



WCCI 15th World Conference in Education

Garden Villa Hotel, Kaohsiung, Taiwan

Date: December 28, 2011-January 3, 2012

Conference Venue:

Garden Villa Hotel
Kaohsiung, Taiwan



Conference Accommodations:

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- **National Kaohsiung Normal University**
- **National San Yat Sen University**



Conference website: <http://conference.wcci-international.org>

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Conference Overview

The theme of the conference, “Educating for Peace and Harmony with the Earth and Ourselves,” will explore human relationships to the natural world, the relationships within human society, the harms we have done to both and the possibilities for healing the harms through educating for the just and restorative development of a culture of peace.”

The World Council for Curriculum and Instruction (WCCI) 15th World Conference at the Garden Villa Hotel, Kaohsiung, Taiwan will be a unique experience for the following reasons:

- The conference will be held during the Holiday Season and will welcome the New Year, 2013;
- Kaohsiung, Taiwan is a Safe, Healthy, and Ecological City. It is an ideal city in the 21st century because the city developed a pace that is in-line with the demand of development, thus allowing the citizens to continuously improve their way of life and the natural improvement of the industrial, economic, and transportations sectors. They aspire to always maintain harmony between environment and the human conditions. (Kaohsiung City Government website)
- The participants will have the opportunity to visit the rehabilitation project of a village which was heavily damaged by typhoon “Marakot in 2009. Dr. Vincent Shieh, Associate Professor of National Kaohsiung Normal University, and immediate past President of WCCI together with his wife Dr. Angela Lo are the project directors of this post-disaster reconstruction and humanitarian aid to the village.
- The Plenary Session speakers and presenters of the papers, workshops and panel discussion are a perfect fit to their roles because their participation will undoubtedly enrich the conference program.
- The conference program will offer unique opportunities for the participants to experience this once in a lifetime celebration of “New Year Taiwanese style.” Conference participants will be honored guests as we welcome the New Year 2013.

We look forward to a seven-day celebration, exchange of ideas and knowledge, cultural immersion in Kaohsiung, Taiwan and experience the warm hospitality of the local host universities as well as the friendship of WCCI members coming from 35-50 countries of the world.

Come join us in the WCCI 15th World Conference in Education and celebrate New Year, 2013 in Kaohsiung, Taiwan at the Garden Villa Hotel.

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Conference Theme, Discussion Areas and Sub-topics

The theme of the WCCI 15th World Conference in Education is *“Educating for Peace and Harmony with the Earth and Ourselves.”*

Sub-topics:

- *Arts, Language and Culture*
- *Disaster and Catastrophic Education*
- *Earthship Studies*
- *Environmental Justice*
- *Environmental Management*
- *Eradication of Poverty*
- *Gender Education*
- *Global Education*
- *Green Economy*
- *Green Technology*
- *Health and Medical Education*
- *Human Rights Education*
- *Mental Rehabilitation*
- *Peace Education*
- *Spirituality*
- *Sustainable Development*

The subtopics of the conference theme and areas of discussions in the list above are suggestive, not conclusive. Additional ideas may be added as long as they relate to the theme of the conference.

Pedagogy. Instructions, programs, projects and/or curricula as they relate to your specialized area and the conference theme.

Theory. Theories of historical perspectives as they relate to your specialized areas and the conference theme.

Research. Completed research papers in your specialized area and as it relates to the conference theme. The research paper should include objectives, methodology, analysis of the findings and recommendations.

Special Reports on grants and special publications (modules, etc.) on successful and effective instructional techniques and community outreach activities that are related to your special interests and to the conference theme.

All the above should give special attention on non-violence and conflict free societies which is the focus of the mission of WCCI as it relates its world conferences to the UN theme of the Culture of Peace and other initiatives.

