

# About Taiwan

## Taipei

Taipei City, where the 2008 International Workshop for Numerical Ocean Modeling will be held, is the capital and also the political, economic and cultural center of Taiwan. The population of Taiwan numbers is more than 22 million. Taipei city covers an area of 271.77 square kilometers. Behind its modern infrastructure, you will be impressed by its traditional culture and hospitality.

Find out more about Taiwan:

<http://202.39.225.132/jsp/Eng/html/attractions/index.jsp>

Find out more about Taipei City:

<http://english.taipei.gov.tw/index.jsp>

Find out more tourism information:

<http://www.taiwan.net.tw/lan/cht/index/index.asp>

## Climate

For further information regarding weather condition, please check the website list below.

► <http://www.cwb.gov.tw/V4/index.htm> (Chinese)

► <http://www.cwb.gov.tw/V4e/index.htm> (English)

## Business Hours

► **Banks:**

Banks are open 9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. on weekdays.

► **Government offices:**

Government offices are open 9 A.M. to noon and 1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. from Monday through Friday.

► **Shops:**

Shops shopping malls, restaurants, etc. are mostly open 10:00 ~ 11:00 to 21:00 ~ 22:00.

## Transportation

### Taxi

Taxis are available 24 hours a day in Taipei. They all have a yellow color and charge by the distance of travelers' trips. It is recommended that you have the name of your hotel written in Chinese on a piece of paper before you leave your hotel, as few taxi drivers speak English. In the CKS International airport, you could go to the information desk of Tourist Information Desk right in the lobby to ask for assistance or any further information. In Taipei city, the rate for taxi is NT\$70 for the first 1.65 kilometers and NT\$5 will be added to every additional 300 meters. A 20% surcharge is added from 23:00 to 6:00 next morning. There is no need to tip the driver. Women passengers are advised to call a taxi company for a pick-up at night for safety reasons.

### Bus

The bus system is reliable and efficient in Taipei. There are more than 300 bus lines and the major transfer hub is around Taipei Main Station. The fare for travel is NT\$15 per section. Most bus services operate until 23:00.

### Metro Rapid Transit System in Taipei

If you would like to experience the beauty of Taipei by yourself, the most economical and logical way for you is to use the Metro Rapid Transit System (MRT). The Taipei MRT system is well indicated with English signs. The "Taipei MRT Tourist Information and Map" which is available at each station serves as a useful guide for you to explore many interesting places in Taipei. Tickets can be

purchased from ticket machines in MRT stations. The fare is based on the trip distance and starts at NT\$20. Those planning frequent trips can buy a one-day ticket for unlimited travel within a day at MRT stations for NT\$200.

( Metro Taipei Service Hot Line: 0800-033-068; (02) 2536-3001 (8:30 -17:30) <http://english.trtc.com.tw/>)

## MRT Route

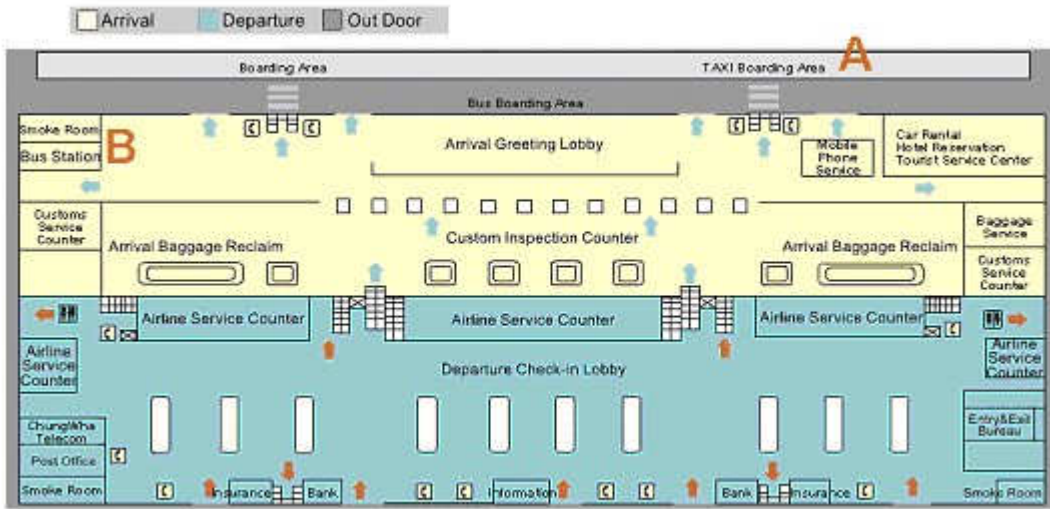


Please refer to <http://english.trtc.com.tw/travel95.asp> for the complete map. Passengers can take the green line to Gongguan Station. It will take approximately 5 minutes to walk from Gongguan Station to the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at NTU.

