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Taiwanese Association of America - Mission: 1. Increase cooperation among Taiwanese and protect the welfare of the Taiwanese America. 2. Promote and uphold the status of human rights in Taiwan. 3. Increase communication between Taiwan & US. NY: [taa.taiwaneseny.com](http://taa.taiwaneseny.com) / NJ: [taa.Formosa.org/local/nj](http://taa.Formosa.org/local/nj) / NNJ: [taa.Formosa.org/locan/nj](http://taa.Formosa.org/locan/nj)

The TANG program for Taiwanese American Conference/East Coast (TAC/EC) - seeks to educate Taiwanese American youth on issues such as Identity, Morality, Culture, and Leadership in the annual conference. [www.tacec.org](http://www.tacec.org)

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## ARTS & CRAFTS

**ABORIGINAL ART** - The earliest Taiwanese Aborigines are believed to be descendants from the Polynesian islands. There are more than 10 tribes of aborigines in Taiwan each living in different regions. Taiwanese Aborigines are treasures not just to Taiwan, but to all humans around the world.

**BRUSH CALLIGRAPHY** - art form with symbols. It is through the flying, dancing strokes of the characters that the calligrapher expresses a rhythm, a direction of energy, and an image of ink in motion. Often peaceful, sometimes in a flash of madness, the calligraphy is not so much a symbol of a word, but a representation of the soul of the artist.

**FRAGRANT POUCHES** - In the days before medicine was highly developed, people ground herbs to prevent infection. They were inserted into cloth bags and worn in the summer time to protect against insects. Originally herbs were placed in cloth bags, but as the custom developed these bags gradually became more ornate and colorful including expressive needlework.

**PAPER ART** - The earliest handicraft using paper was probably Paper Cutting. It has been a popular folk art for a long time. Paper Folding, is also an old handicraft that is easy to learn and requires no special tools or expensive material making it ideal practice for children.

**STRAW WEAVING** - In traditional agriculture society, people used their spare time to make crafts from different types of straw. It is easy to master the art, but due to the material, it is hard to preserve the final products. Nowadays, straw can be made from plastics giving this old art form a new life with more possibilities.

## DELICACIES

In Taiwan, the food stalls are the best start to let you experience the country's grassroots culinary culture. Needless to say, Taiwan is a street food paradise, aplenty of night markets and food hawkers that have long been attached to its culture and people's daily lives. The only problem a visitor bound to encounter is picking out from among an abundant choice of one that suits your taste! So, here is our selection to satisfy your street food cravings. This is a short list of what we are offering today, be sure to try out all booths!!

**Spring Wrap** -Tomb Sweeping Day food: Since ancient times, a day has been designated for tomb sweeping (April 5th), the traditional respect for one's ancestors and careful attention to funeral rites. And the wrap is the most common snack served for the occasion which usually contains bean sprouts, shredded carrots, bamboo, meat, and dried tofu with sprinklings of peanut powder wrapped in a flour crepe.

**Red Pig Rice Cake (Dracula Cake)** - One wild ride: For lots of western minds, the name, pig-blood, looks scary and its taste might tumble your stomach. However, this exotic snack was long embraced by countless Taiwanese locals. It was actually a byproduct of poultry-preparation technique which is to drain off blood before cooking it. Then steam the congealed duck blood & rice concoction and serve with cilantro, peanut powder & special soy sauce.

**Shaved Ice** - An icy-cool blowout: This is a massive seller on the summer-time streets in Taiwan. The ice is shaved right into the bowl and then drenched with one or more toppings, including red beans, mung beans with condensed milk, strawberry, passion fruit, lychee, mango, pineapple, chocolate sprinkles, tapioca, grass jelly, ai-yu jelly, and more!

**Taiwanese Sausage** - A traditional street game prize: Grilled pork sausage served with raw garlic, you can find it in every night market or stalls in front of theaters, temples and on the sidewalks. With its tempting smell and curling smokes, ianchhiang5 would make one's saliva so excessively that one couldn't help but part with his/her dollars. (No pushing on line!!)

