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Project Information

Project Overview
This is a joint U.S. Taiwan multi-agency field program conducted in the coastal plain and western mountain slopes of southern Taiwan, coinciding with Taiwan’s Southwesterly Monsoon Experiment – 2008 (SoWMEX-08). TiMREX focuses on the multiple scale physics of heavy rain and flood producing convective systems, and their accompanying quantitative precipitation forecast/estimate (QPF/QPE) problems, in a complex environment influenced by the Mei-Yu front, southwesterly summer Monsoon, land-sea contrasts, and significant orography. The project lead is Wen-Chau Lee from NCAR. The SPOL radar will be deployed from 15 May through 30 June 2008.

Project Goal
The overarching goal is to improve basic understanding of the physical process associated with the terrain-influenced heavy precipitation systems and the monsoonal environment in which they are embedded through intense observations, data assimilation and numerical modeling studies.

Project Summary
The Taiwan Area Mesoscale Experiment (TAMEX II) is a joint US-Taiwan Multi-agency field program that will coincide with Taiwan’s Southwesterly Monsoon Experiment – 2008 (SoWMEX-08). TAMEX II focuses on the multiple scale physics of heavy rain and flood producing convective systems, and their accompanied quantitative precipitation forecast/estimate (QPF/QPE) problems. S-POL is requested in order to make coordinated observations in conjunction with facilities from NOAA, Taiwan, and Japan to create a network that will permit observations of convective systems that propagate into or develop near Taiwan.
General Information

Country Overview
Taipei – is the seat of government of the Republic of China and is the center of commerce and culture
Tainan – is the oldest city in Taiwan and was the capital during imperial times. It is famous for its historic buildings and snack food.
Kaohsiung – is the second largest city on the island and has one of the busiest sea ports in the world. It also has the islands second largest airport Kaohsiung International Airport

Climate
Taiwan has a marine tropical climate, meaning cool winters (15 degrees Celsius) and sweltering, humid summers (above 30 degrees Celsius) from June to September. The best time of year to visit is from October to December, although a typhoon could spoil your fun. Spring has more rain but can be very pleasant.

Map
Language
Young Taiwanese speak some English, however more English is spoken in Taipei (less in Tainan and Kaohsiung). More Taiwanese can read English, so write down your question (keep the words simple and don’t use words with double meanings).

Interpreters
EOL has hired students to be available at the radar site 24/7 or when radar staff is on site. Students will drive staff from housing site to radar site. Communications/phone must be provided to student to assure assess by radar staff at all times.
Passport Information

Taiwan Passport and Visa Information
Entry Requirements:
U.S. passport holders will be allowed to enter Taiwan without a visa for up to thirty days (no extensions allowed) if they have a passport valid for at least six months from the date of entry into Taiwan and they have a confirmed return or onward air ticket. Travelers must have already met any additional visa requirements for the next destination, if applicable. If the passport is valid for less than six months from the date of entry into Taiwan, travelers may apply for a landing visa that has a duration of stay of no more than thirty days and no extensions are allowed. Travelers also have the additional option of applying for and receiving a Taiwan visa prior to arrival in Taiwan.

Embassy Information
• There is no embassy in Taiwan so you must contact the American Institute in Taiwan

Embassy Information Taipei
• AIT Taipei
  o 2nd floor Consular Section
  o #7 Lane 134, Hsin Yi road, Section 3
  o Taipei 106
  o Email – aitamcit@mail.ait.olrg.tw
  o Phone 02-2162-2000, ext.2306
  o Fax 02*2162-2239

  Hours:
  For applications and services:
  Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (by appt only)

  For questions:
  Monday – Friday 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (no appointment needed)

Embassy Information Kaohsiung
• AIT Kaohsiung
  o 5th Floor #2 Chung Cheng 3 Road
  o Koahsiung, 802
  o Phone – 07-238-7744
  o Fax – 07-238-5237

  Hours:
  Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (no appointment needed)
Hotlines – all Taiwan Counties