Important Deadlines:

- Call for Papers April 1, 2012
- Full paper submission November 30, 2012
- Acceptance letter June 30, 2012
- Early Bird registration September 30, 2012
- On –Site Registration December 28, 2012
- Hotel Reservation deadline October 30, 2012

Call for Papers/Workshops/Panel Presentation and Format of Presentation

Paper sessions will be limited to 20 minutes with an additional 10 minutes for discussion. Workshop presentations will be limited to 90 minutes. Panel sessions will be limited to 90 minutes, in which three or more presenters will be given an opportunity to speak in an open forum. Strict time limits will be enforced for all the presentations.

1. Abstracts of no more than 100 words or less should be submitted no later than **April 1, 2012**. The one-page, single-spaced abstract should include the following information.

- Title of the Paper, Workshop and Panel Presentation
- Name(s) of lead presenter(s)
- Position/Title
- Institutional/Organizational affiliation
- Mailing Address
- Phone Number(s), fax number
- E-mail address
- Names of co-presenter(s) and/or team members
- A brief biography of presenter(s) and/or co-presenter(s).
- Brief description of the presentation (100 words or less). For workshops, please add content of workshop, workshop plan and timetable.

The abstracts should be presented in Word format and should also include no more than **five keywords**.

Important: Please use the *Presentation Paper Proposal Form* for proper documentation.

2. Acceptance letters of accepted paper proposals will be mailed or emailed by June 30, 2012. All abstracts will be peer reviewed.

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3. At least, one of the presenters must register for the conference by the Early Bird registration deadline on **September 30, 2012** to ensure inclusion of the presentation in the Conference Program. Without valid registration, presentation cannot be included in the Conference Program. **All presenters MUST be a paid member.**
4. A maximum of two proposals can be submitted for review. However, only **ONE** will be accepted for presentation and the author(s) must make a commitment to present it in person.
5. Electronic copy of the full paper must be submitted no later than **November 30, 2012.**
6. Selected papers will be included in the conference proceedings.

*Proposals for papers/workshops/panel presentations from the international participants should be sent directly to **Dr. Jessica Kimmel** at kimmel@uiwtx.edu and a copy to wcci@alliant.edu.*

*Proposals for papers/workshops/panel presentations from Taiwan should be sent directly to **Dr. Victor Fang** at t1667@nknuc.nknu.edu.tw*

Conference Fees — *for International Participants only*

Early Bird Registration <i>(Postmarked by September 30, 2012)</i>	Member	Non-Member
Regular	US\$350.00	US\$ 425.00
Student	US\$200.00	US\$225.00
Guest Rate*		US\$250.00

**conference materials not included*

Registration fee includes four lunches, international banquet and conference materials.

Early Bird Registration is strongly encouraged due to space limitations. Early Bird Registration must be postmarked or received by **September 30, 2012**. Any Registration fee received after this date will be held and applied to the On-Site Registration fee. See the table above. *Registration must be accompanied with Membership Card or a letter from the Secretariat to attest you are current in your membership. Without current membership, you are not considered paid member. Therefore, you will have to pay the Non-member fee.*

Checks received after September 30, 2012 are subject to additional fee and will be treated as On-Site Registration Fee.

On-Site Registration <i>(Postmarked after September 30, 2012)</i>	Member	Non-Member
Regular	US\$400.00	US\$ 465.00
Student	US\$ 250.00	US\$ 275.00
Guest Rate*		US\$ 300.00

**conference materials not included*

Refunds: A refund of all fees less a \$50.00 processing charge will be made if written cancellation is received by **November 1, 2012**. No full or partial refunds will be given after that date.

Payment: can be made by bank draft, money order, or personal checks in US Dollars payable to **WCCI**. Please send the check to WCCI Secretariat, HSOE RM 308 Alliant International University, 10455 Pomerado Road, San Diego, CA, 92131 USA or you can register on line at <http://conference.wcci-international.org>

Accommodation



The participants will be registered at the Garden Villa Hotel. The Garden Villa is an exquisite hotel that has two underground levels and 10 floors above the ground, including 211 trendy guest rooms, 20 professional meeting rooms, an international conference hall that accommodates up to 500 persons, an exhibition hall with a capacity of 1,000 persons, and 3 top western and Chinese restaurants that serve delicate gourmets.

