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## ALUMNI CLUB OF TAIWAN

**Membership:** About 500

**Our mission:** To enhance friendships among Ohio State alumni in Taiwan and the connection between these alumni and their alma mater.

### What we do

- Network with students and alumni seeking jobs in Taiwan or the U.S.
- Host representatives from Ohio State as well as other Ohio dignitaries visiting Taiwan.
- Cheer the Buckeyes at game-watch parties.
- Meet to play golf, travel, etc.
- Celebrate our Ohio State connections at parties, receptions, and other events throughout the year.
- Represent Ohio State to other interested people.

### Did you know?

- There are an estimated 2,000 Ohio State alumni in Taiwan.
- Four alumni are university presidents in Taiwan:
  - Lung-Sheng Lee '91 PHD*, National United University
  - Tsung-po Lee '93 MA*, National Taichung Institute of Technology
  - Da-Yung Wang '86 MS, '87 PHD*, Mingdao University
  - Min-Teh Yu '86 MA, '91 PHD*, Providence University

### Notable alumni

- *Vincent C. Siew '99 DRH*, vice president, Republic of China (Taiwan)
- *Paul Chiu '71 MA, '78 PHD*, vice premier, R.O.C.
- *Jei-Cheng Cheng '75 MA, '78 PHD*, minister of education, R.O.C.
- *Joseph Wu '89 PHD*, director general of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the U.S., 2007-8
- *Yuan-tseh Lee '02 DRH*, president of renowned research institution Academia Sinica, 1994-2006

### About the Yuan

Most Taiwanese value the *Yuan*, as it's pronounced in Mandarin Chinese or Taiwanese dialect. The Yuan can be considered as the circumstances or luck by which people are brought together. For example, Taiwanese may say, "As decreed by Yuan, he will travel a long way to meet you; otherwise, you might have failed to know him, although he is in front of you."

Most Ohio State alumni originally from Taiwan met each other in Columbus to start their Yuan and continue their Yuan after they are back in Taiwan. Our club serves as a platform for these alumni to keep the Yuan going.

In Taiwan, the pronunciation of "Yuan" is the same as the pronunciation of the Chinese character for "circle." Based upon the Yuan started at Ohio State and continued in Taiwan, the Taiwan club hopes to expand its circle to embrace more alumni and meaningful activities.



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