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Note:

1. The information provided is only for U.S. sites only. For tests in Taiwan, please refer to the registration information for Taiwan-based tests.
2. The center reserves the right to make necessary changes regarding the date, rules, etc. of the test. Please visit the website for any last minute changes or notices.

1. Important Dates for the International Taiwanese Proficiency Test

	Item	Expected date	Note
1.	Registration Date	From 10:00 am, May 10, to 12:00 pm, June 10, 2011	The registration is made through the Internet. The number of available spots depends upon the space available at the testing site. An announcement on the website will be made if space is full.
2.	Online inquiry and downloading of registration card	Friday, July 8, 2011	You must download and print out your registration card. We will not mail it to you.
3.	Testing date	Sat. July 23, 2011	The test will take place on this day
4.	Announcement of score	Monday, Sept. 26, 2011	The website will be open for score inquiry the score report is mailed to test takers. accepting applications for additional score reports and International Taiwanese Proficiency Test certificates
		by Oct. 7, 2011	Final score checking, end of online score inquiry.

2. About the International Taiwanese Proficiency Test

The International Taiwanese Proficiency Test (ITPT) originated from the General Taiwanese Proficiency Test (GTPT) developed by the Taiwanese Language Testing Center at National Cheng Kung University. It is for anyone over 16 who wishes to find out what their Taiwanese reading and listening ability are.

In the beginning the development of the General Taiwanese Proficiency Test was a government-commissioned project, supervised by Taiwan's Ministry of Education; later it became an independently-run project by the center. Starting from 2010 the test has been administered in several testing sites in Taiwan, mainly to students and teachers of Taiwanese. The test is a criterion-referenced test and the categories tested include listening, speaking, reading and writing of Taiwanese. The scoring follows the standard set by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), and is divided into six levels.

The International Taiwanese Proficiency Test is the short version of the General Taiwanese Proficiency Test. It is to be first given in 2011, in Japan, the U.S. and Vietnam. Only listening and reading ability are being tested. To accommodate the test takers, by just taking the test in one sitting participants can find out what their Taiwanese language level is without taking a level-sorting pre-test or a second test, by using the corresponding chart of Taiwanese proficiency level. The level however is only divided into three instead of six as in the full version of the test.

The Taiwanese Language Testing Center at National Cheng Kung University is the first professional institution to regularly administer Taiwanese proficiency certification. Its research team consists of outstanding members of the professional fields with plenty of teaching and research experience especially in Taiwanese literature and language. In addition, the center is regularly commissioned by local and national government bodies to hold certification tests. Therefore its qualifications and authority are commended and trusted. Its certificates are widely accepted and recognized domestically and internationally.

3. Who may register for the test

Anyone over 16 years of age, regardless of nationality, race, religion, ethnicity, gender, class or occupation may register to take the test.

4. Test sections, question format and fees

Sections	Question format	Registration fee	
1. Reading 2. Listening	multiple choice	Pay by credit card online	NT. 1,800

Note: You need to convert your currency into Taiwanese dollars when paying online.

5. How to register, registration dates and number of test takers allowed

The registration is mainly conducted online. The number of test takers allowed in this test will depend on the capacity of the testing site, and will be announced on the website when reaching full capacity. The minimum number of test takers needed to hold the test is five.

Method of registration	Method of payment	Registration period
Online registration	By credit card online	From 10:00 May 10, 2011 – Noon June 10, 2011

6. How to register online

You must fill out the required registration information online and make the payment within the registration period to be considered registered for the test. Credit cards currently accepted are Mastercard and Visa.

The official website for test registration is: <http://ctlt.twl.ncku.edu.tw/itpt>

If you have special physical or mental needs (such as a disability), please contact the center to find out if the testing site can accommodate your special requirement before registering for the test.

7. Testing site

The testing site will be arranged in the area of greater Los Angeles, California. The actual testing site and room will be announced on website later by the center. You must use your registration number to check it.

You must download and print your registration card and bring it with you to the test.

You may visit the website for travel information to the testing site. Please arrive well ahead of testing schedule to locate the building and the room in which you will be taking the test. Then wait outside the room until you may enter to take the test.

