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Travel to the US Visa-Free

前往美國免簽證

Traveling is such a **hassle** sometimes. On top of everything else, many countries require a visa. Luckily, Taiwanese citizens no longer need a visa if they wish to travel to the United States. This applies only to those who plan to stay in the country 90 days or less. The program that makes this possible is called the Visa Waiver Program (VWP).

旅行有時很麻煩。除了準備一切事宜，許多國家都要簽證。幸運的是，如果台灣公民想前往美國，不再需要簽證。這僅適用於計劃在國內停留90天以內的人士。使得這一切成真的方案就是所謂的免簽證計劃（VWP）。



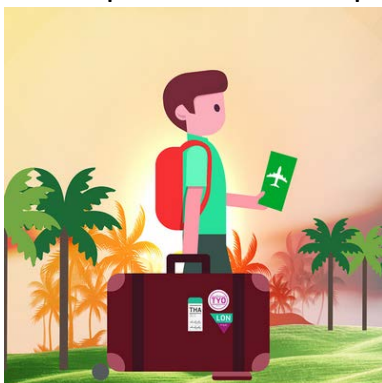
To **apply**, a Taiwanese citizen must go to the official Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) website and fill out an application form. In addition to paying the \$14 application fee, those wishing to travel must also provide their passport information, latest **employment** information, and contact information. Anyone under 18 must obtain a separate **authorization** from the ESTA.

台灣公民要申請免簽，必須到電子旅遊官方授權系統（ESTA）網站上填寫申請表。除了支付14美元的申請費外，那些想去那旅行的人還必須提供護照資料、最新的就業資訊以及聯絡方式。任何18歲以下的人必須獲得ESTA的個別授權。

Taiwanese citizens wishing to apply are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Citizens can apply anytime, but it should be noted that processing the application could take up to 72 hours to complete. Travelers' plans may change or get set back, but luckily the ESTA authorization is

good for two years, as long as a citizen's passport remains **valid**.

想申請的台灣公民要盡快處理。公民可隨時申請，但要注意，完成申請可能需要72小時。旅行計畫有可能變動或延後，但幸運的是，公民的有效護照有效期為二年。



This is great news not just for Taiwanese **nationals**, but for any eligible citizen residing in one of 38 **participating** countries. The

United States is a huge country with an interesting culture. There are many things to see and do there, so take advantage of this opportunity!

這不僅對台灣國民來說是個好消息，對居住在38個參與國中任何一名符合條件的國民來說也是一個好消息。美國這個大國的文化極為有趣。有太多的事能去看去做，抓住這個機會吧！

Vocabulary 好字精選

1. hassle (n) a troublesome inconvenience 麻煩

Filing taxes is a big hassle. 申報稅單真是個大麻煩。

2. apply (v) to make a formal application or request 申請 (+ for sth/ to sb)

Have you applied for the job yet? 你已經申請這份工作了嗎？

3. employment (n) the state of being employed 就業，就職

To find employment, you can look in the newspaper.

要找工作，你可以查看報紙。

4. authorization (n) the act of getting official permission (官方) 授權

Stanley had to obtain proper authorization before he was allowed to travel.

Stanley 在被允許旅行之前必須獲得適當的授權。

5. valid (adj.) legally acceptable 合法的，有效的

Are you sure these documents are valid? 你確定這些文件有效？

6. national (n) a citizen of a particular country 國民，(國家) 公民

Mrs. Weber is a German national. Weber 夫人是德國人。

7. participate (v) to be involved in 參與，參加 (+ in)

I didn't participate in many after-school activities. 我沒有參加很多課後活動。

Phrases and Sentence Patterns 句型解析

1. on top of (phrase) in addition to 除...之外

On top of a stomach virus, Dr. Evans also caught pneumonia.

除了腸胃炎外，Evans 醫生也感染了肺炎。

2. fill out (phrasal verb) to add information such as your name or address in the empty spaces on an official document 填寫，填入 (fill in)

Did you remember to fill out the form? 你記得填好表格了嗎？

3. get + set back (get + phrasal verb) to get delayed 延遲，延後

My appointment with Mr. Garlitz got set back. 我與 Garlitz 先生的會議往後延了。

4. take advantage of (phrase) to make good use of an opportunity 利用，佔便宜
Let's take advantage of the good weather and go outside. 咱們趁著好天氣出去吧。



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The Benefits of Tourism

觀光益處

In the news we often hear about tourism affecting animals and local people in a negative way. However, there are some good **aspects** of tourism.

在新聞上我們常常可以聽到觀光業帶給動物與當地居民一些負面的影響。然而，觀光業也帶來部分益處。

One instance of tourism having a positive effect is in southern Africa. In Namibia, money brought in from tourists has created nearly 80 **conservation** groups that cover one fifth of the country. Certain rhinos, elephants, and other animals that were nearly **extinct** years ago have grown in numbers.

以下是觀光業對非洲南部正面影響的例子。在納米比亞，從觀光客那賺來的資金創造出將近 80 個保育團體，覆蓋了國家的五分之一。特定種類的犀牛、大象及數年前瀕臨絕種的動物數量也開始成長。



The high number of tourists has also helped get rid of many **poachers**. Because governments have realized how much money tourism brings in, they often fight against wildlife crime.

大量的觀光客也幫忙擺平許多盜獵者。因為政府瞭解到觀光業可帶來收益有多大，他們通常為這個原因對抗野生動物犯罪。

Another good effect of tourism can be seen in Papua New Guinea. Many tourists travel there to **witness** cultural festivals. They buy the art made by locals, which enables locals to purchase useful things like medicine.



觀光業的正面影響也可在巴布亞紐幾內亞看到。許多旅客為了親眼見到文化盛宴而到當地旅遊。他們向當地人購買藝術品，這能讓在地人有錢購買如藥物等等實用的生活物資。

As time goes by, hopefully the negative aspects of tourism will go away, and the positive ones will remain. Then the world will be a better place.

隨著時間過去，希望觀光業的負面影響能消失，而正面影響能久久保

持。這樣，世界將能成為一個更棒的地方。

Vocabulary 好字精選

1. aspect (n) a particular part or feature of something 部分；外觀

Finishing homework is just one aspect of being a good student.

完成功課只是作為好學生的一部分。

2. conservation (n) the act of protecting something from harm or destruction 保存；（對自然資源的）保護，管理

The conservation of the environment is important for humanity.

環境的保護對於人類來說是非常重要的。

3. extinct (adj) (of a species) having no living members 絕種的，滅絕的

The dodo bird went extinct long ago.

多多鳥在很久以前就絕種。

4. poacher (n) a person who captures and kills wild animals illegally 侵入他人地界者；盜獵者

Poachers are a big part of why animals go extinct.

盜獵者是動物滅種的一大原因。

5. witness (v) to see, hear, or know by way of personal experience or perception 目擊者；見證人

Jenny was the only witness to the crime.

Jenny是這起犯罪事件的唯一目擊證人。

Phrases and Sentence Patterns 句型解析

1. bring in (phrasal verb) to earn money 獲利，帶進...

Last year the company brought in millions of dollars.

去年這間公司總獲利百萬元。

2. The high number of... (phrase) 大量的（+可數名詞）

The high number of minorities created a culturally diverse city.

大量的少數民族創造出一個多元文化的城市。

3. as time goes by (idiom) as time passes or moves on 隨著時間...

As time went by, he lost more and more money to gambling.

隨著時間過去，他在賭博上失去了越來越多的錢。



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