

Exploring Taiwan : "Democracy • Culture • Education"

Tsunah Foundation's International Youth Cultural Camp Call for Applications 2026



Taiwan Democratic Movement Museum

Objectives

By rebooting Tsunah Foundation's International Youth Cultural Camp under the banner of 'education', the Tsunah Foundation seeks to promote cultural exchange as well as further international youth's understanding of Taiwan's democratic development, education transformation, and cultural diversity. From oppression and resistance under a martial law government, Taiwan has slowly moved towards freedom and democracy.

This historical period didn't simply influence politics, it also profoundly shaped the education system and cultural development of today's Taiwan. With the theme of 「Exploring Taiwan : Democracy • Culture • Education」 this camp invites students to participate in lectures, visit education sites, and partake in exchange alongside local organizations to motivate cross-cultural understanding, as well as deeply explore the power, diversity, and depth of Taiwanese society.

Program Introduction

This 4 day, 3 night program covers a wide range of topics, including history, culture, and civic education. The curriculum integrates academic lectures with hands-on field experiences. The main activities include:



Tsunah Memorial House

Tsunah Democracy Movement Tour

Participants will visit the Tsunah Memorial House, Taiwan Democratic Movement Museum and the Tobeamaster Movement House to learn about Taiwan's democratic and human rights movements.

A Historical View of Education

Invited scholars will introduce the history of Taiwan's educational development and the formation of its civil society.

Local Cultural Experiences

Explore Yuanshan to learn about local Taiwanese opera, enjoy a traditional temple banquet, experience the night market and share meals with the community, and immerse yourself in the vibrant rhythms of local life.

Cultural Exchange with Educational Organizations

Visit an abandoned mountain village school that became an environmental education hub. Explore innovative organizations where Yilan students introduce their hometown culture. Cook Taiwanese dishes in a borderless kitchen.

Daily Schedule



Day 1 , 1/28

From Democratic History to Local Taiwanese Culture

The program begins at the Taiwan Democratic Movement Museum, where participants will learn about Taiwan’s democratization process and how various social movements have shaped the island’s historical transformation.

The group will then travel to Jietoufen in Yuanshan to explore the roots of local Taiwanese opera (Bun-De-Gua-A). Participants will try on traditional costumes and practice its vocal styles and dramatic movements—engaging hands-on with a cultural form that continues to be sustained within the community.

In the evening, a distinctive Taiwan-style welcome banquet will be arranged. Held in the temple courtyard, this “bando” gathering offers an authentic taste of traditional Taiwanese communal dining culture, allowing participants to experience the warmth and hospitality of the locals.

Itinerary

8:30-9:00	Check-in
9:00-10:30	Ice Break & Camp Orientation
10:30-12:00	Visit to Tsunah Memorial Hall & Tobeamaster Movement House
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:30	Visit Taiwan Democracy Movement Museum
1430-18:00	Field trip to Yuanshan: Local Taiwanese Opera Experience
18:00-20:00	Bando- Roadside banquet

Day 2 , 1/29

The Transformation of Taiwan's Education

In the morning, Professor Wan-yao Zhou will discuss the connections between Taiwan's democratization process and the development of its educational system, helping participants understand Taiwan's social transformation from both historical and academic perspectives.

In the afternoon, the group will visit a former elementary school at Shuanglianpi that has been transformed into a mountain-based learning site, now serving as an environmental education hub. Through experiential activities, participants will learn about the local mountain village culture and its natural ecology.

In the evening, participants will head to Luodong Night Market, the most vibrant night market in Yilan, to enjoy local specialties.

Itinerary

8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-12:00	The History of Development of Education in Taiwan (Tentative) Lecturer: Prof. Wan-yao Zhou
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:00	Culture & Education Design Workshop
14:00-17:00	From Abandoned School to Environmental Education Center: Shuanglianpi Visit & Local Experience
17:00-20:00	Exploring Luodong Night Market





Day 3 , 1/30

Multicultural Exchange

In the morning, Michael Huang, founder of Lize Community School, will lead the Culture & Education Design Workshop, guiding international participants in preparing materials for cultural exchange with local students in Yilan.

In the afternoon, local students will serve as guides, taking participants through the old street, a traditional Chinese herbal shop, and the fishing harbor, using local stories to introduce the cultural heritage of Yilan. During the activity, participants will cook traditional Taiwanese dishes together and, during the exchange session, international students will be invited to present aspects of their own cultures, fostering cross-cultural understanding.