Passport Health

- [www.passporthealthco.com](http://www.passporthealthco.com)
  2355 Canyon Boulevard
  Boulder, CO 80302
  (303) 442-8728

- **Vaccinations Required (start now with Hepatitis)**
  - Hepatitis A & B (series takes 6 months) Hepatitis shots are good for your life-time
  - Typhoid (one shot)
  - Encephalitis (takes 4 weeks of 3 shots)
  - Tetanus (one shot)
  - Polio Booster (one shot)
Contacts

National Taiwan University
- Dr. Ben Jong-Dao Jou
  - Head of Meteorology Division, National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction
  - Address: No.1, Sec. 4 Roosevelt Road, Taipei 10617, Taiwan
  - Telephone 886-2-3366-3906
  - Fax – 886-2-2362-8962
  - Email: jou@hp7356.as.ntu.edu.tw

Taiwan Central Weather Bureau

Taipei CWB
Address 64 Gong Yuan Road, Taipei, Taiwan
- Telephone- 888-2-2349-1118 Fax -886-2-2349-1110

Contacts
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  - Telephone – 886-2-2349-118, Fax 886-2-2349-1110
  - Ci@cwb.gov.tw
- Dr. Jason, Hao-Chu HSU, Chief Radar Branch Telecommunication and Radar Division
  - Telephone – 886-2-2349-1043, Fax 886-2-2346-1049
  - HSU@cwb.gov.tw
- Dr. Hwang, Wei-JYH (Salem) Director Telecommunication and Radar Division
  - Telephone – 886-2-2349-1040, Fax 886-2-2349-1049

Tainan CWB (Southern Region Weather Center)
Address: 21 Gongyuan Rd., Tainan City 70050
- Telephone – 06-3459234 Fax -06-3459236

Contacts
- Dr. Wu Fu-Yu – Deputy Director
  - Telephone 06-3459210 Fax -06-3459236
  - Email – wfu@smail.cwb.gov.tw
- Dr. Chin, Hsin-Lun – Director
  - Telephone 06-3459201, Fax – 06-3459204
  - Email – artjir00@smail.cwb.gov.tw

Central Weather Bureau Address
Tainan
- Address/ No. 660, Sec 1, Shi-Men Road, Tainan 700, Taiwan Tel/ 886-6-213-5555
- Address/ No. 202 Cheng-Kung Road, Tainan, Taiwan, R.O.C. Tel/ 886-6-229-0271
Central Weather Bureau Phone Numbers

- Central Weather Bureau (headquarters) (02) 2349-1102
- Keelung (02) 2422-4240
- Hsinchu (03) 551-2153
- Taichung (04) 2222-2505
- Wuci (04) 2656-2481
- Sun Moon Lake (049) 285-5148
- Chiayi (05) 232-0143
- Southern Region Weather Center (06) 345-9234
- Kaohsiung (07) 821-3373
- Hengchun (08) 889-2037
- Yilan (03) 932-2054
- Su-ao (03) 996-4654
- Hualien (03) 832-2025
- Chenggong (089) 851-038
- Taitung (089) 322-139
- Dawu (089) 791-005
- Penghu (06) 927-2018
- Alishan (05) 267-9980
- Lanyu (089) 732-587
- Kinmen (082) 373-357
- Matsu (0836) 26-457

Phone Information

Calling Home
Please purchase a prepaid calling card and call home from the hotel.

Pin City Information
Username: WLEE1
PW: WLEE1
Pin#: 49788141111

From: Taiwan To: United States (48 States)

Country Code: 1  Toll Free Rate: $0.075
Dialing Instruction:
1. Dial Toll Free Access Number: 080-909-5168
2. Enter your PIN number (same as your master account)
3. Enter your destination number: 002 + 1 + area code + phone number

*080-909-5168 cannot be accessed from a payphone and mobile phone in Taiwan.

