondary schools, junior high schools, and elementary schools may recruit international students for short-term periods of study in Taiwan of one year or less.

Article 14

Educational institutions at all levels that establish programs exclusively for international students as part of an international academic cooperation program or to meet some other special need shall do so in accordance with the regulations governing overall scale of and resources for development of an educational institution at their level, and the competent education administrative authority will forward details of such programs for appraisal and approval by the Ministry of Education.

Article 15

In order to provide incentive awards for outstanding international students who are studying at universities and tertiary colleges in Taiwan, the Ministry of Education may set up international student scholarships or may subsidize universities and tertiary colleges to do so.

To encourage international students to come and study in Taiwan, universities and tertiary colleges may allocate funds to set up scholarships or financial study assistance to international students.

Article 16

Universities and tertiary colleges shall designate units or personnel to be responsible for handling international student admission applications, counselling, and liaison matters. These units or personnel shall also boost the arrangement of homestay accommodation for international students, and of assistance for them to learn Mandarin Chinese and about Taiwan culture in order to better enhance their understanding of Taiwan.

At different times each academic year, universities and tertiary colleges shall organize counselling activities for international students or accelerate campus internationalization, to help to foster exchanges and interactions between local students and international students.

Article 17

A five-year program at a junior college, or a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school that admits international students shall, apart from complying with the provisions of Article 20 when handling applications from international students who have legitimate resident status in Taiwan, prepare an international student recruitment plan and submit the plan to the competent education administrative authority for approval no later than November 30 each year, before recruitment may begin. The competent education administrative authorities at the municipality, county, and city levels shall submit their approved lists of the approved quotas for each educational institution in their jurisdiction to the Ministry of Education no later than December 31 each year for future reference.

The plan referred to in the preceding paragraph shall include the establishment of a dedicated unit responsible for international students, planning to increase Mandarin and culture courses, and measures for arranging accommodation for international students.

When necessary, the categories of countries and quotas for the admission of international students referred to in Paragraph 1 may be stipulated by the Ministry of Education in consultation with the Ministry of the Interior, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Article 18

Unless otherwise specified in Article 20, an international student applying for admission to a five-year program at a junior college, or a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school shall directly apply to the junior college or school during its designated admission period and submit the following documents. If an applicant passes the review or screening process, the junior college or school will issue an admission notice.

1. An enrollment application form.

2. Academic credentials:

(1) Academic credentials from the Mainland Area: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Academic Credentials for Mainland Area.

(2) Academic credentials from Hong Kong or Macao: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Educational Qualifications from Hong Kong and Macao.

(3) Academic credentials from other areas:

A. Academic credentials issued by an Overseas Taiwan School or a school for Taiwan business people in the Mainland Area shall be regarded as equivalent to academic credentials issued by an educational institution of the same level in Taiwan.

B. Academic credentials from overseas other than those referred to the preceding two items shall be handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of the applicable Ministry of

Education regulations governing the assessment and recognition of international students' academic credentials and records. Academic credentials issued by a campus or branch of a foreign educational institution which it has established in the Mainland Area shall be notarized by a notary public office there and authenticated by an authority established or designated by the Executive Yuan, or by a private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan.

3. Proof of applicant's having sufficient funds to live on while studying in Taiwan.
4. Documentary evidence of the eligibility of a guardian in Taiwan.
5. A power of attorney from the student's parents or other legal representative, which has been authenticated by an overseas mission, appointing the guardian in Taiwan.
6. A letter of agreement from the guardian in Taiwan which has been notarized by a notary public in Taiwan.
7. Any other documents required by the school, college, or university.

The academic credentials stipulated in Subparagraph 2 of the preceding paragraph are not required to be submitted for an application to be admitted for the first semester of the first grade of elementary school.

Adult international students are not required to submit the documents stipulated in Paragraph 1, Subparagraphs 4 to 6.

When a junior college, or school is reviewing an international student's admission application, if any of the documents specified in Paragraph 1, Subparagraphs 2, 3, and 7 have not been authenticated by an overseas mission, or by an agency established or designated by the Executive Yuan, or by a private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan, and the junior college or school has any doubts about them, it may request authentication by an overseas agency. If documents that have already been authenticated raise any doubts, the junior college or school may request examination of the documents.

Article 19

The guardian in Taiwan referred to in the preceding article shall be an R.O.C. citizen who has household registration in Taiwan and shall submit a Police Criminal Record Certificate, and an income tax inventory for the most recent year checked and issued by a taxation organization itemizing personal taxable income from all sources of at least TWD 900,000.

A person who satisfies the requirements prescribed in the preceding paragraph may serve as the guardian in Taiwan of only one international student. However, a school principal, or the chair of the board of directors of an incorporated school or a board member may act as the guardian in Taiwan of up to five international students.

Article 20

An international student who has legitimate resident status in Taiwan and is applying to study a five-year program at a junior college, or at a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school shall submit the following documents and apply directly to the junior college or school, and report to register there if their application is approved:

1. An enrollment application form;

2. A photocopy of a legitimate resident permit;

3. Academic credentials:

(1) Academic credentials from the Mainland Area: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Academic Credentials for Mainland Area.

(2) Academic credentials from Hong Kong or Macao: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Educational Qualifications from Hong Kong and Macao.

(3) Academic credentials from other areas:

A. Academic credentials issued by an Overseas Taiwan School or a school for Taiwan business people in the Mainland Area shall be regarded as equivalent to academic credentials issued by an educational institution of the same level in Taiwan.

B. Academic credentials from overseas other than those referred to the preceding two items shall be handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of the applicable Ministry of Education regulations governing the assessment and recognition of international students' academic credentials and records. Academic credentials issued by a campus or branch of a foreign educational institution which it has established in the Mainland Area shall be notarized by a notary public office there and authenticated by an authority established or designated by the Executive Yuan, or by a private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan.

