



About NCREE

The National Center for Research on Earthquake Engineering (NCREE) is funded by the National Science Council (NSC) in Taiwan. With the joint effort from the National Science Council and the National Taiwan University (NTU), the National Center for Research on Earthquake Engineering was established in 1990. Since then, the institution has worked endlessly to upgrade seismic resistant design standards for all constructions

and to provide feedbacks for the engineering community through research and development. It is hoped that through the coordinated activities of NCREE, the enthusiasm to conduct high-quality research will be stimulated to bring out the full potential of its participants. These activities will include the holding of seminars and workshops on a regular basis in which knowledge can be advanced and improved continually. In addition, special emphasis has been and will continually be given to technology transfer in the engineering professions for enhanced seismic-resistant designs.



Local Transportations

We do not provide airport pick-up service.

■ Taiwan Taoyuan Airport to Howard International House

We suggest you to

Step 1: Take a shuttle bus to Howard Plaza

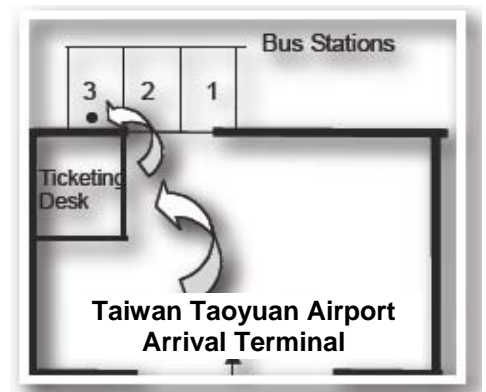
Four bus companies provide frequent service between Taiwan Taoyuan Airport and important destinations in Taipei. Take one that stops at Howard Plaza (so-called Howard Hotel). Buy a ticket at Ticketing Desk.

The purchase price is around **145 Taiwan Dollars (TWD)**

per person. The bus leaves every 20 to 30 minutes, and takes around 60 to 90 minutes to Taipei.

Remember to get off the bus at Howard Plaza stop.

Step 2: Take a taxi from Howard Plaza to Howard International House





Take a taxi. Show the driver the following Chinese instruction notes to your hotel. When the taxi arrives at your hotel, you may see the taximeter in the taxi, which shows the fee, and give extra 10 TWD if you use the rear trunk of taxi. Generally speaking, the total taxi fee is around 100 to 150 TWD.

For Howard International House

請帶我到：
福華文教會館
台北市新生南路三段 30 號

(Please take me to Howard International House at 30, Sec. 3, Xin-Sheng South Road, Taipei)

Howard International House

TEL: +886 2 8369 1155 (domestic: 02 8369 1155)

FAX: +886 2 8369 1177 (domestic: 02 8369 1177)

Website: <http://intl-house.howard-hotels.com/>

■ **Between Howard International House and NCREE**

We arrange a bus transport running from Howard International House to NCREE in the morning and back in the afternoon during April 15 to 16. The schedule will be announced in the IWBSBA website.

