Transportation

Please refer to [http://www.taoyuan-airport.com/english/](http://www.taoyuan-airport.com/english/), check “Airport Access,” and you can find information of transportation. We suggest you take a taxi. It costs about NT$ 1,000 (US$ 34) from the airport to our school or to the hotel. You have to pay in cash. It is much easier than other means of transportation. The contact phone number is 886-3-398-2832 for Terminal I and 886-3-398-3599 for Terminal II. It will be accessible anytime when you arrive. Just follow the sign “TAXI,” and you will get it. Copy, print and hand the hotel/the school address to the taxi driver.

The address of the hotel
新北市淡水區學府路 89 號
No 89 Shui-Fu Road
Tamsui District, New Taipei City

The phone number of the hotel
02-2626-2929

The address of the school
新北市八里區龍米路一段 263 號
No 263 Lungmi Road Section One
Pali District, New Taipei City

The phone number of the school
02-2-2618-2287

Accommodation

Your accommodation has already been booked. Please go to RegaLees Hotel or to the Spirituality Center when you arrive in Taiwan. More information, like room number and confirmation, will be sent to you at the beginning of October. You may pay in a credit card when checking out. If you stay at the Spirituality Center, you have to pay in Taiwan dollars in cash.

Weather

October is the most enjoyable month in Taiwan, with reduced humidity and pleasant temperature (20-25 degree Celsius). It is considered a good month to travel
to Taipei. You may need a thin jacket to chill the cold off.

**Currency**

You may exchange your money into Taiwan dollar at the airport. Please refer to the website [http://www.convertworld.com/en/currency/Taiwan.html](http://www.convertworld.com/en/currency/Taiwan.html) and you will know the rate of the currency.

**Clothes for the conference**

October 20: formal dress/suit for Opening Liturgy

October 21: Please get dressed as the way you do when you are working at school for the conference and for the dinner at National Palace Museum. You need a comfortable pair of walking shoes for outing.

October 22: Please get dressed as the way you do when you are working at school for the conference. You need a comfortable pair of walking shoes for the trip to Fisherman Wharf.

October 23: Please get dressed as the way you do when you are working at school for the conference. You need a comfortable pair of walking shoes for the trip to Taipei 101.

October 24: formal dress/suit for Farewell Dinner

**Travel**

**Yangmingshan National Park**

[http://www.ynsmnp.gov.tw/HTML/ENG/01information/inf_b01_list.asp](http://www.ynsmnp.gov.tw/HTML/ENG/01information/inf_b01_list.asp)

Located at the northern edge of the Taipei basin, Yangmingshan National Park is one of the few National Parks in the world that is located near a metropolitan city. It spans an area of 11,455 hectares and contains Taiwan’s largest group of volcanic landforms. We will visit Visitor Center, Siaoyoukeng Recreation Area and Yangmingshuwu during our excursion.

**National Palace Museum**


The National Palace Museum has a permanent collection of over 677,687 pieces of ancient Chinese artifacts and artworks, making it one of the largest in the world. The collection encompasses over 8,000 years of Chinese history from the Neolithic age to the late Qing Dynasty. Most of the collections are high quality pieces collected by China's ancient emperors. The National Palace Museum's main exhibitions include
Bronze, Painting, Jades, Ceramics, Calligraphy, Rare books, Documents, Curios and Pottery. There are several treasured items which are famous worldwide such as the "Jadeite Cabbage" and the "Meat-shaped Stone". We will take a look at them during our visit.

Danshui

Located in the inlet where the Danshui River joins the Taiwan Straits, Danshui was originally a small fishing village. Thanks to its geographically advantageous position and the easy accessibility of the port, Danshui was the island's first encounter with the Western world, including the Spanish, the Dutch and the British. It's one of Taiwan's culturally richest towns and its streets are constantly swarming with tourists who have come to share the unique quality of the town. We will take a yacht to enjoy the fascinating scenery along the Danshui River, and walk along the river bank and Old Street in Danshui. Along the street, there are a variety of souvenir shops and food stands which you can never keep your eyes off.

TAIPEI 101

Taipei 101 is a landmark skyscraper located in Taipei. The building ranked officially as the world's tallest from 2004 until the opening of the Burj Khalifa in Dubai in 2010. Taipei 101 comprises 101 floors above ground and 5 floors underground. The building was architecturally created as a symbol of the evolution of technology and Asian tradition. Its postmodernist approach to style incorporates traditional design elements and gives them modern treatments. The tower is designed to withstand typhoons and earthquakes.

Taipei 101 features an Indoor Observatory (89th floor) and an Outdoor Observatory (91st floor). Both offer 360-degree views and attract visitors from around the world. The Indoor Observatory stands 383.4 m (1,258 ft) above ground, offering a comfortable environment, large windows with UV protection, recorded voice tours in eight languages, and informative displays and special exhibits. Here one may view the skyscraper's main damper, which is the world's largest and heaviest visible damper, and buy food, drinks and gift items. Two more flights of stairs take visitors up to the Outdoor Observatory. The Outdoor Observatory, at 391.8 m (1,285 ft) above ground, is the second-highest observation deck ever provided in a skyscraper and the highest such platform in Taiwan. We will visit both Indoor Observatory and Outdoor Observatory.
Eslite Bookstore

http://www.taipeitravel.net/frontsite/en/food/foodListAction.do?method=doStoreDetail&menuId=1030601&storeSerNo=32011051800000543#nextPage_a

Eslite Bookstore is one of the largest retail bookstore chains in Taiwan. It also provides one of the largest English language publications and translation materials in Taiwan. Eslite Bookstore was the first to set up a 24-hour bookstore in Taiwan at its Dunhua store, attracting night-time readers. The flagship store of Eslite Bookstore is in the Xinyi planned district, which is a burgeoning business center. The Xinyi planned district is also the busiest, most fashionable shopping district in Taipei at the moment. It includes Taipei 101, the Taipei City Hall, the Taipei World Trade Center, the Taipei International Convention Center, the Shin Kong Mitsukoshi department stores, and the Grand Hyatt Taipei. We will have two hours of free time over there after visiting the observatory of Taipei101.

Others

1. The only time that you have to pay your dinner on your own is the visit to Taipei 101.
2. Transportation will be offered during the conference from the hotel to the school.