

Azalea International Folk Fair (AIFF) of Valdosta, GA –
in collaboration with
Lowndes County Schools (LCS) of Valdosta, GA
&
Chia-Yi City Schools (CYCS) of Chia-Yi, Taiwan

sponsors

International Exchange Program (IEP)

Expected Program Dates:

Students from Taiwan will visit Valdosta: February 25 – March 6, 2011

Students from Valdosta will visit Taiwan during the month of June, 2011

Document # CYCS 1 – Purpose and Goal of IEP (in Chinese)

Document # CYCS 2 - Health & Travel Insurance – A MUST!!

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Document # CYCS 9 – **Planning Time Frame:** 1st meeting on Friday, July 8, 2010 – last day of preparation on February 24, 2011

Document # CYCS 10 – **Visiting Schedule:** Friday, February 25 leaves Taiwan – Thursday, March 10 returns to Taiwan (if choose to visit Orlando, FL)

Document # CTCS 11 – Rules of Guests

Document # CYCS 12 – An Invitation to Dinner Banquet saluting Lowndes County Schools, all guests and host families

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(1) 緣起

有感於嘉義市熱心教育的發明人協會陳穗祥理事長, 吳鳳科技大學研發長蔡宏榮博士和許多愛心家長們無私的奉獻, 在 2010 年三月, 我們掌握了一個難得寶貴的機會, 建立起一座瓦爾多斯塔市 (Valdosta City) 的喬治亞州國際民俗文化博覽會 (Azalea International Folk Fair of Valdosta, GA) 和嘉義市學校交流的橋樑。一個多麼美好而難忘的友誼之旅。



我們最敬佩的是嘉義市的大家長黃敏惠市長對教育的真知遠見。黃市長指示, “城市發展要以教育為核心, 以發展人才為首要”。黃市長敦促, 教育孩子不是只有父母、教師的責任, 而是全嘉義市民的責任。黃市長呼籲教師、家長、學校、社區、行政, 五種角色, 共同呵護關懷、努力合作, 為嘉義市青年學子經營、打造一個「人文第一、科技相佐、精緻創新、國際視野」的教育環境。

黃市長提醒我們要積極培養孩子們面對快速變遷的社會, 世界, 還可以保有堅實的競爭力, 創造力, 與人文素養。黃市長說: ”城市的競爭力來自文化產業、來自人才, 人才有賴教育的培育, 透過教育品質的提升, 讓城市的內涵光華耀眼”。黃敏惠市長視野宏觀, 思慮前瞻, 真正是嘉義市的財富。

嘉義市, 一個多麼成功, 美麗, 使人敬愛的城市!!



(蔡宏榮博士代表喬治亞州國際民俗文化博覽會頒發感謝證書。感謝黃市長支持嘉義市學生參加青少年發明展覽和比賽。嘉義市的青少年發明家贏得許多傑出的好成績!!)

從 2010 年的訪問學生身上，我們真正看到嘉義市教育出來的學生不僅具有人文涵養、科學思維，更具創新的精神與全球的視野。嘉義市學校成功地提升學生的競爭力，開發學生潛能，培養德、智、體、群、美五育兼備，身心靈健全、具有國際觀的下一代公民。



(蔡承邑，來自嘉義市民生國中，發明安全盲人手杖，瓦爾多斯塔技術學院 (Valdosta Technology College) 的院長阿爾弗雷德吉爾(Alfred Gills) 授予卓越的特優獎。在創新價值計分項目贏得最高分，第一名。)



(劉長生, 來自嘉義市大業國中和來自嘉義高工的唐俊哲, 合作發明水平手杖, 榮獲喬治亞州電力基金會的代表博尼塔霍奇 (Bonita Hodge) 高度的評價和選定為她的最愛, 授予卓越的特優獎。)



(嘉義高工的王乃賢, 唐俊哲和來自北興國中的陳俊佑, 代表台灣參加第五屆世界民俗文化舞蹈比賽。不讓台灣在這有意義的世界舞台缺席。他們的努力, 值得我們的掌聲鼓勵和讚賞。)



(蔡博士代表喬治亞州國際民俗文化博覽會頒發感謝證書。
感謝嘉義高工校長江耀宗的支持和學生的傑出表現。)

(2) 國際交流合作計劃 (International Exchange Programs)