Using cell phone, the rate doubles (instruction follows):
From: Taiwan (Mobile Phone) To: United States (48 States)

Country Code: 1 Toll Free Rate: $0.15

Dialing Instruction:
1. Dial Toll Free Access Number: 080-909-8900
2. Enter your PIN number (same as your master account)
3. Enter your destination number: 002 + 1 + area code + phone number

Calling from Boulder, use local access number (720)-206-0606, then enter the pin, then
011-886-2-xxxx-xxxx for Taipei
011-886-7-xxxx-xxxx for Kao-Hsiung
011-886-xxxxx-xxxx for cell phone

The rates are:
Taiwan- outside Taipei 886  $0.033
Taiwan - Mobile 886  $0.110
Taiwan - Taipei 886  $0.029

**SIM Cards**
- Blue International Card
  - Free Incoming Calls
  - Free Incoming Text Messages
  - Outgoing Text Messages .40 cents
  - Calling US from this card is $3.00 + per minute

- Orange Local Card
  - Per minute cost is about NT$8 (US$.25)
  - Incoming calls are free but the caller foots the bill

**Transportation**

**General Information**
- Driving – NO
- Taxis – Yes, ask rate charge before you accept the taxi ride
  - Take a card written in English and Chinese identifying the location you want to go to – present to Taxi driver
  - Always remember to keep a hotel card with you identifying where you are staying, address, and phone number
Note:
You should carry the following cheat sheet with you to help you when reading the street signs

North
South
East
West

High Speed Train
- The Taiwan High Speed Rail (Traditional Chinese: also known as the THSR) is Taiwan’s high-speed rail network, running approximately 335.50 kilometers (208 mi) from Taipei City to Kaohsiung City.
- Travel from Taipei City to Kaohsiung city in roughly 90 minutes as opposed to 4.5 hours by conventional rail [4], although regular scheduled THSR trains take approximately two hours when incorporating all the stops.

Take the Green Train
- Thirteen Taiwan High Speed Rail stations were planned in the western corridor, with eight stations already open in Taipei, Banciao, Taoyuan, Hsinchu, Taichung, Chiayi, Tainan and Zuoying. Five more stations (in Nangang, Miaoli, Changhua, Yunlin and Kaohsiung) will be built for future years.
- Nangang Station (planned): underground, located in Nangang
- Taipei Station: underground, located in downtown Taipei City, shares the station with Taiwan Railway Administration
- Banciao Station: underground, located in Banciao, shares the station with Taiwan Railway Administration
- Taoyuan Station: underground, located in Jhongli, near Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport
- Hsinchu: elevated, located in Lioujia, Jhebei, near Hsinchu Science Park
- Miaoli (planned): elevated
- Taichung: elevated, located in Wurih
- Changhua (planned): elevated
- Yunlin (planned): elevated
- Chiayi: elevated, located in Taibao
- Tainan: elevated, located in Gueiren
- Zuoying Station: ground level, located in Zuoying District, Kaohsiung City, joint station with Taiwan Railway Administration’s new Zuoying Station, line terminal until extension to downtown Kaohsiung Station is built.
- Kaohsiung (planned): underground, downtown Kaohsiung City, joint station with Taiwan Railway Administration’s new Kaohsiung Station.
High Speed Train Map

High Speed Train Cost
- The tickets will cost significantly less than the price of a plane ticket. The high-speed fares are currently set at a top economy fare of about NT$3.5 per kilometer, which would price a one-way ticket to Kaohsiung at about NT$1200 (US$37.50).
- Purchase at train ticket window and keep payment receipt for reimbursement
- Train offers refreshments and there are facilities onboard
- Note train is 30 minutes from Airport in Taipei to the High Speed Train Station

Taxis
- Out-of-town or long-distance travels may not apply to meter charge, therefore travelers are advised to set a fixed price before getting on the taxi.
- Always keep a hotel card with you identifying where you are staying, address and phone number
- Take a card written in English and Chinese identifying the location you want to go to – present this to the Taxi driver.
- NT$10 dollars tip needed for a cab ordered by phone and for luggage placed in the back of the taxi.
- A 20% surcharge is added to fares between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m
- An additional NT$5 is charged for every two minutes of waiting
Kaohsiung

Kaohsiung Travel Information

Domestic Travel
886-7-801-9206 No.2, Jhongshan 4th Road, Siaogang District, Kaohsiung City
Domestic Travel Service Center of Kaohsiung Tourism Association.

