

ORGANIC WORLD CONGRESS (OWC) 2024

INFORMATION PACK



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Congress Overview

Congress Themes and Objectives

The 21st Organic World Congress (OWC 2024), themed "Cultivating Organic Solutions for True Sustainability," is a global platform organized by IFOAM - Organics International and Nanhua University, gathering organic farmers, producers, researchers, advocates, and policymakers. Held every three years, this event fosters knowledge-sharing and innovation in organic agriculture, spotlighting challenges and advancements in climate resilience, biodiversity, sustainable food systems, and organic supply chains. The congress promotes global visibility for organic practices and offers an inspiring environment for all attendees to connect and collaborate.

Key Dates

- o **Pre-Conference:** December 1, 2024
- o **Organic World Congress:** December 2 4, 2024
- General Assembly of IFOAM Organics International:
 December 5 6, 2024

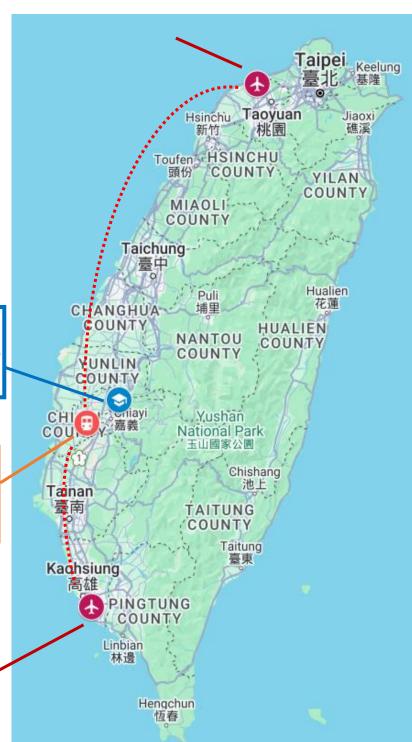
Congress Venue

Address: Nanhua University, Zhongdao Building
 No. 55, Section 1, Nanhua Rd, Dalin Township, Chiayi County, 622



TAIWAN MAP









Chiayi Taiwan High Speed Train Station





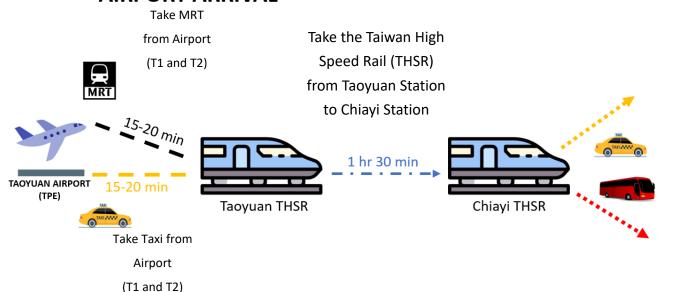
NANHUA UNIVERSITY MAP





TAOYUAN AIRPORT TO CHIAYI GUIDE

(TPE) TAOYUAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ARRIVAL



Note: This guide provides instructions for traveling from Taoyuan International Airport to Chiayi. To return to Taoyuan International Airport from Chiayi, please follow the same steps in the opposite direction starting from the Chiayi THSR to Taoyuan Airport.

Take Taxi from Chiayi THSR

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Venue:

Nanhua University

(嘉義南華大學)

Hotel:

Around Chiayi

(Please prepare the English and Chinese name of your hotel and present it to the driver)

Please note the shuttle bus guide from Chiayi THSR:

- If you are taking the THSR shuttle bus, the suggested stops are Chiayi Railway Station or Wenhua Rd. Station.
- 2. The free shuttle service during the congress days. The bus will stop at the designated hotels and the venue. The schedules of the free shuttle bus will be included in the Information Pack.



Transportation Information from Taoyuan Airport

If you're traveling to the congress, here's how to easily reach Taoyuan High-Speed Rail (THSR) from Taoyuan Airport:

