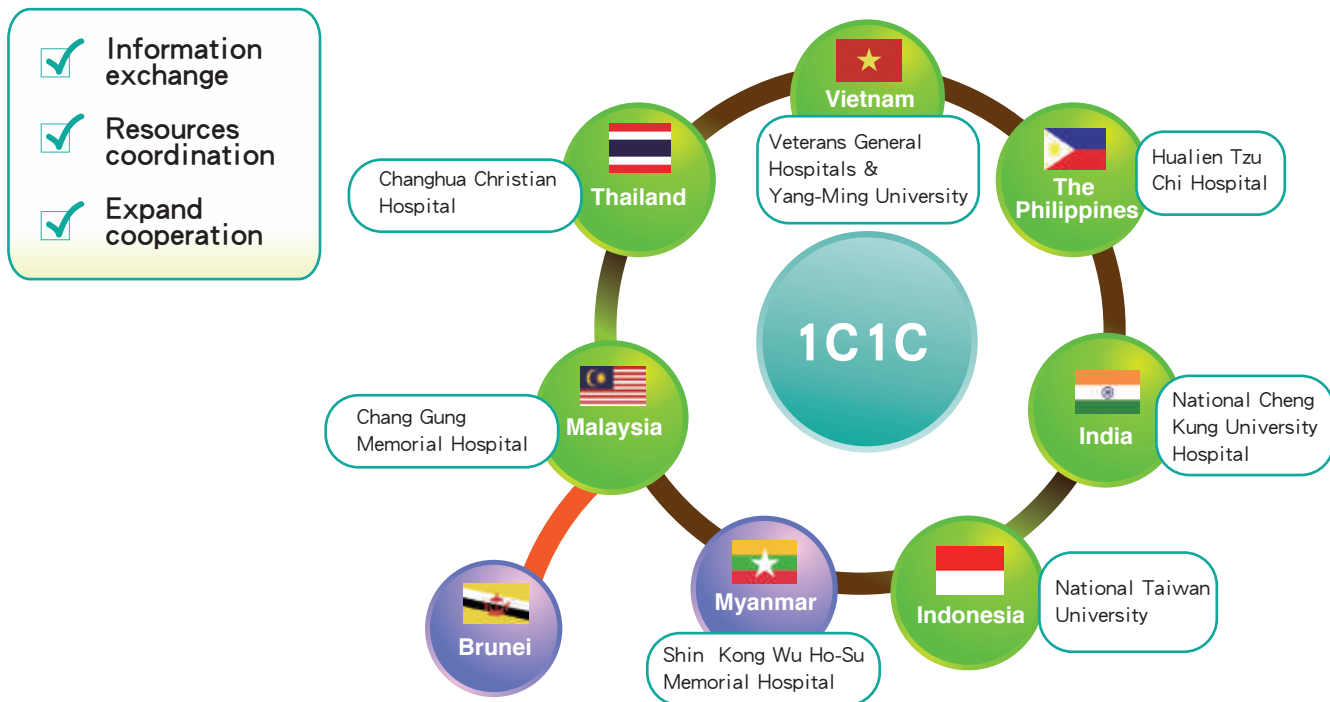


A key initiative: The 1 County 1 Center (1C1C) Project



► One medical center from Taiwan to serve as the focal point for cooperation with one partner country

Working Party. In June of 2018, Taiwan became a Regulatory Member of the International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH). Since 2016, Taiwan has held the annual APEC Good Registration Management Regulatory Science Center of Excellence Workshop, building ties and networks with competent authorities in partner countries and increasing Taiwan's influence in the region.

In addition, Taiwan has undertaken two major tasks to enhance disease prevention in the region, namely, enhancing the collaborations with partner countries on dengue and tuberculosis prevention and control, and setting up a health center for travelers between Taiwan and New Southbound Policy partner countries. Through mutual visits and exchanges, international conferences and training workshops, bilateral disease reporting systems, collaborative research and other measures, Taiwan has gradually expanded cooperation and links with partner countries to jointly establish a regional disease prevention and control network and reduce cross-border transmission of disease.

Taiwan has also focused on promoting two-way capacity building and cooperation in the areas of disease prevention systems, personnel training and exchanges, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and healthcare services. These efforts are underpinned by Taiwan's advanced ICT and medical management technology, and accompanied by the development and linkage of healthcare industries. The goal is to give the people of partner countries greater access to Taiwan's safe, high-quality, and reasonably priced medicines and medical equipment. At the same time, Taiwan and its partners are striving to strengthen mutual understanding of and confidence in each other's laws and regulations, thereby paving the way for mutually beneficial interactions in the future.



Industrial Talent Development

The New Southbound Policy embraces a new approach to people-to-people connections in industrial talent development. With people-centric bilateral exchanges and resource-sharing as its objectives, the policy helps Taiwanese industries implant high-quality human resources.