International Travel
Airport Facilities
Service Hotline: 0800-252-550; 886-7-805-7888
Office Hours: All year round: 9:00 am to 00:30 am

International Information Center:
07-8057631 0800-090108 Service: 05:30-21:30
Mail: kia@mail.kia.gov.tw

Service: 08:30-12:30 / 13:30-21:30 (81252)

Lodging

National Citizen Hotel
No. 134, Chung Chen 1 Rd., Kaohsiung, Taiwan
Tel: 07-725-2918 Fax: 07-725-4184

- Earliest check-in at 15:00
- Laundry
- 24 hour Room Service
- Conference Room
- Restaurant
- In Rooms
  - Air conditioning
  - Hairdryer
  - Cable / Satellite Television
  - Coffee Maker
  - Wake up call
  - Voltage 110v
  - Direct dial phone

NOTE: It takes ~30 min from this hotel to the train station. The high speed train (stop at Tao-Yuan) departs every 30 min (make sure one takes the train stops at all stations). It takes ~1.5 hours between Zuoying and Tao-Yuan. Figure another 30 min for the shuttle, it will take about 3 hours to get to the airport. Therefore, departing the hotel around 6:00 am will give staff plenty of time to get to the airport if you have a 12pm flight.
Medical Information

General Information about Medical Care and other needs for International Travel visit: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1036.html

Emergency Numbers in Kaohsiung
- Fire/Ambulance: 119
- Police: 110
- Taipei 24hr. emergency hotline: 02-2552-2046
- Tourism Info Hotline – 02-2717-3737

YUANS’s GENERAL HOSPITAL (Preferred Hotel)
- Hospital Address: 62 Chengkung First Road, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
- Phone: (07) 335-1121
- Ambulance for Yuan’s General Hospital
- Phone: 07-331-16836
- Fax: 07-335-4114
- Email: juliebe_mrk@yuanhosp.com.tw

KAOHSIUNG MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, CHUNG-HO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
- Hospital Address: No. 100, Shih-Chuan First Road, Kaohsiung 807, TAIWAN
- Phone: 886 7 322 0787
- Fax: 886 7 311 6154

Crane Rental Information

Kaohsiung
- Visited gentleman, does not speak English, could not get name, have Chinese business card
- Phone: 07-7712879 7712989
- Fax: 07-7251560
- Charge - $400/day for services requested by Jeff Bobka (guessing on price)

Shopping Kaohsiung

- Grand Hi-Lai Hotel
  - Address: 266 Cheng Kung 1st Road, 801, Kaohsiung, Taiwan

This hotel has underground or lower floor shopping – offering groceries, and all department store items. One stop shopping and most personnel will understand English if written down.
Don’t forget the food court.
Located in the central business and financial district, at the junction of Chengkung 1st Road and Hsintein Road. The hotel is a 20-minute drive from the airport, 10 minutes drive from the train station and less than one hour drive away from the various tourist spots.

Entertainment Kaohsiung

Flying Square

Flying Square is the Soho Area of the Kaohsiung County, full of freedom, creation, and arts. Flying Square, named after the idea of Fongshan City flying over the clouds, is a square with freedom and liberation. After numerous constructions, the nearby environment turns into a peaceful and quiet area. Adding an artistic touch to the public facilities, the construction plans of Flying Square include active public arts facilities, landscape walking paths, colorful and artistic streets and chairs, landscape platforms, artistic and aesthetic walking hallways, attractive street entertainments, water views, coffee shops, flowing age walls, etc. Accordingly, the citizens of the Kaohsiung County can enjoy a cup of coffee and have an artistic and peaceful night as those at the Urban Spotlight in Kaohsiung City.