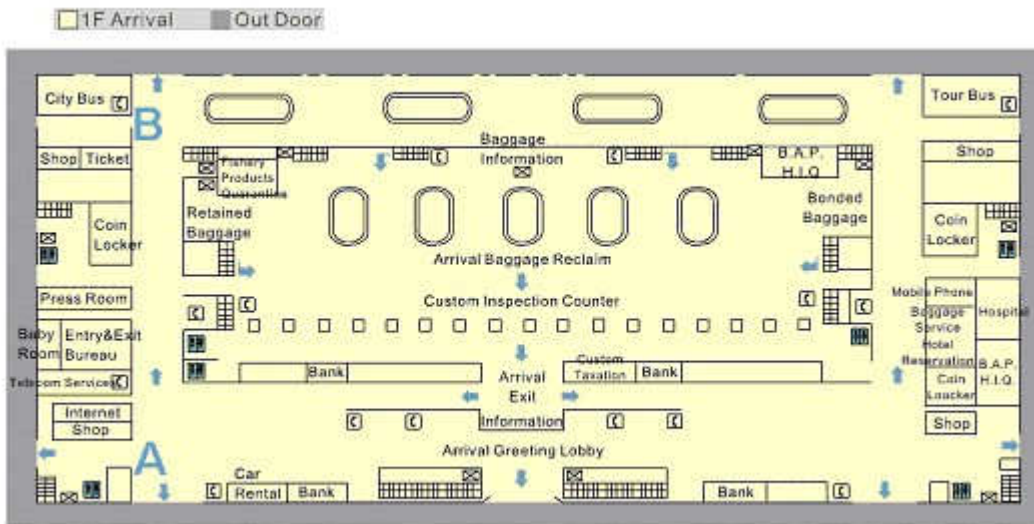
## The Model of the CKS International Airport

## The Shuttle buses between Terminals I and II of the CKS International Airport

## The floor plan of Terminal I



## The floor plan of Terminal II



After completing the arrival procedure, please go to **A** point (refer to the map above) to take a taxi.

## Transportation between Taipei City and the CKS International Airport

### Taxi

Taxi is available at all times from the Chiang Kai-Shek (CKS) International Airport to Taipei City. Costs are approximately NT\$1,200(US\$37~38).

Please link to [http://www.cksairport.gov.tw/CKSeng/transportation/taxi\\_e.jsp](http://www.cksairport.gov.tw/CKSeng/transportation/taxi_e.jsp) to check detailed information about taxi.

### Buses

Six bus companies now provide frequent service between CKS International Airport and important destinations around Taiwan.

They are as follows:

Taiwan Bus Corp; Evervoyage; Toward You Air Bus; Fe Go Express; United Highway Bus; Taoyuan Bus Corp.

### Where to buy bus tickets?

Taoyuan Bus Corporation: Fare paid on the bus.

Other buses: Ticket counters are located in the Arrival Passenger Reception Areas of both Terminals.

### Bus Platform:

- ▶ Terminal I: On the southwest side of the Arrival Passenger Reception Area.
- ▶ Terminal II: On the northeast side of the Arrival Passenger Reception Area on the first floor of the terminal.

### Price:

Adult single fares vary from NT\$110 to \$140.

For detailed information: [http://www.cksairport.gov.tw/CKSeng/transportation/taipei\\_e.jsp](http://www.cksairport.gov.tw/CKSeng/transportation/taipei_e.jsp).

## Currency and Credit Cards

The local currency is the New Taiwan Dollar (NTD). The current exchange rates are 1 USD @ 31.9 NTD and 1 EUR @ 46.9 NTD. Major foreign currencies can be exchanged at CKS Airport and the Grand Hotel. Paper money is currently available in NT\$100, 200, 500, 1,000 bills. Coins have NT\$1, 5, 10, and 50 denominations. Major credit cards are accepted in many shops, but traveler's checks might be accepted only in tourist-oriented shops and hotels. Hotels, department stores, airlines and major restaurants accept international credit cards, which include VISA, American Express, Diner's Club and Master Card.

## Tax

Value Added Tax (VAT) is levied on most goods at a standard rate of 5% and is included in the price. In major tourist hotels, a 10% service charge is sometimes levied on rooms, meals or other services, and will be added to the bill.

## Tipping

Tipping is optional. However, tips are usually given for restaurant services and to hotel porters.

## Voltage

The electric power is 110 volts, 60 cycles, AC.

## Mobile Phone Network

GSM 900MHz/1800MHz

## Language

The official language of Taiwan is Mandarin Chinese, though other languages are also spoken. Many people can speak some English (the most widely studied foreign language), but taxi drivers general speak only Chinese and Mandarin.

## Passport and Visa

We have 30 days visa waiver policy for following countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, U.K., and U.S.

