

Who are we????

**Yi-lan International
Children's Fokllore &
Folkgame Festival
(YICF)**

What is Yi-lan International Children's Folklore & Folkgame Festival?

- It's an international children's folklore festival, celebrated by the Yilan County Government with the coordination of the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Yilan County Government and the Lan-yang Cultural and Educational Foundation for 15 times in 19 years since 1996.
- It has had more than 7,500,000 visitors till 2013.
- It has had 281 foreign participating groups from 89 countries around the world till 2014.
- It has ever listed as one of the 12 most important monthly activities, defined by Tourist Bureau, Republic of China in Taiwan.
- It is one of the most prestigious international cultural events in Taiwan.

Foreign Participating Groups in Each Year (I)

1996	Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Israel, Japan, Korea, Poland, Russia, Thailand
1997	Canada, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Latvia *, Mongolia, Russia x 2, Philippines, Slovenia, Uganda and USA
1999	Argentina, Azerbaijan, Buryatia, Canada x 2, France, Germany x 2, India, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, Macedonia *, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland, Slovakia x 2, Sierra Leone and Turkey
2000	Australia, Chelyabinsk (Russia), Brazil, Belarus, Denmark, Finland, Honduras★, India, Israel *, Italy, Côte d'Ivoire, Japan, Malaysia, Paraguay *, Slovakia, Thailand
2001	Australia # , Benin, Bulgaria, Bolivia, Canada x 2, Croatia, United Kingdom, Guam *, Hawaii (USA), Hungary, India, Italy, Korea x 2, Macedonia, New Zealand # , Poland x 2, Portugal, Russia x 2, Spain x 3 (1 *),, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Ukraine
2002	Argentina, Australia # , Brazil # , Chile, Guam, France, India, Japan # , Korea, Mexico, Nepal, Paraguay *, Peru, Russia, Spain x 2, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, USA, Uzbekistan, Yugoslavia
2004	Argentina, Armenia, Australia # , Bulgaria, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Germany, Guatemala, India, Korea x 2, Madagascar, Mexico # , New Zealand # , Peru, Philippines x 2, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Thailand x 2, Turkey, Ukraine
2005	Brazil # , Bulgaria x 2 (1 #), Buryatia *, Cameroon, Canada, Germany, Guam # , Honduras *, Hungary, India # , Indonesia, Japan x 2, Poland, Russia x 2, Serbia, Sri Lanka x 2, Spain x 2, Thailand, Turkey, USA, Uzbekistan

Foreign Participating Groups in Each Year (II)

2006	Argentina # , Australia # , Bulgaria, Canada, Central Africa Republic, Colombia, Czech Republic, Finland, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan x 2, Jordan, Korea, Kyrgyz Republic, Lithuania, Malaysia x 2, Mexico, Philippines, Russia x 2, Thailand x 2, Turkey # , Tuva Republic
2007	Armenia, Australia # , Cook Islands, Canada, Chile # , Congo, India # , Indonesia, Japan x 2, Khakasia, Japan x 2, Korea, Mexico x 2, Papua New Guinea, Russia, Serbia # , Thailand x 2, Ukraine
2010	Argentina, Bolivia # , Fiji, Finland, Indonesia, Japan x 2, Korea # , Lithuania # , Malaysia, Mexico # , Russia x 3 (1 #), Slovakia, Thailand, Turkey # , UK #
2011	Basque Country (Spain), Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cuba, Czech Republic, Indonesia, Japan x 3, Korea x2, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Poland x 2(#), Russia x 3, Serbia # , Thailand x 2, Ukraine
2012	Brazil, Ecuador, France, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Japan x 3, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea x 2, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Philippines, Poland, Russia x 2, Slovenia, Sri Lanka # , Thailand
2013	Bangladesh, Canada, Estonia, Germany, Georgia # , Indonesia, Japan x 3, Korea, Mexico, Mongolia * , Morocco, Panama, Romania, Russia x 3, Slovakia, Sri Lanka # , Thailand, Venezuela
2014	Bulgaria, Indonesia x 2, Japan x 3 (1 #), Korea, Lithuania x 2, Mexico, Mongolia * , Palestine, Philippines, Peru # , Russia x 3, Tahiti, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine #

In total , 281 participating groups from 89 countries

Where does YICF take place?

It takes place in Dong-shan River, Chin-shui Park, Yi-lan County, north-east part of Taiwan.



Seven Factors of Yi-lan International Children's Folklore & Folkgame Festival



- Happiness
 - Health
 - Culture
- Exchange
- Education
 - Interest
 - Innovation



Four Main themes of Yi-lan International Children's Folklore & Folkgame Festival



- **Water Game/
Land Game**
- **Performances**
- **Exchanges**
- **Exhibition**

YICF Water Game

~ Amazing Water Games for a Cool Summer~

Each year, we will develop new water games and improve the existing facilities for people to enjoy them. In recent year, the favorite water games for the public are:

- **Water labyrinth**
- **Reverse rotation water labyrinths**
- **Amazing tunnel**



YICF Games

**~ Brainstorming and
Physical Test for a Happy Summer ~**



High Net

3 Dimensional Labyrinth



YICF Performances ~ Global Villages ~

Performance is the highlight of Yi-lan International Children's Folklore & Folkgame Festival. In general, our performing groups can be divided as following:

- **National and International Children's folk performing groups**
- **International Small performing groups of very special art and folk**
- **Taiwanese local performing groups and street artists**
- **Professional entertaining group**



What do the participating groups do during their staying in YICF?

Exchange

The participating groups in our festival not only make performance here, presenting the folk art of their countries to the public, but also have chance to make exchange in all aspects, the culture and life included with different groups/ people from all over the world.



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Taiwan not only has the latest IT technology but also conserves the most authentic Chinese culture. During the festival, the participating groups have chance to get along with the local people, experience the local life and get to know the culture in this land through the different activities, arranged by the festival organization.



Exchange

“Folk Handicraft Specialist Project”



In addition to the artistic and cultural exchange among the participating performing groups, there is also skill and craft exchange between the national and international handicraft specialists, invited by the festival organization. This is what we called the “folk handicraft specialist project” in which we invite craft master who has good skill in making craft and experience in teaching children especially, to work in “the folk craft workshop” to demonstrate how to make the craft, especially the folk toy and teach the public, especially the children to learn to do it at the same time since we think folk craft is also an important factor in the folk art. 13

YICF Exhibition

~ Learn and Play Simultaneously ~

- Each year, exhibition halls of different themes and different fields will be set up which can be divided into 4 categories as follow with the character of seeing and doing/ playing at the same time.
 - * Local flavor: emphasizing the traditional art and folk
 - * International Cooperation: seeking the international cooperation to set up an exhibition in the folk field.
 - * Practice at sight (DIY: Do it by yourselves): letting people learn from playing inside the exhibition hall.
 - * Current trend: Incorporating the latest technical information to set up an exhibition for people to catch up with the time.

YICF is

- an annual festival, taking place in July and August with a duration of almost two months.
- a happy festival in which different programs and facilities are available for people, especially the family to enjoy a happy summer.
- a festival for cultural exchange in which folk groups from different parts of the world get together to make performance, presenting their folk art to the public, learn from each other and experience the culture and life of Taiwan and China while the local people can contact the world without the need to go abroad.
- an economic festival which promotes the local tourist and economic development.
- a qualified festival, which is recognized as CIOFF® International Festival by CIOFF® on 11 November 2010.

Welcome your presence in Yi- lan International Children's Folklore & Folkgame Festival

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