Arrival at Taoyuan Airport

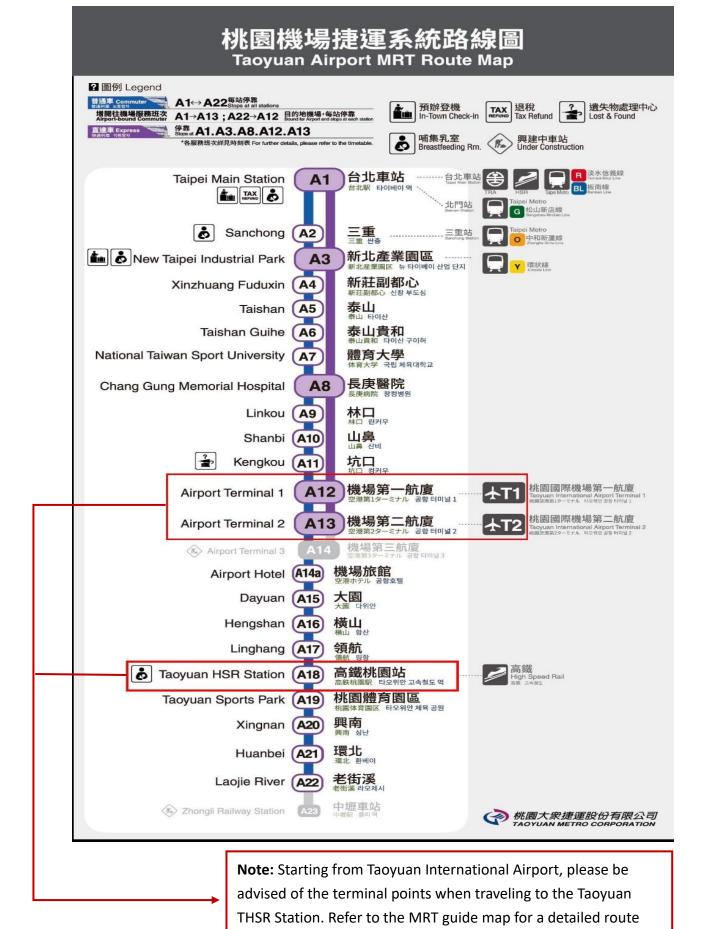
Upon arriving at Taoyuan Airport, look for the **MRT** signs directing you to the Taoyuan Airport MRT station. The station is located in the basement of each terminal.

Purchase Your MRT Ticket



At the MRT station, purchase a ticket to Taoyuan THSR Station. Ticket machines and counters are available in both English and Mandarin. Check the schedule displayed at the station. The MRT trains operate every 15 to 30 minutes, with travel times to Taoyuan THSR Station taking approximately 20 minutes. Make sure to check the train schedule in advance to minimize waiting time.





and transfer information.



Arriving at Taoyuan THSR Station

The Taoyuan MRT Station and Taoyuan High-Speed Rail (THSR) Station are located at the same site, with the MRT Station on the second floor and the THSR Station on the first floor. Upon arriving at the Taoyuan THSR Station, follow the signs to exit the MRT area and proceed to the High-Speed Rail platforms for your onward journey. Before boarding the train, please purchase your ticket from Taoyuan THSR to Chiayi THSR at the ticket counters.

Note: There are two types of tickets available: **reserved seat** and **non-reserved seat**. For those holding non-reserved seat tickets, please note that seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, and you may need to stand if the train is full, especially during **rush hours or weekends**. As weekends can be particularly busy, it is advisable to check train schedules and availability in advance to secure your travel plans.

Klook Promotion for Taiwan High Speed Rail Ticket for non-Taiwanese

We are pleased to offer our attendees an exclusive **one-way ticket "Buy 1 Get 1 Free" promotion** through Klook, a popular travel service platform that allows convenient booking of transportation, tours, and activities throughout your stay.

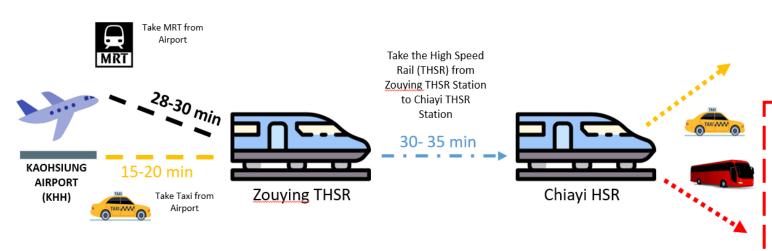
How to Access the Promotion:

- Visit Klook: Go to the Klook website or download the Klook app on your smartphone.
- Create an Account: If you don't already have an account, sign up using your email or social media account.
- Search for Services: Look for "Taiwan High Speed Rail Ticket for non-Taiwanese" to check the promo or you can enter the promotion code G02TAIWAN to receive a discount on your booking. Please note that the promotion is excusive only for a one-way ticket.
- o **Complete Your Purchase:** Follow the prompts to finalize your booking.
- o The discount is limited in quantity and is available while supplies last.



KAOHSIUNG AIRPORT TO CHIAYI GUIDE

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Take Taxi from Chiayi THSR

to

Venue:

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(嘉義南華大學)

Hotel:

Around Chiayi

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- 4. The free shuttle service during the congress days. The bus will stop at the designated hotels and the venue. The schedules of the free shuttle bus will be included in the Information Pack.



