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Agenda

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I. Introduction

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- **Promoting academic collaboration and cultural and intellectual exchange with foreign nations**
- **Increasing global presence: 24 representative offices in major cities around the world**





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- Gaining a competitive edge in education
- Providing world-class resources for international cooperation

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I. Introduction

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WEF Global Competitiveness Report: Taiwan

Rankings (in 131 countries)

Global Ranking Year	2007
Indices	
Higher Education and Training	4
Health and Primary Education	6
Innovation	9
Quality of Math and Science Education	8
University-Industry Research Collaboration	9

Source: WEF, Executive Opinion Survey 2006, 2007

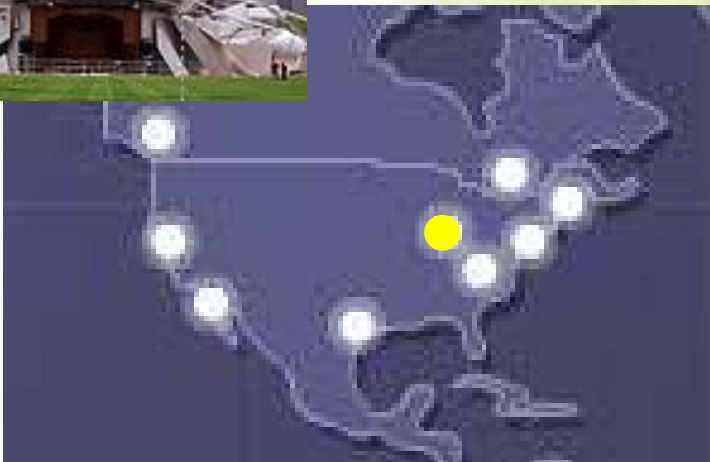


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- **Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Chicago: est. in 1979.**
- **Cultural Division of TECO: est. in 1990**
- **One of seven overseas arms of the Taiwan Ministry of Education in the US**

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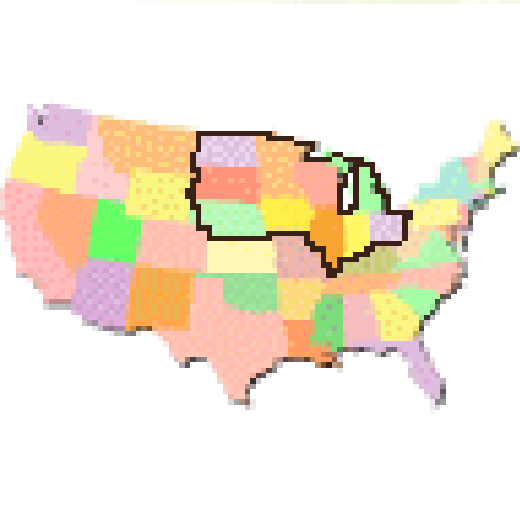




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- **Service area includes 10 states in the Midwestern U.S.**



- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Nebraska
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- South Dakota
- Wisconsin

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II. Mission

1. Promote academic cooperation between educational institutions & administrations in the U.S. and Taiwan.



March 2006

- Develop Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) and educational agreements to encourage both teacher and student exchanges, educator visits, and international educational partnerships.