The academic credentials stipulated in Subparagraph 3 of the preceding paragraph are not required for an application for admission to the first semester of first grade at an elementary school.

When a junior college, or school is reviewing an international student's admission application, if any of the documents specified in Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 3 have not been authenticated by an overseas mission, or by an agency established or designated by the Executive Yuan, or by a private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan, and the junior college or school has any doubts about them, it may request authentication by an overseas agency. If documents that have already been authenticated raise any doubts, the junior college or school may request examination of the documents.

After the admission of the international students referred to in Paragraph 1, a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school shall submit a list of their details to the competent education administrative authority for future reference.

If a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school cannot admit the international student referred to in Paragraph 1 applying to study there because the school has already filled its admission quota, the student may apply to the competent education administrative authority for a transfer to be admitted to a school that has a vacancy.

A senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school may assign the international student referred to in Paragraph 1 applying to study there to an appropriate grade level or give them a 'provisional' admission status, based on their results during the screening

process. This ‘provisional’ status is valid for up to one year, and their student registration shall be confirmed if they pass the examinations.

Article 20-1

If a chaotic war situation, major disaster, or major epidemic occurs in the country of an international student, and educational institutions in the region become unable to operate normally as a result, that student’s admission to senior secondary school or junior college may be given special consideration on a case by case basis, if details of those circumstances have been assessed and submitted by an R.O.C. overseas mission or by the embassy, consular office or authorized representative office of the student’s country in Taiwan, and then confirmed by the Ministry of Education in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the National Immigration Agency of the Ministry of the Interior.

In principle, the additional student admission quota referred to in the previous paragraph for students given special consideration on a case by case basis shall be one percent of the total student recruitment quota approved for that school or junior college.

Article 21

The tuition related fees that international students in Taiwan shall pay are determined as stipulated below:

1. Students who have been admitted to study in Taiwan in accordance with the provisions of the previous two articles, or who have received a MOFA Taiwan Scholarship following recommendation by an overseas mission, or who have the status of permanent residents in Taiwan shall pay tuition and other fees in accordance with the standard fees that their educational institution applies to domestic students.
2. Students admitted to an educational institution in Taiwan in accordance with an education cooperation agreement shall pay their tuition and other fees as specified in the agreement.
3. If an international student is not covered by the provisions of either of the preceding two subparagraphs, an educational institution may charge the student based on the standard tuition and other fees for international students that it has determined, and these are not permitted to be lower than the fees levied by other private educational institutions at the same level.

A student who was admitted to an educational institution in Taiwan before the date of effect of the February 1, 2011 amendment to these Regulations shall pay tuition and other for this stage of education fees in accordance with the pre-amendment provisions.

Article 22

When a new international student registers, they shall submit proof of being covered by a medical and injury insurance policy which is valid for at least six months from the date that they entered Taiwan. Current students shall present documentary proof that they have joined Taiwan’s National Health Insurance Plan.

If the proof of insurance referred to in the previous paragraph was issued in a foreign country it shall be authenticated by an overseas mission.

Article 23

If an investigation verifies that an international student has violated the provisions of the Employment Services Act, their educational institution, or the appropriate competent authority shall immediately handle the matter in accordance with the regulations.

Article 24

If an international student defers or abandons their studies, or if there is any change to or loss of their student status, their educational institution shall notify the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs, the service center(s) of the National Immigration Agency of the Ministry of the Interior where their educational institution is located, and send copies of these notifications to the Ministry of Education.

Article 25

If it is considered necessary, the competent education administration authority may visit educational institutions that admit international students. Any institution found in violation of the provisions of these Regulations shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the applicable laws and regulations.

If an educational institution is not acting in accordance with the provisions of Article 23, depending on the circumstances, the appropriate competent education administration authority may also adjust the international student enrollment quotas for that educational institution.

Article 26

The provisions of Article 7, Paragraph 4, Subparagraphs 1, 3, and 4, and of Articles 9, 15, 16, 22, and 24 also apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the application procedures, scholarships and subsidies, supervision and guidance, absences from one quarter or more of the total scheduled class hours of a semester, and the reporting of changes to or loss of student status for international students who come to Taiwan to study Mandarin at a Mandarin Centers affiliated with a university or tertiary college in Taiwan.

Article 27

The format of the forms referred to in Article 7, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 1; in Article 18, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 1; and in Article 20, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 1 shall be determined by each educational institution. The format of the forms referred to in Article 18, Paragraph 1, Subparagraphs 5 and 6 shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Education.

Article 27-1 Experimental education institutes may recruit international students to study in Taiwan in accordance with the Enforcement Act for Non-school-based Experimental Education at Senior High School Level or Below, and apply, *mutatis mutandis*, the provisions of the following articles of these Regulations:

1. Article 2.
2. Article 3.
3. Article 4.
4. Article 11.
5. Article 13, Paragraph 2.
6. Article 17, Paragraph 1.

7. Article 18.
8. Article 19, Paragraph 1.
9. Article 20, Paragraph 1 to Paragraph 4.
10. Article 22.
11. Article 23.
12. Article 25, Paragraph 1.
13. The preceding article.

The plans that an experimental education institute draws up related to international students' undertaking studies at their institute in Taiwan shall include items pertaining to putting in place personnel specifically responsible for international students.

The categories of countries from which an experimental education institute is permitted to recruit international students are the same as those set out in the regulations specifying the categories of countries from which elementary and secondary level schools are permitted to recruit international students.

A person who meets the criteria set out in Article 19, Paragraph 1 is restricted to being the guardian of just one international student. However, any person who is also the person in charge of an experimental education institute or is the legal representative of a non-profit body that has established an experimental education institute, that person is restricted to being the guardian of up to five international students.

Experimental education institutes shall incorporate the regulations they draws up governing the fees for international student that they enroll and associated refunds into the fee collection and refund regulations referred to in Article 6, Paragraph 4, Subparagraph 7, of the Enforcement Act for Non-school-based Experimental Education at Senior High School Level or Below.