**Bubble Tea** - A New Asian Fad: One would probably think bubble tea, originated from Taiwan in early 80's is the country's national drink because of its ubiquity on the streets. Black tea or green tea shake well with pearl tapioca & milk brings not only refreshing energy but also slurping fun of QQ (i.e. chewy texture) pearl tapioca.

**Bamboo Tamale** - Dragon Boat snack: The dragon boat festival falls on the 5th day of May in lunar calendar. Taiwanese observe the day with traditional dragon boat racing and Bah-Tsang which is pyramid-shaped tamale made of steamed glutinous rice with various ingredients, including pork, mushroom, salty egg yolk, peanuts etc. stuffed in bamboo leaves.

**Lemon Ai-Yu Jelly Drink (Lovely Crystal)** - Summer Refreshment: One kind of vegetable gelatins made from natural seaweed extract & natural Ai Yu shaved ice. Other popular jellies in Taiwan, include almond jelly, grass jelly, lychee jelly etc.



<http://www.YouthTravel.net.tw/>  
Taiwan Trekking for Young Travelers Website

The "Taiwan Trekking for Young Travelers" website is designed for young people thinking of touring Taiwan, or travelers already here who are looking for somewhere to go off the beaten track. You will find destinations, events, transportation, accommodation, a survival guide, work and study, travel blogs, and community message boards.

## WELCOME

*Tak-Ke Ho! Welcome to the Fifth Annual Taiwanese American Heritage Festival – Passport to Taiwan! The team at Passport to Taiwan has worked tirelessly to bring you this festival. We would like to welcome you to explore the wonders of the beautiful island country of Taiwan. At the same time, celebrate the Taiwanese American Heritage Week designated by the Congress in 1999.*

*Taiwanese Americans have come a long way in this great land of immigrants. The initial wave came as students seeking for higher knowledge. Many settled down and raised families. Among them, some became advocates for American values of freedom and justice that led to the ultimate transformation of Taiwan from a dictatorial rule to a true democracy today.*

*It is in the heritage of the Taiwanese American to fight for equality and against injustice. The transformation within Taiwan is the best example. However, inequalities are imposed by the international communities on Taiwan. Taiwan is not able to join the World Health Organization despite the calls for more assistance for SARS & enterovirus 71 that killed many. United Nations also rejected Taiwan. There are much more obstacles ahead for the Taiwanese American to overcome.*

*The team that brings you Passport to Taiwan is made up of several Taiwanese American organizations in the New York Tri-State area. We wish this event can serve as a bridge between everyone thus understandings can be fostered and friends can be made. While you enjoy the fabulous food, exhibition, workshops and performances, please keep Taiwan in mind and that Taiwan needs everyone's support to earn a passport for the world.*

**Lung-Fong Chen**  
Honorary Chairperson

**Bor-Cheng Hsu**  
**Shiuho Lin**  
Chairperson

## *Taiwanese American* - A Century of Progress

The history of Taiwanese immigration to the United States goes back to the early 1900's, but it was not until the 1950's that the immigration increased and became steady.

Most Taiwanese came here initially for advanced studies in US universities. At that time, Taiwan was still under KMT martial law and the people of Taiwan were prohibited from traveling abroad freely. During the 1970's and early 1980's, the US, Japan and most countries in the world severed their diplomatic relations with Taiwan in order to officially recognize the People's Republic of China. Taiwan was forced out of United Nations as well. The diplomatic setback for KMT Government in Taiwan resulted in a surge of immigration to the US. A US Congressional action allocating an immigration quota of 20,000 for Taiwan (apart from China) contributed to a new wave of immigrants from Taiwan. In the 1990's, with the lifting of martial law by the KMT government and democracy taking root in Taiwan, previous restrictions regarding immigration were lifted. In the 1990 census, the number of self-identified Taiwanese increased to 200,000. It is estimated the Taiwanese population in the United States has reached more than 500,000 as of today.

