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**PRESS RELEASE**

**2020 TOCFL Opens for Registration      Free Pilot Test Available**

To encourage the learning of Mandarin (Huayu) in Malaysia, the Education Division of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Malaysia is organizing the 2020 Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) in Malaysia which will be held in Kuen Cheng High School on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Registration for TOCFL is now open till March 25<sup>th</sup>. Free Pilot Test is also available for international schools or language centers.

Director Charlin Chang, Education Division of TECO in Malaysia mentioned in the press conference that it is undeniable that the Mandarin (Huayu) is currently one of the most popular languages as the officials and corporates prefer talents who are multilingual. With over a billion language users, Mandarin (Huayu) is now one of the most spoken language in the world. Learning a new language is definitely a bonus to one's competitiveness in this global marketplace and effective communication for mutual understanding in the multicultural society.

The TOCFL acts as a useful and standardized assessment tool for Huayu proficiency levels which is in corresponding with CEFR and ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines. There are three bands available for 2020 TOCFL in Malaysia, which are Band A, Band B and Band C. Candidate shall enroll the suitable test type. For the target test takers for each band and more information, kindly download the mock test questions from this website: <http://www.sc-top.org.tw/mocktest.php>.

Candidate shall register via the online registration form: <https://tocfl.sc-top.org.tw/zoom/> and deposit the RM120.00 fee of test to the bank account of the Education Division and email the proof of payment (with candidate's name and contact email) to [teco.education@gmail.com](mailto:teco.education@gmail.com) within three days. For group registration with 10 individuals and above, each individual will enjoy a 10% discount. To enjoy the group registration discount and understand more information, kindly contact Education Division.

In addition, Charlin Chang raised that the Office of Global Mandarin Education provides various resources and information regarding Huayu learning, including online courses, Chinese Education Centers and other related useful information to fulfill the great demand of learning Chinese Language. For instance, collaborating with the well-known international online platform Coursera to launch "Learning Chinese: Start From Scratch (零到一學中文)" to encourage public to master their language more flexible and comfortable (<https://www.coursera.org/teach/learn-chinese-mandarin>). For further information of Chinese Language learning, kindly visit the website <https://ogme.edu.tw/Home>.

Apart from language learning opportunities, Education Division offers several scholarship programs to encourage outstanding Malaysians to further study in Taiwan. **Taiwan Scholarship Program** provides each recipient tuition and miscellaneous expenses of NTD 40,000 (approximately RM5,400) each semester and a monthly living allowance of NTD 15,000 (approximately RM2,000) to NTD20,000 per month (approximately RM2,700) to undertake undergraduate, or postgraduate studies in Taiwan universities. Besides, **Huayu Enrichment Scholarship** is offered for the mandarin learners including beginners to study at any accredited Mandarin Language Centers in Taiwan. The recipient will be awarded a monthly stipend of NTD 25,000 (approximately RM3,300). **Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF) Scholarship Program** is open to Malaysian students to pursue specified Master or Doctoral Degree program in 18 Partner Universities of ICDF. There is a total of 23 study programs available for this scholarship application.

There are Traditional and Simplified Chinese Language version test papers available for 2020 TOCFL. For the first time, Education Division is organizing the Pilot Test for 2020 TOCFL. The free Pilot Test aims to help education institutions to evaluate students' language proficiency and assess the instruction and learning outcomes. Test takers will not receive a certificate for the Pilot Test, they will receive results of the test as the assessment of the language learning for the reference.

For further information regarding TOCFL or scholarships, kindly visit the website of Education Division (<https://www.edutwmy.com>). For inquiries, please contact Education Division at 03-2162 3228, 03-2161 4439 ext. 184/185 or email: [malaysia@mail.moe.gov.tw](mailto:malaysia@mail.moe.gov.tw).