



26th International Young Physicists' Tournament

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Third Circulation of 26th International Young Physicists' Tournament

Dear IYPT Friends :

Welcome to Taiwan to participate the 26th IYPT in Taipei, Taiwan, July 24-Aug 2 2013. There are 27 teams (iypt.tw) will compete at the Tournament. Please do remember to provide us the arrival and departure flight information, and it will be easy for us to pick up your team at the airport terminals. We will have the student guides help you at the arrival terminals. The following is the important information that we provide to you, and looking forward to meeting all of you in Taiwan.

Sincerely Yours

LOC of 26th IYPT (July 1, 2013)

◆ Important Information for the 26th-IYPT Participants

Weather of Taiwan in July

July and August are the hottest months in Taiwan, and weather information can be found on web <http://www.cwb.gov.tw/V7e/climate/monthlyMean/tx.htm>. The average temperature is around 30 °C with mean relative humidity near 80%. However, the **day time temperature** is several degrees above 30 °C, and it can reach as high as **37 °C**. **Please, also, be aware of the high humidity, and be aware of sunburn and heat-stroke. Sun-blocks or sunscreen are recommended, and do drink more water.** We do provide a bottle with cap for drinks, and it can be put in the side pockets of the provided backpack.

Electricity Supply

The electricity in general is 110 volts A.C. 60 Hz, and the power sockets have two types, as shown in the following. We will provide an extension cord (right one) on the Tournament sites for Physics Fights.



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Credit Cards

Major credit cards are accepted by the hotels, department stores, airlines, large stores and restaurants in Taipei city, and you can also withdraw cash in the ATM. However, the local stores near Yuan Ze University (Tournament site) and National Dong-Hwa University (IOC meeting site) are generally preferred cash (in NT\$). Cash is generally preferred elsewhere.

Currency

New Taiwan Dollar (NT\$) is the currency used in Taiwan. Bill denominations are NT\$2000, NT\$1000, NT\$500, NT\$200, and NT\$100. Coin denominations are NT\$1, NT\$5, NT\$10, NT\$20, and NT\$50. For more information of New Taiwan Dollar, please check the website : https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Taiwan_dollar. Foreign currencies can be exchanged at the airport upon arrival, and tourist hotels. The exchange rate (<http://rate.bot.com.tw/Pages/Static/UIP003.zh-TW.htm>) is around 1 € to NT\$ 39, and 1 US\$ to NT\$ 30. **Hotel Kuva Chateau, the Tournament hotel for Leader/Jurors and Independent Jurors, also provide the currency exchange, however, it is limited to the exchange of EUROS and US\$.**

Language

English is the commonly used foreign language, however, most of local stores and local taxi drivers speak Mandarin or Taiwanese. Airport taxi drivers do speak English in general.

Phone



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It is not easy to find the pay phone stand in Taiwan, though it has cheap rate (1 NT\$ for 1 minute), and cell phones are very popular. Cell phones' system used in Taiwan is GSM 900, GSM 1800, 3G 2100 and Taiwan WiMax 4G Network.

Taxes/Tipping

For any purchase in local store, a receipt will be given to you. Usually, a 5% value-added tax is included in the price. Tipping is optional. It is usual, however, to tip hotel porters and for restaurant service. For famous restaurant or hotel, a 10% service charge and a 5% value-added tax are added to room rates and meals.

Drinking Water

It is not safe to drink Tap water, and bottle water is safe. We will provide water and drinks every day. You can also buy the bottle water at convenience stores on the first floor of student dormitory.

Wine and Liqueurs

In Taiwan, the legal age to buy any alcoholic drink (including beers, liquors, liqueurs, and wines) is 18 years-old, and Taiwan law prohibit to sell any alcoholic drink to underage.

For the people live in the dormitory, the internet is available. We will provide Air-Condition Card (/room), Laundry Detergent(one bag/room), Cloth Wiper(one piece/room), Shampoo(one bottle/room), Shower Gel(one bottle/room), Hair Dryer(one set/room), Toilet Paper, Garbage Bag, and Bottle Water for each room. For each person (accommodate in dorm), we will provide a portable mattress, a blanket and a pillow.

Also, there is no alcohol in the dormitory.