

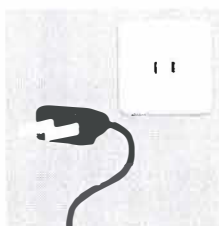
Useful Information about Taiwan

WEATHER

Taipei has a humid and subtropical climate. October and November are great months to visit Taipei from the weather perspective. The average temperature in October is around 25-28°C.

ELECTRICITY

The electricity voltage in Taiwan is 110V compared to Australia's 240V. Check your appliance's transformer for compatibility with the local power supply. Most portable devices will work without issues. Electrical sockets have two vertical slots in Taiwan (graph as below). If you bring appliances from Australia, you'll need an adaptor or transformer.



INTERNET

Fast free internet is readily available in Taipei, with most hotels, cafes and train stations having access to free Wi-Fi. 4G internet SIM cards/portable Wi-Fi routers are also very affordable and can be rented at most phone stores or at the airport itself.

DRINKING WATER

The water supply in Taipei is not potable. Most hotels provide bottled water to guests in their rooms. For additional supplies of bottled water please call the hotel where you are staying.

BUSINESS HOURS

While office open hours in Taipei are usually similar to Australia (9:00AM – 5:00PM), department stores and shops open much later on average (11:00AM), until around at least 10:00PM. Most convenience stores are open 24 hours a day.

MEDICAL

If you get sick during your stay in Taipei and require emergency medical treatment, you should call 119 for an ambulance and then inform the SAO (contact details as below). Ambulances usually take patients to the nearest hospital unless they insist on being taken somewhere else. It is normal practice in Taipei to pay for a medical or dental appointment at the end of an appointment.

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Dear colleagues

Further to corro s47E(d) , please find attached media TPs on Mr Abbott's upcoming visit to Taipei to address the Yushan Forum.

For colleagues in FMO and TTIMO, we note Mr Abbott's visit is taking place in a quarantine bubble and so we will not be providing the support that we normally would for a former Prime Minister's visit.

Best wishes,

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Media Talking Points: Former Prime Minister Tony Abbott's visit to Taiwan (5-9 October)

Why is Mr Abbott visiting Taiwan?

- Mr Abbott has been invited to Taipei to deliver the keynote address at the annual Yushan Forum in Taipei, as a former Prime Minister.
- Mr Abbott's visit is in a private capacity
 - *[if required]* he is not attending the forum in his role as Australia's special trade envoy for India.
- The Australian Government strongly supports the development, on an unofficial basis, of economic and cultural relations with Taiwan, consistent with our one-China policy.

Who will Mr Abbott see during his visit? Will he meet the President/other senior government figures?

- Australia's representative office in Taipei is not organising or managing Mr Abbott's visit
 - detailed questions on his program are best referred to Mr Abbott's office.

Given the sensitivities over Taiwan, won't Mr Abbott's visit cause damage to bilateral relations with China? / Has China raised objections about the visit?

- Mr Abbott's visit to Taiwan is in a private capacity.
- Australia maintains close and positive trade, economic and cultural ties with Taiwan, consistent with our one-China policy.
- Unofficial visits and engagements between the people of our two economies help maintain and build these important economic and people-to-people links.

Has a former Australian Prime Minister attended the Forum before?

- Former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull attended the Yushan Forum in 2020.

If asked: Has Australia changed its one-China policy?

- No, this is a private visit that has no bearing on our policy settings.
- Australia remains committed to our one-China policy.
- The Australian Government does not take a position on Taiwan's future status – that is a matter for the parties involved.
- Australia calls for a peaceful resolution that does not involve the use or threat of force or coercion
 - stable and constructive cross-Strait relations serve the interests of all parties.
- We engage with Taiwan unofficially in practical ways that advance our interests.

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Please find attached previously circulated media TPs ahead of Mr Abbott's visit to Taiwan – 5-9 October. s47E(d)

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All media enquiries should be directed to DFAT Media (copied) for response.

Wishing you a long, quiet weekend.

Geoff

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