Transportation Information from Kaoshiung Airport

If you're traveling to the congress, here's how to easily reach Zouying High-Speed Rail (THSR) from Kaohsiung Airport:

Arrival at Kaohsiung Airport:

Upon arriving at Kaohsiung Airport, look for the **MRT** signs directing you to the Koahsiung Airport MRT station.



Purchase Your MRT Ticket

At the MRT station, purchase a ticket to (R16) Zouying THSR Station. Ticket machines and counters are available in both English and Mandarin. Check the schedule displayed at the station. Make sure to check the train schedule in advance to minimize waiting time.





Note: Starting from (R4) Kaohsiung International Airport, please be advised of the terminal points when traveling to the (R16) Zouying THSR Station. Refer to the MRT guide map (**red line**) for a detailed route and transfer information.



Arriving at Zouying THSR Station

The (R16) Zouying MRT Station and Zouying High-Speed Rail (THSR) Station is located at the same site. Upon arriving at the (R16) Zouying MRT Station, follow the signs to exit the MRT area and proceed to the High-Speed Rail platforms for your onward journey. Before boarding the train, please purchase your ticket from Zouying THSR to Chiayi THSR at the ticket counters.

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- Create an Account: If you don't already have an account, sign up using your email or social media account.
- Search for Services: Look for "Taiwan High Speed Rail Ticket for non-Taiwanese" to check the promo or you can enter the promotion code G02TAIWAN to receive a discount on your booking. Please note that the promotion is excusive only for a one-way ticket.
- Complete Your Purchase: Follow the prompts to finalize your booking.

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ARRIVAL AT CHIAYI

Chiayi High-Speed Rail (THSR) to Chiayi and Nearby hotels

After passing through the ticket gate at the Chiayi THSR arrival area, please look for someone holding an OWC sign on the first floor/ground level. They will be available to guide you to the shuttle bus or assist with public transportation arrangements.

SHUTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE FOR THE

CONGRESS ATTENDEES

Free Shuttle bus have been arranged for congress attendees according to the designated schedule.

Free Shuttle Bus Routes: Please refer to the shuttle bus timetable for departure and arrival time. The shuttle bus schedule is structured to accommodate congress events, and we kindly request attendees to board the shuttles promptly to ensure timely arrivals.



Free Shuttle bus schedule

from Chiayi THSR to the hotels

(11/29-12/1)

F	From Chiayi THSR to the hotels
	Starting Point
Number	Chiayi THSR
	(Departure time)
1	10:00
2	12:00
3	14:00
4	16:00
5	18:00
6	20:00
7	22:00
8	23:30
Remarks:	
1. Stops at OWC	designated hotels.

Note: All trips will depart from Chiayi THSR and go **directly to the designated hotel destination, with no additional stops**.

2. No additional stops



Paid Public Transportation Options

from Chiayi THSR Station to the Hotels

Chiayi THSR Station Paid Bus – Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Attendees can take the Taiwan High Speed Rail (THSR) Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) or other local buses to reach central Chiayi and nearby hotels. For the THSR BRT, simply show your THSR ticket to get a free ride or prepare the exact fare of NT\$48, as bus drivers typically do not provide change. If you are taking the THSR shuttle bus, the suggested stops are **Chiayi Railway Station** or **Wenhua Rd. Station**

For added convenience when traveling on public transportation, we highly recommend purchasing an **EasyCard at any convenient stores** (7-11, Family mart, Hi-Life, OK mart), which allows for easy, cashless payments.

(THSR BRT Schedule – paid bus)

Bus No.	. 7211: Via High-Speed R	ail Chiayi Station to Chia	yi Park
5:50	10:30	16:00	20:20
6:20	11:00	16:20	20:40
6:40	11:30	16:40	21:00
7:00	12:00	17:00	21:30
7:20	12:30	17:20	22:00
7:40	13:00	17:40	22:30
8:00	13:30	18:00	23:00
8:20	14:00	18:20	23:30
8:40	14:30	18:40	
9:00	15:00	19:00	
9:30	15:20	19:40	
10:00	15:40	20:00	



Chiayi THSR BRT:



Taxi Booking

For easy transportation bookings, we recommend installing the **Uber Taiwan app** or the **55688 Taiwan Taxi app** if you have a local SIM card.



Important Tip: Save the English and Chinese names of key locations, such as your hotel and the congress venue, to simplify directions.

Taxis can be reserved for direct rides from the Chiayi THSR, your accommodation, or nearby cities. You can arrange for a taxi pickup by calling the service, ensuring a smooth and convenient journey to your destination.

Note: Attendees using public transportation should plan their travel times in advance to ensure timely arrival at the congress sessions or events. The provided shuttle service will operate as scheduled, but public transportation offers a reliable alternative for those needing flexibility.



SHUTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE DURING THE CONGRESS

(December 1 – December 7)

Free Shuttle bus have been arranged for congress attendees according to the designated schedule.