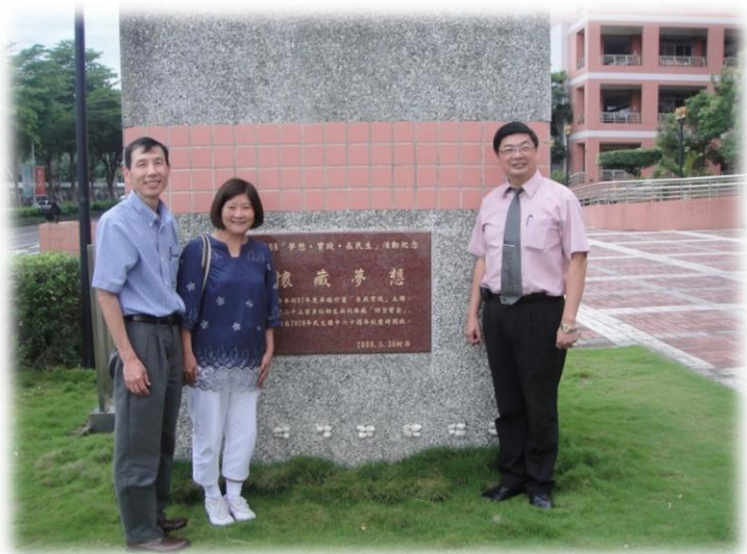
我們覺得非常榮幸能夠在這裡進一步提出國際交流合作計劃 (International Exchange Programs), 從 2011 年開始, 我們希望能師生互訪、交換教師和交換學生, 締結姐妹校或規劃教育夥伴合作計劃, 分享教育資源與教學成果。



(喬治亞州國際民俗文化博覽會 Project Director, Serena Huang,
拜訪嘉義市政府教育處副處長。)



(喬治亞州國際民俗文化博覽會 Project Director, Serena Huang and VSU Professor Dr. Wilson Huang 拜訪嘉義市民生國中代理校長蘇俊洋)



(喬治亞州國際民俗文化博覽會 Project Director, Serena Huang and VSU Professor Dr. Wilson Huang 拜訪嘉義高商校長郭義騰)



喬治亞州國際民俗文化博覽會 Project Director, Serena Huang, 與學校校長會議, 討論國際交流計劃。圖中有新港藝術高中家長代表。右一是民生國中新校長邱坤龍, 右二是嘉義高商教務主任。右三是新港藝術高中學務主任。

(3) 目的

為了擴大追求知識的領域, 透過國際間文教與學術的交流合作, 應是最好的一種方式。國際文教交流不但使本國文化資訊很快地傳遞到世界各地, 同時也可以吸取各國在文化教育上的特質與訊息, 以充實本國文化內涵, 改進不足之處。因此, 文教交流成為二十一世紀世界各國所重視的議題。

在相互傳遞資訊, 彼此觀摩交換研究成果的管道中, 國與國之間將逐漸演變成天涯若比鄰的關係, 尤其可以藉文化與教育的交流, 增進各國人民之間的友誼與了解, 取代政治的嚴肅性, 並藉此使我們的世界邁向更文明與繁榮的境地。可以使學生增廣見聞, 拓展視野, 促進文化互動。台灣學子面對全球化的競爭, 將更具備信心與強化實力。

(4) 遠景和期許:全方位的國際交流

喬治亞州的官方國際民俗文化博覽會 (Azalea International Folk Fair), 每年至少有 2,500 名來自南喬治亞州和北佛羅里達州各地的學生和教師參加, 作為學校的戶外教學。我們誠摯地邀請嘉義市教師和學生參加我們的年度盛會, 驕傲, 光榮地展示台灣獨特, 迷人的傳統和文化。通過你們的活動參與, 台灣將在這個全球性的舞台上閃耀發光, 贏得人心, 並且更進一步協助台灣拓展國際空間。

經由這樣的國際互訪, 交流, 能使學生的外語教育能夠和生活結合, 不但增加學生實際使用外語的機會, 也可以使學生提昇外語溝通能力, 增廣見聞, 開闊國際視野, 促進文化互動, 建立互惠共榮、相互尊重、經驗分享的合作關係。最重要的是, 在訪問交流前, 所有學生必須尋找, 發展自己獨特的專長與特色, 以便代表台灣在博覽會中演出, 使自己為成為台灣最好的外交, 文化大使。

我們期望這將是一個成功, 圓滿的交流合作計劃!!

(2) Accident and Health Insurance & Health Condition

All of the participating students and teacher supervisors must be in good health condition and are physically capable of undertaking all of the activities and programs AIFF and LCS sponsor. They must certify that they do not have any medical or health-related problems. All participants must maintain **accident and health insurance** in force and effect for the entire duration of their participation in the International Exchange Programs at Valdosta, GA, USA.

We **DO NOT** accept any students who fail to meet this health condition and health insurance requirement.