Riverbank Cycling Lane in Kaoping River Ecological Park

After the cycling lane is completed, it will be the longest riverbank cycling lane in Taiwan. The embankment is a good place to enjoy the view of the mountains nearby and the river. In addition, the colorful brick pavement on the revetment makes the environment relaxing and attracts many people to visit, and to enjoy jogging and cycling every morning and evening. The riverside sandbank is an excellent place for bird watching. Many water birds such as egrets, night herons, moorhens, and quails linger on in this area. In winter, grey herons and migratory birds (Himantopus himantopus) can also be seen. People can observe the bird ecology as they are bicycling.

Pingpu Cultural Museam

The first Pingpu Cultural Museum in Taiwan is the work of scholar Liu, Huan-Yuan, who has been researching Pingpu culture for years and was entrusted with the planning and establishment of the museum by the Kaohsiung County Government. Though small, the Pingpu residential and public buildings set up in school classrooms are unique in that they contribute to our understanding of Pingpu culture which is on the verge of disappearing. The Pingpu tribe, being unable to compete with the Han people who arrived later, receded to the other side of the mountain and was gradually assimilated into the Han culture. Siaolin is the only area that has completely retained Pingpu culture owing to inconvenience of transport in the early days. Ceremonial activities held on September 15 of the lunar calendar each year to commemorate the museum’s establishment serve as a good opportunity to preserve the indigenous culture.
Night Markets

At the heart of any Chinese city are the markets, and Kaohsiung is no exception. Although the morning markets are largely economical places to buy breakfast and fresh meats or produce for cooking at home, the night markets are more like a cultural event where you can combine intensive shopping and eating while rubbing shoulders with several hundred or thousand of your neighbors. Here you will find a wide range of food vendors cooking and selling an astounding assortment of food, from home-style Chinese comfort foods to sushi to ice cream. Neighboring stalls are piled high with clothes, watches, beauty products, herbal health remedies, and just about anything else anyone might want to buy at a discount price. Gamblers and game players play pachinko and carnival games for cash and prizes. Kaohsiungs night markets are a great place to sample inexpensive Taiwanese foods and get a feel for the pulse of Taiwanese life.

Museums and History

Kaohsiung has been inhabited for thousands of years, first by aborigines and later by the Han Chinese and later the Dutch. To learn about these people and more, Kaohsiung’s museums are a great place to go to explore the city's past as well as its present and future. The Kaohsiung History Museum frequently rotates exhibits, making it an educational place worth visiting again and again. The Kaohsiung Science and Technology Museum is billed as being the second largest in the world, and the largest in Asia. Their range of interactive exhibits makes it an exciting place visit for kids and an informative one for adults.

History of Kaohsiung

Kaohsiung, like many cities in this part of the world, has a long and checkered past. Over the centuries it has been inhabited by many different peoples, been known by many different names, and fallen under the control of successive world powers. All things considered it is no wonder it boasts such a diverse and colorful culture.

Archaeological digs have turned up evidence that the area around Kaohsiung was inhabited prior to 4000 B.C., but by whom, for how long, and what became of these mysterious people remain obscured in the clouds of history. The earliest inhabitants about whom anything is known were Austronesians, the forefathers of the modern Aborigines. These people migrated to the island from present day Malaysia. The first such group is thought to have settled along the shores of southwestern Taiwan as early as 4000 B.C. Subsequent waves of these immigrants were to arrive, the last group settling a mere 1000 years ago. For the most part they were fishermen and small-scale farmers, living in villages along the coast. Thus began the agriculture and fishing that have come to play such an important role in the local economy.
The first traceable marks of Chinese culture in Taiwan appeared in the 12th and 13th centuries. In 1206 the island became a protectorate of the Mongol Empire under Genghis Khan, but no Chinese government was established on the island until much later. In the meantime, the aboriginal peoples continued to dominate the Kaohsiung area.

