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### Local Trip of 2014 ACFEA Conference, July 11, 2014 (Tentative Schedule)

Time	Scenic Spots
08:30	Taking Tour Bus to Dasi, Taoyuan
09:30	The Culture Resort of The Jiang & Ta Shee Blooming Oasis
12:00	Lunch in a Restaurant in Ta Shee Blooming Oasis
13:30	Dance of Taiwan Indigenous Peoples (Atayal Tribe)
14:00	Taking Tour Bus to Fusing Township
14:40	Xiao Wulai Skywalk
16:00	Taking Tour Bus to Shihmen Reservoir
16:40	Shihmen Reservoir with a 50-MinuteWonderful Boat Trip.
18:00	Walking to Restaurant.
18:20	Enjoy Your Dinner in a Restaurant near Reservoir.
19:40	Taking Tour Bus to Taipei.

Note: This tentative schedule might be changed based on the weather situation.

### **Introduction to Major Scenic Spots**

Dasi Township and Fusing Villiage in Taoyuan are very beautiful and scenic places, and Cihu and Touliao are the final resting places of two Presidents Jiangs. Daxi is also known as the "township of the presidents", and in 2005, Taoyuan County Government started planning the Culture Resort of the Jiangs, which combines history, culture, recreation, and ecology in order to promote local tourism.

#### 1. The Culture Resort of the Jiang

The Culture Resort includes the Cihu Sculpture Memorial Park and Back Cihu. The Cihu Sculpture Memorial Park was planned and established in 1997 by the Daxi Town Hall. It is the only memorial garden in





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dedicated to sculptures of a single person, in this case Jiang Jie-shi. On February 29, 2000, the Kaohsiung County government held a ceremony for the removal and donation of the first bronze sculpture of Jiang. As of November 2008, there



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are a total of 152 sculptures of Jiang in the park in full figure, bust, seated, and standing forms as well as riding a horse. There are illustrative signs set in front of the park so that visitors can clearly understand their backgrounds. And if you look carefully, maybe you can find someone even greater than Jiang Jie-shi in the park! [More....]

#### 2. Back Cihu

The crescent shaped Back Cihu originated from a small creek in Mt. Baishi. Previously known as "Long-Guo-Mai-Pi," it was an irrigation pond of the Taoyuan Irrigation Association with a water area of 41,076 hectares of water area, 177,500 m3 of water storage capacity, irrigation area of 117,29 hectares, irrigating the 3 main areas of Dasi. At one time during the 1950s, Chiang Kai-shek was travelling to Baiji Tunnel



and when his motorcade was unable to move forward, Chiang changed cars and rode on a sedan and then arrived in Cihu. This area made a deep impression on him,



because it resembled his hometown in Fenghua County, Zhejiang Province. In 1955, the Lin Ben-Yuan family of Banciao donated 19 hectares of the surrounding Cihu area to be built as a hotel. The "Cave Hotel" was completed in June 13, 1959, and was later renamed to "Cihu Hotel" in Oct. 1962. [More....]

#### 3. Ta Shee Blooming Oasis

Ta Shee Blooming Oasis is located right next to "Chiang Kai-shek and Chiang Ching-Kuo Cultural Park" and at 16 hectares is considered the largest farm in north Taiwan. The entire park is noted for its many beautiful flowers, besides which



there are also the uniquely developed European herbal sachet, plantings, hand-made



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biscuits, lavender pillows, and DIY activities. In addition, one can also enjoy fancy herbal cuisine or elegant afternoon tea. Visitors can arrange with a group of friends to have a BBQ at the garden. Thus, when you pay a visit to Ta Shee Blooming Oasis you can have all your wishes for hiking, good food, and fun accommodated.

#### 4. Dance of Taiwan Indigenous Peoples (Atayal Tribe)



The origins of the Atayal can be classified into three systems: 1. They deeply believe that they were born from stones.2. They deeply believe that they were born from the big stones in Dabajian Mountain. 3. They deeply believe that they were born from the old trucks of the Stone Mountain in the upper area of Wangdabei Creek.

The dance of Atayal is a romantic Jew's harp dance. Jew's harp is commonly practiced among nice indigenous peoples but only the Atayal can excel in playing the instrument with dance to express affection among lovers.

#### 5. Xiao Wulai Skywalk

Come to Taoyuan to challenge the limitation of your sense at the first skywalk in Taiwan! Xiao Wulai Skywalk is located in Taoyuan Fuhsing Township, rose beside the Wind-Rolling Stone and suspended above the Xiao Wulai Waterful. To fulfill tourists' dream of walking in the air, Taoyuan county



government spent NTD 8 million on it. The shape of skywalk was in a concise design



with geometrical pattern, and tempered glass construction in the bottom. The walkway extended in the sky for 11 meters. Standing on the glass platform, 70 meters high above the bottom of waterfall, tourists can admire the beautiful valley and spectacular waterfall scenery. You are welcomed to come and sense the whole new sight with courageous challenge of 70 meters high.



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#### 6. Shihmen Reservoir

Located in Longtan Town close to Daxi and Fuxing towns of Taoyuan County, Shihmen Reservoir is one of Taiwan's major reservoirs. The water of the reservoir mainly comes from the north of Mt. Tapachien, and midstream of Dahan River. Completed and opened to the public



in 1964, Shihmen Reservoir has the height of 133m, and 680,000m3 for the water conservation capacity with 6 gates, a power generator plant, Shihmen Dam, and a circular walkway. The reservoir functions as a generator of electricity, supplier of water, preventer of flood, irrigator of farmlands as well as a wonderful Taoyuan tourist attraction. Shihmen Reservoir was once the largest water conservancy project



in Southeast Asia. The reservoir does not only provide water and generates power for northern Taiwan, but also serves as a wonderful tourist attraction for beautiful natural sceneries and special reservoir delicacies. Visitors may find many restaurants opened near the reservoir serving fresh reservoir fish delicacies. The most popular way of savoring the fresh fish is to have

the fish made into different flavors. The fresh fish of Shihmen Reservoir have a fresh and tender taste. Visitors may find many maple trees in the Shihmen Reservoir area. They were originally planted widely across the reservoir for soil conservation. During the maple season (normally, maples are best viewed from November through January in Taiwan), visitors may find both ground and overhead foliage covered with a mass

of red and golden-color maple leaves boasting picturesque sceneries. When it comes to discharge of the Shihmen Dam, massive water releasing from the flood-relief channels provide spectacular views. Pinglin Park is noted as the best vantage point to see the discharge, and the pavilion within the park is a wonderful venue for stargazing. It is also a



favored place among newlyweds for wedding photos. There is also an observatory, "Song Tai" offering panoramic views overlooking Longtan Town.