Liability Disclaimer and Hold Harmless Agreement

I acknowledge that participation in the International Exchange Programs and all of its related activities may involve some unknown, unforeseen risk of injury, illness, or loss of personal property. **I agree to release and forever discharge** the institution, Azalea International Folk Fair of Valdosta, GA USA, its members individually, its officers, its project partners including Lowndes County School System, Valdosta-Lowndes County Conference Center and host families from any and all claims, demands, rights, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, arising from and by reason of any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen bodily and personal injuries, including death, damages to personal property and the consequences thereof, resulting from my participation in the International Exchange Programs as well as the annual Azalea International Folk Fair programs and related activities.

I hereby agree to maintain accident and health insurance in force and effect for the entire duration of my participation in the International Exchange Programs at Valdosta, GA, USA.

I further certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I am in good health and physically capable of undertaking all activities of International Exchange Programs.

I understand and agree that the Azalea International Folk Fair of Valdosta, GA, USA, its project partner of Lowndes County School System and host families **DO NOT provide** and **IS NOT responsible** for any insurance (health, accident, ...) for the protection of students, teachers or whoever participate in the International Exchange Programs and all of its related activities during their visitation in Valdosta, Georgia.

Sign
The School

Principal

Sign
The Student

Sign
The Parents

(3) Cost-share

The host, Azalea International Folk Fair (AIFF) of Valdosta, GA and Lowndes County School (LCS), will provide the following:

- (a) While **visiting Valdosta, GA** free lodging with host families who will be faculty or staff from Lowndes County School System.
- (b) Host families will provide all breakfasts & dinners every day. Additionally, they will provide lunch on Saturday and Sunday. In brief, the host families will sponsor breakfast, lunch and dinner while the guests live in their house.
- (c) When guest students are visiting the school systems, school ambassadors will sponsor students' lunches.
- (d) While guest participants are spending the whole day at the AIFF events, AIFF will provide lunch as well as dinner if needed.
- (e) AIFF will sponsor admission tickets to the theme park of **Wild Adventures**: www.wildadventures.net
- (f) AIFF & LCS will host a banquet dinner, honoring the guests, their host families, hosting schools and city administrators on the night before the guests leave Valdosta for next destination.
- (g) AIFF will provide transportation for guests to visit next desired destination, such as Orlando.

Foreign guest participants need to be responsible for the cost of airfare between Valdosta and Taiwan, allowance PLUS cost of Orlando theme parks:

- (a) Round trip airfare between Taiwan and Valdosta is about **US\$1,500.00**.
- (b) Prepare gifts for host families who will provide lodging, meals and some entertainment for the students up to 10 days.
- (c) Prepare gifts for the student ambassadors who are assigned to be students' school guides and will sponsor guests' lunch.
- (d) Allowances while shopping extra for foods & souvenirs while visiting Valdosta (or Orlando).
- (e) After departing Valdosta for the next desired destination, such as Orlando, Atlanta, or any city of the participants' choice, lodging, food, admission to entertainment activities & all of any other cost in the next destination of the participants' choice **must**

be covered by guest participants. The host **will NOT sponsor** the next destination's expense. The host will provide transportation for the guests from Valdosta to the desired next destination.

With this policy comprehended, if guest participants wish to ADD MORE EDUCATIONAL FUN to this trip, we recommend to visit Orlando before leaving for home.

Please visit: <http://www.orlando-tours.com/?event=offer.detail&offerId=8181> to know what the Orlando Vacation Package – Comfort Inn Lake Buena Vista - 5 Days/4 nights may offer. The cost will be around **US\$400.00** per person.

The itinerary includes:

- (1) Kennedy Space Center (<http://www.kennedyspacecentertours.net/>) –
Much highly recommended!!
- (2) **Walt Disney World Theme Parks:**
One day pass for Magic Kingdom/Epcot/Hollywood Studio
- (3) **Universal Orlando Theme Parks:**
Islands of Adventures or Universal Studio

Estimated cost for guests to participate in the International Exchange Program to Valdosta, GA will be

- (1) **US\$1,500 for airfare from Taiwan to Valdosta**
- (2) **US\$400 for Orlando theme parks**
- (3) **Allowances**

Total: US\$2,000 (NT\$65,000.00)

(f) If guests wish to spend more days to visit school systems in South Georgia, we will be happy to have you and make all arrangement. Feel free to discuss your best interest with us.

(4) Support FOUR AIFF major Programs

(1) (REQUIRED) School Field Trip Program on Thursday & Friday:

To learn more about how our field trip program is organized:

http://www.gainternationalfolkfair.org/1_school_field_trip.html

WATCH VIDEO CLIPS AT:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CTE-DSW6TpE>

They may help with Station # 5 designated to honor Taiwan:

- (1) Cultural display & presentation of Taiwan (TEN minutes speech presentation)
Particularly, describe education system in Taiwan - A typical middle/high school student's life description which American teachers and students expressed great interest
- (2) A Journey to Taiwan Show: Folk dance/ethnic games/toys demo (20 minutes)
- (3) Hakka Lei-Cha demo
- (4) Talent show
- (5) Invention item presentation
- (6) Support traditional, classical musical instrument demo for China's Tea Arts show

(2) For 7th grade students only - Be Geography Ambassadors!!