If an international student loses their student status, suspends their studies, or changes or terminates their undertaking a period of short-term study, or had other changes in their circumstances, the experimental education institute shall notify the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs, the service center(s) of the National Immigration Agency of the Ministry of the Interior where the experimental education institute that the student attended is located, and send copies of these notifications to the Ministry of Education, and to the competent education administrative authority of the special municipality, county or city where the experimental education institute that the student attended is located, and the school where the student is nominally registered.

Article 28

These Regulations shall take effect on August 1, 2012.

The amendments to these Regulations shall take effect on the date of promulgation, with the exception of the amendments promulgated on December 24, 2012 which shall take effect on January 1, 2013, and the amendments promulgated on August 23, 2013 which shall take effect on September 1, 2013.

**Attachment B : Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance Overseas
Chinese Students in Taiwan**

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Article 1

These Regulations have been formulated in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 3 of Article 25 of the University Act, Paragraph 1 of Article 32 of the Junior College Law, Paragraph 1 of Article 41 of the Senior High School Education Act, and Paragraph 3 of Article 6 of the Primary and Junior High School Act.

Article 2

In these Regulations, the term "overseas Chinese student" refers to a student of Chinese descent who has come to Taiwan to study, who was born and lived overseas until the present time, or who has been living overseas for six or more consecutive years in the immediate past and obtained permanent or long-term residency status overseas. Please note that a minimum of eight consecutive years of overseas residency is required if the person is applying to study in a university department of medicine, dentistry, or Chinese medicine in Taiwan.

A person's overseas Chinese student status must be validated by the Overseas Compatriots Affairs Commission (OCAC) .

An overseas Chinese student who received assistance to be assigned to an educational institution in Taiwan who studied for less than two years because they discontinued their studies for some reason or forfeited their student status may lodge another application to come to Taiwan to study, but only one such re-application is permitted. However, if the educational institution in Taiwan where the overseas Chinese student was studying considers that the student's conduct or academic performance was unsatisfactory, or if the student violated any ordinances or the regulations of the educational institution and the circumstances were serious and as a result, in accordance with the provisions of the regulations governing student awards and penalties, the student had to discontinue their studies or forfeited their status as a registered student, the student is not permitted to re-apply to study in Taiwan, based on the provisions of this paragraph.

An overseas Chinese student is not permitted to change their overseas Chinese student status while they are studying in Taiwan, unless permitted to do so under the provisions of some other ordinance.

Article 3

The term "overseas" used in Paragraph 1 of the previous article refers to countries or regions other than Taiwan, mainland China, Macao, and Hong Kong.

The consecutive years of overseas residency referred to in Paragraph 1 of the previous article means calendar years in each of which an overseas Chinese student has not spent more than 120 days in Taiwan. When calculating the number of consecutive years spent overseas, if the

initial or final year of the period is not a complete calendar year, any time spent in Taiwan in the initial or final year must not exceed 120 days. However, time that a person has spent in Taiwan is not subject to this restriction and is not counted when calculating how long they were in Taiwan in a particular year if in that period of time the overseas Chinese student has:

1. attended an overseas youth technical training course conducted by the OCAC or a technical professional training program accredited by the central competent education administration authority;
2. attended an activity held by the OCAC or by a government agency and recognized by the OCAC, or taken a Chinese language course provided by a Chinese language education institute which has been approved by the governing authority to recruit students overseas, and has spent a total period of less than two years undertaking such activities or courses;
3. spent a total period of less than two years in Taiwan as an exchange student;
4. spent a total period of less than two years undertaking an internship that they came to Taiwan to undertake with the approval of the designated central competent authority;
5. returned to Taiwan to do military service and has been enlisted and served;
6. stayed in Taiwan because they were unable to return to their country of residence because of war, some natural disaster, or a major outbreak of some infectious disease; or
7. stayed in Taiwan because they were unable to return to their country of residence because of some other matter that the student was not responsible for and they have documentary evidence of this.

Documentary evidence of the having obtained permanent or long-term residency status overseas referred to in the first paragraph of the previous article may include proof of having citizenship or permanent residency in the applicant's country of residence, or having a Republic of China passport which officially records the person's overseas Chinese status.

Article 4

The standard way to calculate the period of continuous residency overseas referred to in Paragraph 1 of Article 2 is to calculate from the final date that overseas students can apply in the current year designated in the admission guidelines for overseas students. This does not apply, however, to applicants whose period of continuous residency overseas must be calculated using August 31 of the year of the application to meet the requirements set out in Article 2 and Article 3.

An overseas Chinese student who makes an application to study in Taiwan, in accordance with the proviso set out in the previous paragraph shall complete and submit a written declaration regarding their overseas residency before their application may then be processed. After they have been allocated a place at an educational institution in Taiwan in the OCAC shall review their actual residency circumstances in the period between the final date for enrollment and August 31 of the same year. If the period spent overseas does not satisfy the provisions of Article 2 and Article 3, then the student shall have their enrollment eligibility revoked.

If an overseas Chinese student who independently returned to Taiwan makes an application in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 1 of Article 9, the length of continuous residency overseas referred to in Paragraph 1 of Article 2 is calculated from the date of their most recent arrival in Taiwan. People who independently undertook studying in Taiwan and are applying for assistance with procedures to arrange an admission in accordance with Paragraph 5 of Article 9, the period of overseas residency is calculated from the date of their most recent arrival in Taiwan since beginning their independently arranged study.

Article 5

Overseas Chinese students may apply to come to Taiwan to study at educational institutions at all levels in accordance with these Regulations, and they may apply to study, or independently transfer into or advance to a professional degree program offered by a domestic university in collaboration with a foreign university, that has been approved on a case by case basis by the central competent education administrative authority, and for which the universities have specific administrative mechanisms in place. They may not, however, apply to study any recurrent or continuing education bachelor's degree program or in-service master's degree program at any cram school, college (institute) of continuing education, or in distance learning mode at any university, college, or junior college, or any other program which is only taught in the evening or during vacations.

