



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Taipei (Taiwan), AIT Taipei Office Closed (August 2) Hurricanes

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Due to Typhoon Saola, the AIT Taipei office will be closed on Thursday, August 2, 2012. All U.S. citizens residing in or visiting Taiwan are urged to monitor local news for the latest safety and weather information. In the event of an emergency, U.S. citizens should call AIT's Taipei office at 02-2162-2000. For The AIT Kaohsiung Branch Office please call at 07-238-7744 or FAX: 07-238-5237.

Rescheduling American Citizen Services Appointments

We encourage individuals who had American Citizen Services (Taipei office) appointments scheduled for Thursday to reschedule their appointments online by visiting the AIT's website at <http://acs.ait.org.tw/>.

If you had an appointment scheduled for Thursday, August 2 and have proof of emergency travel, you may come to AIT during our regular business hours on the next available business day. However, you should expect delays.

Rescheduling Immigrant Visa Appointments

Individuals who had immigrant visa interview appointments scheduled for Thursday should contact AIT's Immigrant Visa Unit via fax at 02-2162-2253 or e-mail at visaiv-ait@state.gov to reschedule your appointment.

Rescheduling Nonimmigrant Visa Interview Appointments

We encourage individuals who had nonimmigrant visa interview appointments scheduled for Thursday to reschedule their appointments by visiting the Application Processing Center's web site at <http://www.visaagent.com.tw>.

The Joint Typhoon Warning Center and the Taiwan Central Weather Bureau are tracking Typhoon Saola. At this time the typhoon is expected to track to the immediate north of Taiwan, but the possibility of a last minute change in direction exists. Also, Typhoon Saola may increase in velocity as it passes Taiwan. Heavy rain and strong winds can be expected across the entire island.

We will continue to monitor Typhoon Saola's track and will issue updated messages as needed. Please monitor the storm's track by listening to the radio, watching television, or monitoring Taiwan's Central Weather Bureau website in English. International Community Radio Taipei (ICRT) provides regular weather bulletins in English on 100.7 FM in the Taipei and Kaohsiung areas and on 100.1 FM in Taichung. Locate shelter, monitor media reports, and follow all official instructions. Carry your travel documents at all times (e.g., U.S.



passport, birth certificate, picture ID's, etc.) or secure them in a safe, waterproof location. You should also contact friends and family in the United States with updates on your whereabouts. Additional information on hurricanes and storm preparedness may be found on our "Hurricane/Typhoon Season" webpage and on the "Natural Disasters" page of the Bureau of Consular Affairs' website. Updated information on travel in Taiwan may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States and Canada, or from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

Please continue to monitor the American Institute in Taiwan's website for updated information, including announcements of AIT closure. Please consult the Country Specific Information for Taiwan, available on the Bureau of Consular Affairs website.

For any emergencies involving U.S. citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services Unit of the American Institute in Taiwan. The location of the AIT Taipei office is No. 7, Lane 134, Sec. 3, XinYi Road, Da-an District, Taipei City 10659; telephone (02) 2162-2000; fax (02) 2162-2239; email amcit-ait-t@state.gov; after hours emergency (02)2162-2000; website <http://acs.ait.org.tw/>. The location of the AIT Kaohsiung office is 5th Floor, No. 2, Chung Cheng 3rd Road, Xin-Xing District, Kaohsiung City 80052; telephone (07) 238-7744; fax (07) 238-5237; email amcit-ait-t@state.gov; after hours emergency (02) 2162-2000; website . <http://kaohsiung.ait.org.tw/en/consular-service.html>.