



Proposed Taiwan Geographical Field Study/Recce Tour 10 – 15 March 2012

(We invite application from GTA Members only. If you are currently a Non-Member, you may want to join as a member immediately by using the attached membership application form.)

Objectives

- Familiarize participants with the locations suitable for geographical fieldwork
- Enhance geographical understanding of concepts and knowledge on coasts, hazard management and tourism
- Network with fellow geography educators on pedagogy and content

Topics of interest

Coast, Natural Hazard, Tourism, Food Resources

Resource persons: Staff from Disaster Centre and Staff from Department of Geography, National Taiwan Normal University (subject to final confirmation)

Target participants : Secondary and JC/CI Geography teachers

Tour fare: \$1850 per person; SQ flight

Tour fare is based on a minimum of 20 participants and includes:

- Economy class return air fare inclusive of all taxes,
- 5 nights 4-star hotel accommodation on twin/triple sharing
- All admission charges as per itinerary
- Local travel insurance up to NT\$2000000 and medical insurance up to NT\$200000
- Tips to guide and driver and Tour manager service
- Professional English speaking guide service
- All meals as per itinerary

Registration and further details

Please register online (www.gta.org.sg) by 31 January 2012

Contact Person and information: Ms Ho at 96365380 or email:hosohtin@gmail.com

Proposed itinerary

DAY 01 -- SINGAPORE-TAIPEI (Dinner)

Depart at 1220 hrs for Taipei.

After check in at hotel and dinner, visit Shilin Night Market to gather information for a case study on this tourist attraction.

DAY 02 -- TAIPEI (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Learn from the Disaster Prevention Research Centre on natural disasters, disaster prevention research programs and hazards mitigations in Taiwan. Study food production at the San Xia Organic Farm. On the way check out what the Forest Bureau could offer. View Taipei city from the top floor of its tallest building, 101 Tower, and determine how to facilitate a discussion on, for example, relationship between land-use or communications and relief. After dinner, debrief on fieldwork possibilities and suitable pedagogies (e.g. geographic inquiry).

DAY 03 – TAIPEI (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Visit the Hot Spring Museum at Yangmingshan (Little You Ken) and then proceed to the North East Coast to Yehliu where we meet the resource person(s) from the National Taiwan Normal University who will facilitate the coastal studies of this well known scenic coast. Recce Yehliu as fieldwork venue for coastal tourism too. Recce Jiufen for tourism study. We then take a 3 hour journey to Hualien and enjoy the scenic Pacific Coastline of Taiwan. Check in hotel. After dinner debrief and discussion.

DAY 04 – HUALIEN (Breakfast/Lunch)

After breakfast we make our way to the naturally formed beautiful canyon at Taroko National Park and then proceed to Zhiben. Along the way we will see evidence of damage caused by typhoons. Debrief and discussion after dinner.

DAY 05 – TAITUNG (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

At Pingtung we visit a farm practising genetic engineering (pending confirmation). Along the East Coast enjoy scenic stops such as Dragon Cliff and shell sand beach as we proceed to Kaohsiung. Debrief and discussion after dinner

DAY 06 – KAOHSIUNG - Singapore (Breakfast)

Breakfast in Hotel and check out. We go up the 85 storey Tuntex Sky Tower for a nearly 360° view of the city and harbour of Kaohsiung and consider how identifying the differences between Kaohsiung and Taipei City landscapes would enrich geographical field studies. Visit Chi Jin Island and stop by the beach to determine its feasibility as a study site for coastal management. We then head towards Kaohsiung International Airport for the departure flight.