

2025 Taiwan Global Pathfinders Initiative
Diplomatic Allies Inbound Track
Proposal-based Application Guidelines

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- A. Background:** On January 24, 2025, President Lai Ching-te announced the launch of the Taiwan Global Pathfinders Initiative. He stressed that a number of slots in the program would be reserved for young people from Taiwan’s diplomatic allies. This would allow them to realize their dreams in Taiwan, whether by drafting their own proposals or participating in government programs. And upon returning to their home countries, they could contribute to social progress.
- B. Program overview:** To promote international youth exchanges, deepen ties with friendly nations, and achieve the vision of having prosperous allies, the program encourages young people from Taiwan’s diplomatic allies to be innovative, draft proposals, and submit action plans to fulfill their dreams in Taiwan. Participants who pass a review and are approved by Taiwan’s embassies may travel to Taiwan under the initiative.
- C. Eligibility:**
- a. Outstanding youth (18-30 years old) from Taiwan’s diplomatic allies.
 - b. Priority will be given to those who have never visited Taiwan or traveled abroad.
 - c. Applicants are required to be proficient in English and have good communication skills.
- D. Quota:** Each diplomatic ally may recommend one to two candidates in 2025.
- E. Program duration:** A minimum duration of two weeks and a maximum of three months during the September to December period.

F. Selection process:

Applicants are to submit proposals to Taiwan’s embassies in their home countries. The embassies will be responsible for recruitment, proposal review, and interviews. Selected candidates and their proposals will be presented to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Education for final approval.

G. Application requirements:

- a. Applications are to be submitted individually.
- b. Each applicant may participate only once per year and submit only one proposal (refer to Attachment 1 for a list of suggested host organizations in Taiwan).

H. Themes: In 2025, applications are to focus on one of the following four themes:

- a. Sustainable tourism
- b. Smart agriculture
- c. Sports diplomacy
- d. Cultural diplomacy

I. Proposal content:

- a. Personal introduction (including academic background, work experience, interests, etc.)
- b. Project concept (motivation and objectives)
- c. Personal application or via a host organization or exchange unit
- d. Expected training or exchange activities
- e. Program duration (two weeks to three months)
- f. Planning, progress tracking, and project execution details
- g. Budget

J. Application method and deadline: Applicants must adhere to guidelines and deadlines announced by Taiwan’s embassies.

K. Additional information:

- a. Overseas missions are to process visa applications in accordance with regulations.

- b. Overseas missions are to include in the program announcement the notice that participants from diplomatic allies who fail to follow the designated program and do not make corrections after having been instructed to do so, or who violate relevant regulations or run afoul of Taiwan law, may have their participation in the program terminated, be required to return home, and be liable to repay any subsidies received.