World Geography: Are You Smarter Than a 7th Grader?

Learn more about how our world geography program is organized:

http://www.gainternationalfolkfair.org/8_geography_ambassador.html

These students need to understand English and know World Geography well. Please watch www.youtube.com/azaleainternational to learn more details.

(3) (REQUIRED) World Culture Folk Dance Competition

The grand prize is \$500 for each division, with a potential to win up to \$2,000 for winning champion from all three divisions.

Please visit our website at

http://www.gainternationalfolkfair.org/3_international_folk_dance_competition.html

to read the Competitor's **MUST KNOWs** for details about how to participate.

(4) For middle school students only - Be Science Ambassadors!!

Science Challenge 107

These students need to understand English and have good science knowledge. Please watch www.youtube.com/azaleainternational to learn more details.

(5) Youth Invention Exhibition & Presentation

On Saturday, there will be a panel of judges consisting of either technology/engineering instructors or teachers with insightful years' experience in technology/engineering selected by the Azalea International Organizing Committee to evaluate the inventions.

An average score is computed from all score sheets we receive. We choose top five highest average scores as winners. We award the top five winners with trophies in the award ceremony on Saturday.

However, please understand this statement well....

"We are not 100% sure how many inventors from U.S.A. or from international countries will register to compete at this youth invention event. So, be aware that there may be a risk that the youth invention project becomes an exhibition/presentation-oriented program only instead of an international competition.... Hope this risk is acceptable to interested young inventors."

**(5) Important AIFF Field Trip Programs:
Schedule & Floor Plan**

All schools will arrive on or **before 8:45 a.m.** in order to visit all **6** stations.
All stations must be ready no later than 8:30.

- (1) 9:00 – 9:45: **1st** Station
9:45 – 9:50: Leave & Arrive to the next station

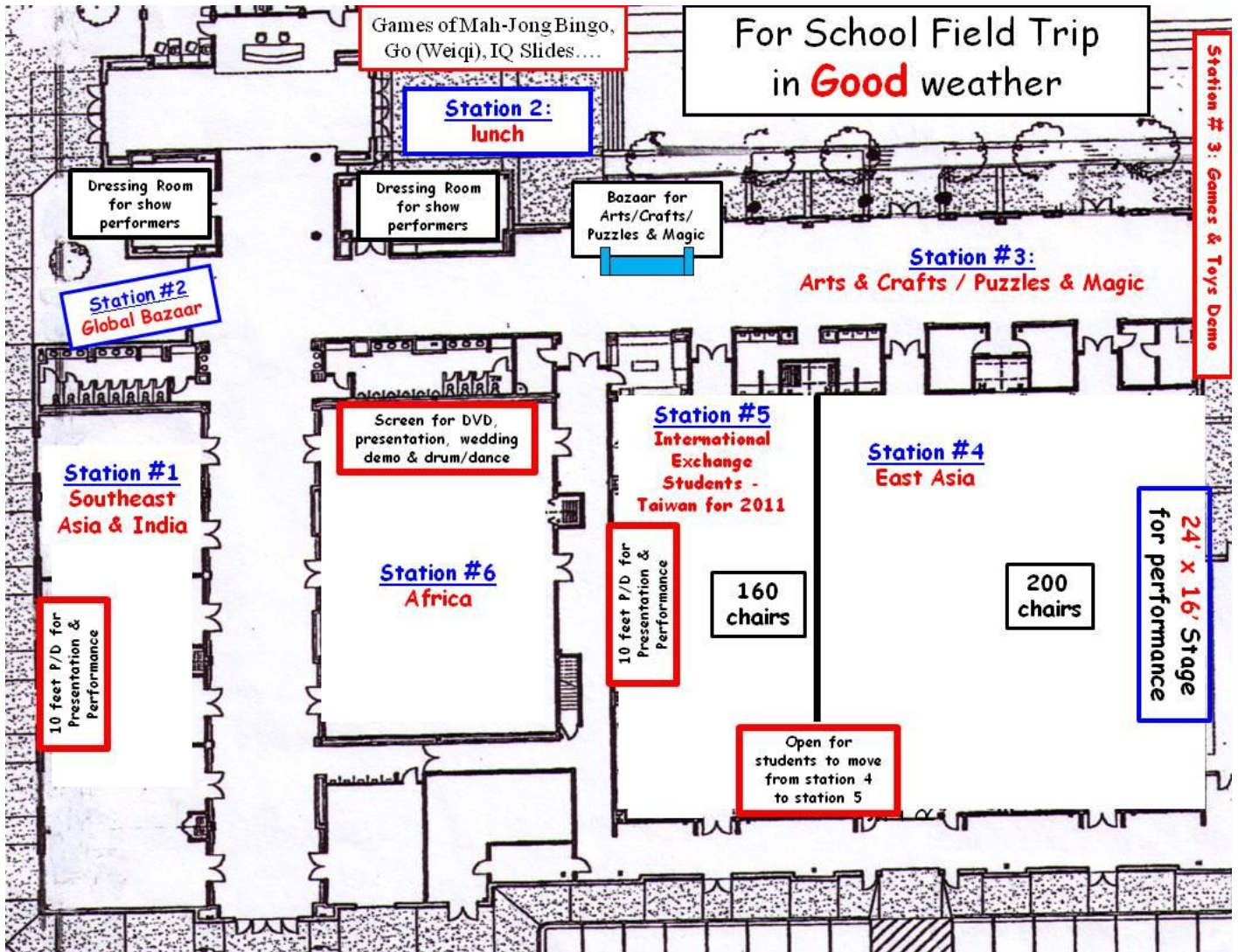
- (2) 9:50 – 10:35: **2nd** Station
10:35 – 10:40: Leave & Arrive to the next station