8. Test Schedule

Time period	Subject/content	Total points	Time allowed	Answer sheet type
First Period 9:10-10:20	Reading (a) vocabulary and grammar (b) reading comprehension	180	70 minutes	Optical scannable sheet
Second Period 10:50- 11:40	Listening (a) dialogue (b) lecture	120	40 minutes (approx.)	Optical scannable sheet
	Filling out questionnaire		10 minutes (approx.)	Optical scannable sheet, paper and pen

- (1) Please make sure that you use a No. 2 pencil to mark your answers.
- (2) The time allotment for the listening test will depend on the length of the actual recording played during the test. Thus the time is approximate.
- (3) All sections are multiple choice questions; each error will cost a 1/3 deduction.
- (4) If there are changes concerning the time, the date or scheduling the announcement will be made on the website prior to the test. Please check the website before coming to the test.

9. About the score report and certificates

- (1) Anyone who has taken the test in its entirety and fulfilled all the rules will be sent a score report no matter what the score is. The report is free of charge. You may also check your score online during the period open for score inquiry. The test center will keep your score for two years from the date the test was taken.
- (2) Anyone who has taken the test in its entirety and fulfilled all the rules may apply to have the International version of Taiwanese Proficiency Certificate sent to them.
- (3) Please download from the official website the application form for additional score reports and certificates.

10. Test score and corresponding Taiwanese proficiency level

The 2011 International Taiwanese Proficiency Test adopts the method of ‘testing different levels together in a single test’ and the areas tested are reading and listening. The standards of the Taiwanese proficiency levels are simplified from the standards described in the CEF (Common European Framework of Reference for Language: Learning, Teaching, Assessment) and contains 3 levels, A, B, C. The International Taiwanese Proficiency Test is also shorter than the version of the test given in Taiwan.

Corresponding Chart of Taiwanese proficiency level

Level	Range of Score* Total 300	Description	NCKU Suggestion
A Waystage	$72 < \text{score} \leq 129$	Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.	Level of attainment suggested for those who plan to study (not major in language and literature) or work in Taiwan
B Threshold	$129 < \text{score} \leq 243$	Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.	Level of attainment suggested for those who plan to study (major in language and literature) or stay long term in Taiwan
C Effective Operational Proficiency	$243 < \text{score} \leq 300$	Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognise implicit meaning. Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.	Level suggested for those who plan to teach or do research in Taiwanese

*Test items: (1) Reading test; (2) Listening test.

*Neither the reading test nor listening test may be missed or scored 0.

11. Rules and regulations for the testing site

General Rules

1. All test takers must bring their registration card, a proper ID* (government issued picture ID), No. 2 pencils, blue or black pens and erasers to the test. If you happen to lose your registration card, you must immediately get a temporary card from the staff information center, otherwise you may not enter the testing site.
2. Except for the items previously mentioned above, all other items must be placed in the designated place instructed by the exam proctor. If you use personal medical equipment, please acquire a permit for their use at the time of registration. Valuable items are the responsibility of the owner; the Taiwanese Language Testing Center is not responsible for their loss or damage and we advise you not to bring them.
3. The following items are considered inessential for the test and should not be brought inside the testing room: registration information handbook, books, paper, rulers, pencil boxes, bags, anything that can photograph, record, videotape of any part of the test, make audible sounds or create any kind of disturbance or harm the fairness of the test (including MP3 players, alarm clocks, watches with alarm, cell phones, beeper, electronic dictionaries, etc). In the event that such items are discovered with their power on, the violators shall be asked to leave the room and have their scores cancelled if the situation is not immediately corrected.

*the ID card whose number you used to fill the registration form

Rules applicable during the test (from the time the proctor announces the beginning of the test until the end of the test)

4. Ten minutes before the test is to begin, a reminder bell will be rung to remind all test takers. At that time everyone should find their seats. As you come in, show your proper ID and registration card to the proctor. After being seated, please check the number on your desk against your registration number to make sure that they are the same. Anyone found sitting in the wrong seat during the test has to leave immediately, and have her/his score cancelled.
5. Place your photo ID and registration card on the upper corner of your desk to aid proper checking during the exam. If it is found that your ID number does not correspond with the number used in your registration, your test qualification will be cancelled.
6. For the reading test, no one may be admitted after the first ten minutes of the test; for the listening test, once the test has started no one may be admitted.
7. During the reading test, the test taker may not leave early until at least forty minutes

