

**STUDY ON TAIWANESE YOUTH'S COGNITION AND ATTITUDE
TOWARD WORKING HOLIDAY**

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Abstract

In 2004, Ministry of Foreign Affairs signed "Working Holiday Program Agreement" with New Zealand and Australia. Young persons whose age is between 18 to 30s years old can apply the scheme. Up now, Taiwan has signed working holiday agreement with 15 countries. Also, the working holiday becomes more and more popular. It is expected that the working holiday scheme can provide opportunities for the youth to experience different cultures. They can also work on the one hand, and make money on the other hand.

The purpose of this study is to investigate cognition and attitude of Taiwanese youth toward working holiday. Try to understand their opinions on working holiday.

This study applied qualitative and quantitative research method simultaneously. The research will take use of interview to collect information from the youth who has ever taken part in the working holiday. Meanwhile, the research will use questionnaire to collect young persons' attitude with regards to working holiday. Furthermore, the author had also conducted interviews to collect more data for strengthening research result.

It divided three parts, before the working holiday, during the working and after the working holiday. Before the working holiday the youth thought that language ability, Taiwan's employment rate and salary will influence their attitudes to apply working holiday programs. As for motivations for those young persons who ever

applied working holiday programs, they thought it can achieve self-actualization. During the working holiday the adaptation difficulty will influence them. After the working holiday they thought it can upgrade persons' self-ability and change their values of work and influenced them on new job searching and also need to face the adaptation problems again.

Keyword: Taiwanese youth, Working holiday, Experiences, Self-ability