- (3) 10:40 – 11:25: **3rd** Station
11:25 – 11:30: Leave & Arrive to the next station

- (4) 11:30 – 12:15: **4th** Station
12:15 – 12:20: Leave & Arrive to the next station

- (5) 12:20 – 1:05: **5th** Station
1:05 – 1:10: Leave & Return to School

- (6) 1:10 – 1:55: **6th** Station
1:55 – 2:00: Leave and Return to School



(6) Taiwan Exhibition and Presentation

There will be one required TRUE, REAL, On-Site rehearsals on
Wednesday, March 3, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Part 1: Proudly present video - Ilha Formosa, Beyond Your Expectation!! (4 minutes)
The video will be created by project director, Serena Huang.

Part 2: Motivational Attention Getters covering historical, geographic, government/civic, economic and cultural understandings - Conducted by VSU Professor, a native of Taiwan, Dr. Li-Mei Chen (5 minutes)

Part 3: Museum-like exhibition & informative content presentation (10 minutes)

Need to be presented by a fluent English speaker from Taiwan, teacher or student.
Must submit presentation scripts for AIFF board members' preview and approval which is required by the Organization By-Law. Scripts will be due by December 31, 2010.

Part 4: A Journey to Taiwan Show (20 minutes)

- (1) Folk Dance (for competition?)
- (2) Folk Sports: Yo-Yo and Top
- (3) Heaven Lantern Culture
- (4) Hand-Puppets Arts
- (5) Taiwanese way of banquet (辦桌) - Will set up a round table to display plastic food models. We would need to request members of Taiwan Delegation help to order and bring over the food models.

Part 5: Free Exploration (15 minutes)

- (1) Taiwanese Snacks Sampling
- (2) Write Names in traditional Languages of Chinese
- (3) Hands-On Demo of **Taiwan: Hakka Lei-Cha (tea drink)**.
Will allow teachers and students for free sampling
- (4) Taiwanese Children's Games
- (5) Hand-Puppets

Total 45 - 50 minutes

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2011 International Exchange Program

(7) Guest Student of Taiwan's Chia-Yi City School

Registration Form

NOTE:

E-mail this completed form as well as the required supporting materials (1) – (3) in page 2, **by attachments**, to Dr. Tsai, Hong-Jung at hjtsai5437@gmail.com.

Name: (In Chinese) _____ (In English)

Gender: Male or Female

School Attends: _____ Grade/which year: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Home Address: _____

E-mail Address (**REQUIRED**): _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

Academic Information: Current GPA: _____

Rank of the grade level: _____

Religion: _____

What is your level in spoken English? _____ Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced

() Are you allergic to any pets? If yes, please specify: _____
Even you are NOT allergic to pets, but do you mind being in a Host Family with pets?