Overseas Chinese students who have already obtained legal resident status in Taiwan for non-study related purposes are not subject to the restriction set out in the proviso in the previous paragraph.

Overseas Chinese students who are in breach of the proviso in Paragraph 1 shall have their registration as a current student cancelled and not be awarded any certification whatsoever regarding their related academic undertakings. If such a breach is discovered after graduation, the educational institution shall revoke the former student's eligibility to graduate and shall require any degree already awarded to be returned and shall rescind it.

The educational institutions referred to in the proviso in Paragraph 1 shall state clearly in their student admission guidelines that overseas Chinese students are not permitted to enroll.

Article 6

Overseas Chinese students shall submit the forms and documents listed below to apply to study in Taiwan to a Republic of China overseas mission, an office designated by the OCAC, or to a university authorized to independently recruit overseas Chinese students, during the annual recruitment period:

1. Student application form.

2. Academic credentials and transcripts:

- (1) Academic credentials issued by a foreign educational institution: Proof of the highest level of education at an overseas educational institution or documentary evidence of having equivalent academic ability and transcripts (documents in languages other than Chinese or

English shall have a Chinese or English translation attached) shall be authenticated by an overseas mission or an office designated by the OCAC. However, academic credentials issued by a campus or branch of a foreign educational institution it has established in the Mainland Area shall be notarized by a notary public there and authenticated by an authority established or designated by the Executive Yuan, or by a private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan.

(2) Academic credentials from the Mainland Area: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Academic Credentials for Mainland Area.

(3) Academic credentials from Hong Kong SAR and Macao: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Educational Qualifications from Hong Kong and Macao.

(4) Academic credentials issued by Overseas Taiwan Schools and schools for Taiwan business people in the Mainland Area are equivalent to academic credentials issued by an educational institution of the same-level in Taiwan.

3. Documentary evidence of permanent or long-term residency overseas.

4. Statement of purpose. This is not required for applications to universities authorized to independently recruit overseas Chinese students.

5. Any other documents which are required by the educational institution that is being applied to.

The academic credentials and transcript referred to in Subparagraph 2 above are not required for an application for admission to the first semester of the first-grade at an elementary school. Application documents submitted for an overseas Chinese student to study at an elementary school, a junior high school, senior secondary school, or junior college shall include a document of agreement to being the student's guardian in Taiwan, notarized by a notary public in Taiwan, as well as the documents listed in each subparagraph of Paragraph 1. This is not required, however, for an applicant who has reached their age of majority or if an exemption has been approved by the OCAC.

The guardian in Taiwan referred to in the previous paragraph shall possess a valid Republic of China passport and submit a criminal clearance certificate issued by the police authority, and an income tax inventory for the most recent year, checked and issued by a taxation organization, itemizing personal taxable income from all sources of at least \$500, 000 NTD.

A person who meets the criteria set out in the previous paragraph is restricted to being the guardian of just one overseas Chinese student. However, any person who is also the chair of the board of directors of an incorporated school or a board member is restricted to being the guardian of up to five overseas Chinese students.

An overseas Chinese student who submits any certificate or document that is found to be counterfeit, or contain false or misleading information, or that has been altered in some way shall have their enrollment eligibility revoked. If the student has already registered and begun

classes, their registration as a current student shall be cancelled and they will not be awarded any certification whatsoever regarding their related academic undertakings. If any such forgery is first discovered after a student has already graduated, the educational institution shall revoke the former student's eligibility to graduate and shall require any degree already awarded to be returned and shall rescind it.

Article 6-1

Universities which independently recruit and admit overseas Chinese student to their institution to study at each program year level shall draw up their own admission regulations, submit these to the central competent education administrative authority for approval, and then formulate a set of admission guidelines for overseas Chinese students that outline details of the programs that may admit them, the maximum length of time in which each program must be completed, the admission quotas, application eligibility requirements, reviewing and screening methods, and any other related regulations.

Universities which establish programs exclusively for overseas Chinese students as part of an international academic cooperation program or to meet some other special need shall apply to the central competent education administrative authority for appraisal and ratification of such programs in accordance with the Standards for Student Admission Quotas and Resources at Institutions of Higher Education.

Article 7

In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 1 of Article 6, overseas offices are responsible for initially handling overseas Chinese students' applications to study in Taiwan and after verifying an applicant's identity and checking all the forms and documentation submitted shall immediately forward the documents to the OCAC for assessment.

In accordance with Paragraph 1 of Article 6, offices designated by the OCAC that initially handle an overseas Chinese student's applications to study in Taiwan after verifying an applicant's identity and checking all the forms and documentation submitted shall immediately forward the documents to an overseas mission to check and forward them to the OCAC for assessment.

The OCAC shall examine the application form (s) and documents and add comments, then send the application documents to the appropriate authority among those listed below to undertake further checking and ratification and assign the student a place in an educational institution:

1. For applications to public elementary schools: documents are sent to the local competent education administrative authority.
2. For applications to public junior high schools, senior secondary schools, or junior colleges: the documents are sent to the central competent education administrative authority. However, students applying to study a general course at a public senior secondary school are restricted to attending the National Overseas Chinese Senior High School (NOCSH) .

3. For applications to universities (including graduate schools) or the Division of Preparatory Programs for Overseas Chinese Students at National Taiwan Normal University (abbreviated below to “NTNU Division of Preparatory Programs for Overseas Chinese Students”) apart from those governed by the provisions of Paragraph 5: the documents are sent to the University Entrance Committee For Overseas Chinese Students to handle.

The University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students referred to in Subparagraph 3 of the previous paragraph refers to the committee jointly formed by all universities and colleges in Taiwan to handle the recruitment and placement of overseas Chinese students.