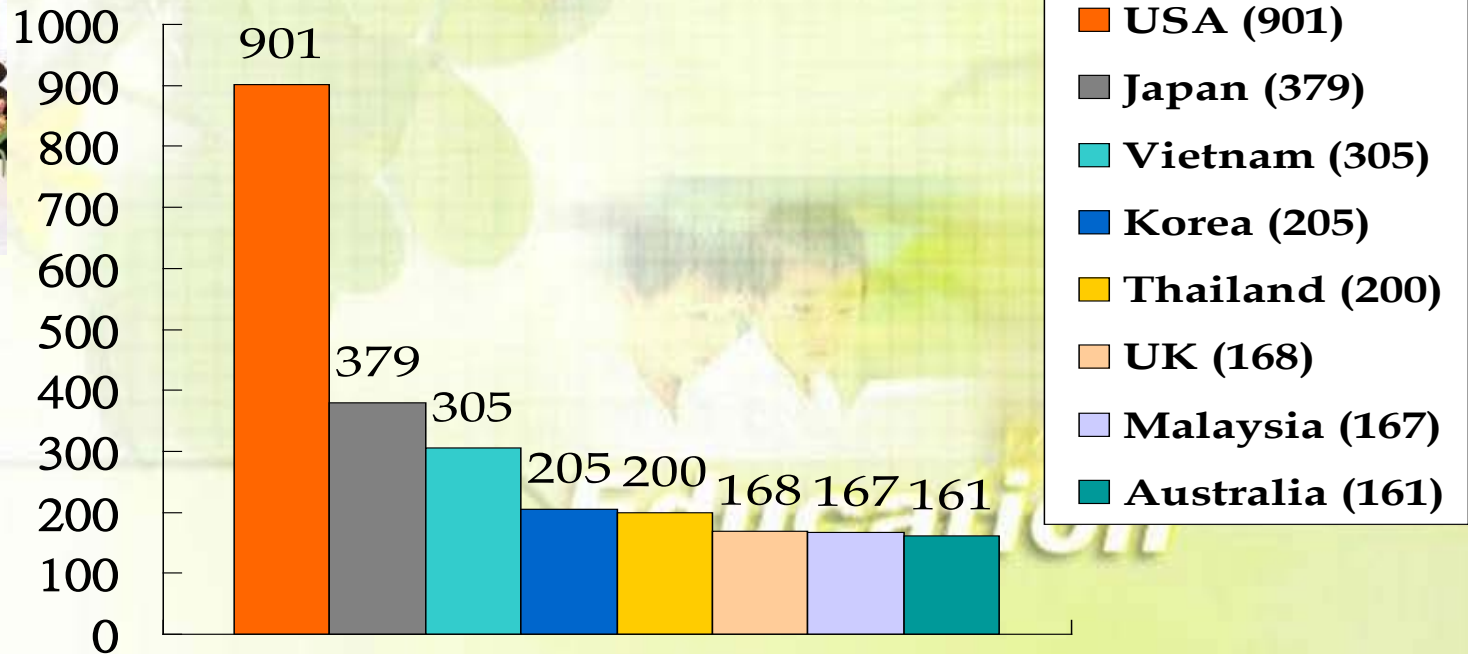
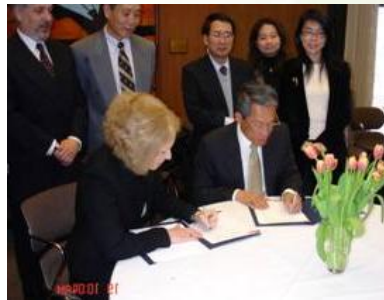
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II. Mission

3,330 academic exchange agreements have been signed between institutions of higher learning from Taiwan and foreign countries since 1999.

Top 9 countries





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2. Promote learning of Chinese language and culture

- **Promote Grants for Summer Language and Cultural Enrichment Program**
 - ✓ Groups of college students studying Chinese in Taiwan for more than 6 weeks
 - ✓ Class & curriculum can be tailored to specific group needs
 - ✓ US\$500 stipend for each student
 - ✓ **423** int'l university students were enrolled in this program in 2007, including **113** from the USA



II. Mission

2. Promote learning of Chinese language and culture

- **Provide opportunities to recruit teachers of the Chinese language & culture from Taiwan.**

For K-12 schools:

- ✓ Ministry Of Education provides international airfare.
- ✓ School districts pay teacher's salary, etc.
- ✓ Teachers can be interviewed in person.
- ✓ Chicago office can make book donations to hiring school districts.

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II. Mission

3. Encourage American students to study in Taiwan

- Provide the *Taiwan Scholarship & Huayu Enrichment Scholarship*
Offer American students opportunities to study Chinese and pursue degreed programs at educational institutions in Taiwan.
- ✓ Monthly stipend of approximately US\$800 to \$900 will be provided for students' language studies or degree pursuits.