In 1624 the Dutch became the first Europeans to arrive in Taiwan. They colonized the island, setting up their headquarters in Tainan and constructing forts in the area of modern Tso Ying district. While the north was contested by the Spanish, the Dutch held the southern part of the island until they were forcibly expelled in 1661 by the forces of the Chinese general Cheng Cheng-Kung, also known as Koxinga.

Koxinga, viewed by the Qing government of the time as a pirate, was a Ming loyalist who planned to use the island as a base of operations in his war to overthrow the Qing Dynasty (1368-1644) and reinstate the Ming (1644-1911). Cheng established Wan Nien County in modern Tso Ying and extended agricultural activities around the Kaohsiung area. In May 1662 Cheng Yung-Hua was appointed the first governor of the region, and two years later Kaohsiung became known as Wan Nien Chow. With the implementation of the imperial examination system in 1666, the branding iron of Chinese imperial culture made its first indelible marks on Kaohsiung and Taiwan as a whole. This century of change also saw the construction of some of Kaohsiung's oldest surviving buildings, such as the Matsu Temple and original Confucius Temple.
Taipei Travel Information
Chiang Kai-Shek International

- Airport Code: TPE
- Full Airport Name: Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport
- Address: Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, PO Box 9, Taiwan, Republic of China
- Country code: 886
- Telephone: (0) 3-383-3728
- Fax: (0) 3-383-4801
- E-mail: manager@ckairport.gov.tw
- Website: www.cksairport.gov.tw
- Number of Terminals: 2
- Time Zone: GMT + 8

Location
The airport is located 40km (25 miles) southwest of Taipei

Transfer between Terminals
A free shuttle bus service transfers passengers between the terminals.
Driving Directions
From Taipei, take the Sun Yat-sen freeway southwest towards Taipei and Taichung/ChungLi, and turn off at the airport interchange, just after the Nankan Nokan interchange.

Car Parking
Car parks are located on the ground level of the east and west sides of the Terminal 1 building, and on the ground and underground levels of the east and west sides of the Terminal 2 building.

Car Hire
There are car hire service counters in the Arrivals lobby of terminals 1 and 2.

Public Transport
**Road:** Taxi: Taxis are available from the Arrivals hall 24 hours a day to Taipei and Taichung. Bus: Six companies, including the Kou Kuang Motor Transport Co Ltd and Taiwania Air Bus; serve city center destinations (journey time: 40 minutes), as well as Taipei Rail Station. There are also buses to Taoyuan and Chungli run by the Taoyuan bus Corporation, and to Taichung (journey time: 2 hours), as well as other areas. **Rail:** A city MRT and high-speed train system are planned for the near future.

Information and Help Desks
There are information desks in each terminal (tel: (0) 3-398-2143 for Terminal 1 or 398-3274 for Terminal 2). A tourist services counter is situated in the passenger reception area of Terminal 1 Arrivals (tel: (0) 3-398-2194).

Airport Facilities
**Money and communications:** Two banks have outlets throughout the airport providing various facilities, including ATM’s and bureaux de change. An Internet room, mobile telephone services, a post office and telephones are located in Terminal 1 Departures. Wireless Internet is also available at various points in the airport.

**Eating and drinking:** Chinese and Western restaurants, fast-food outlets and bars are located around the airport. **Shopping:** There are plenty of shops at the airport, including duty-free. **Luggage:** Lost property offices are located in the basements of Terminal 1 Departures and Terminal 2 Arrivals. Left-luggage services are available on the first floor (Departures) of Terminal 1 and in Terminal 2 Arrivals hall. **Other facilities:** These include a medical center, a nursery and children’s playroom, a barber’s, first aid station, beauty salon and a transit hotel.

