

Progress Report on
EFFORTS OF TAIWAN TO PROMOTE UNIVERSITY MOBILITY

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As National Secretariat for UMAP in Taiwan, the Center for International Academic Exchanges, NTU, recently conducted a survey of academic links between Taiwan's universities and other universities in the Asia-Pacific region. Of the thirty-three four-year universities in Taiwan, seventeen have active such relationships. These include:

National Taiwan University
National Chengchi University
National Cheng Kung University
National Chiaotung University
National Chinghua University
National Chunghsing University
National Sun Yat-sen University
National Taiwan Normal University
National Changhua Normal University
National Kaohsiung Normal University
Fu Jen Catholic University
Providence University
Tamkang University
Tunghai University
Yuan-chih University
University of Chinese Culture

Most of the relationships take the forms of mutual visit, conference, exchange of faculty and students, collaborative research, exchange of publication materials, and summer programs. The above listed universities have signed agreements with universities in Australia, New Zealand, Canada,

Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and USA. Prominent activities that have been or are being carried out include:

*** Canada-Taiwan Student Exchange Program 1997-2000:** a bilateral exchange program between universities in Canada and Taiwan. Its purpose is to provide opportunities to undergraduate students for study in the cooperating universities on the two sides. For 1997, 9 Canadian students and 13 Taiwan students are participating in the exchanges.

*** Australian Studies Center:** National Taiwan University is making preparations to establish this Center. It is a project growing from a fund provided by the Australia-China Council, for which Griffith University acts as the coordinator.

*** Association of East-Asia Research Universities:** formed by National Taiwan University, Chinghua University and other 12 universities, including Beijing University, Fudan University, Tokyo University, and Hong Kong University of Science and Technology for the promotion of research and sharing of academic resources.

*** Remote Teaching:** conducted by National Taiwan University and Yuanchih University in collaboration with Chinese University of Hong Kong, University of Hawaii, and other universities.

Locating of financial support has been a priority on the universities' agenda to further promote activities. Funds have come from the Ministry of Education and the private sector. Other priorities on the agenda include:

*** To increase the percentage of courses taught in English** so that exchange students can better benefit from the curriculum.

*** To set up more mandarin training centers** at cooperating universities. National Taiwan University, among others, is working on this project.