- have passed. Before leaving, the test taker must hand in all answer sheets and test questions to the proctor and wait until everything has been checked and found to be in order. You may not leave early during the listening test. All test takers have to wait until the proctor announces that the test has concluded before leaving. Violators shall have their scores cancelled.
8. Anyone found copying, taping or taking or attempting to take the test questions out with them during the test shall be banned from taking the Taiwanese Proficiency Test for five years, have their registration cancelled and prosecuted according to law as having violated the intellectual property of the Taiwanese Language Testing Center at National Cheng Kung University.
 9. All electronic equipments (including cell phones, beepers, timers, etc) are to be turned off and made sure that there will be no sounds, including the vibrating tone, made. If anyone's equipment makes any sounds and causes disturbance or interruption during the test, the item and the bag that contains it shall be removed from the room for examination and the owner of the item have her or his score cancelled, and lose their right to take the test.
 10. During the test, there is to be no eating, chewing (such as gum), smoking or behaviors that can distract or disturb others. Violators will be given oral or written warning once, and if he or she does not cease such behavior, he or she shall be asked to leave and have their score cancelled.
 11. If anyone, due to physical reasons needs to use the restroom facilities, the missing time or questions are the responsibility of that person.

Instructions concerning answering the test

12. Before starting to answer the test, make sure that your test booklet and answer sheet are in complete order, that there are no missing, torn pages, missing lines or other irregularities. If there are any problems, raise your hand and inform the proctor.
13. The reading test booklet includes reading passages and questions; the listening test booklet includes answer choices only. You may take notes or mark on the test booklets but not make your answers on the booklets. All answers are to be marked on the optical scannable answer sheet. You should not write, mark, or make symbols of any kind on any other surfaces, including your registration card, stationery items, your desk or on your person. To do so will lead to cancellation of your scores.
14. All test takers are not to engage in behaviors suspicious of cheating or aiding others to cheat, including looking around with the intention of looking at others' answers, talking to others, copying others' answers, passing answers, allowing others to see one's answers, reading one's answers aloud and using codes to give others answers.

Once a warning has been given to such persons and the behavior continues the said person(s) shall be asked to leave and have their score cancelled. Those found to be taking the test for another person, both the real registrant and the substitute will be banned from taking the test for three years and penalized according to regulations applicable.

15. The test is given in multiple choice format. Use a No. 2 pencil to mark your answers clearly on the answer sheet to facilitate the scanning of your answers. Non-multiple choice sections may be answered with a black- or blue-ink pen, in the proper columns/spaces. You may use correction fluid or tape to correct your answers in these sections.
16. While marking or writing your answers, please make sure that your markings are clear and legible, that there are no ambiguities as to which choice was marked or what you have written. If the answer was read incorrectly by the scanner due to faulty marking, the folding of paper or smudges the responsibility are solely the test taker's.
17. Before the exam proctor announces the beginning of the test no one may open the test booklet and start reading. If one starts on his/her test before the announcement was made his/her score will be cancelled.

Instructions for the end of the test

18. At the end of each test, all test takers should immediately stop writing, wait in their seats for the proctor to collect, count the tests and make the dismissal announcement. Before the announcement is made no one may leave or continue writing/make any kind of markings.
19. All material distributed during the test are to be collected and handed in to the proctor; nothing related to the test may be taken out of the room. Anyone found later to have any test-related items on their persons shall be viewed as violating the intellectual property rights of the Taiwanese Language Testing Center at National Cheng Kung University and banned from taking the Taiwanese Proficiency Test again for five years, in addition to possible legal prosecution.
20. After a test taker has handed in his/her test and answers, he or she is not allowed to loiter near the testing site, recite answers, talk loudly or in anyway influence the remaining test takers. If such person disregards the warning given by the testing site staff, he/she shall lose his or her qualification for the test.

Any additional behaviors or incidents not listed above that may influence the outcome of someone's answers or affect the fairness of the test shall be recorded by the proctor/testing site staff and dealt by the Center for Taiwanese Languages Testing at National Cheng Kung University.