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**Concept Note: Sustainable Implementation of Cross-Border Internships Modules in the APEC Region—  
(1) Facilitating Policy Research and Best Regulatory Practices for Cross-Border Internship in Higher Education and Vocational Education / Training in the APEC Region**

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## Sustainable Implementation of Cross-Border Internships Modules in the APEC Region

(1) Facilitating policy research and best regulatory practices for cross-border internship in higher education and vocational education/training in the APEC region

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### Background of Project 1 of 2

- In 2012, APEC Leaders highlighted the **importance of enhanced educational mobility** in their joint statement:

*Increasing **cross-border** student flows will strengthen regional ties, build people to people exchanges, and promote economic development through knowledge and skills transfer. High quality cross-border education equips students with the 21st century competencies they need for their full participation in a globalized and knowledge based society.*

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## Background of Project 1 of 2

- According to 20th APEC ECONOMIC LEADERS' Declaration, all APEC economies stand to gain from enhancing collaboration on **cross-border education**.
- Many developing economies in the Asia-Pacific region are rapidly moving into higher value-added manufacturing and knowledge intensive industries driven by innovation.
- Access to a wide range of quality higher education services is critical for sustainable growth on this development pathway.

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## Objectives of Project

- Understand the policies and regulations that promote or restrain cross-border internships
- Enhance awareness of importance of cross-border internship to shared prosperity
- Increase transparency and reduce regional barriers for cross-border internship services in APEC region



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## Methodology of Project

**2 years** to analyze the current status, propose and pilot a model, implement the use of the model and refine as needed.

- **Phase 1 Self-Funding:** Research study to understand policies and regulations that restrain or promote cross-border internships, which limits building of human capital, regional economic growth and productivity; and identify and recommend the best existing policies and regulatory practices for cross-border internships which can benefit further transparency in higher education and vocational education/training in the APEC region.
- **Phase 2:** Researchers from APEC members will be invited to jointly share their best practice mode for cross-border internship as well as a literature review of related research. APEC Cross-Border Internship Conference will be held to draft any durable model and suggestions of cross-border internship for APEC members.

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## Existing Cross-Border Internship Model in Chinese Taipei 1 of 6

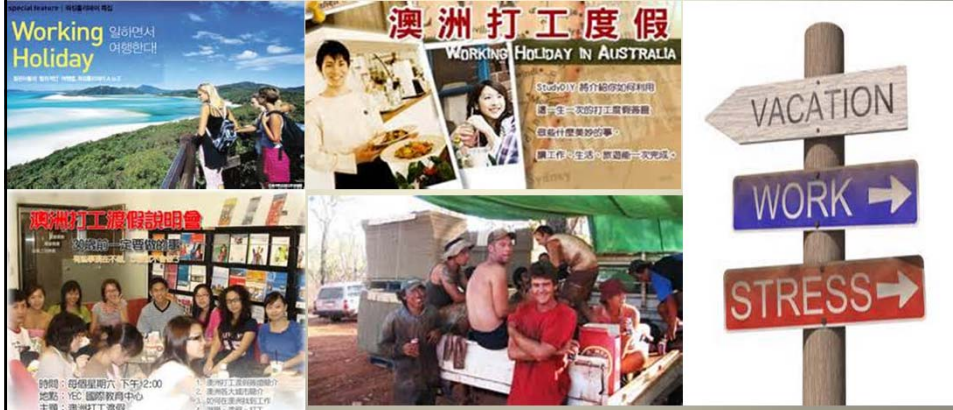
- **Working through universities in Chinese Taipei:** offers exchange students cross-border education as well as internship opportunities in local industry





## Existing Cross-Border Internship Model in Chinese Taipei 2 of 6

- Working Holiday:** Chinese Taipei has bilateral agreements on Working Holiday with APEC member economies, such as Australia, Canada, Japan, Korea, New Zealand



## Existing Cross-Border Internship Model in Chinese Taipei 3 of 6

- Occupational Practical Training (OPT):** Every international student who graduates from university or college in Chinese Taipei is eligible to apply for maximum of **1 year OPT**.







## Existing Cross-Border Internship Model in Chinese Taipei 4 of 6

- **Local enterprises/firms' professional internships for overseas students:** Domestic firms can apply for **6- or 12-month** internships for students from overseas



## Existing Cross-Border Internship Model in Chinese Taipei 5 of 6

- Chinese Taipei is refining a new educational regulation to allow educational and research institutions to apply for **interns**, that may include students from APEC member economies, for terms **up to 6 months**.



## Existing Cross-Border Internship Model in Chinese Taipei 6 of 6

- **International Volunteer programs:** Variety of international volunteer programs allow students to volunteer across borders, such as **International Volunteer Programs Association (IVPA)** and **Volunteer Space**.



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