_____ I do NOT wish to be in a host family with pets.

_____ I am fine with a hot family with pets.

- () Are you allergic to any kind of foods?
If yes, you MUST specify clearly: _____
- () Are there any dietary restrictions or foods that you are forbidden to eat?
If yes, you MUST specify clearly: _____
- () Are you allergic to any cigarettes smoke? _____ Yes _____ No

Area of interest during the exchange program

(a) For high school students, in addition to general classroom visit (on Monday, February 28, which curriculum you would like to explore more (on Tuesday, March 1): (You may choose more than one)

- _____ 1. Fine Arts, specify: _____
- _____ 2. Technology and Engineering
- _____ 3. Agriculture/Farming
- _____ 4. Auto maintenance
- _____ 5. Visual communication/graphic design
- _____ 6. Others.... we will see what we can do.....
- I am particularly interested in learning more about _____

(b) Sports you play and would like to take part in the visiting schools: _____

(c) **Special talent:** Do you have any special talents such as singing, dancing, musical instruments, arts, public speech, debate, sports, etc.? If so, please describe them more:

Parents Information

Father's Full Name:
Profession:
E-mail Address:
Cell phone #:

Mother's Full Name:
Profession:
E-mail Address:
Cell phone #:

(REQUIRED)

- (1) One or two pages essay describing why you are interested in this international exchange program.
What are your motivations, participation goals and expectations?
- (2) A brief description of your personal information. Examples include family, religious affiliation (if any), cultural origins, social background, siblings, hobbies, interests, sports, extra-curriculum activities, goals of life, etc.
- (3) Two recent (within three months) individual photos and one family photo.

Read Carefully & Understand this Policy WELL

All of participants must have materials and displays ready for exhibition & presentation before leaving country for U.S.A. Neither members of the host family nor the AIFF organizing committee will be able to bring participants for shopping or making purchases for the exhibition. It is strongly recommended that teacher supervisors have orientations with student participants and their parents to discuss items required for the display and other preparations for the travel. Once students and their teachers arrive in Valdosta, AIFF staff and host families will guide student activities according to program schedule which has been provided to all teacher supervisors and is available on our website:

www.GAinternationalfolkfair.org. The schedule has been planned and reviewed thoroughly by the organizing committee to match with all AIFF & IEP events. All participants ought to review the planned schedule carefully and make their full commitment to meet the schedule requirements. Participants should also cooperate with the event staff in compliance with the rules and regulations as well as Memorandum of Understanding publicized by the AIFF on the website.

Signed By:

_____ (Students)

&

_____ (Students' parents)

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2011 International Exchange Program

(8) Guest Teacher Supervisor of Chia-Yi City School

Registration Form

Name: (In Chinese) _____ (In English)

Gender: Male or Female

School teaches:

Grade & Which Subject:

How many years of teaching?

Date of Birth:

Age:

Home Address:

E-mail Address **(REQUIRED)**:

Home Phone #

Cell Phone #

Religion:

What is your level in spoken English? _____ Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced

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- _____ 1. Fine Arts, specify: _____
- _____ 2. Technology and Engineering
- _____ 3. Agriculture/Farming
- _____ 4. Auto maintenance
- _____ 5. Visual communication/graphic design
- _____ 6. Others... We may also arrange you to visit Valdosta State University and Valdosta Tech.

I am particularly interested in learning more about _____

(REQUIRED)

- (1) One to two pages describing why you are interested in this international exchange program. What are your motivations, participating goals and expectations?
- (2) A brief description of your personal information. Examples include family, religious affiliation (if any), cultural origins, social background, siblings, hobbies, interests, sports, extra-curriculum activities, goals of life, etc.
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www.GAinternationalfolkfair.org. The schedule has been planned and reviewed thoroughly by the organizing committee to match with all AIFF & IEP events. All participants ought to review the planned schedule carefully and make their full commitment to meet the schedule and activities requirements. Participants should also cooperate with the event staff in compliance with the rules and regulations as well as Memorandum of Understanding publicized by the AIFF on the website.

Signed By:

_____ (Teacher)

(9) Planning Time Frame

Friday, July 8, 2010 (1st meeting) – February 24, 2011 (Last day of preparation)

Date	Task
July 8, 2010 1 st Meeting	<p>Review the draft proposal prepared by AIFF project Director, Serena Huang, to discuss concerns & issues of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Health and Travel Insurance (2) Cost-share (3) It is mandatory for student participants to support Azalea International Folk Fair’s four major programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Folk Fair – Proud to Present Taiwan Station (March 3-5, 2011) (b) The 6th Annual World Culture Folk Dance Competition (March 5, 2011) (c) World Geography: Are You Smarter Than a 7th Grader? (March 5, 2011) (d) Science Challenge 107 (March 5, 2011) (4) Project of Taiwan Station for the Azalea International Folk Fair proposal under review and explore feasibility – Require commitment on/before September 30 (5) Students Registration Form – Must fill out completely.
August 1, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) International Exchange Program – General Information is provided by e-mail to all interested schools including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Ming-Sheng Middle School (b) Chia-Yi Senior Commercial Vocational School (c) Chia-Yi Industrial High School (d) Singang Senior High School of Arts (2) International Exchange Program - Time Frame (July 8, 2010 – February 24, 2011) (3) International Exchange Program - Visiting Schedule (February 25, 2011 – March 10, 2011)
August 25, 2010	<p>Package that may help participating teachers and students to earn financial support from city government, local charity foundations or enterprise will be mailed to Dr. Hung-Jung Tsai, the Exchange Program Director for Taiwan Delegation. Dr. Tsai will communicate with all participating schools and solicit sponsors.</p> <p><u>The package will include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Meaningful International Exchange Programs and Azalea International Folk Fair’s Taiwan Station in detail descriptions (in Chinese) that showcases how the participants deserve government and enterprise’s sponsorship. (2) Media reports and a DVD that certify the credibility and accountability of Azalea International Folk Fair – Georgia State’s Official International Festival. (3) An invitation letter from President of AIFF