The Garden Villa is located at the heart of the municipality of Kaohsiung and has the most beautiful view of Lotus Pond (Lianchitan). Within 1,000 meters there are Zuoying Station of Taiwan High Speed Rail, Kaohsiung MRT stations, Zuoying Railway Station, interchanges of the national highway, Kaohsiung Arena, Hanshin Department Store, and Shin Kong Mitsukoshi Department Store.

The Garden Villa is the newest and trendiest hotel in Kaohsiung. Facing hundreds of hectares of greens and the lake, it is an architecture that integrates the elements of the nature and the color of green into the entire design, allowing you to enjoy the oasis within a city. The look of the hotel uses the tone of white color to depict the appearance of a castle. When you walk into the lobby you will instantly feel the grand atmosphere of the glass lobby, where our detail-driven services await for your command.

The Garden Villa is also built for the Diwan University with a wholly owned fund of NT\$500 million. It is designed and managed by a 5-Star team. Our aim is to provide the best services in an ambience that is simple, ecologically friendly, natural, relaxing, business-oriented, and comfortably paced, allowing every guest to have the best experience of our hospitality.

Deadline: June 15, 2010. Hotel rooms are limited. After the deadline you are responsible to look for available hotels in the area. Please remember that all hotels rooms in Pécs, can be easily taken at this time because of the celebration of 2010 Pécs European Capital of Culture.

Standard Single With one bed	Standard Twin With two beds	Deluxe Single With one bed	Deluxe Twin With four beds
NT\$ 2,100/ per night	NT\$ 2,500/per night	NT\$ 2,500/per night	NT\$4000/ night

Rate: includes breakfast. Taxes might apply

Note: NT\$ - New Taiwanese dollars. To convert US\$ to NT\$, please copy the <http://www.xe.com> to your browser.

Reservations should be made by sending the request directly to Garden Villa Hotel. Contact persons: Ivy Done at ivy.done@gardenvilla.com.tw Please download the Hotel Reservation For at <http://conference.wcci-international.org>

Deadline: October 30, 2012. Hotel rooms are limited. After the deadline you are responsible to look for available hotels in the area. The rooms at this time are in demand because of the Christmas holiday.

Cancellation of Hotel Reservation. Inform Garden Villa Hotel one week before the intended arrival. Failure to do so, the total amount of one night stay will be charged to your credit card.



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Visa Matters#

Visit the official website of Taiwan at <http://taiwan.visahq.com>

Please allow yourself ample time to apply for your visa.

Taiwan visa requirements, please call 1-800-345-6541

Taiwan tourist visa is not required for citizens of United States for a stay up to 30 days.

Good to go if the term of your stay in Taiwan is **less** than 30 days. If for any reason you are planning to stay longer than 30 days, please apply for tourist visa with extended duration of stay (one tab down on the left).

Almost packed, anything else?

- **Check the current validity of your passport.**

All travelers will need a passport valid for at least 90 days following your departure date from Taiwan. However, we strongly recommend traveling with 6 months validity on your passport at all times. VisaHQ can assist U.S. citizens with a full range of [expedited passport services](#), including [new passport application](#) and [passport renewal](#).

- **Make sure your passport has blank Visa pages.**

Most destinations, including Taiwan, require that you have adequate un-used pages in your passport, allowing for any necessary stamps upon arrival and departure. We recommend that you have at least two free pages in Visas section of your passport before any international travel. U.S. citizens can get extra [passport pages](#) added to their passports as fast as within 24 hours.

- **Confirm if transit visa is required for any connections.**

Check with your airline in case you have connecting flights overseas as part of your journey to Taiwan. It may be the case that countries you pass through en route to your destination may require a separate transit visa. Please refer to [visa requirements](#) of the specific country.

Taiwan tourist visa is required for citizens of India.