Free Shuttle Bus Routes: Please refer to the shuttle bus timetable for departure and arrival time at the venue. The shuttle schedule is structured to accommodate congress events, and we kindly request attendees to board the shuttles promptly to ensure timely arrivals.

Pre – Conference Free Shuttle Bus

For attendees planning to join the pre-conference on December 1, 2024, please note of the following schedule:

Time of Departure (hotel to venue)	Returning trip (venue to hotel)
8:00	4:30
12:00	

(Shuttle bus schedules are subject to change without further notice)

Note: Free shuttle bus services have been arranged to provide direct transportation between Chiayi THSR, OWC hotel and the Congress venue. Please note that the shuttle will only stop at these designated locations.

For transportation assistance, emergency updates, and real-time communication, we encourage all attendees to join the designated WhatsApp group by scanning the QR code provided. This ensures you stay connected and informed throughout the event.





Free Shuttle Bus Schedule from Chiayi THSR, Hotels, and Venue

OWC Free Shuttle Bus Timetable

(Shuttle bus schedules are subject to change without further notice)

	11/29-12/1		2-Dec			3-Dec		4-Dec					
	Starting Point		Starting Point	Returning Point		Starting Point	Returning Point		Starting Point	Returning Point			
Number	Chiayi THSR	Number	Chiayi THSR, Local train station (TRA) and each designated hotel	Nanhua University	Number	Chiayi THSR, Local train station (TRA) and each designated hotel	Nanhua University	Number	Chiayi THSR, Local train station (TRA) and each designated hotel	Nanhua University			
1	10:00	1	8:00	12:50	1	8:00	12:50	1	8:00	12:50			
2	12:00	2	8:10	18:40	2	8:10	18:40*	2	8:10	18:30			
3	14:00	3	12:00	21:15	3	12:00	19:40	3	12:00	19:00			
4	16:00	-	-	21:30	-	1	20:00*	-	-	21:15			
5	18:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21:30			
6	20:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
7	22:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
8	23:30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Remarks:					Remark:								
1. Stops at	OWC designated hotels.				* Vehicles	will go to THSR and	TRA under request						
2. No addit	ional stops												

OWC Hotels: Royal Chiayi Hotel, Maison De Chine Chiayi, Yuh Tong Hotel, Chiayi Hoya Resort Hotel, and Nanhua Dormitory.



OWC Free Shuttle Bus Timetable

(Shuttle bus schedules are subject to change without further notice)

	5-Dec			6-Dec						7	-Dec			
	Starting Point	Returning Point	t Starting Point Returning Point						Destination					
Number	Departure times from each hotel	Nanhua University	Number	Departure times from each hotel	Nanhua University		Number	Nanhua Dormitory	Chiayi Hoya Resort Hotel	Yuh Tong Hotel	Maison De Chine	Royal Chiayi Hotel	Chiayi Train Station (TRA)	Chiayi THSR
1	8:00	11:00	1	8:00	12:50		1	10:00	10:20	11:00	11:20	11:40	12:20	-
2	8:10	12:50	2	-	18:40		2	11:00	11:20	12:00	12:20	12:40	13:00	-
3	12:00	18:40	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	21:15	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	21:30	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Remark: Vehicles will go to THSR and TRA under request Remark: Vehicle will go from OWC Hotels to TRA and THSR stations.													
	OWC Hotels: Royal Chiayi Hotel, Maison De Chine Chiayi, Yuh Tong Hotel, Chiayi Hoya Resort Hotel, and Nanhua Dormitory.													



OWC Shuttle Bus Guide

from Chiayi Train Station (TRA) – front exit







Walking Directions from Chiayi Train Station to Chiayi Art Museum (OWC Shuttle Bus stop):

- 1. From Chiayi Train Station (front exit) turn right to the Zhongshan Road (中山路) and walk straight towards Chiayi Art Museum.
- 2. Chiayi Station front exit is the upper photo from the right for reference.
- 3. The Chiayi Art Museum is the lower photo from the right for reference



Nanhua University Free Shuttle Bus

Attendees **arriving at Dalin Train Station** - the designated stop for local train services or **departing from Nanhua University**, can utilize the Nanhua University Free Shuttle Bus for convenient transportation to and from the university campus. The shuttle service operates on a set schedule, ensuring timely travel for attendees.

Refer to the detailed schedule below for departure times from both **Dalin Train Station** and **Nanhua University**. Attendees are advised to arrive at the designated pick-up point at least 10 minutes before the scheduled departure to avoid delays.



The © School Bus and A Taisi Rental Bus are the university shuttle bus free of charge. NHU bus stop can be used for those taking the bus from the university and attendees from Dalin train station can refer to the Dalin Train Station (departure) time from the table.