<p>September 20, 2010</p>	<p>Interested schools must confirm and commit their participation to AIFF. Based on above mutual agreements. A “Memorandum of Understanding” between AIFF and Guest Organizations need to be signed by the highest rank of official, such as principals of the schools and president of AIFF.</p> <p>Only based on this signed Memorandum of Understanding, AIFF will follow up to prepare for the guests’ visit.</p> <p>All committed schools, teachers and students must work with Dr. Hung-Jung Tsai to provide a firm plan and description for Taiwan Station Exhibition and Presentation.</p>
<p>October 1, 2010 - January 31, 2011</p>	<p><u>Practice, practice and practice!!</u></p> <p>(1) Oral Presentation (10 minutes speech to describe unique Taiwanese tradition, heritage, culture and custom. Particularly, describe distinctive education system)</p> <p>(2) Performance – “A Journey to Taiwan” Show (20 minutes)</p> <p>(3) Competition – World Culture Folk Dance Competition</p> <p>(4) Hands-On Activities allowing American students to touch, and first- hand experience unique Taiwanese heritage.</p>
<p>October 1, 2010 - October 31, 2010</p>	<p>Fill out Registration Form: Guest Students & Teacher Supervisors. All sections in the registration forms must be completed as required.</p> <p>Only with this filled out registration form, we will then be able to write letter of invitation to American Embassy in Taiwan to endorse students and teachers’ visa application.</p>
<p>November 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010</p>	<p><u>AIFF:</u> Recruit Valdosta’s host families & student ambassadors... All are teachers of Lowndes County School System.</p> <p><u>Foreign Guest Organization:</u> Apply for American visa; once the visa was issued, will need to reserve the airline tickets ASAP for the best airfare rate.</p>
<p>January 1, 2011 - January 31, 2011</p>	<p>Connect foreign guest students/teachers with Valdosta host families & ambassadors.</p>
<p>February 1, 2011 - February 18, 2011</p>	<p><u>Final Rehearsals</u> for</p> <p>(1) Taiwan station’s presentation</p> <p>(2) “A Journey to Taiwan” show</p> <p>(3) World Culture Folk Dance Competition</p> <p>(4) Demonstrate Hands-On Activities</p>

<p>Saturday, February 19, 2011</p>	<p>Meet the media: Open performance to Mayor, sponsors, parents, principals, teachers and the public.</p> <p>Required Orientation: It is strongly recommended that principals and teacher supervisors have orientations with student participants and their parents to discuss items required for the programs and other preparations for the travel.</p> <p>All of student participants must have materials, costumes and displays ready for exhibition, presentation & performance before leaving country for U.S.A. Neither members of the host family nor the AIFF organizing committee will be able to bring participants for shopping or making purchases for the programs.</p> <p>Review <u>“Rules of Guests”</u></p>
<p>Thursday February 24, 2011</p>	<p>Ready for the tour.</p>
<p>Friday February 25, 2011</p>	<p>Leave Taiwan and Arrive Valdosta, Georgia, U.S.A. Host Families will pick up from the Valdosta Airport at 5:22 p.m.</p>

(10) Visiting Schedule

Friday, February 25 leaves Taiwan - Thursday, March 10 returns to Taiwan
(if visiting Orlando Theme Parks)

