# The Northwest School Spring Tour 2012

## Taipei

## Schedule & Tour Guide



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Activities are coordinated with our partner school AHSNCCU In Taipei. This tour book is especially compiled for NWS Spring Tour Group 2012 by Chan & Lo.



NWS Spring 2012 Taipei Trip Calendar

4/8 Sun	4/9 Mon	4/10 Tue	4/11 Wed	4/12 Thu
5:50am Arrive Taipei	7:00am Breakfast at 教師會館 Café	7:00am Breakfast at 林家乾麵	7:00am Breakfast at 燒餅油條	8:00am Breakfast at 金峰魯肉飯
7:30am Check in Taipei Teachers' Hostel 台北教師會館 8:00am Breakfast 9:00am Palace Museum 故宮博物院	8:00am AHSNCCU 政大附中 Campus Tour Forum Discussion "Linsanity	8:00am AHSNCCU 政大附中 Classes	7:45am AHSNCCU 政大附中 Weekly Ceremony 8:00am Classes 10:30 NCCU Campus & Village Tour	Free walk to: • Jianguo High School 建國中學 • Botanical Garden 植物園 • National Museum of History 國立歷史博物館 10:30am Check out
11:30am Taipei 101 台北 101	S. S. S.	Ser. A		Check out Head for Airport
12:00pm Lunch at Taipei 101	12:00pm Lunch at 政大附中	12:00pm Lunch at 政大附中	12:00pm Lunch at Campus Village	12:00pm Lunch at Airport
3:00pm CKS Memorial Hall 中正紀念堂 4:30pm Xing-Tien Temple Fortune-Teller Alley 行天宮 算命街	2:00pm Sanxia Blue-Dye Old Street Temple 三峽藍染/老街 清水祖師廟	2:00pm Danshui Fishman Wharf Fort San Domingo Old Streets 淡水 漁人碼頭 紅毛城 老街	2:00pm Maokong Cable Car Tea House Mountain Hiking U-Theater Drumming Group 貓空纜車 優人神鼓	2:30pm Depart Taipei
6:00pm Dinner at Chingye- Shingleyuan 青葉新樂園 [w/AHSNCCU] Huashan Arts Center 華山藝文園區	6:00pm Dinner at Mongolian Hotpot 鍋大爺蒙古火鍋 8:00pm PartyWorld KTV 錢櫃KTV	6:00pm Dinner at Shi-Lin Night Market 士林夜市	6:00pm Farewell Dinner at Maokong Big Teapot [Hosted by AHSNCCU] 貓空大茶壺 8:30pm Xi-Men Ding 西門町	
CitiBus 262 back to Hostel 教師會館	CitiBus 262 back to Hostel 教師會館	MRT back to Hostel 教師會館 [士林 to 中正紀念堂]	CitiBus 262 back to Hostel 教師會館	



#### Palace Museum 故宮博物院

Want to feel what a " 5,000 Years Culture " looks like? Welcome to the palace that preserves the treasury for our future generations

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The collection of cultural artifacts held by the National Palace Museum is composed of an enormous treasure trove of objects inherited from the previous Sung, Yuan, Ming and Qing dynasties. Development of the Museum is closely connected to the social changes of modern China. Thirteen years after the founding of the Republic of China, the last Qing Emperor Pu Yi was exiled from the Forbidden City. The cultural artifacts remaining within the palaces were inventoried, and the National Palace Museum was founded.

On October 10, 1925 the National Palace Museum was officially inaugurated to preserve the imperial collections and palatial treasures from the various Chinese dynasties, so that all members of the public and future generations will henceforth be able to freely enter the Palace to admire this cultural inheritance of humankind.

The September 18 Crisis took place in 1931 and the Japanese army invaded northeastern China. In order to ensure the safety of the Museum's collection, the Executive Directors of the National Palace Museum instructed that significant artifacts of the collection be stored in crates in readiness for evacuation at any time. From that point of time onward, these culture artifacts being relocated from city to city till autumn 1948, the fighting between the Nationalist and Communist armies took an adverse turn, and the Central Government made the decision to send the most precious objects in the collections of the Palace Museum and the Preparatory Office to Taiwan.



#### CKS Memorial Hall 中正紀念堂

Taiwan developed to its current status, despite being a small island, largely due to its strategic geographic position. CKS Memorial Hall can be the first page for you to read the history behind this beautiful and interesting island.