	Dalin Line																																		
	⊚School Bus 、 ▲Taisi Rental Bus 、 ∗7135 Taisi Bus 、 ⊙Xìngfu Dapumei Line 1 Bus 、 △109 Bus																																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
	A	0	_	0	_	0	*	A	*	Δ	0	Δ	*	*	Δ	_	0	Δ	0	_	Δ	_	•	0	_	_	0	Δ	_	0	0	_	0	0	0
Bus Serial No.	School Bus (MonFri.)	School Bus Daily	School Bus (Mon Fri.)	School Bus Daily	School Bus (Mon Fri.)	Xìngfu Dapumei Line 1 Bus Daily	Taisi Bus (MonFri.)	School Bus (Mon Fri.)	Taisi Bus (SatSun.) & Holidays	109 Bus Daily	School Bus Daily	109 Bus Daily	Taisi Bus (MonFri.)	Taisi Bus (SatSun.) & Holidays	109 Bus Daily	School Bus (Mon Fri.)	School Bus Daily	109 Bus Daily	Xingfu Dapumei Line 1 Bus Daily	School Bus (Mon Fri.)	109 Bus Daily	School Bus (Mon Fri.)	Xìngfu Dapumei Line 1 Bus Daily	School Bus Daily	School Bus (Mon Fri.)	School Bus Express Daily (except Saturday)	School Bus Daily	109 Bus Daily	School Bus Daily (except Saturday)	School Bus Daily (except Friday)	School Bus Daily	School Bus Sunday Only	School Bus (Mon Sat.)	School Bus THSR Station (Sunday)	Bus (MonSat.)
										THSR Chiayi 9:10 Departure		THSR Chiayi 11:30 Arrival			THSR Chiayi 11:35 Departure			THSR Chiayi 13:50 Arrival			THSR Chiayi 14:10 Departure							THSR Chiayi 18:40 Arrival					School Bus (Sunday)	THSR Chiayi 22:00 Departure	
NHU Bus Stop	07:00	07:20	07:40	08:20	08:25	08:40	08:50	09:20	09:20		10:25	10:30	11:20	11:20	1	12:10	12:20	12:50	13:05	14:10	-1	15:10	15:15	15:30	16:10	17:10	17:20	17:40	18:20	19:10	20:00	20:20	21:15	21:15	22:00
NHU Yuan Chi/Jui Tsun Dormitory	07:02	07:22	07:42	08:22	08:27	- 1	08:52	09:22	09:22	-	10:27	1	11:22	11:22	1	12:12	12:22	1	1	14:12	- 1	15:12	- 1	15:32	16:12	17:12	17:22	-	18:22	19:12	20:02	20:22	21:17	21:17	22:02
Chung Cheng University Main Gate	1	07:30	- 1	08:30	- 1	- 1	1	1	1		- 1	- 1		- 1	- 1	1	12:30	- 1	1	1	- 1	1	-	15:40	- 1	1	17:30		1		20:10	1	- 1	1	22:10
PX-Mart (Near Tzu Chi Hospital)	07:10	07:38	07:50	08:38	08:35	-	1	09:30	1	ı	10:35	-	T	1	П	12:20	12:38	ı	T	14:20	-	15:20	1	15:48	16:20	17:20	17:38	ı	18:30	19:20	20:18	20:30	21:25	1	22:18
Nanhua Hall	07:12	07:40	07:52	08:40	08:37	- 1	09:00	09:32	09:30		10:37	-	11:30	11:30	- 1	12:22	12:40	-	-	14:22	-	15:22	-	15:50	16:22	- 1	17:40	ı	18:32	19:22	20:20	20:32	21:27	1	22:20
Dalin Train Station (Arrival)	07:15	07:43	07:55	08:43	08:40	08:55	09:03	09:35	09:33		10:40	1	11:33	11:33	- 1	12:25	12:43	1	13:20	14:25	- 1	15:25	15:30	15:53	16:25	17:22	17:43		18:35	19:25	20:23	20:35	21:35	22:44	22:23
Dalin Train Station (Departure)	07:16	07:48	08:05	08:50	08:46	09:10	09:30	09:45	10:00	09:50	10:47	10:50	12:00	12:40	12:15	12:31	12:44	13:10	13:40	14:35	14:50	15:35	16:20	16:05	16:30	17:35	17:50	18:00	18:41	19:35	20:24	20:45	21:40	22:45	22:45
PX-Mart (Near Chang Hwa Commercial Bank)		ı	- 1	ı	1	- 1	-	1	1	-	10:50	- 1	1	- 1	I	- 1	12:47	ı	-	- 1	I	1	- 1	16:08	- 1	- 1	17:53	ı	ı		20:27	- 1	- 1	1	-
Highway Coach Transit Station		1	I	ı	1	- 1	-	1	T		10:53	10:55		- 1		1	12:50	13:15	1	-	I	1	-	16:11	- 1	1	17:56	18:05	ı		20:30	- 1	T	1	-
PX-Mart (Near Tzu Chi Hospital)	07:18	07:50	08:07	08:53	08:48	- 1	-	09:47	1		10:56	- 1		- 1	-	12:33	12:53	ı	1	14:37	T	15:37	-	16:14	16:32	17:37	17:59	ı	18:43	19:38	20:33	20:47	21:42	1	22:48
NHU Yuan Chi/Jui Tsun Dormitory	07:30	08:02	08:19	09:02	09:00	- 1	09:43	09:59	10:13	- 1	11:08	T	12:13	12:53	Т	12:45	13:05	ı	- 1	14:49	I	15:49	- 1	16:26	16:44	17:49	18:11	I	18:55	19:48	20:45	20:59	21:54	22:58	22:59
NHU Bus Stop	07:32	08:04	08:21	09:05	09:02	09:25	09:45	10:01	10:15	10:10	11:10		12:15	12:55	12:35	12:47	13:07		13:56	14:51	15:10	15:51	16:36	16:28	16:46	17:51	18:13		18:57	19:50	20:47	21:01	21:56	23:00	22:58



