Taiwan Nature Treasure Map Program

Taiwan, situated in subtropical and tropical Asia, is an island of 36,000 km$^2$ and with coastal line stretching 1,100 km. The highest mountain, Yushan, is about 4,000 m. The climate varies along the altitudinal gradient. That’s why Taiwan has a diverse and abundant wild fauna and flora. Additionally, Chinese culture that has been well preserved in this island.

Taiwan Ministry of Education and School of Forestry and Conservation, National Taiwan University (NTU), are developing "Taiwan Nature Treasure Map Program” for international students exploring beauty of Taiwan from cultural and natural perspective. This program provides a paid internship opportunity for international students stay in a selected site one month. During the program, students co-work with local rangers and learn hands-on experiences. Additionally students are allowed spending their time explore local nature and aboriginal culture.

About the program

- Applicants: Targeting 15 international undergraduate and graduate students with natural sciences background or recreation/tourism background, but not limited to; be able to communicate with English.
- Fees: No. (Students should take care of their airfare, on-site living expenses and insurance).
- Allowance: NTD 10,000 (around USD330) per month.
- Accommodation: Free accommodation at internship sites.
Program structure: Selecting a destination from five internship sites; one month internship in the selected natural area; an orientation and a closing ceremony.

Important dates: Orientation 7/3 (Friday) at NTU campus; Internship 7/6 (Monday) – 8/3 (Monday) at a selected site; closing ceremony 8/5 (Wednesday) at NTU campus.

Responsibilities: Working with local rangers (including review English documentation, interpretation, natural/cultural resources investigation and so forth; less than 3 hours per day); an observation record (text, image or video clip) of your Taiwan cultural or natural experience per week (published on FB and program website); and creating a treasure map of the internship site in the end of the program.

Applying process: Application review and/or interview.

Application form: Will be uploaded to program website soon. For students interested in this program now, please send a letter of intent to treasure.map.tw@gmail.com.

Five internship sites

- Jhihben National Forest Recreation Area
  (http://recreation.forest.gov.tw/RA_EN_JP/0700001/RA_EN-01.htm)

- Taipingshan National Forest Recreation Area
  (http://recreation.forest.gov.tw/RA_EN_JP/0100001/RA_EN-01.htm)

- Aowanda National Forest Recreation Area
  (http://recreation.forest.gov.tw/RA_EN_JP/0400001/RA_EN-01.htm)

- Xitou Nature Education Area
  (http://www.exfo.ntu.edu.tw/sitou/eng/01about/default.aspx)

- Ho-She Nature Education Area

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