**Serviced by the following airlines:**
- Air Macau (Macau)
- Asian Spirit (Basco) [seasonal]
- Cathay Pacific
- Dragonair (Hong Kong)
- China Airlines (Bangkok-Suvarnabhumi, Chiang Mai, Ho Chi Minh City, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Manila, Nagoya-Centrair, Singapore, Taipei-Taoyuan)
- **Mandarin Airlines** (Hong Kong, Ho Chi Minh City)
- **EVA Air** (Macau, Taipei-Taoyuan)
- **Uni Air** (Bangkok-Suvarnabhumi, Hanoi, Seoul-Incheon)
- **Far Eastern Air Transport** (Cheju, Laoag, Seoul-Incheon, Siem Reap, Taipei-Taoyuan)
- **Japan Airlines**
- **Japan Asia Airways** (Tokyo-Narita)
- **Malaysia Airlines** (Kuala Lumpur, Kota Kinabalu)
- **Singapore Airlines**
- **Silkair** (Singapore)
- **Angkor Airways** (Angkor)
- **TransAsia Airways** (Macau)
- **Vietnam Airlines** (Ho Chi Minh City)

### Lodging

**Hotels for overnight stay close to airport**

The *CKS Airport Hotel* (tel: (0)3 383 3666; [www.ckshotel.com.tw](http://www.ckshotel.com.tw)) is located 2km (1 mile) from the terminal and is served by a free shuttle bus. There is a transit hotel in Terminal 2 for passengers waiting to transfer to another flight. In the Arrivals lobby of both terminals, there are hotel reservation counters and hotel representatives. There are no other hotels located in the immediate environs; the closest hotels are 32 kilometers (20 miles) from the airport and include the *Hotel Royal Taipei*, *Imperial InterContinental*, *Grand Hotel Taipei*, *Regent Grand Formosa*, *Riviera Hotel* and *The Ritz Landis Hotel*.

### Crane Rental Information

**Taipei**

- Oriental Rigging and Equipment Corp
  Email: orecasia@ms29.hinet.net
  Fax 886-2-2567-1384
  10F 152 Songjiang Rd Taipei
  02-2567-1388
- Viking Engineering Services Inc
  Email – orecasia@ms29.hinet.net
  Fax – 886-2-2531-6159
  Room 1008 10F 152 Songjiang Rd Taipei
  02-2563-6072
Other Information

Laundry
- There are no Laundromats
- All hotels reviewed offer laundry service (for a charge)
- Some hotels (very few- only one found was the LaPlaza Hotel in Tainan) have in house washing machine and dryer (usually just one)
The front desk offers washing machine soap for a small charge

B & Q Hardware Stores
- B & Q Hardware Stores are located throughout Taipei and Taiwan. They have most any tool or material you will need for home improvements projects. If you have 220 volt electronics from another country you should be able to find power transformers here.
- No. 720, Wen Hsien Road, North District, Tainan City 70451  06-358-5656
- No. 218. Wu-Miau Road, Ling Ya District, Kao Hsiung City 80289  07-225-9111

Banking
- ATM’s located at the 7 Eleven convenience stores, on almost every block.
- ATM’s located all over the city- be sure you look for the plus sign to assure you are offered to perform transaction in English
- Consider contacting your bank and credit card company before going overseas. Many banks prefer notice. This could avoid having your account shut down due to activity flagged as "suspicious, possibly fraudulent". Elevations Credit Union particularly appreciates this notice.
- The best monetary exchange rates are generally realized through use of ATMs. Elevations CU transactions use very favorable exchange rates, but do post a 1% transaction fee (be sure to note this fee on your travel reports). When using credit cards for such things as hotel rooms, there will often be no transaction fee noted on your statement, but a less favorable exchange rate is used, sometimes effectively equating to a 3% transaction fee.