Itinerary

8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-12:00	Culture & Education Design Workshop Tutor: Michael Huang
12:00-13:00	Lunch
14:00-16:00	Multicultural Exchange: Visit children's educational centers in Yilan Planned Exchange Sites • Lize Community School or Masai Cheng-nan Kids' House
16:00-17:00	International Cultural Exchange Experience
17:00-19:00	Cultural Table Exchange
19:00-20:00	Return Trip / Flexible Time

Day 4 , 1/31

International Civic Action Showcase

On the final day, the International Citizen Action Showcase will be held, where international participants will share their perspectives on Taiwan's culture and education, and engage in discussions with local students about Taiwan's present and future.

Through this exchange of diverse viewpoints, we hope that every participant will leave Yilan with new insights and inspiration, carrying the stories they discovered in Taiwan back to their home countries and becoming seeds of cross-cultural connection.

Itinerary

8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-12:00	International Citizen Action Showcase – Final Preparation
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:30	International Citizen Action Showcase – Final Presentation
14:30-15:00	Closing Ceremony
15:00~	Venue Reset and Individual Return



Lecturer Introduction



Wan-yao Zhou

A Taiwanese historian and professor in the Department of History at National Taiwan University, whose research spans Taiwan's history, colonial governance, and sociocultural developments. Her publications engage deeply with Taiwan's modern transformations and interethnic relations, exerting significant influence within the academic field. She is also a leading advocate for advancing Taiwan history education.



Michael Huang

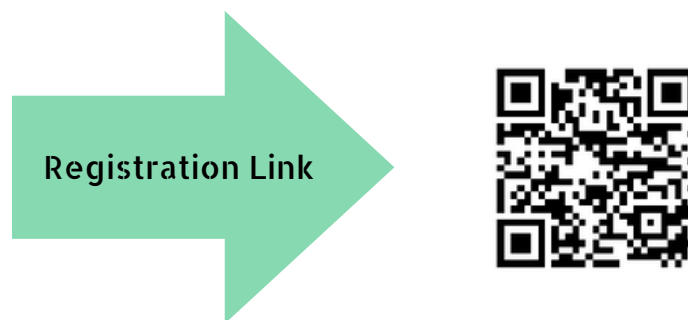
Community organizer and educational practitioner; founder of the Yilan Lize Community School. He has dedicated many years to local education and community development, promoting the principle that "Community as classroom, residents as teachers." Through land and culture" based practices, he advances sustainable, collaborative models of learning.

Camp Information

- Dates: January 28th (Wed) - January 31st (Sat) 2026
- Desired Participants: International students and youth in Taiwan aged 18 to 35 and interested in Taiwan's democracy, history, and culture.
- Maximum participants: 30, List of accepted participants to be posted on Tsunah's website on January 5th, Camp needs at least 20 participants to run

- Fees: To support international youth in investment in cultural exchange, participants only need to cover a 3000 NTD registration fee (including meals, accommodations, and safety insurance). All other fees, including transportation during the event, instructors, and venue will be entirely covered by the Tsunah Foundation. Before 12/15, enjoy an early bird registration fee of 2500 NTD.

- Address : No. 339, Erjie Rd., Wujie Township, Yilan County 268021, Taiwan
- Application Period: Open until Tuesday, December 30th, 2025
- Registration: Scan QR code or via Online Form



Payment Method

Payment information will be sent via email together with the admission notice. Admitted participants must complete the payment within the specified deadline, then email a photo or screenshot of the remittance receipt and indicate the participant's name. The registration process will be completed once the payment is verified.

Refund Policy

■ For participants who have already paid and wish to cancel their registration, please download and complete this [Refund Application Form](#).

If the application is submitted 6–30 days before the start of the activity, 30% of the registration fee will be deducted.

If the application is submitted 1–5 day before the start of the activity, 50% of the registration fee will be deducted.

■ No refund will be granted once the camp has started.

■ If the camp is postponed or canceled due to unavoidable natural disasters before the start date, the registration fee will be fully refunded.

■ During the camp, if a participant leaves early or fails to complete the program for personal reasons, no refund will be issued.

Refund Procedure

After completing the Refund Application Form, please save it as a PDF file and send it to Tsunah's email address: chilin1991331@gmail.com

Use **【[Your Name]_Refund Application Form】** as the subject line when submitting your refund application. We will reply by email within three working days after receiving your application (excluding Tsunah's closing days).

To protect your rights, if you do not receive a reply within this time frame, please contact us directly.

Refund processing will begin after the Tsunah camp concludes. Once you receive the refund confirmation email, please verify that the refund amount is correct. If you have any questions, please contact us promptly.

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