Diverse approaches to talent cultivation

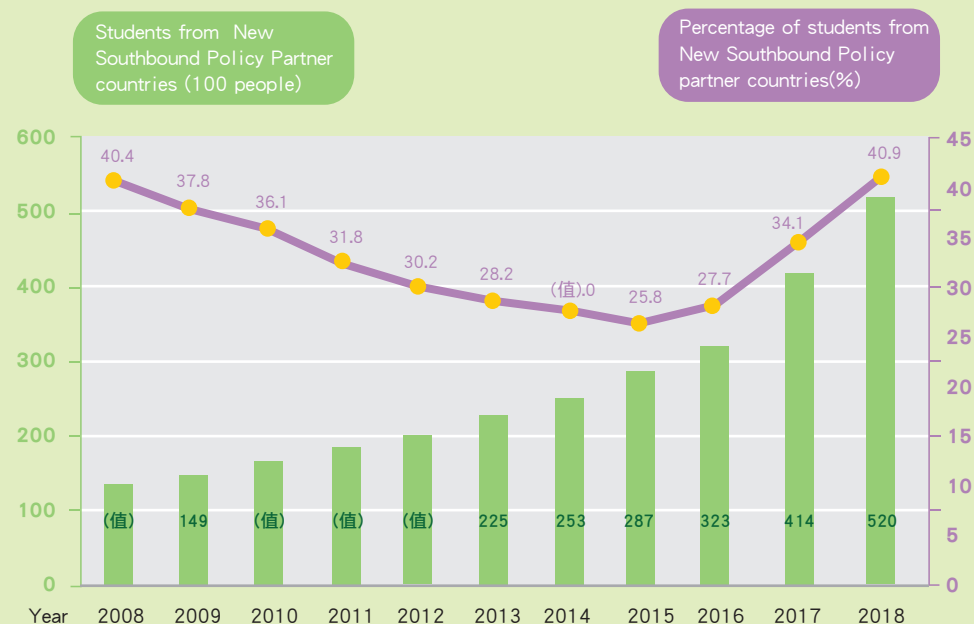
1. Leveraging Taiwan's exceptional vocational education to foster skill development among the youth of partner countries.

Taiwan is subsidizing domestic technical colleges to open international programs of industry-academia collaboration for students from partner countries. Colleges are developing customized courses and degree programs to meet the human resources development needs of partner countries' industries. Assistance in obtaining internships or, after graduation, job opportunity information, is also available. In the 2018 academic year, 5,870 students from partner countries enrolled in 111 industry-academia collaboration degree programs in Taiwan. One short-term technical training program was held for 235 foreign youths, and three short-term programs on enhancing professional skills were organized for 180 foreign youths. Four industry-academia collaboration programs for Indonesian 2-year colleges benefited 88 students from Indonesia.

2. Providing short-term exchange channels for youth from partner countries

Taiwan is also subsidizing colleges and universities to open elite intensive programs, elite

The number of students from New Southbound Policy partner countries in Taiwan in the last 10 years





research and development degree programs, holiday schools, and short-term internships for foreign students. These programs aim to provide such students with the opportunity to experience Taiwan's culture and take part in themed activities, while also learning more about the advantages of the higher education environment and post-graduation employment opportunities in Taiwan. In 2019, Taiwan's academic institutions received approval to hold 124 holiday classes, which were expected to attract 3,100 attendees. An additional 153 classes were approved to be held in 36 sessions at institutions under the trial Taiwan Education Experience Program, which served more than 1,200 students from partner countries from its launch in August of 2017 to June of 2019.

3. Expanding technical training for foreign youth and vocational programs for overseas compatriots

To meet the needs of Taiwan's industrial development, the Overseas Community Affairs Council introduced technical training programs for foreign youth as well as a special 3+4 program for overseas compatriots comprising three years in vocational high school and four years in a technical university. Schools are encouraged to open up academic disciplines that meet the needs of compatriots and Taiwanese companies overseas, and strengthen their recruitment of youth from partner countries that are major potential sources of students. A total of 844 students enrolled in the technical training program for foreign youth in 2019, while 23 schools have received approval to offer this program in 2020. In response to the needs of overseas compatriot communities, classes for Mandarin language instructors, as well as courses on agriculture, fisheries, and long-term care, have been organized. Overseas recruitment for these programs took place between June and August of 2019.



In 2018, 12 schools offered the 3+4 program for overseas compatriots. A total of 1,711 applications were received, while 1,578 students actually enrolled in the program. In 2019, 21 schools were granted approval to offer this program, receiving a total of 2,415 applications following recruitment efforts in Southeast Asia in the first three months of the year. These figures demonstrate rapid growth in the number of students in the 3+4 program.

4. Cultivating seed technical instructors and experts in partner countries

Taiwan hopes to help ASEAN and South Asian countries cultivate high-level professionals who are needed for economic development. To this end, it has increased exchanges of visits with management teams at job training institutions in partner countries, and dispatched experts to provide technical support for the establishment of vocational training centers there. Taiwan also subsidizes domestic colleges and universities to organize high-level specialized classes in Taiwan for personnel from partner countries to conduct short-term research on cross-disciplinary or topic-oriented subjects. Taiwan has launched the Delta MOOCx course, an integrated program operating both online (virtual) and offline (real) classes to better provide instructors in automation-related disciplines from partner countries with on-the-job training opportunities.

5. Cultivating college instructors from ASEAN and South Asian countries

The government subsidizes top colleges and universities through the Elite Scholarship Program, so that up to 100 lecturers per year from Southeast and South Asian universities can pursue master's or doctoral degrees in Taiwan.