Paid Public Transportation Options for

OWC Congress Attendees

For attendees needing flexibility, paid public buses operate on various schedules throughout the day from Nanhua University back to Chiayi City and the THSR station. Here's a guide for those using public bus or other paid transportation:

If you're using a paid public bus, **please prepare the exact fare**, as bus drivers typically do not provide change.

For added convenience when traveling on public transportation, we highly recommend purchasing an **EasyCard**, which allows for easy, cashless payments.

Bus fares in Taiwan typically range from NT\$30 to NT\$250 per ride, depending on the destination. For convenience, attendees are encouraged to use an EasyCard, which can be loaded with a minimum of NT\$100 and up to a maximum of NT\$10,000. This card serves as a convenient payment method for both local trains and buses, ensuring sufficient funds for multiple trips and seamless travel.



Chiayi County Bus Schedule – Paid bus (from Nanhua University to Chiayi City)

Several paid public buses run between Chiayi Train Station and Nanhua University. One of the options is bus number 7309 from Chiayi

Chiayi County Bus				• 73	309 Chiay	i County	County Bus / thru CCU & Minxiong Train Station to Chiayi City												
7309	Daily	Daily	Mon. – Sat.	Sun.	Mon. – Sat.	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Mon. – Sat.	Sun. only	Mon. – Sat.	Sun. only	Sun. only			
Nanhua University (Departure)	07: 00	08:	09:10	10:10	11:10	12: 30	14: 10	15: 10	16: 10	17: 10	18: 10	19:00	19:10	20:00	20:15	21:05			
Daya Stop (Departure)	05: 55	06: 45	07:45	08:45	09:45	11: 45	12: 45	13: 45	14: 45	15: 45	16: 45	17:45	18:00	18:45	19:00	20:00			

County Bus, which travels through CCU and Minxiong Train Station to Chiayi City.

Chiayi County Bus:





Taxi Booking

From December 2 to December 4, Nanhua University will provide on-site assistance for attendees requiring transportation to and from Dalin Train Station. An English-speaking dispatcher will be available to assist with inquiries, and a dedicated booth will be set up on campus to facilitate taxi bookings.

Contact Details for Assistance:

• **English Dispatcher:** Ms. Freya (+886-936-609-823)

• **Taxi Booking Support:** +8865-6915656 / +886-983-750023

Please make use of these services to ensure smooth and convenient travel arrangements during the event.

Important Tip: Save the English and Chinese names of key locations, such as your hotel and the congress venue, to simplify directions.

Taxis can be reserved for direct rides between Nanhua University, your accommodation, or nearby cities. To arrange a taxi pickup, visit the designated booth on campus to book the taxi booking service.

Note: Attendees using public transportation should plan their travel times in advance to ensure timely arrival at congress sessions or events. The provided shuttle bus service will operate as scheduled, but public transportation offers a reliable alternative for those needing flexibility. For any assistance or information regarding public transit schedules, please feel free to reach out to our event support team.



ACCOMODATION RECOMMENDATIONS

- **OWC Hotels:** Check out the recommended hotels for OWC through this link: https://owc.ifoam.bio/accommodation/
- Booking Suggestions: For your convenience, we recommend booking one of the
 OWC suggested hotels, as they are located along the route of the free shuttle buses to
 and from the congress venue. This will make your travel between the hotel and the
 event seamless and stress-free.

