Mandarin Speaking Countries

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<th>Minnesota</th>
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<td>Pop: 5.611 million</td>
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<td>Minneapolis pop: 422,331</td>
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<td>Avg low in January: 10°F</td>
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<td>Avg humidity in July: 65%</td>
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Meeting Agenda

★ Benefits of Travel
★ Trip Objectives
★ Travel Dates
★ Itinerary
★ Costs
★ Scholarships
★ Preparation for Meetings
★ Action Items for Families
Basic Itinerary

★ 7-8 Day trip traveling around the entire island.
★ 4-5 Day host family stay and cultural activities with Yinghua’s Sister School near Taipei.
Benefits of Travel

★ Getting out of your Comfort Zone
★ Traveling builds confidence
★ Develop cultural sensitivity
★ Widen your horizon
★ Immersed in 2nd (or 3rd) language
Objectives

★ Travel with purpose
★ Experience complete immersion in Language and Culture
★ Make lifelong friends
★ Utilize the Chinese you’ve learned in actual scenarios
★ Become confident colloquial Chinese speakers, utilizing diverse vocabulary
★ *This is not a vacation*
Travel dates

June 21 - July 4 (+/- 3 days)

*If many students apply, we’ll split the group into 2 and add 1 week to the program

June 16 - July 4 (+/- 3 days)
Plan 2:
June 16 - July 4 (+/- 3 days)

With >40 students, we’ll split into 2 groups. **Group A: June 15 - June 27, and Group B: June 21 - July 4.**

Time will overlap from June 15 -21. At this time both groups will be visiting our Taiwan Sister School and participating in a host family stay. The one change is that Group A will travel around Taiwan before this event, and Group B will finish their program with a trip around Taiwan.
Why Taiwan? - Nature

★ Diverse natural scenery
★ Mountain ranges and basins
★ Ocean coastlines
★ Glacial lakes
★ Meandering mountain river systems
★ Dense green forests
★ Colorful flora and fauna
Why Taiwan? - Culture

★ Multicultural history preserved through architecture
  ○ Aboriginal, Spanish, Chinese and Japanese structures
★ Preservation of traditional Chinese and Indigenous cultures
  ○ Taoist and Buddhist temples and religious practices preserved
★ Globalizing nation, home to immigrants from all over SE Asia
Why Taiwan? - Food

★ Authentic Chinese and Indigenous cuisine
★ Domestic fresh fruits
  ○ Pineapple, mango, lychee, guava, dragonfruit, passionfruit, bananas, wax-apples, custard apples
★ Famous night markets
★ Seafood
★ Plenty of vegetarian options
Why Taiwan? - Advancements

★ Ease of transportation
  ○ Bicycle, scooter, high speed rail, MRT (subway), bus

★ Beacon of democracy in Southeast Asia
  ○ Presidential and local elections
  ○ Progressive reforms made towards:
    ■ Battling Climate Change
    ■ Marriage Equality

★ Friendly and safe
1 Week Host Family Stay

★ Live in language and cultural immersion.
★ Develop close relationship with a Taiwanese family.
★ Extremely valuable, life changing opportunity.
Term 2 Social Studies
Grade 7-8

★ Focus on Taiwan
★ Aligns with strategic project plans
★ End goal- students will be able to create a blog
Students who will go on the Taiwan trip will need to participate in a weekly Taiwan trip club. Which will meet during SLO club time on Tuesday or Thursday.
Project Based and Task Based Lessons

Plan together:
Answering questions of who, what, when, where, why, how

Complete a focused project
Students find a specific area they would like to explore

Examples: Food, environment, people, history, Relationships, cultures
Task Based Lesson example:

Everyone is in charge of a task.

Step I:
Instruction: Your next stop is Fisherman's Wharf, Tamsui, Taipei.
Task: Find out what are the most famous food in this area.

Step II:
Instruction: Dr. Lien will meet you at the Lover's Bridge at 11:00am, then we will go to the restaurant together to try the local’s favorite famous dish.
Costs

Minimum of 10 students (7-8 grade)
Estimated Cost: $3,300

★ Fee includes airfare, transportation fee on the island, lodging, four adult chaperons, tour guides, and local college / high school student leaders.
YACA Scholarship

All students/families will need to provide some money to cover the costs for this trip.

**Scholarship Levels ABC**

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YACA Scholarship

★ Application on Yinghua Website
  ○ CURRENT FAMILIES >> MS CHINESE TRIP >> YACA TRIP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

★ Info to complete:
  ○ Family size, Total Annual Family Income, additional information on why financial need is needed.

★ Scholarship application due with trip application: on December 6
Taiwan Trip Application

★ Essay Questions (200 word limit each)
  ○ Why do you want to go to Taiwan?
  ○ What do you expect to learn?
  ○ What will be your contribution to the group?
  ○ How will you try your best to use only Chinese during the trip?
Application Checklist

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IoIRnSsc1qh9JcWSWFIBPxkTWWMLSf1JY3XOsAhpXg
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★ Application on Yinghua Website
  ○ CURRENT FAMILIES >> MS CHINESE TRIP >> 2019-2020 APPLICATION FORM
★ Application Essays
★ Application Form Complete
★ Photocopy of Passport (If your child does not have a passport, get started applying for one right away!)
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Pre-Trip Meetings

★ 2/10, Monday 6:00-7:00 pm
★ 3/19, Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 pm
★ 4/8, Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00 pm
★ 5/26, Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 pm
★ 6/8, Monday 6:00 - 7:00 pm

See you soon!

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