On April, 1975, the entire nation mourned the passing of President Chiang Kai-shek. In June, it was decided to build the CKS Memorial Hall in Taipei, in order to commemorate the memory of the leader. The construction site occupies an area of 250,000 square meters. In addition to the **CKS Memorial Hall, the National Opera House, and the National Concert Hall** were built on the same site. The Hall was officially opened to the public on April 5, 1980.

The Memorial Hall is built upon three stories of broad and solid foundations that symbolize "Jhung Jheng" (impartial and righteous). The octagonal roof design creates many "ren" (Man), motifs on the very top, symbolizing the "unification of Man and Heaven." The roof is fashioned in the form of the Altar to Heaven and covered with blue glazed tiles, reflecting the sunlight. The apex of the roof is gold in color and culminates the upsurge glory. None of the other materials, such as the white marble, red cypress ceiling, and light red granite floor, have been tainted with artificial colors, thereby imparting a feeling of sacredness, solemnity, hospitality, and peace.











## Taipei 101 台北101

**Taipei 101** is a landmark skyscraper which ranked officially as the world's tallest from 2004 until the opening of the Burj Khalifa in Dubai in 2010. In July 2011, Taipei 101 was awarded LEED Platinum certification, the highest award in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system and became the tallest and largest green building in the world. The building comprises 101 floors above ground and 5 floors underground. Ground to highest architectural structure : 509.2 meters.

It is a tower for various services: offices for top-ranked international Cos., shopping mall for world famous boutiques, and grand market with all kind of foods.











#### Searching for a peaceful mind?

In the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, our ancestors, motivated by the quiet cultivation of good intentions, worked assiduously to build the Xing-Tien Temple. The mission of the XTT is guided by the divine character of En Chu Kong, Influenced by his charitable spirit, XTT promotes the Five Cardinal Relationships, the Eight Virtues, and sacred teachings, serving as a place for educating and enlightening the society.

The image and ideals of the Xing-Tien Temple shall be pure and austere, so they do not allow visitors to burn spirit money, make offerings of gold, perform folk operas for gods, sanction traditional meat offerings nor maintain a donation box. The Xing-Tien Temple emphasizes its "Five Great Commitments " to society: Religion, Culture, Education, Medical Care and Charity. The principle god worshipped at the Temples is "Kuan Sheng Di Chun" known as "Kuan Yu" in the era of the Three Kingdoms of Chinese history.













#### Fortune Teller Alley 算命街

#### Chinese Fortune Teller Alley, a great way to sense the depth of diversity of Chinese culture in people's daily life.

Chinese fortune telling, better known as *Suan ming* (Chinese: 算命, literally "fate calculating") has utilized many varying divination techniques throughout the dynastic periods. There are many methods still in practice in China, Taiwan and Hong Kong today, and they remain in use due to their accuracy and popularity.







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## Huashan Arts Center 華山藝文園區

Huashan used to be an old Rice Winery started in 1914 and ended in early 1980s. Beginning from late 1990s, some artist-advocate groups strongly proposed the Winery should be transformed to a more useful usage given its location. Taipei City Government assigned the operation right to one private development company in 2007, a private and public partnership development mechanism. Huashan Creative Park finally becomes the largest venue in Northern Taiwan for

> artists and craftsmen to work and showcase their creations. From then, theater groups, painters, wood sculptors, writers, movie producers and directors from Taiwan and abroad have found in the park a timeless pace to showcase their creative talents.







## AHSNCCU 政大附中



Established in 2005, with funds from three parties: The Taipei City Government, National Chengchi University and the Ministry of Education, this brand new high school now has 33 classes (including 18 classes in senior high and 15 classes in junior high). Total number of students is 1,281. Faculty includes 70 teachers and 30 staffs.

Chengchi affiliated high school aims at nurturing the new citizens of the 21st century who can stand in Taiwan and leap to the world, and hopes that their students would have the love for their hometown and the international vision for the world. Accompanying the decoration of various educational environments and the implementation of curriculum, they 'd carry out the person development education, make their students could learn to know, learn to do, learn to live together, learn to be, and learn to fulfill themselves.



#### Sanxia 三峽



Sanxia used to be a blue dye (applying field aster as dyeing agents) center in northern Taiwan back in Chin Dynasty. Tons of cloth were shipped to China for further distribution. Zushi Miau is one of Taiwan's most famous and beautiful temples. It was established in 1770 and has been restored in recent years. The temple contains many ornate carvings in bronze, stone and wood.

Old Street preserves some of the past heritage, including building style, stores, and deco of the town.