Any university that handles an application from an overseas Chinese student to study in Taiwan in accordance with Paragraph 1 of Article 6 shall examine and verify the form(s) and documents and then immediately forward them to the OCAC to verify the applicant’s overseas Chinese student status. Applicants with a valid overseas Chinese student status who pass the review or screening process of the respective university or tertiary college will be issued an admission notice by the university or tertiary college.

If any doubt or concern arises regarding an office designated by the OCAC when the university referred to in the previous paragraph is handling and examining an application from an overseas Chinese student, the university may ask the OCAC to assist by investigating to ascertain the situation.

Article 8

When the central competent education administrative authority or the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students receives overseas Chinese students study application forms and documents forwarded from the OCAC, it shall check the documents and assign students a place in an educational institution for which the applicant has the academic credentials, in accordance with their aspirations, results, and the number of places available at each educational institution, and shall notify the educational institution and the OCAC. The applicants will be notified of the results by the OCAC. However, if a university admission (including to a graduate program) is being handled by the University Entrance Committee For Overseas Chinese Students the applicant shall first apply to the university to be admitted. The university will review and approve their application, after which the University Entrance Committee For Overseas Chinese Students will then review their application and allocate them a place.

If the number of applications from a particular overseas country or region exceeds the set quota a selection procession may be held to select the best students for admission.

If it is considered essential, an additional skills technique examination may be conducted by the educational institutions for applicants assigned to a department of music, arts, physical education, or other discipline that requires technical skills. An applicant who does not pass such an additional skills technique examination will be assigned to another educational institution or department by the central competent education administrative authority or by the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students.

Article 9

A student in any of the categories listed immediately below, who satisfies the provisions of Articles 2 and 3, and who returned to Taiwan independently and plans to enroll in an elementary school, junior high school, senior secondary school, or junior college may apply to the OCAC within 90 days from the day after they arrive in Taiwan and submit all the documents specified in the subparagraphs of Paragraph 1 of Article 6. The OCAC will examine the documents then forward their application to the appropriate competent education administrative authority which will check and ratify the documents and assign the student a place in an educational institution in light of their actual circumstances and assign them to an educational institution to be admitted to. The proof of their highest level of education at any overseas educational institution shall be authenticated by an overseas office. However, students applying to undertake a general course at a public senior secondary school are restricted to attending the NOCSH:

1. A student who has legal residence status in Taiwan.
2. A student who has permitted to enter the country with a visa for a limited period and has stayed for 60 days or more, and their visa does not bear a visa issuing agency remark indicating that the visa cannot be extended or is subject to some other restriction.

A person who has a visa for a limited period stay and has been in Taiwan less than 60 days, or who has a visa which bears a visa issuing agency remark indicating that the visa cannot be extended or is subject to some other restriction, and was permitted to enter the country may apply to the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or one of its subsidiary offices in Taiwan before their current visa expires to have it changed into a visa for a stay of 60 days or more that does not bear a remark indicating that the visa cannot be extended or is subject to some other restriction, on the basis of documentary evidence of their overseas Chinese student status issued by the OCAC and on study being their reason for wanting to stay in Taiwan, after which they may apply to be assigned and admitted to an educational institution in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph.

The competent authority referred to in Paragraph 1 that checks and ratifies documents and assigns students a place in an educational institution shall do so, *mutatis mutandis*, in accordance with the provisions of Subparagraphs 1 and 2 of Paragraph 3 of Article 7.

If a student makes an application in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 1 when it is already more than one-third of the way into a semester, the educational institution being applied to may give them a 'provisional' admission status and assign them to an appropriate grade level. This 'provisional' status is valid for up to one year, and their student registration shall be confirmed if they pass the examinations. If, however, a student is applying more than one-third of the way into a semester to attend a vocational high school, a vocational division of a general senior high school, a vocational program at a comprehensive senior high school, or a junior college they shall be assigned to an educational institution to begin their studies in the next academic year.

An overseas Chinese student who satisfies the requirements set out in Articles 2 and 3 and independently enrolls in an educational institution within 90 days from the day after they arrive in Taiwan may go to apply to the OCAC and apply for assistance to undertake the procedures to be formally assigned there (i.e. with overseas Chinese status) and they will be assigned to the year of the program into which they independently enrolled on their return to Taiwan.

Overseas Chinese students who were assigned to a junior high school by the central competent education administrative authority may apply during their junior high school graduation year for a place in a senior secondary school, or a five-year program at a junior college. However, students applying to undertake a public senior secondary school general course are restricted to attending the NOCSH.

The preferential treatment when taking an examination to advance to the next level of education referred to in Paragraph 1 of Article 10 does not apply to the applications referred to in the previous paragraph.

Students who are applying to attend a private educational institution in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 6 shall first obtain a letter of agreement from the educational institution.

Article 10

In the year that they graduate, overseas Chinese students studying in Taiwan at an educational institution at junior high school level or higher in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 or of the previous article will be given preferential treatment when they are entering the next level of their education that year, in accordance with the provisions below. The admission quota for these students is in addition to and does not affect the admission quotas already approved for the respective educational institutions, departments, or sections by the competent education administrative authority at each level:

1. For senior secondary schools, or five-year programs at a junior college:

(1) Students applying for non exam-based admission shall have 25 % added to their total accumulated score to be used for over-quota comparison and ranking procedures.

(2) Students applying for admission through a selection procedure shall have 25% added to their score.

2. For 4-year or two-year programs at an institute of technology or two-year programs at junior colleges:

(1) Students applying for admission by registering to be assigned a place shall have 25 % added to their score. Applicants whose scores are below the minimum required to enroll in a 4-year program in any department of an institute of technology may attend the NTNU Division of Preparatory Programs for Overseas Chinese Students which prescribes its admission standards.

(2) Each educational institution shall exercise its own discretion regarding preferential treatment for overseas Chinese students applying for admission through avenues other than registration and being assigned there.