CONGRESS GUIDELINES AND NOTICES

Participation Guidelines

Check-in Process: Registration counters will be open from 8:20. All attendees are required to check in upon arrival to receive their congress materials and name badges. Please ensure that you have your registration confirmation on hand for a smooth check-in experience. Please make sure to claim your Congress/Name Badge to ensure entry to the event area.

Congress Badge/Name Badge: Please remember to bring your congress badge with you, as it's required for entry to all sessions and events. Without your badge, access cannot be granted, so make sure to keep it with you throughout the congress.





Interpretation Devices

Interpretation devices will be available for use during the event. Please note that a valid identification document (e.g., passport, national ID, or driver's license) must be submitted as a deposit to borrow a device. The document will be returned upon the safe return of the device. Translation offered will be both from English to Chinese and vice versa.

In addition, we kindly request attendees to bring their own Bluetooth or wired earphones. This will allow attendees to use their smartphone to download the AI interpretation software, Vurbo.ai, which offers full functionality for free for seven days. The app provides real-time AI interpretation in 93 languages.

Prayer Room (For Muslim Congress Attendees)

A designated prayer room for Muslim attendees is **located in Room H351**. The space is equipped to provide a quiet and comfortable environment for prayers. Attendees are kindly requested to respect the sanctity of the area and adhere to its guidelines.

Lunch and Snacks Distribution for Attendees Attendees are kindly requested to pick up their lunch and snacks at the designated building where they are currently attending sessions.

- o **Plenary Sessions:** Food will be distributed at the plenary venue
- Workshops and Parallel Sessions: Food will be distributed at the building where the respective workshop or session is being held

Utensils: We encourage all attendees to bring their own spoons and forks to the congress. This will help us minimize waste and promote sustainability. Please note that biodegradable



utensils will be provided during the congress; however, you are welcome to bring your own utensils if you prefer.

Water Bottles: Please bring a reusable water bottle, as water stations will be available at the venue for your convenience.



Note: Please remember to pack any utensils, water bottle, and any other necessary items required for check-in in your checked luggage to avoid confiscation at security checkpoints. This will help ensure a smooth travel experience.

Food and Drink Policy

To maintain cleanliness and provide a comfortable environment for all attendees, we kindly remind everyone that **food and drinks are not allowed in the plenary hall** (**Zhong Dao Lou**) **or the workshop rooms** (**Yun Shui Staff Residence and Cheng Jun Guan**). We appreciate your cooperation in adhering to this policy. Thank you for your understanding.



Personal Supplies

Don't forget to bring along a pen, notebook, umbrella, small travel bag, and any personal medicines you might need. The notebook and pen will come in handy for taking notes and staying engaged in the sessions, while the umbrella, bag, and any personal items will help you stay comfortable and prepared throughout the event!

- We encourage to bring mosquito and insect repellent sprays or lotions as a precautionary measure while at the venue.
- Please be reminded that smoking is strictly prohibited inside the premises of the university.

Airport Security Restrictions: As you prepare for your travel to Taiwan, please carefully review the list of restricted food items and prohibited goods to ensure compliance with customs regulations. Taiwan enforces strict regulations, and bringing prohibited items such as fresh produce, meat products, and certain packaged foods could result in severe penalties, including high fines. Additionally, e-cigarettes and vapes are strictly prohibited in Taiwan, and attempting to bring them into the country may lead to confiscation and legal consequences. For detailed information on prohibited items, please refer to the Customs Administration link here:

https://web.customs.gov.tw/etaipei/singlehtml/3396?cntId=1c1ab06901934524b5c7494c4 2251bf7#Agricultural%20or%20Food%20Products





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• Emergency Contact Numbers

1. General Emergency: Police: (+886) 110

2. Fire and Ambulance: (+886) 119

WhatsApp Group for Transportation Assistance and Emergencies

For transportation assistance, emergency updates, and real-time communication, we encourage all attendees to join the designated WhatsApp group by scanning the QR code provided. This ensures you stay connected and informed throughout the event.





Language Support

• Translation Services

 We will provide bilingual interpreter in English and Chinese in each plenary sessions and selected Workshops.

• Local Phrase Translations

ENGLISH	MAN	NDARIN	LOCAL TAIWANESE					
Hello	你好	Nĭ hǎo	Lí hó					
Thank you	謝謝	Xièxiè	Duō xiè					
Sorry	對不起	Duìbùqĭ	Pāi xiè					
Please	請	Qĭng	Pài-thok					
Please help me	請幫我	Qĭng bāng wŏ	Guá su-iàu lâng kā lí tàu-sann-					
			kāng					
How much does this	這個多少錢?	Zhège duōshăo	Tsit guā-tsē tsînn?					
cost?		qián?						