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II. Mission

Number of International Students in Taiwan

Program of Study	Doctoral Degree	Master's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	College	Exchange Program	Language Center	Total
2007 school year	743	2,033	2,333	150	2,306	10,177	17,742
2006 school year	444	1,511	1,948	32	1,409	9,135	14,479

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II. Mission

Leading sources of international students in the USA

Source: 2006 Opendoors, IIE

Top 6	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Country	India	China	Korea	Japan	Canada	Taiwan	World
Student Number	76,503	62,582	58,847	38,712	28,202	27,876	564,766
Change	-4.9%	+0.1%	+10.3%	-8.3%	+0.2%	+7.6%	-0.05%

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III. Current Programs with Michigan

1. Teaching English in Taiwan (Recruitment of Teachers from Michigan to teach English)



- Starting point for English instruction lowered from 5th grade to 3rd (MOE 2005 policy)
- Expanding the worldview of younger generations
- Preparing youth for the challenges of globalization

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III. Current Programs with Michigan

1. Teaching English in Taiwan (Recruitment of Teachers from Michigan to teach English)

- **Certified MI teachers apply directly to the MI Department of Education**

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Michigan-Taiwan_application_154847_7.doc

- **Taiwan Ministry of Education and assigned schools will pay selected teacher's R/T airfare, salary, insurance and living stipend.**
- **Orientation held both in Michigan and Taiwan.**

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III. Current Programs with Michigan

Visiting Teachers of English in Taiwan

School Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
Indiana	0	4	4	3	11
Iowa	0	0	2	2	4
Michigan	0	0	4	1	5
Ohio	0	0	4	0	4
Subtotal	0	4	14	6	24
Total recruited to Taiwan (global)	5	68	104	54	231



III. Current Programs with Michigan

2. Visiting Teachers of Chinese from Taiwan

- Designed to meet the growing demand for quality Chinese instruction in the United States while demonstrating the quality of language teaching in Taiwan.

– Ten Visiting Teachers 2008 – 2009



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III. Current Programs with Michigan

2. Visiting Teachers of Chinese from Taiwan

- **The Ministry of Education (MOE) invites superintendents and school leaders to:**
 - ✓ Visit university language centers and K-12 schools in Taiwan
 - ✓ Conduct interviews with candidates and select teachers
- **MOE assumes travel and accommodation costs.**
- **TECO Chicago office provides donations of Chinese language resource books and materials to hiring school districts.**



III. Current Programs with Michigan

3. Developing International Educational Partnerships for Principals and Superintendents

- **October 2007 Taiwan Principal Leadership Training Project (in Indiana)**
- **October 2008 Taiwan K-12 Principals Project for Taiwan-US Education Exchange (both in Michigan and Indiana)**
 - develop deeper knowledge of the educational system in the U.S. and in Indiana and Michigan
 - learn, observe and discuss best practices in school administration and school characteristics
 - learn, observe and discuss best practices in teaching methods
 - promote k-12 educational exchange and
 - explore mutually beneficial partner school relationships

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III. Current Programs with Michigan

4. Michigan Superintendent and School Leader Forum in Taiwan

- **The Ministry of Education (MOE) invites superintendents and school leaders to:**
 - ✓ Visit university language centers and K-12 schools in Taiwan
 - ✓ Conduct interviews with candidates and select teachers
 - ✓ Explore/Strengthen School-to-School Partnerships
- **MOE assumes travel and accommodation costs**
- ✓ **April 5 – 12, 2008**
- ✓ *Spring 2009 Michigan Superintendent and School Leader Forum in Taiwan*

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IV. Future Prospects

3. Scholarships for visiting high school students

Provide financial support for high school students interested in studying in Taiwan for at least one semester.

Scholarship awarded to Indiana, Center Grove High School Student for study in Taiwan 2008 – 2009.



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