3. For Universities:

(1) Students applying for admission by examination shall have their examination results increased by 25 %. Those with scores below the minimum required for admission to a particular department may enroll in the NTNU Division of Preparatory Programs for Overseas Chinese Students. The admission standards shall be stipulated by the NTNU Division of Preparatory Programs for Overseas Chinese Students.

(2) Each university shall exercise its own discretion regarding preferential treatment for overseas Chinese students who apply for admission through avenues other than taking an examination and then being assigned there.

Ranking for over-quota places is undertaken after the preferential increasing of the total score referred to in Item 1 in Subparagraph 1 of the previous paragraph; the scores obtained after preferential increases are made in accordance with Item 2 of Subparagraph 1, Subparagraph 2, or Subparagraph 3 shall satisfy the admission requirements.

The over-quota admission places referred to in Paragraph 1 is an additional two percent of the approved admission quota. When this is being calculated, any fraction shall be unconditionally rounded up to the next integer. If, however, two or more applicants have the same score after preferentially increasing their total score or the accumulated score or other ranking measures, then the number of over-quota admission places is not subject to the two percent limit.

Overseas Chinese students may only receive the preferential treatment referred to in Paragraph 1 available to them in their graduation year and when they are entering the next level of their education, one time. They will not be given preferential treatment for examinations into any subsequent study program.

Article 11

The actual number of places available for overseas Chinese students to be admitted to an educational institution of any level in accordance with the provisions of Article 6, Article 9, the previous article, and/or Article 14, shall be governed by the following provisions.

1. Admissions to universities and 2-year junior college programs: in principle, the number of places available for overseas Chinese students shall be limited to an additional ten percent above the admission quota that was approved for the institution for the previous academic year. A university or junior college applying to recruit more than an additional ten percent above the admission quota approved for that institution for the previous academic year shall submit a report of the planned increment (including associated quality control strategy and supportive measures) to the central competent education administrative authority for approval.

2. Five-year junior college programs and schools at senior secondary level and below: may admit up to an additional ten percent above the admission quota that was approved for the institution for the previous academic year.

The quota restrictions for admission of overseas Chinese students stipulated in the previous paragraph do not apply to educational institutions which have been approved on a case by case basis by the central competent education administrative authority that primarily admit overseas

Chinese students, and do not apply to professional degree programs offered by a domestic university in collaboration with a foreign university that have been approved by the central competent education administrative authority on a case by case basis.

Universities and tertiary colleges may augment the number of places at their institution available to overseas Chinese students by the number of places that were available to local students within the admission quota that was approved for the institution for the previous academic year but were not filled.

Article 12

An overseas Chinese student may apply to the authority that assigned them to a particular educational institution to be re-assigned to another before they register and begin their studies. Only one such change is permitted. Applicants originally assigned to a university are restricted to being re-assigned to the NTNU Division of Preparatory Programs for Overseas Chinese Students. Applicants originally assigned to a five-year program at a junior college or to a senior secondary school are restricted to being re-assigned to the National Overseas Chinese Senior High School (NOCHS) .

If an overseas Chinese student who received assistance when they applied to study at an educational institution in Taiwan transfers to another educational institution, their transfer will be handled in accordance with the transfer procedures for domestic students.

Article 13

The NTNU Division of Preparatory Programs for Overseas Chinese Students shall submit a list of the names of each overseas Chinese student who has completed a preparatory program there with satisfactory results, their final results, their university study application forms, their university (department) preference list, and any other documents required by any university to which they are applying to the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students which will determine which university each student will be assigned to.

Article 14

An overseas Chinese student who has been awarded a bachelor's degree or higher degree from a university in Taiwan who may apply for a graduate program at master's degree level or higher by submitting their graduation certificate (s) from the university in Taiwan or other documentation required to qualify them to take an entrance exam, transcripts for each year of their previous studies, student application form (s) , a statement of purpose, and any other documents specified by the graduate school to which they are applying to the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students during the annual recruitment period. The University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students shall forward the application to the graduate school to which the applicant would like to be admitted for its review and approval and if approval is given then formally assign the applicant a place there.

A student who has been assigned a place in accordance with the previous paragraph and has registered for admission is not permitted to then file an application for another program at an equivalent level in accordance with the provisions of the previous paragraph.

An overseas Chinese student who independently applies to take the entrance exam to be admitted to a graduate school shall be dealt with in accordance with the admission standards that apply to local students in Taiwan.

Article 15

After being approved and given a place at an educational institution, an overseas Chinese student shall register at the educational institution before classes for the academic year begin. The OCAC will plan and arrange the reception of overseas Chinese students and their accommodation.

Article 16

The study-related fees that overseas Chinese students shall be charged are set out below; other costs during their time studying are also each student's responsibility.

1. Students at elementary or junior high school: The school they are attending shall charge overseas Chinese students the same standard tuition and fees that it charges domestic students.
2. Students at senior secondary school: The school they are attending shall charge overseas Chinese students the same standard tuition and fees that it charges domestic students. This does not, however, apply to any student whose tuition and fees are waived in accordance with the provisions of Article 56 of the Senior High School Education Act.
3. Students undertaking the first three years of a five-year program at a junior college: The college or division they are attending shall charge overseas Chinese students the same standard tuition and fees that it charges domestic students. This does not, however, apply to any student whose tuition and fees are waived in accordance in accordance with the Article 44 of the Junior College Law.
4. Students undertaking the last two years of a five-year program at a junior college, or undertaking a two-year program at a junior college, or any university program: The college or division they are attending shall charge overseas Chinese students the same standard tuition and fees that it charges domestic students

In principle, an overseas Chinese student will be housed in an on-campus student dormitory. If the educational institution the student will attend does not provide dormitory accommodation, or if there are no dormitory vacancies available, the educational institution and the student's guardian in Taiwan shall help to resolve their accommodation needs.

Article 17

Each educational institution shall formulate a plan for implementing counseling and remedial classes for its overseas Chinese students, and a budget itemizing associated cost allocations, and submit these to the competent education administrative authority by January 31 each year for review and approval.

