



# Western Medicine in Taiwan

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## TAIWAN

- Formerly known as the Republic of China, also known as Formosa
- **Area:** 35,980 km<sup>2</sup> (NJ: 22,608 km<sup>2</sup>)
- **Population:** 23 million
- **Language spoken:** Mandarin (official), Taiwanese, Hakka
- **Religions:** Buddhism, Daoism, Christianity
- **Infant mortality rate:** 5.18/1000 live births
- **Life expectancy at birth:** 78.32 years
- **GDP per capita (PPP):** \$35,700
- **Climate:** tropical, marine



## REASONS/GOALS FOR VISIT

- Learn about how western medicine is practiced in Taiwan
- Learn about Taiwan's National Health Insurance system
- Learn about Tzu Chi's way of dealing with hospice and long-term care
- Improve Chinese language skills
- Cultural experience

## HUALIEN (7/18-7/22)

- Literally "Flower Lotus"
- Located in eastern Taiwan
- Suburban feel
- **Area:** 4629 km<sup>2</sup>
- **Population:** 0.3 million
- **Local specialty:** mochi
- Taroko National Park



## TAIPEI (7/25-7/29)

- Literally "Northern Taiwan"
- Capital of Taiwan and the largest city
- **Area:** 272 km<sup>2</sup> (city proper)
- **Population:** 2.6 million
- Taipei 101 (2<sup>nd</sup> tallest building in the world)
- National Palace Museum



## TZU CHI UNIVERSITY

- Founded by Tzu Chi Foundation which is a Buddhist international humanitarian organization led by Dharma Master Cheng Yen
- Emphasizes compassionate care and respect for all life

## HUALIEN PROGRAM DETAILS

- One week in Hualien shadowing doctors in the family medicine department
- Shadowed nurses making home visits
- Participated in the mobile unit which provided healthcare to rural communities in the mountainside
- Learned about the Silent Mentor Program
- Learned about Tzu Chi's principles, values, and charitable works around the world



## NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY

- Top university of Taiwan
- State-of-the-art medical equipment, research and technology

## TAIPEI PROGRAM DETAILS

- One week in Taipei shadowing doctors in a variety of specialties in the flagship hospital of Taiwan
- Visited the Bureau of National Health Insurance
- Visited the Minimally Invasive Surgery Training Center