During the 20-year period of increased immigration Taiwanese Americans have integrated into American society and built communities and professional organizations throughout different parts of the United States. In addition, several outstanding Taiwanese Americans have taken prominent positions in different professional circles including Ang Lee, the award winning director, Dr. David Ho in the field of AIDS research, Ms. Lisa Ling, a prime time TV host, Mr. John Chiang, the first Asian American to serve on the California Board of Equalization, Mr. David Wu, Congressman and Mr. John Liu, New York City council member.

The first and second generations of Taiwanese Americans have made substantial strides in bringing together the best of the East and West. With a remarkable work ethic, entrepreneurship, community spirit, self-reliance, and respect for education, they have emerged as a group that is anchored in the values of freedom, democracy, and rule of law.

As America confronts new challenges in this new millennium, the opportunity to build a renewed stronger nation is beckoning, and Taiwanese Americans are ready to answer the call to do their share.

## STAGE PROGRAM

12:00 Opening Ceremony  
12:20 Taiwan American Senior Center & Cool Moms

- Aboriginal Dance
- Betel nut Dance
- The Love Song
- Taiwanese Opera: Tan-San & Go-Niu

01:10 ETTV Idol

01:20 Voice of Mei-Hua Ru

01:30 Taipei Folk Dance Group

- Lotus: Buddhist mudras in gracious meditative dance
- A Ferryman Romance: A humorous piece on Ferryman's quest for love
- The Lingering Charm of the Drum - "Tiao-Goh" or "Dance to the Drums" with acrobatic movements that brings excitement.
- Pull Bell - whistles when pulled also in different patterns
- The Beauty of Taiwan Aboriginal Dance - With Paiwan, Atayal, Rukai & Amis tribal dances
- In the Field - A girl dreamed scarecrow as her lover
- The Boys Love Songs - celebrates youthfulness
- Adoring Homage to Taiwan - "When My Heart of life Opens", "Sudden Shower" & "The Song of Kavalan"

03:00 ETTV Idol

03:10 Hsu-Nami

04:00 Johnny Hi-Fi

04:30 Intro to Temple Warriors

04:50 Encore Presentation

05:00 See you in 2007!

Mistress of Ceremony: Mei-Hua Ru



**Johnny Hi-Fi** - Critics called them the "Radiohead of the boy-band generation", "Asian-Britpop" or "American Coldplay". They started out as your normal teenage garage band, idolizing 80's pop music, and fueled by adolescence. Music took front seat of the band's life after winning first place at the high school talent show. Now with sold-out EPs, the band can be seen regularly on TV from coast to coast including the newly launched MTV Chi.  
[www.johnnyhi-fi.com](http://www.johnnyhi-fi.com)



**The Hsu-nami** - Formed in the fall of 2005, is an Asian rock fusion instrumental group. Members are Jack Hsu (Er-Hu), Brent Bergholm (Lead Guitar), Vinny Belcastro (Guitar), Derril Sellers (Bass), Adam Toth (Piano/Synths), and John Manna (Drums). It is characterized as new-age fusion, the osmosis of oriental pastime + the tenacity of modern rock. [www.Hsu-nami.com](http://www.Hsu-nami.com)

**Taipei Folk Dance Theatre** - founded 1988 by Professor Tsai Li-hua with mission is to promote & preserve Taiwan's dance heritage originating from ethnic cultures of the island's aborigine tribes. The company is renowned for its unique style of traditional Taiwanese folk dance numbers, based on years of Professor Tsai's diligent field research and painstaking recording of music and movements. She has imbued it with modern techniques without sacrificing the original characteristics. The company has presented over 600 performances in more than 40 countries. It has received numerous awards in international dance events.  
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