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Title :	Operation Directions for Subsidies to Overseas Schools, Groups, Taiwan Centers for Mandarin Learning and Taiwanese Teachers Teaching in Mainstream Schools Visiting Taiwan for Mandarin Language Study or Taiwanese Cultural Activities by Overseas Community Affairs Council 
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Content :	1.The Overseas Community Affairs Council (hereinafter referred to as the “OCAC”) hereby establishes these Directions to expand opportunities for overseas ethnic Chinese youth to visit Taiwan to study Mandarin and experience Taiwan’ s diverse cultures, and to encourage overseas compatriot schools (groups), Chinese language classes, associations of Chinese schools, Taiwan Centers for Mandarin Learning, and current Taiwanese teachers teaching in mainstream schools to organize groups to visit Taiwan for Mandarin language study or Taiwanese cultural activities. 2.Guidance units: Embassies and Missions abroad and the OCAC’ s Culture Centers of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office. 3.Organizing entities: (1)Overseas compatriot schools (groups), Chinese language classes,

associations of Chinese schools, and Taiwan Centers for Mandarin Learning that maintain regular contact with the OCAC, Embassies and Missions abroad, and Culture Centers of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, have sound organizational structures, and have demonstrated outstanding performance in supporting the OCAC's overseas compatriot education policies and programs over the past five years shall be given priority.

- (2) Current teachers of Taiwanese descent teaching in mainstream schools who hold Taiwan passports and provide proof of current employment, including a faculty/staff identification card or other sufficient supporting documentation.

4. Applications and related requirements:

- (1) Scope of application: An organizing entity shall organize a group to visit Taiwan to jointly conduct with, or participate in Mandarin language or Taiwanese cultural study programs, visits, educational tours, or exchange activities organized by, schools at all levels in Taiwan, university-affiliated Mandarin language centers approved and registered by the Ministry of Education, or government-registered private cultural and educational organizations.

- (2) Application period: Applications shall be submitted no later than two months before the first day of the activity.

- (3) Application procedure: An organizing entity shall submit the following documents to the guidance unit no later than two months before the first day of the activity. Following an initial review and assessment, the guidance unit shall forward the application to the OCAC for further review:

A. Group application form (as shown in Appendix 1).

B. Project proposal, which shall include a study program schedule, budget plan, and list of participants visiting Taiwan, with each participant's age and whether the participant is of ethnic Chinese or non-ethnic Chinese descent clearly indicated.

C. If the group leader is a current teachers of Taiwanese descent employed by a Taiwan Center for Mandarin Learning or a mainstream school, a Taiwan passport and proof of current employment shall also be submitted.

(4) Implementation:

A. Itinerary planning: The itinerary shall be arranged by the organizing entity. It shall include a one-hour exchange activity at the OCAC, and at least one-half of the group's time in Taiwan shall be devoted to Mandarin language study or cultural courses or activities, such as diabolo, calligraphy, paper arts, or visits with cultural and educational learning components.

B. Duration: The group shall stay in Taiwan for at least ten days.

C. Number and age of participants: Each group shall consist of at least 15 persons. In principle, group members shall be under 30 years of age. No age restriction shall apply to the group leader.

D. Eligibility of group leaders and members:

a. For groups organized by overseas compatriot schools (groups), Chinese language classes, or associations of Chinese schools, the group leader shall be of ethnic Chinese descent. Up to 20% of the members of each group, with any fraction disregarded, may consist of non-ethnic Chinese youth who are friendly toward Taiwan. However, if the organizing entity has, within the preceding three years, cooperated with a mainstream school (school district) in its place of overseas residence to conduct Mandarin language courses, Mandarin language promotion programs, or competitions, and jointly applies with that mainstream school (school district) to organize a group to visit Taiwan for study, relevant supporting documents may be submitted. Following an initial review and assessment by the guidance unit and further review and approval by the OCAC, the limit on non-ethnic Chinese youth participating in each group may, depending on past performance, be relaxed to a maximum of 35% (with any fraction disregarded).

b. To advance the OCAC's "Overseas Mandarin Language Learning Program,"

where a group is organized by a Taiwan Center for Mandarin Learning or by a current Taiwanese teacher teaching in a mainstream school, the group leader of a group organized by a Taiwanese teacher shall be of Taiwanese descent; no restrictions shall apply to the age or ethnicity of group members.