OTHER SUGGESTIONS

Reminder for Arriving Attendees: Upon landing in Taiwan, please connect to the Wi-Fi and generate a QR code for immigration procedures. If necessary, request a form to fill out to avoid delays during entry. Additionally, ensure you have all the necessary documents for your exit from your home country and entry into Taiwan. Having these documents ready will help prevent any delays during the process.

Cash Exchange and Credit Card Use

Currency Exchange Reminder: ATMs are widely available, and most establishments accept major credit cards. However, it is **strongly recommended to exchange cash at the airport**, as currency exchange options are limited in the city, with only selected banks offering this service.

As of date (11/8/2024), the exchange rate is approximately US\$1 = NT\$32.3. Please plan accordingly to avoid any inconvenience.



Currency Exchange Reminder:

For your reference, here is an image of Taiwan's paper bills and coins. The currency used in Taiwan is the New Taiwan Dollar (NT\$). Familiarizing yourself with the different denominations will make your transactions easier and more efficient during your stay.





The banknotes are 2,000, 1000, 500, 100 yuan. Coins area 50, 10, 5, 1 yuan. The currency in circulation is New Taiwan Dollar.

Sim Card Purchase

Attendees are encouraged to purchase a local SIM card upon arrival at Taipei Taoyuan International Airport and Kaohsiung International Airport to ensure easy access to mobile data and local calls throughout their stay. SIM cards are available at designated counters in the arrivals area.

Additionally, free Wi-Fi will be available at Nanhua University during the congress. To connect, please use the following details:

• Network Name: owc

• Password: 2024owcintaiwan

Please note that most SIM card kiosks and shops inside the airport close between 8 PM and midnight. If your flight arrives after these hours, you may not be able to purchase a SIM card at that time. To avoid inconvenience, consider arranging for a SIM card in advance or exploring options to purchase one.





EasyCard Purchase:

For easier travel on public transportation, including buses and the MRT, we recommend purchasing an EasyCard. This rechargeable smart card allows for quick and easy payment for fares without the need for cash. You can buy an EasyCard at convenience stores or ticket counters located at any convenient stores (7-11, FamilyMart, Hi-Life and OK Mart). You can check the EasyCard information through this link: https://www.easycard.com.tw/en/



Weather and Clothing Recommendations

Weather: Weather: During this time of year, Taiwan typically experiences mild to cool temperatures with occasional rainfall. Expect daytime temperatures to range from about 18°C to 25°C (64°F to 77°F), while evenings can be cooler, so it's advisable to have a light jacket or sweater on hand. Humidity levels may vary, so being prepared for possible rain is also a good idea.

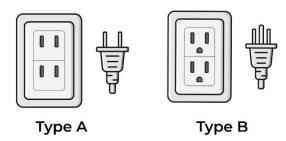


Clothing: We recommend wearing layers to adjust to temperature changes throughout the day. Light, breathable clothing is ideal for daytime activities, while comfortable shoes are essential for exploring the city and the congress venue. Additionally, bringing an umbrella or a light raincoat can be helpful in case of unexpected showers.

Electrical and Charging Information

Power Supply: In Taiwan, the standard voltage is 110 volts, and the frequency is 60 Hz.

Plug Type: The power plugs used in Taiwan are type A and type B. Type A has two flat parallel pins, while type B has two flat parallel pins and a grounding pin. If your devices have a different plug type, you will need a suitable travel adapter.



Charging Devices: Most hotels and public places provide charging outlets, and some even provide USB charging facilities but it's a good idea to bring your own charger and any necessary cables. Consider carrying a portable power bank for charging your devices on the go, especially during long days at the congress or while exploring the area.

Voltage Compatibility: Before using your devices, check if they are compatible with the 110V supply. Many modern electronics (like smartphones and laptops) are dual voltage, but it's always best to verify.



Taiwan, The Lucky Land - Prize Draw:



Independent international travelers arriving in Taiwan from October 1 to December 31, 2024, are invited to participate in the Taiwan, The Lucky Land lucky draw for a chance to win an EasyCard worth NT\$5,000. To be eligible, travelers must hold a non-Taiwan passport, stay in Taiwan for 3 to 90 days, and travel independently.

To enter the draw, travelers must first register online and receive a QR code 1 to 7 days before arrival. After arriving at Taoyuan or Kaohsiung International Airport, scan the QR code at the Taiwan, The Lucky Land desk in the arrival hall to participate in the draw.

Winners will need to present their passport, entry stamp, boarding pass, and electronic round-trip ticket to claim their prize, which will either be an EasyCard or accommodation vouchers. The prize is valid for 90 days.

Please note, the draw and redemption must be completed on the same day of arrival, and the required documents must be provided to claim the prize.

For registration and more details, visit the Taiwan Tourism Bureau through this link: https://5000.taiwan.net.tw/people2_en.html