#### Danshui 淡水

Following the end of World War II, Danshui (Tamsui) reverted to being a small fishing town. With the expansion of nearby Taipei City, Danshui slowly became a center for tourism along Taiwan's northwest coast. In the last decade, Danshui has become popular as a suburb of Taipei city in the local real estate market.

Following the completion of the Taipei MRT, the town experienced a sharp increase in tourist traffic, resulting in the completion of several riverside parks, the growth of open markets specializing in traditional handicrafts and street-stall snacks, the construction of a fisherman's wharf, and the increase in passenger ferries traversing across and along the Danshui River.







Fort San Domingo was originally built by Spanish in 1636 and reenforced by Dutch in 1640s after they expelled Spanish. Following the Second Opium War in 1868, the British took over the fort, and converted it as their trade consulate. Taiwanese government retrieved the land from the British in 1980 and has classified the Fort a grade one listed historical site and it is now a museum with the interior recreated from the past photographs.





#### Shi-Lin Night Market 士林夜市

Shi-Lin Night Market was built as early as in 1899, and has since become the largest and most well known night market in Taiwan, especially with regards to food, and is a favorite focal point for Taipei's night life.

The night market encompasses two distinct sections sharing a symbiotic relationship: a section formerly housed in the old Shi-Lin Market building containing mostly food vendors and small

eateries; and the surrounding businesses and shops selling other nonfood items. The food court holds 500+ stalls. In addition to the food court, side streets and alleys are lined with storefronts and roadside stands.









## National Chengchi University 政大

Established in 1927, National Chengchi University (NCCU) is noted for its humanities and social sciences disciplines and currently housing 9 colleges, There are more than 15000 students, 600 full-time teachers and 40 research fellows at NCCU.

Given the number of students, around the campus there are numerous shops and food stores form themselves as a village providing daily care for the community.









#### Maokong 貓空

Maokong is given the name of its geographical shape by Taiwanese pronunciation. It is one of the largest tea garden hills around Taipei. Taiwan harvests the best teas in the world through out the island. You will be guided by your partner school friends to enjoy the true Chinese tea incense at a famous tea farm on the back hill of their campus.

#### **U-Theater**

The pronunciation of the letter "U" is similar to the word meaning "excellence" in the Chinese language. The Zen believes that a true artist must combine "Tao" (self-improvement) with "skill" (the learning and maturity of art). Established in 1988, U Theater has continued to give performances and to search for the self in life ever since its inception. The U-people believe that the combination of Tao and skill is the goal of their life and artistic creation.





#### Xi-Men Ding 西門町

Want to know how an old CBD being revitalized? From the Movie Alley to modern Boutique Zone, Taipei's youngsters continue to flock to Xi-Meng Ting in decades.

The name of Ximending was derived from its position outside the west gate of Taipei. In the beginning during Japanese rule, the Japanese decided to follow the example of Asakusa in Tokyo to set up an entertainment and business area here in 1897. Now it is one of the most popular tourist spots among locals and visitors from all over the world. It features a wide array of fashion clothing and accessories in various styles including Japanese, Chinese and Western. that allure young people to visit. It is often a gathering site for young people and has always been considered the most fashionable and popular shopping place in Taipei.



#### Dining & KTV in Taipei

Due to a unique historical legacy, Taiwan is an excellent place for eating Chinese food. In 1949, after withdrawing from mainland China, nearly two million soldiers and refugees moved to Taiwan, bringing to the island cuisine from nearly every part of China. Plus the influences from Japanese, European, and American that make Taiwan's culinary a Delicacy



KTVs emerge from the popularity of karaoke, which started in Japan and then spread out the rest of Asia, and become one of youngsters gathering venues. Transformed from lounge and nightclub entertainment, KTVs provide not only wild variety of songs for singing, but also booths of beverage and food for spending relaxed time. Some social observers say the KTV has laid layer for talent shows in TV programs. High-end sound equipment and glamorous interior design becomes necessity to attract different type of consumers covering from teenagers to elderly club.







#### Mongolian Hot Pot 鍋大爺蒙古麻辣鍋













## Big Tea Pot 阿義師大茶壺

Farewell Dinner Hosted by AHSNCCU







#### Breakfast nearby 早餐











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#### Attractions nearby 鄰近景點

Only two blocks away, you can enjoy and take part in the Sunday morning's mood of Taipei.







#### National Museum of History &

#### Taipei Botanical Garden













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#### Welcome to Taipei Teachers' Hostel



#### Taipei MRT 台北捷運





