

# National Cheng Kung University

## The International Field School on Austronesian Archaeology

### Registration Prospectus

#### 1. Introduction

“The International Field School on Austronesian Archaeology” (August 2025), organized by the Institute of Archaeology at National Cheng Kung University (NCKU), will conduct excavation at Renli site in Gongliao. This program is integrated into the Taiwan-Japan cooperative research project using a ceramics archaeology approach, which aims to explore the integration of indigenous Formosans on Taiwan northern coasts into East Asian maritime trade and exchange networks connecting Fuzhou, Taiwan, the Ryukyu Islands, and the Sakishima Islands from the 14<sup>th</sup> century onward.

The archaeological field school program will be held between August 1<sup>st</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup>. We will provide fieldwork training, including archaeological surveys and excavation practice at the Renli archaeological site, related thematic seminars, and field trip to visit local museums. The program does not offer academic credits, while the Institute of Archaeology will provide certificates for 54 hours of practice, equivalent to 3 credits, for international students upon completion, which may be used for credit recognition at their home institutions.

The program includes three primary objectives:

1. To provide essential training on archaeological fieldwork.
2. To foster mutual interaction and cultural appreciation across nations.
3. To advance understanding of Austronesian cultures in Taiwan and the sustainability of indigenous heritage.



Figure 1 : The International Field School on Austronesian Archaeology at Renli archaeological site

## 2. Course Information

- Course Duration: August 1st, 2025 – August 9th, 2025
- Location: Renli Archaeological Site at Gongliao District, New Taipei City  
Coordinates: (DMS) : 25°3'3.2" N, 121°55' 33.4" E  
(DD) : 25.050547 N, 121.927657 E
- Program Schedule (further details will be sent to participants via email after the enrollment)

Date	Time	Curriculum and Activity Schedule
8/1 ( Fri )	0800-1000	Meeting at Nangang Train Station and depart for Renli, New Taipei City
	1000-1700	Test pit layout Field safety session
8/2 ( Sat )	0800-1700	Archaeological excavation methods Fieldwork equipment operations
8/3 ( Sun )	0800-1700	Excavation Stratigraphic description and recording
8/4 ( Mon )	0800-1700	Documentation: excavation photography, mapping, and surveying.
8/5 ( Tue )	0800-1700	Excavation and stratigraphic interpretation; thematic seminar
8/6 ( Wed )	0800-1700	Stratigraphic sequence analysis Profile documentation
8/7 ( Thu )	0800-1700	Thematic seminar: Understanding the Renli Site artifacts and their significance.
8/8 ( Fri )	0800-1700	Field trip to Lanyang Museum Thematic seminar: Sustainability of Kavalan archaeological cultural heritage
8/9 ( Sat )	0800-1200	Thematic seminar: Maritime trade routes between Northern Taiwan and the Ryukyu Islands
	1400-1700	Farewell


### 3. Miscellaneous information


- (1) No tuition or registration fees are required for this program. Applicants are responsible for arranging their own visa or entry permit.
- (2) Accommodation, meals, and local transportation during the program will be provided by NCKU. However, participants are responsible for their own transportation to (and back from) the meeting place at the Nangang Train Station, Taipei, such as air fare and other necessary expenses. Participants are also required to pay for museum tickets and to purchase their own travel insurance.
- (3) In case of unforeseen events such as typhoons or natural disasters, the organizers will re-adjust the program schedule for safety reasons and will announce it thereafter on our official website.

### 4. Application

- (1) The maximum enrollment is 30 participants.
- (2) Application dates: 2025.05.01-2025.05.15.
- (3) Register online at: <https://forms.gle/jYu22nF2RfpT5Pnd7>
- (4) Applicants are required to scan their school enrollment certificate and upload via above registration form ( PDF file ) .
- (5) Accepted applicants will be announced on institutional and program website. Further information will also be sent to participants via the email address provided during registration.

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