



Taiwan Hostfamily Program

2015 Community Cultural Activity in Taichung



臺中市南屯區中和社區 Zhonghe Community

Zhonghe Village is located in the northwestern part of the Taichung Basin. Here stands a 300 year-old banyan tree, one of the precious old trees in Taichung which went through the Qing Dynasty, the Japanese occupation, and is still present until now. The American bombardment during wartime made the residents dig and build a bomb shelter under the shade of the tree in order to escape the bombing. We will also visit the traditional hundred year-old courtyard houses, and a special place called “Xishan Pit” (translation: wash shirt pit). A rare scene in modern society, many women washing clothes in its clear water, can still be seen there. Today, we walk together with the host families into the quiet terrain of this city to remember the simple period of Taiwan in the 1950s, try a traditional dessert – Pong-bi-pang (popcorn), and make our own crafts with betel nuts.

1. **Location:** Taichung City Nantun Dist Zhonghe Community (臺中市南屯區中和社區)
2. **Date:** October 24th, 2015
3. **Sponsor:** Ministry of Education
4. **Organizer:** Taiwan Hostfamily Program
5. **Participant:**
 - (1) Host families
 - (2) International students currently attending a university/institution in Taiwan

*Free for all international students and host families



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6. **Meeting point:** Taichung Railway Station (臺中火車站)
7. **Register:** Please register online <http://hostfamily.org.tw/en/news/85-7829>
8. **Deadline:** October 15th, 2015
9. **Contact Information:**

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10. **Notes:**

- (1) Please bring your water bottle, rain gear and sun care products.
- (2) Remember to wear comfortable, casual clothes and shoes.

Time	Content of Activity
10:50	Gathering at Taichung Railway Station
11:10-11:40	Leave for Zhonghe Community
11:50-12:00	First meet with your host family
12:00-13:00	Community-style lunch with your host family
13:00-13:15	Brief introduction of Zhonghe Community
13:20-15:20	Community guided tours; experience traditional dessert – Pong-bi-pang (popcorn) and make your own betel nuts crafts with your host family.
15:30-16:30	Happy time with host families and international students and write down your precious memory.
16:30-17:00	Leave for Taichung Railway Station