

More Travel Information¹

The exchange rate is **100 TWD = 3.2 US Dollar = 2.9 Euro**

Address of the School: Lecture Rooms A and B, General Building III (4th floor), National Tsing Hua University, 101 Guangfu Road (Section 2), Hsinchu City

Address of the Conference: Jinshan Youth Activity Center, 1 Qingnian Road, Jinshan District, New Taipei City

- The closest airports to both the school place (**NTHU**) and the conference place (**Jinshan**) are Taoyuan International Airport (**TPE**)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taoyuan_International_Airport
and Taipei Songshan Airport (**TSA**) serving a few Asian cities only
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taipei_Songshan_Airport.
- From **TPE** to **NTHU**, a taxi ride takes about 45 minutes and costs 1400-1500 TWD if there is no traffic jam.
- From **TPE** to **NTHU** by public transportation, you first take the metro to Taoyuan High Speed Rail Station (25 TWD, 20min), take the high speed train to Hsinchu (125 TWD for unreserved seat, 11min). The website of High Speed Rail is
https://www.thsrc.com.tw/index_en.html
You then take a local bus (No.182 from Gate 2 of the small bus terminal outside the Hsinchu High Speed Rail Station) to NTHU (15 TWD exact change, 40-50min). The last part can be substituted by a taxi ride (about 250 TWD, 15min).
- From **TSA** to **NTHU**, you take the metro to the Taipei Main Station.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taipei_Main_Station
There you can take the High Speed Rail to Hsinchu Station (290 TWD, 30min) and follow the above instruction to NTHU.
You can also take ordinary rail (with has senior discounts).
http://twtraffic.tra.gov.tw/twrail/EN_QuickSearch.aspx
But the most convenient way to go from Taipei Station to NTHU is by bus; see below.
- The **Taipei Bus Station** is across a street from the Taipei Main Station.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taipei_Bus_Station
From Gate 208/209 (2nd floor), you can take the Hsinchu/SanChung bus (130 TWD) and from Gate 310 (3rd floor), you can take the HowTai bus (135 TWD). The bus journey takes about one hour if there is no traffic jam and the main gate of **NTHU** is the second stop after the exit from highway. There are students and senior (over 65) discounts. See below for more information on travel between NTHU and Taipei.
- If you arrive at **TPE** and want to go to the **Jinshan** Youth Activity Center via public transportation, take either the express metro to the Taipei Main Station
https://www.taoyuan-airport.com/english/taoyuan_metro
or Kuo-Kuang Bus No.1819 to Taipei Main Station (135-140 TWD).

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<https://www.taiwanbus.tw/information.aspx?Lang=En>

Then from a new glass bus terminal next to the Taipei Main Station and across a street from the Taipei Bus Station, take the Kuo-Kuang Bus No.1815.

<https://www.taiwanbus.tw/information.aspx?Line=8236&Lang=En>

The last stop is the Jinshan Youth Activity Center (128 TWD, 1.5 hours).

- From **TSA** to **Jinshan** take the regular metro or taxi to the Taipei Main Station. Then take the Kuo-Kuang Bus No.1815 as described above, i.e., from a new glass bus terminal next to Taipei Main Station and Taipei Bus Station to the last stop, which is the Jinshan Youth Activity Center (128 TWD, 1.5 hours).

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A direct taxi ride from TSA to Jinshan Youth Activity Center costs roughly 1,200 TWD.

- If someone wants to go to **Taipei** from Jinshan for some reason during the Conference, the previously mentioned bus is also the bus to use.
- For travel between **NTHU** and **Taipei Main Station**, the best way is by bus because there is a bus stop at the main entrance of NTHU, served by several bus companies. During the day, there is a bus every 5 to 10 minutes. The trip takes about one hour when there is no traffic jam. One of the best choices is the bus served jointly by Hsinchu Bus Co. and SanChung Bus Co. A one way ticket costs 130 TWD. If you are already in NTHU, you can buy a ticket for 100 TWD from the Convenience Store in the ShuiMu Student Center. Another good company is HowTai Bus Co. A one way ticket costs 135 TWD, but only 105TWD if you buy at the above-mentioned convenience store in NTHU. This bus runs until late but has a surcharge for night trips.
- (*This concerns you only if you want to make an excursion.*) To travel from **NTHU** to **Taichung**, you take the buses served jointly by Hsinchu Bus and Taichung Bus Co. Ticket costs 130TWD if purchased from the convenience store at NTHU.

- If you use public transportation such as metro, buses, regular trains in Taipei and Hsinchu, or services connecting Airport, Taipei, Hsinchu, Jinshan, you can purchase and use an **EasyCard** to avoid paying exact changes each time and to get a small discount when riding the Taipei metro.

<https://www.easycard.com.tw/en/service>

<https://guidetotaipei.com/article/easycard>

But be careful because in most cases, you need to swipe the card when you get on and off the bus. Otherwise the card will be locked. There are versions of the card for students and seniors (over 65).