Dates	Activities
Friday, February 25 Arrives Valdosta Airport on Friday, February 25 5:22 p.m.	<p>If fly Delta!! Taipei (TPE) Depart 9:30 am to Tokyo (NRT) Arrive 1:35 pm (Duration: 3hr 5mn) Tokyo (NRT) Depart 3:25 pm to Atlanta (ATL) Arrive 1:50 pm (Duration: 12hr 25mn) Atlanta (ATL) Depart 4:10 pm to Valdosta (VLD) Arrive 5:22 pm (Duration: 1hr 12mn) Host families will pick up from the airport.</p> <p>NOTE: We strongly do not recommend to fly through LA since the customs and transfer take too long and is too complex.</p>
Saturday, February 26 & Sunday, February 27	<p>Host families: Provide breakfast, lunch and dinner. Spend the days with the host families to experience American way of life.</p>
Monday, February 28 Tuesday, March 1 Wednesday, March 2	<p>School Visit/Ambassadors Shadowing:</p> <p><u>For Middle School Teachers and Students</u> Monday, February 28: Visit Pine Grove Middle School Tuesday, March 1: Visit Hahira Middle School Wednesday, March 2: Visit Lowndes Middle School</p> <p><u>For High School Teachers and Students</u> Monday, February 28: Visit Lowndes High School Tuesday, General Classroom Visit March 2: Visit LHS Classrooms of Interest There will be student ambassadors bringing the guest students with them for all classes and activities to experience American way of education in these two days. Student ambassadors will introduce the guest students to teachers, classmates and friends. Introduce where they are from and why they are here. Student ambassadors will sponsor lunch at school cafeteria.</p>
Wednesday, March 2	<p><u>8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.:</u></p> <p>High school teachers and students would need to help to set up Taiwan Exhibit Room!!</p>

	<p>4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.: Middle school teachers and students will join in for a real, true, on-site rehearsal for presentation and “A Journal to Taiwan” Show. This is very important and mandatory!!</p> <p>AIFF will provide dinner.</p>
Thursday, March 3	<p>9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.: School Field Trip 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Clean up and be ready for Friday 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Grand Bay</p>
Friday, March 4	<p>9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.: School Field Trip 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Clean up and set up for Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Valdosta State University Science Lab</p>
Saturday, March 5	<p>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Southeast Regional Festival</p> <p>The 6th Annual World Culture Folk Dance Competition World Geography: Are You Smarter than a 7th Grader? Science Challenges 107 Youth Invention Exhibition & Competition</p>
Sunday, March 6	<p>10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.: Wild Adventures 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: Banquet dinner honors guests and host families Guests will move out from host family house on this day. 9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.: May shop at Wal-Mart Super Center 10:00 p.m.: Leave for Orlando, FL 1st night at Comfort Inn Lake Buena Vista. (For all details of Orlando trip: http://www.orlando-tours.com/?event=offer.detail&offerId=8181)</p>
Monday, March 7 2 nd night at Comfort Inn Lake Buena Vista	Kennedy Space Center
Tuesday, March 8 3 rd night at Comfort Inn Lake Buena Vista	Magic Kingdom Epcot Park Hollywood Studio
Wednesday, March 9 4 th night at Comfort Inn Lake Buena Vista	Islands of Adventures or Universal Studios

Thursday, March 10	<p>If fly DELTA!! Orlando (MCO) Depart 7:05 am to Los Angeles (LAX) Arrive 9:34 am</p> <p>Los Angeles (LAX) Depart 1:45 pm to Taipei (TPE) Arrive 8:35 pm on Friday, March 11</p>
Friday, March 11	Arrive Taiwan at 8:35 p.m.
Saturday, March 12 & Sunday, March 13	Good rest!!
Monday, March 14	Return to school

(11) Rules of Guests

Dear Taiwan Delegation:

We look forward to welcoming you in Valdosta, GA, U.S.A. I hope to draw your attention to the following matters before you land on this great land of opportunity. Hope you will find time to read carefully and understand well.

(1) Please be very nice, sweet, and polite to your host family. Show your best behaviors and gratitude. For example, after dinner, thank them for their delicious dishes. Tell them how much you enjoy the foods. Always give them your heartfelt, sweetest comments about the foods they prepare.

After dinner, you may offer to help wash dishes.

(2) Without obtaining prior permission, **DO NOT** open the refrigerator or any closets. If you need anything, you **must always** consult the host first and ask for permission.

(3) American households usually take the tub shower. They do not use face sink to take a bath... I know in Taiwan that's how we do. If you are not sure how to take a shower in the bath tub, please ask the host family.

Do not let the bathroom floor go wet.

(4) You **DO** need to make your bed every morning.

(5) All of activities your host families bring you to or provide the transportation to bring you to activities, always express your gratitude. Tell them this is a great pleasure and you have fun.

(6) When host family introduces you to their friends, church members, please smile and be very friendly

As a very final reminder, please be the best ambassadors for Taiwan, a lovely country that we all love dearly.

TAIWAN SHINES because of you!!

(12) An Invitation to Dinner Banquet of Gratitude

Guests:

Visitors from Taiwan
Host Families for the Visitors
Administrators of Valdosta State University
Superintendent of Lowndes County Schools
Mayor of Valdosta City
Commissioner of Lowndes County
State Representative of Valdosta City
Administrators of the schools host the visitors
AIFF Members & Families

Date:

Sunday, March 6, 2011

Time:

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Place:

Lowndes High School Cafeteria