### Requirements:

1. A passport valid for at least six months
2. A return plane ticket or a plane ticket and a visa for the next destination, and a confirmed plane seat reservation for his (her) departure.
3. No extension after 30 days. If you are not from the counties mentioned above, you need to apply Visa. Detailed information: <http://www.boca.gov.tw/ct.asp?xltem=1305&CtNode=109&mp=2>

## Link to Taiwan

1. Taiwan Online-Guide to R.O.C.

<http://www.roc-taiwan.org/>

<http://www.roc-taiwan.org/taiwan/2-visitor/index.htm>

2. Taipei City

<http://english.taipei.gov.tw/index.jsp>

3. Tourism Bureau of Taiwan

<http://www.tboc.gov.tw>

4. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, R.O.C.

<http://www.mofa.gov.tw/>

5. Passport and Visa Information

<http://www.boca.gov.tw/mp.asp>

6. CKS International Airport

<http://www.cksairport.gov.tw/CKSeng/index.jsp>

7. More Public Transportation Details for CKS International Airport [http://www.cksairport.gov.tw/CKSeng/transportation/bus\\_e.jsp](http://www.cksairport.gov.tw/CKSeng/transportation/bus_e.jsp)

8. Central Weather Bureau

<http://www.cwb.gov.tw/V5e/index.htm>

9. OANDA, the currency Site

<http://www.oanda.com/convert/classic>

10. Metro Taipei (MRT System)

<http://english.trtc.com.tw/>

## Useful Phone Numbers

►CKS Int'l Airport Tourist Service Center 886-3-383-3666

►Tourism Bureau's Tourist Information 886-2-2717-3737

►Directory Assistance in English 886-2-2311-6796

►Foreign Affairs Division, Taipei Office 886-2-2381-8341

►Government Information Office 886-2-2322-8888

►International Operator Assistance 100

## CKS International Airport Terminal and airline information

Airlines in Terminal I		
Airlines	Reservations Lines	Service Lines
Air Macau (NX)	(02) 2717-0377	(03) 398-3121
Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)	(02) 2716-6654	(03) 398-2388
China Airlines (CI)	(02) 2715-1212	(03) 383-4106-7
Continental Airlines (CO)	(02) 2719-5947	(03) 383-2404

Far Eastern Air Transport (EF)	(02) 2361-5431 080-053-351	(03) 398-3169
KLM Asia (KL)	(02) 2772-2188	(03) 383-3034
Japan Asia Airways (EG)	(02) 2776-5151 080-065-151	(03) 398-2282
Malaysia Airlines (MH)	(02) 2514-7888	(03) 398-2521
Mandarin Airlines (AE)	(02) 2717-1230	(03) 398-2620
Northwest Airlines (NW)	(02) 2772-2188	(03) 398-2471
Pacific Airlines (BL)	(02) 2543-1860	(03) 398-2404
Philippine Airlines (PR)	(02) 2506-7255	(03) 398-2419
Royal Brunei Airlines (BI)	(02) 2512-6868	(03) 398-2451
Thai Airways (TG)	(02) 2509-6800	(03) 383-4131~4
TransAsia Airways (GE)	(02) 2972-3999 080-066-880	(03) 398-2404
United Airlines (UA)	(02) 2325-8868	(03) 398-2781~2
Viet Air (VN)	(02) 2517-7177	(03) 398-3026
Garuda Indonesia Airline (GA)	(02) 2560-2349	(03) 398-2977
<b>Airlines in Terminal II</b>		
Air New Zealand (NZ)	(02) 2516-9025	(03) 398-3018
Air Nippon (EL)	(02) 2501-7299	(03) 398-2968
Air Canada (AC)	(02) 2503-4111	(03) 398-3580~1
EVA Airways (BR)	(02) 2501-1999	(03) 398-2968
UNI Airways (B7)	(02) 2518-2626	(03) 398-2968
Qantas Airways (QF)	(02) 2522-1001	(03) 398-2619
Singapore Airlines (SQ)	(02) 2551-6655	(03) 398-3988
Dragon Airlines (KA)	(02) 2517-6955	(03) 398-5888

## Emergencies

In case of emergency, please dial **110** for Police; **119** for Ambulance. No coins are required when using public telephones for these two numbers.

## Public Telephone Services

Public telephones are either coin-operated or card-operated. All local and domestic long-distance calls are timed. The basic charge for a local call is NT\$1. Telephone cards can be purchased in most convenience stores. International Direct Dial (IDD) calls can be made by dialing the international access code 002 + country code + area code (without the preceding "0") + local number. Just dial the 8-digit numbers for calls inside Taipei (area code "02"); dial the area code ("03" for Hsinchu) plus the number if you dial to places outside Taipei. International reverse-charge and credit-card calls can be made through dedicated telephones located at international airports and major hotels. For English-speaking directory assistance in Taipei, please call 106. Copy and telefax facilities are available in most convenience stores, major post offices and tourist hotels.