

Subject: In response to COVID-19, the Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs has organized a special series of Chinese New Year activities to enrich the lives of international and overseas students during the holiday period.

Description:

1. Given the continuing severity of COVID-19, the Taiwanese government has maintained a policy of closely regulating the borders. The Ministry of Education recommends that overseas students avoid all unessential overseas travel so as to prevent the increased risk of spreading the virus during the winter break and to avoid the possibility of being unable to return due to restrictive travel measures, such as temporary suspensions of entry, which may be implemented due to changes associated with the pandemic.
2. As students may be unable to visit family over the holidays due to the pandemic, the International Office has organized a series of Chinese New Year activities. Aside from lessening overseas students' sense of homesickness, the activities will give students the chance to experience Taiwanese culture during the winter break.
3. The aforementioned activities are linked to the third item in the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (health and well-being), as well as the fourth item (educational quality) and the tenth item (reducing inequality). The activity schedule is outlined in the following table, while related details and registration notices will be announced separately.
4. For all related issues, contact Cadence Wang of the International and Mainland Students Guidance Section: Ext #3552.

(Attached table)

| Name of activity | Date | Activity summary | Notes |
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| Spending the holiday season with the TKU family | Mon Jan 18-Sun Feb 21, 2021 | TKU teachers and staff invite overseas students to take part in a variety of activities, including all kinds of social events and New Year's Eve dinner. | Free for students |
| Chinese New Year calligraphy event | 13:00-16:00, Mon Jan 18 to Thur Jan 21, 2021 | Experience writing Chinese calligraphy | Free for students |
| Watching movies in style (with the whole theater to ourselves) | Tues afternoon, Jan 26, 2021 | Watching popular movies | Free for students (max. 90 people) |
| Taiwanese rural wood fire experience | All day, Wed Jan 27, 2021 | USR fun at the farm, roasted chicken and tomatoes | Cost for students: NT \$250 (max. 20 people) |
| A gourmet banquet | 10:00-12:00, Thur Jan 28, 2021 12:00-14:00, Thur Jan 28, 2021 14:00-16:00, Thur Jan 28, 2021 | Dumpling wrapping Tomato and egg stir-fry fun competition DIY dessert experience | Free for students (max. 80 people per session) |
| Overseas Student Chinese New Year Get Together | 18:30, Tues Feb 2, 2021 | Chinese New Year get together, raffle, red envelopes issued by faculty and staff | Cost for students: NT \$300(max. 300 people) |