IMPORTANT: Unfortunately, at this time, VisaHQ does not provide full service for tourist visas to Taiwan. All applicants must apply in person at the nearest [Embassy of Taiwan](#). Information below is for reference purposes only. Please address all questions to the Embassy of Taiwan directly.

a

Filled out and signed [Taiwan tourist visa application form](#) 

b

Original, signed India passport with at least 6 months of remaining validity.

c

Passport-type photographs: 2

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d

Visa application form. Visa application form filled out in detail(block letters) and signed by the applicant.

e

Itinerary. Copy of round trip tickets or itinerary.

f

Foreign Exchange or Credit Card copy. Applicant must provide Foreign Exchange or Credit Card copy

g

Bank Statement. Copies of bank statements from the past 6 months.

h

Employment Letter. A letter from your employer/school (on business letterhead, with contact details), stating that a leave of absence has been granted and that you will be returning to your current job. If you are self-employed, include a copy of your business license and tax return. If you are retired please submit proof of your retirement fund.

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Hotel Reservations. Copy of confirmed hotel reservations.

j

Personal Letter. A personal letter from the applicant addressed to the Embassy of Taiwan, explaining the purpose of the trip, dates of travel, cities to be visited, and place of accommodation.

Take advantage of our extensive [embassy and consular database](#) to find the nearest one. Upon contacting the embassy confirm the required documents, the time it takes to process the visa and whether the consulate accepts applications by mail.

Currently VisaHQ visa services are for residents of the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Citizens of Nigeria residing in Nigeria must apply for a [visa to Taiwan](#) in person at the nearest [consulate of Taiwan in Nigeria](#). Please note, application procedures and fees may vary by location. If there is no [consulate of Taiwan in Nigeria](#) there may be a consulate of Taiwan in a neighboring country that covers the jurisdiction of Nigeria.

While we cannot process your travel visa request, travelers should take note of the following advice:

- **Check the current validity of your passport**

For international travel, all travelers will need a passport, valid for at least 90 days following your departure date. However, we strongly recommend traveling with six months validity on your passport at all times.

It is also recommended that your valid passport have at least two un-used pages remaining, for any necessary entry and exit stamps that may be issued. It is also a good idea to review the number of pages and validity remaining your passport well in advance of overseas travel. This will allow for time needed if a replacement passport may be required.

- **Use our Embassy Guide**

Here you can look up [embassy and consular](#) contact information. Our comprehensive database of worldwide embassy address and contact details can help you locate the nearest embassy to seek country-specific guidance

- **Further useful information**

Review our [Travel tips](#) pages and global [Customs Regulations](#) sections before traveling. Here you will find sound advice and up-to-date customs information for any destination country.

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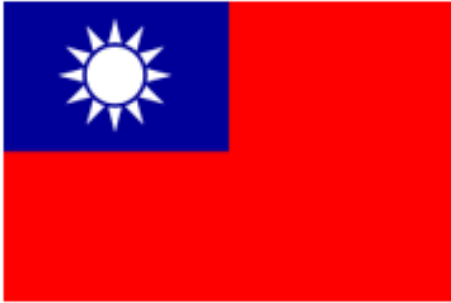
Conference Contacts

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Taiwan



Area: 36,000 square kilometers
Population : 23 million
Language : Mandarin / Taiwanese / Hakka /
Indigenous Languages
Religion : Buddhism / Taoism / Christianity / Islam
President : Ma Ying-jeou

Location

Taiwan's total land area is about 36,000 square kilometers (14,400 square miles). It is shaped like a leaf that is narrow at both ends. It lies off the southeastern coast of mainland Asia, across the Taiwan Strait from China-- an island on the western edge of the Pacific Ocean. To the north is Japan; to the south is the Philippines. Many airlines fly to Taiwan making it become the perfect travel destination.

Taiwan lies on the western edge of the "Pacific rim of fire," and continuous tectonic movements have created majestic peaks, rolling hills and plains, basins, coastlines, and other natural landscapes. Taiwan's tropical, sub-tropical, and temperate zone climates provide clear differentiation between the different seasons. There are about 18,400 species of wildlife on the island, with more than 20% being rare or endangered species. Among these are the land-locked salmon, Taiwan mountain goat, Formosan rock monkey, Formosan black bear, blue magpie, Mikado pheasant, Xueshan grass lizard, and so on.