Each educational institution shall submit a report of the counseling and remedial classes implemented over the whole year and the associated income and expenditure to the competent education administrative authority by December 31 each year for review and approval.

Article 18

Each educational institution shall regularly hold orientation lectures for newly enrolled overseas Chinese students; and provide specific counselling and guidance; guidance regarding transferring to another department (section) ; academic assistance; and remedial classes, lectures, or training during the winter or summer recess; and extra-curricular activities for the overseas Chinese students.

Each educational institution shall provide programs providing academic assistance in the subject area concerned to any overseas Chinese student whose proficiency in Mandarin Chinese or some other basic academic subject is relatively low.

An overseas Chinese student who has enrolled in a university and then has difficulties adjusting to their studies may undertake a deferral of their studies there before registration for the second semester of the same academic year begins. The college or university will apply for the student to transfer to the NTNU Division of Preparatory Programs for Overseas Chinese for study counseling and guidance, if the student has received counseling from the college or university and agrees to this arrangement. The costs payable for the period spent receiving guidance shall be governed by the fee standards set by the NTNU Division of Preparatory Programs for Overseas Chinese. After completing this study counseling and guidance, the student shall return to their original college or university and resume their studies. Any courses taken during the period away are not permitted to be counted toward or waived against the credits required for graduation.

Article 19

The approval and issuing of bursaries for financially disadvantaged overseas Chinese students, and scholarships for outstanding overseas Chinese students, will be organized by the central competent education administrative authority.

Injury and medical insurance, part-time work or study assistance subsidies, and the approval and issuing of awards to overseas Chinese students for academic excellence shall be organized by the OCAC.

Article 20

The central competent education administrative authority and the OCAC shall plan and organize counseling and assistance, workshops, and social events for overseas Chinese students nationwide.

If it is considered necessary, the central competent education administrative authority may visit the educational institutions where overseas Chinese students are studying in conjunction with the relevant authority.

Article 21

Before recent overseas Chinese student graduates leave Taiwan to return to their countries, the OCAC may arrange a talk or supply information about finding employment there.

The OCAC and schools, colleges, and universities from which overseas Chinese students have graduated shall maintain close and supportive contact with their former students after they return to their country of residence.

Article 22

By November 30 each year, schools, colleges, and universities with overseas Chinese students shall submit a list of the new overseas Chinese students who have registered and a separate list of those who have failed to register to the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Immigration Agency of the Ministry of the Interior, the OCAC and the central competent education administrative authority. Each school, college, and university shall report the overseas Chinese students there who have graduated, suspended or discontinued their studies, independently made a transfer or changed their program, or who have forfeited their student status.

If a student referred to in the previous paragraph has household registration in Taiwan, the local government of the special municipality, county, or city where the household is registered shall also be notified. Male students who are of military service age shall be subject to the relevant provisions of the Act of Military Service System from January 1 of the year in which they turn 19.

Colleges and universities which enroll overseas Chinese students shall log-in and register details of overseas Chinese student admissions and changes to current student registrations in the overseas Chinese student data management system specified by the central competent education administrative authority and shall undertake the reporting requirements set out in Paragraph 1.

Article 22-1

If an investigation verifies that an overseas Chinese student has violated the provisions of the Employment Services Act, their school, college, or university or the appropriate competent authority shall immediately handle the matter in accordance with the regulations.

If a school, college, or university does not handle a matter in accordance with the previous paragraph, depending on the circumstances, the appropriate competent education administration authority may also adjust the overseas Chinese student enrollment quota for that school, college, or university.

Article 23

An overseas Chinese student who has graduated, or has discontinued or suspended their studies for the maximum allowable period, and who is not continuing to pursue studies will lose their status as an overseas Chinese student. However, an overseas Chinese student who has just graduated from a university in Taiwan and been given approval by the central competent education administrative authority to do an internship through their university may extend their overseas Chinese student status for a maximum period of one year after graduation, after which time their student status will be cancelled.

An overseas Chinese student whose student status has been cancelled will have their overseas Chinese student status reinstated if they resume their studies at a higher level, transfer to another educational institution, or resume studies that they had discontinued.

Article 23-1

If an overseas Chinese student of foreign nationality who is eligible for permanent residence in Hong Kong or Macao, who has never had household registration in Taiwan, and who has been living in Hong Kong, Macao, or elsewhere overseas for six years or more consecutive years in the immediate past is applying for admission to a university, their study and counseling assistance matters may be handled, mutatis mutandis, in accordance with the provisions of these regulations until any amendment to any law (s) pertaining to these matters comes into effect. Please note that a minimum of eight consecutive years of overseas residency is required if the person is applying to study in a university department of medicine, dentistry, or Chinese medicine in Taiwan.

Article 24

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Article 24-1

Amendments to the provisions of Article 7, Articles 9 to 12, and Article 16 of these Regulations were promulgated on August 23, 2013 and shall be applicable to students enrolling from the 2014 school year onwards.

Article 25

These Regulations shall take effect on the date of promulgation.

The amendments to these Regulations promulgated on August 23, 2013 shall be implemented from September 1, 2013.

Attachment C:

The STUST Scholarship Establishment Regulations for International Students

Approved at STUST's Administrative Meeting on November 21, 2005
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Article 1

The STUST Scholarship Establishment Regulations for International Students (hereinafter referred to as "the STUST SERIS") are established to encourage outstanding international students to study at Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology (STUST).

Article 2

The STUST SERIS are formulated based on the Ministry of Education's Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan.

Article 3

The Scholarship Review Committee is set up to initiate and review the criteria for awarding this scholarship, finalize the number of recipients, and deal with other relevant issues. Members consists of Executive Vice President, Dean of Academic Affairs, Dean of Student Affairs, Dean of International Affairs, and Deans from all the colleges. Executive Vice President serves as the Chairperson, and Dean of International Affairs as the Executive Secretary.