- c. For purposes of these Directions, the ethnic Chinese status of group leaders and members does not include persons from mainland China, residents of Hong Kong or Macao, or holders of passports issued by mainland China.

E. Activity locations: Activities may be conducted throughout Taiwan.

5. Subsidy principles:

- (1) Group organization expenses: In reviewing subsidies for group organization expenses, the OCAC may, in addition to considering whether the requirements set forth in the preceding point have been met, take into account the opinions of the guidance unit and the OCAC's budget for the applicable fiscal year, and determine the amount of subsidy as appropriate based on the items for which funding is requested.
- (2) Approximately 500 participants are expected to take part in the program each year. Each organizing entity may receive a subsidy for no more than one group per year. The maximum subsidy for group organization expenses shall be US\$10,000 (or the equivalent in another currency) per group.
- (3) At the request of an organizing entity, the OCAC may assist in coordinating with domestic colleges, universities, or other institutions to jointly conduct the activities.
- (4) Except for necessary administrative expenses (such as expenses related to recruitment brochures, information sessions, communications, and documentation), subsidies provided by the OCAC for group organization expenses shall be used solely for expenses related to the participation of group leaders and members in study activities in Taiwan and shall not be diverted to any other purpose.
- (5) The subsidy for group organization expenses shall be converted into the equivalent amount in the applicable currency based on the exchange rate on the day preceding the first day of the activity.

6. Review procedures: The OCAC shall take into consideration the guidance unit's preliminary review comments and conduct a comprehensive assessment based on the thoroughness of the organizing entity's study curriculum and study-visit arrangements, its cooperation with domestic schools or cultural and educational organizations, and its performance in supporting the OCAC's overseas compatriot education policies and programs over the preceding five years. Applications shall be approved within the limits of the OCAC's annual budget.

7. Performance evaluation and disbursement of subsidies:

- (1) The organizing entity shall identify the OCAC as a sponsoring organization (under the full name "Overseas Community Affairs Council, ROC (TAIWAN)") and shall clearly state in recruitment brochures, promotional materials, and participant handbooks that the study activities have been organized under this Program. Relevant materials shall be compiled and submitted to the OCAC for reference after completion of the activity.
- (2) Within one month after completion of the activity, the organizing entity shall complete the following procedures: submit a complete list of group members, an activity results report (as shown in Appendix 2), and supporting materials (such as activity photographs or press clippings) together with the original "Income and Expenditure List For OCAC Public Funds Grants to Group and Individuals" (as shown in Appendix 3) completed by the organizing entity and the original supporting documents for expenditures in the amount subsidized (where airfare is claimed for reimbursement,

an electronic ticket or ticket stub and the original proof of purchase shall be attached). The documents shall be submitted through the guidance unit, which shall review and forward them to the OCAC for examination as the basis for disbursement of the subsidy.

(3) If any subsidized funds remain upon closure of the subsidy case, the corresponding portion of the remaining balance shall be returned based on the proportion funded by the OCAC.

(4) If an organizing entity fails to implement the program in accordance with the approved application and project proposal, achieves unsatisfactory results, falsely reports or inflates expenditures, cancels the activity after the subsidy has been approved, or engages in any similar conduct, the OCAC may revoke the subsidy and, depending on the severity of the circumstances, suspend the organizing entity's eligibility for subsidies for a period of one to five years.

8. Results-sharing activities: The guidance unit shall invite organizing entities to share the outcomes of their study programs in Taiwan in order to assess the effectiveness of the programs and gather their recommendations regarding this Program.

9. Matters not provided for in these Directions shall be handled in accordance with other applicable laws and regulations.

Attachments : Appendix 1.odt
Appendix 2.odt
Appendix 3.ods

Data Source : Overseas Community Affairs Council, Republic of China (Taiwan) Laws and Regulations Retrieving System