Website: https://conf.ncree.org.tw/index_eng.aspx?conf_id=I0980415





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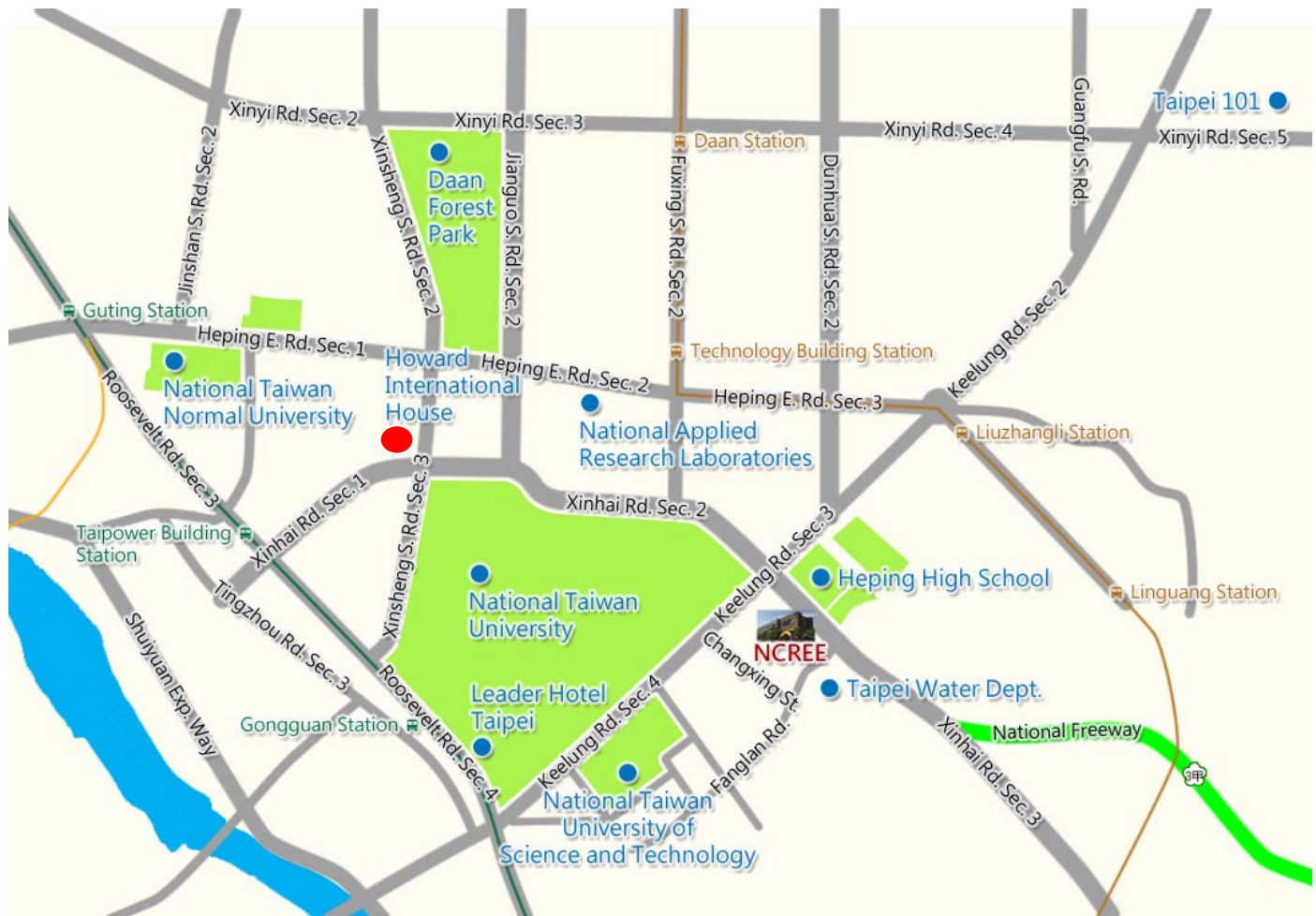
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NCREE Map





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About Taipei

Located in northern Taiwan, Taipei is the political, economic, financial, and cultural center of the Republic of China. It has thriving arts and academic scene and countless modern commercial buildings. With its vibrant cultural and economic growth, it has become a modern international metropolis. (more details: <http://english.taipei.gov.tw>)

■ Transportation

Taipei MRT route: Taipei's Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) System has four lines connecting the entire city. These include the Mucha, Tamsui, Hsintien, and Nankang lines. These lines offer a great view of the city and a convenient way to go around the town. (more details: <http://english.trtc.com.tw/>)

Taxi: Taipei's taxi fee is: 70 TWD of basic fee at the beginning 1.65 km, then extra 5 TWD every 0.3 km, and extra 5 TWD every 2.5 minutes when taxi is stopping. The above fee is counted automatically and shown on the electric screen. In addition, you are supposed to pay extra 10 TWD if the rear trunk is used.



■ Map

You may see the Taipei map at <http://www.taiwan-map.com/>

■ Travel Guide Web Sites

You may have some travel guides in the Friends Hotel or see the following web sites:

<http://english.taipei.gov.tw/dot/>

■ Weather

<http://www.cwb.gov.tw/V5e/index.htm>

http://weather.yahoo.com/forecast/TWXX0021_f.html

■ Pay Phone

You can call domestically or internationally from your hotel room. Before calling through the phone, please check the calling rates with hotel first. Hotel will charge when you check out.

Hotel also provides public pay phones. Due to the popularity of mobile phones, there are fewer and fewer public pay phones on streets. You can select Pre-paid Card or E-Call Card. (<http://www.cht.com.tw/CHTFinalE/Web/Personal.php?CatID=7>)