Article 4

Types of Scholarship for different programs of study

1. Undergraduate
 - (1) Full tuition fee waiver.
 - (2) Half tuition fee waiver.
2. Master: Full tuition waiver.
3. Ph.D. :
 - (1) Full tuition waiver, a full grant for on-campus housing, and a stipend of 10,000 TWD per month.
 - (2) Full tuition waiver and a full grant for on-campus housing.
 - (3) If you go abroad for some reason during the semester with a duration of more than 16 days (inclusive), your monthly scholarship of NT\$10,000 will be suspended. Those who go abroad on official leave or business trips are not restricted.

Article 5

Applicants should apply through the Online Application and Status Inquiry System. The procedures are as follows:

1. Upload the following application documents:
 - (1) Photocopies of original graduation diploma and official transcript
 - (2) Two reference letters
 - (3) Study plan or research proposal

- (4) Autobiography
 - (5) Certificate of Language Proficiency: English-taught programs require an English-language certificate such as TOEFL iBT or IELTS; Chinese-taught programs require a TOCFL certificate (Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language) or an HSK certificate (Chinese Proficiency Test).
 - (6) United Examination Certificate (UEC), SPM or STPM (only required for Malaysian students)
2. The application deadline for the spring semester is November 30, and the results will be published on the online application system on December 25. The application deadline for the fall semester is May 15, and the results will be published on the online application system on June 10.

Article 6

New students who receive this award are required to register at the Office of International Affairs and attend the orientation BEFORE the semester starts. If recipients fail to register or attend the orientation before the semester starts, their award will be cancelled with no deferrals. If recipients are not able to attend the orientation due to VISA issues, they are required to register within 2 weeks after the semester starts, or the award will be cancelled.

Article 7

Starting from the FIFTH semester after admission, current enrolled undergraduate students (excluding transfer students) who have received the scholarship are required to submit transcripts from the previous semester to the Office of International Affairs before 5 pm on the Friday of the second week of each semester for renewal verification. The review criteria for renewal are as follows:

1. Undergraduate International Business and Finance Programs

(1) Half tuition fee waiver:

- i. Students should maintain the average passing standard in the previous semester.
- ii. Students who fail to maintain the above academic criteria will be disqualified from receiving the scholarship. Once their academic performance meets the above criteria in the subsequent semester, they may apply to have the scholarship reinstated.
- iii. Fixed tuition fees of 24,000 TWD.

(2) Full tuition fee waiver:

- i. Students should maintain a minimum GPA of 3.2 (78 out of 100) or higher or meet the half tuition fees waiver criteria and in the previous semester, and represent the school in international competitions and receive an award.
- ii. Students who failed to get the full tuition fee waiver will be considered for the half tuition fee waiver. When students qualify again, the full tuition waiver will be resumed.

2. Undergraduate Chinese-taught Programs

(1) Half tuition fee waiver: Fixed tuition fees of 24,000 TWD.

(2) Full tuition waiver: Undergraduate students who are eligible for full tuition fee waiver must maintain a minimum semester average score of 78 (inclusive), or a GPA 3.2 (inclusive).

Article 8

Starting from the THIRD semester after admission, current enrolled master and Ph.D. students who have received the scholarship are required to submit transcripts from the previous semester

to the Office of International Affairs before 5 pm on the Friday of the second week of each semester for renewal verification. The review criteria for renewal are as follows:

1. Ph.D. students must maintain a minimum semester average score of 80, or a GPA of 3.38 on a 4.30 scale, pass the evaluation of their supervising advisor, and select an advisor prior to the completion of the first semester in the program. Entitlement to the stipend of NT\$10,000 monthly will be cancelled if recipients fail to meet the listed requirements. Students that fail to meet requirements can apply for special considerations for other extenuating circumstances. If successful, the students will receive the stipend as per usual if the application is granted by the President.
2. Master's students must maintain a minimum semester average score of 80, or GPA 3.38 on a 4.30 scale.

The award will be cancelled if recipients fail to complete registration and tuition and other fees payment before 5 pm on the Friday of the second week of each semester or if their academic performance falls below the requirements as listed in their scholarship offer. The scholarship can be reinstated through application if the recipients meet the required academic performance later.

Article 9

Starting from the THIRD semester after admission, current enrolled transfer students from other institutions who have received the scholarship are required to submit transcripts from the previous semester to the Office of International Affairs before 5 pm on the Friday of the second week of each semester for renewal verification. The review criteria for renewal are as follows:

1. Half tuition fee waiver: Fixed tuition fees of 24,000TWD.
2. Full tuition waiver: Undergraduate students who are eligible for full tuition fee waiver must maintain a minimum semester average score of 78(inclusive), or a GPA 3.2(inclusive).
3. Students who apply for sophomore-level transfer will receive a scholarship for three years and junior-level transfer will receive a scholarship for two years.

Article 10

The maximum length for a recipient to receive this scholarship after enrollment is the first four years for an undergraduate students, the first two years for master's students and the first three years for Ph.D. students. If students have special reasons, their application needs to be approved by the President. The number of scholarship recipients will be based on STUST's budget for the current academic year. If the recipients graduate early, their scholarship will be terminated immediately.

Article 11

Those recipients who have received a Taiwan Scholarship, foreign governmental scholarships (such as Mekong 1000 Project Scholarship, Elite Study in Taiwan Scholarship, etc.) or other scholarships will not be eligible to receive this award. If it is discovered that any students are receiving scholarships in addition to this award, they will have to choose one.

Article 12

The award will be terminated immediately when recipients:

1. Provide fake application materials, for which the recipients are demanded to return the award given and then would be expelled.
2. Transfer to other schools/universities or fail to complete the registration process.

3. Apply for suspension, withdrawal, or dismissal from STUST.
4. Defer tuition payment and other fees from the previous semester.
5. To be cited with minor demerits and above.
6. Damage the university reputation.

Article 13

These Regulations were officially approved at the STUST's Administrative Meeting and are made public by the President, any amendments will undergo the same process.