Shipping
We have little information yet-
- FPS has informed their contact of this project
- All inventory is checked line item by line item and accuracy is of the most importance.
- The shipment must be addressed to National Taiwan University, this will assure less problems with customs.
Computing

- If Google search comes up with all Mandarin characters, try adding the sub-path "ncr" to your Google address (I found this to give search results in English; example: [http://www.google.com/ncr](http://www.google.com/ncr)).
- Be advised that the wireless (and general network) protocol used by some hotels will create dynamic IP addresses for your guest machine. These constantly changing IP addresses are not handled well by certain security-enabled features, and flag a session as being possibly "hijacked". This can result in disconnection of your login to such services as EOL Horde WebMail, and perhaps to some secure login sessions such as ssh. VPN seems to work well enough under these circumstances.

Health Information

Water

- Taiwan’s water sources are heavily contaminated. Boil or purify all water or use bottled water. Brands that passed quality control tests are:
  - Chi Kung
  - Cleanfield Bottled Water
  - Green Time Natural Drinking
  - Alaska Glacier Water
  - Pure Glacier Water

Insect Repellent

- The recommended insect repellent for clothing and for skin can be purchased through Passport Health. However, this does contain DEET.
- If staff members do not want DEET they are welcome to choose an alternative.

Culture Information

Greetings

- A slight bow or nod of the head, as well as a handshake, is considered polite for a first meeting
- Always greet the eldest person first. Stand to greet older or higher ranking people when they enter the room. As a sign of respect, remove sunglasses and hats when greeting an elder.
- A common greeting in Mandarin is ‘ni hao’ (nee how), which loosely translated means ‘greetings’.
- A handshake and nod of the head are appropriate when saying goodbye.

Social Customs

- Use family names plus professional titles to address people (Li Mu Bai is Mr. Li) unless your hosts invite you to use their given names.

Social Gestures

- Point with an open hand, never an index finger, and beckon someone using your entire hand with your palm down, never with a single finger.
- Use both hands to accept or offer an item
Taboos

- Do not touch anyone on the head, especially babies
- Never use your feet to move an object or to point to an object
- Never cause anyone to be embarrassed (losing face)

Restaurants/ Entertainment/ Attractions

Restaurants
Tainan and Kaohsiung
- Kentucky Fried Chicken
- McDonalds
- Steak House
- Starbucks
- Several bakeries – sweets and breads
- Night Market foods are excellent, cheap and safe to frequent for meals

Note: In order to protect the environment, a government policy rules that plastic bags cannot be given freely at stores in Taiwan, but have to be bought at a flat rate of NT $1. Bakeries are an exception as these items need to be hygienically wrapped. Re-useable canvases and nylon bags are sold at most markets.

Shing-Kuang and Far East Department Store
- Food Court
- Groceries
- Department store items
- Spirits
- General needs items
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Project TiMREX Emergency Call List
For Medical, Security, and Safety Emergencies

UCAR Security or American Institute in Taiwan - both numbers answered 24/7
UCAR Security: 01-303-497-1911
American Institute in Taiwan: Kaohsiung
Tel: (07) 238-7744

For minor emergencies:
UCAR Security or American Institute in Taiwan - both numbers answered 24/7
Foreign Affairs Police Office: #260, Chung Cheng 4 Road, Kaohsiung
Tel: 07-261-3000 Ext. 2140/2139
Tel: 07-221-5796
For emergency Tel: 07-215-4342
Hotel: 07-725-2918
Project Manager and Safety Officer: Gordon Farquhardson 0928544315 (while in Taiwan), 37253387307 (while traveling to and from Taiwan)

AIG World Risk: 01-713-260-5508
Policy # EX57300043

For after-hour emergencies call the same number and ask to be connected to the duty officer.

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AIG General Insurance
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Taipei 110
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Tel: 886-2-87586666 - 6800

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for assistance with medical referrals, guarantee payment for medical expenses, local communications problems. Collect calls accepted.

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Reference number: 01-AA-UNM7216B
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• medically supervised return travel to your home
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• medical consultation and evaluation
• medical referrals to Western-trained, English speaking medical providers
• care and transport of unattended minor children

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3. Either by validating your medical insurance or advancing funds to the foreign medical facility. You must repay any expenses related to emergency hospital admissions to Assist America, Inc., within 45 days.