

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Leysin American School

CH. de la Source 3
1854 Leysin, Switzerland
(hereafter 'LAS')

and

Taichung City Government Education Bureau

No. 36, Yangming St., Fengyuan District
Taichung City 42007, Taiwan
(hereafter 'Taichung')

1. PURPOSE

Leysin American School (LAS), Ch de La Source 3, 1854 Leysin, Switzerland and Taichung City Government Education Bureau, Taichung, Taiwan hereby establish a relationship to promote collaboration in international student programs and professional development in education.

Programs are scheduled to commence in June 2020.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 LAS Summary

Leysin American School is an international boarding school located in the Alpine village of Leysin, Switzerland. The school was established in 1960 by Fred and Sigrid Ott and is currently managed by the third generation of the Ott Family.

LAS welcomes students from over sixty countries to live and study together in a community that promotes a global perspective in a family atmosphere. For almost 60 years, LAS has nurtured the talents of students, motivating them to reach their potential in education, sports and arts, forming the basis of successful careers and contributions to their community.

The success stems from the vision of founders Fred and Sigrid Ott — to create an international high school in a secure, inspiring location, where young people can

reach their academic and personal potential in becoming true “global citizens.” Under the guidance of the third generation of the Ott family, this vision continues to confirm the LAS Mission:

Developing innovative, compassionate and responsible citizens of the world.

LAS graduates have the obligation to make a contribution as future leaders in their countries and to the world at large.

2.2 Accreditation and Membership

LAS is accredited by Council of International Schools (CIS), International Baccalaureate Office (IBO), and New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The school is certified under the standards of ISO 9001 and OHSAS 18001. LAS is a member of the European Council of International Schools (ECIS), The American Boarding Association (TABS) and the Swiss Group of International Schools (SGIS).

3. AREAS OF COOPERATION – STUDENT PROGRAMS

Student programs are scheduled as follows:

- Summer programs in accordance with the published dates, July – August
- School year in accordance with the published school year dates from end of August to early June.

3.1 Summer Programs

The LAS summer programs are open to students from the associated schools of Taichung city. (See Addendum 1)

LAS Summer students enroll for two-, four-, or six weeks with morning academic courses and afternoon clubs & activities. Weekends are reserved for excursions. *LAS Edge* is a three-week course with limited enrollment specializing in courses relating to the LAS Mission Statement and focused on personal development, team building and soft skills.

3.2 Dual Degree Programs

The Dual Degree programs enable students to earn two secondary degrees, the LAS Diploma and the Taiwan High School Diploma. (see Addendum 2)

All Dual Degree candidates are regular grade 10 students at LAS. They enroll in the English Language Acquisition (ELA) program that includes language study at the relevant level of competence, as well as courses taught by ELA experienced teachers in history, science, mathematics and arts.

For the diploma years study, grades 11 and 12, students may choose to study

- At Taichung high schools taking regular required Taiwan high school courses.

3.3 Transfer Students

LAS accepts transfer students upon submission of required documentation, including grade reports, essay and designated enrollment forms. Based on qualification and English language ability, transfer students may enroll in the US High School or the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) program.

3.4 Tuition

Tuition fees are printed in the relevant current publications. Through the LAS Foundation for the Advancement of International Education, scholarships and financial aid is available.

3.5 Visiting High School Scholars Program

During the school year, LAS invites two students who have completed grade 9 and graduated from Middle School, free of charge for a one-week program of initiation.

4. Areas of Cooperation – Professional Educator Programs

The LAS Educational Research (LASER) group provides professional development for teachers, administrators and educational support staff.

4.1 Workshops

LASER provides tailor-made workshops in modern pedagogy and educational support services in Leysin or Taichung.

Taichung Workshops are organized on designated topics for a duration from two days to one week.

4.2 Visiting Scholar Program

The Visiting Scholar program is open to researchers in education, who may wish to use LAS as a living laboratory. LAS provides room and board free of charge for up to three months. Participants are required to share research results with LAS faculty. Publications resulting from their work on campus need to include a mention of LAS. Interested persons need to submit a research proposal to LASER.

4.3 Visiting Teacher Program

LASER offers the opportunity for teachers to work with LAS master faculty for a period of one week to three months. Participants cover the standard stipend paid to the LAS member of faculty, but are provided with room and board free of charge. Interested teachers need to provide details of their professional goals.

4.4 Endicott Master Degree Programs

LASER partners with the Endicott College International Education Program Master Degree Program.

The course of study includes two three-week sessions on campus and on-line course work for one year. Programs are offered in

- International Education,
- International Educational Administration,
- International Education with ELA Concentration,
- International Education with Concentration in Technology Integration,
- International Education with Concentration in Curriculum Development and Supervision.

5. Disclosure and privacy

Decisions or disclosures of information to the public regarding activities undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding will be made following written agreement between LAS and Taichung City Government Education Bureau. Each party shall keep confidential and not disclose to any third party or use such confidential information other than for the purposes of this Memorandum of Understanding.