

# (Frequently Asked Questions)

## I. Registration Phase

- 1. Q : Are paper-based registrations acceptable?
  - A : The contest only accepts online registration. Registration : https://www.tecofound.org.tw/nz/2025/login.php
- 2. Q : Language requirements for the submission of contest documents.
  - A : Taiwan Contest : Chinese Language Only International Contest : English Language Only. The names of participants and the language used in the final round presentations are subject to the same language requirements.
- 3. Q : What should be done if the number of registrants exceeds the contest group limit in the online registration system (4 advisors, 1 team leader, and 9 team members)?
  - A : Please provide the project name, team title, applicant's name, contact number, and email address in the "Intelligent System" chatbot at (<u>https://lin.ee/FbSaezX</u>). The organizing committee will contact you during business hours.
- 4. Q : Are graduates of this year eligible to participate in the contest?
  - A : Yes, from now until June 25, 2025, individuals who are undergraduate or graduate students and can provide proof of student status or enrollment are eligible to participate in the contest.
- 5. Q : May I register alone, without a team?
  - A: 1. Each team should consist of at least 3 students and 1 advisor.
    - 2. Participants can be from different departments or universities.
    - 3. Each person is limited to joining one team (advisors are not subject to this restriction).

- 6. Q : May I register without an advisor?
  - A : 1. Each team should consist of at least 3 students and 1 advisor.
    - 1. Participants can be from different departments or universities.
    - 2. Each person is limited to joining one team (advisors are not subject to this restriction).
- 7. Q : May the advisor be a team member?
  - A : No, only enrolled students are allowed to be team members or team leaders.
- 8. Q : I am an international student at a higher education institution in Taiwan (or a Taiwanese student studying abroad). Which contest may I sign up for?
  - A : Please register for the contest based on your institutional affiliation (Taiwan or international institution) and eligible categories.
    - 1. Taiwan Contest

Open to undergraduate and graduate students from universities in Taiwan.

2. International Contest

Open to undergraduate and graduate students from universities worldwide, including Taiwan.

#### **Important Notice:**

- Each team should consist of at least 3 students and 1 advisor.
- Participants can be from different departments or universities.
- Each person is limited to joining one team (advisors are not subject to this restriction).
- 9. Q : Do I need to complete the online registration in one session?
  - A : You may log in Registration System multiple times to update and upload your information before the June 25 deadline. Afterward, the system will close.

- 10. Q : After completing the registration, is it possible to change the work title, team roster, project proposal, and attachments?
  - A : You may log into the Registration System to update your information before the June 25 deadline. After 00:00 on June 26, changes to the team roster, work title, project proposal, or attachments will not be permitted, except in special cases with a request from the advisor to the TECO Technology Foundation.
- 11. Q : What should I do if I am unable to upload the project proposal and attachments?
  - A : 1. Please ensure that the uploaded files are less than 10MB in size.
    2. Please make sure that the file names do not contain punctuation marks or any of the following characters: \/:\*?" < > |.
- 12. Q : How can a registered team confirm their registration was successful?
  - A : After submitting the team registration and project documents, the organizing committee will review the application information to ensure it complies with the contest rules and is complete. Once verified, a "Registration Successful" notification email will be sent to confirm your registration. If you have not received it by June 27, please reach out to syu@teco.com.tw
- 13. Q : When will the list of finalists be announced?
  - A : The finalist results will be announced on July 11 for the International Contest and July 18 for the Taiwan Contest. Results will be posted on the following platforms:
    - 1. TECO Technology Foundation Official Website: http://teco.tecofound.org.tw/zh-tw/pages/41
    - 2. National Taiwan University Office of Sustainability Website: https://sustainable.ntu.edu.tw/
    - 3. National Taiwan University Official Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/iloventu/?locale=zh\_TW
    - 4. The Intelligent Service System (<u>https://lin.ee/FbSaezX</u>) will proactively send messages announcing the finalists.

### 14. Q : How is the competition judging panel formed?

- A : 1. Chairperson of the Judging Panel: Dr. Wen-Chang Chen, President of National Taiwan University.
  - 2. Taiwan Contest Judges: A panel of domestic scholars and experts.
  - 3. International Contest Judges: A panel of both domestic and international scholars and experts.

## **II. Final Round Phase**

- 1. Q : I would like to inquire about the "Finals Rules".
  - A : The "Finals Rules" include group briefings and practical Q&A sessions. The relevant rules and regulations for the competition will be announced on the official Website and the intelligent system in early July.
- 2. Q : What should I do after advancing to the finals?
  - A : On the announcement day, team members who provided their email will receive a notification with all necessary materials and requirements for the finals.
- 3. Q : What if the advisor is unable to attend the finals?
  - A : The advisor is required to attend the entire event.
- 4. Q : Is full attendance required for all team members during the finals?
  - A : 1. For Taiwanese teams (including both the Taiwan Contest and International Contest), all members must be present throughout the entire finals.
    - 2. For international teams, at least 2 students, along with the advisor, must attend.

- 5. Q : Will the organizing committee provide any subsidies for foreign finalist teams coming to Taiwan for the final round?
  - A : 1. All finalist teams must attend the final contest in Taiwan. The attending members must include at least 2 students and 1 advisor.
    - 2. Teams that attend the final contest will receive the following financial support:
      - A. Travel subsidy of approximately USD 1,500.
      - B. Minimum prize money of USD 1,500.
    - 3. The organizing committee provides the following services:
      - A. Consultation on accommodation, meals, and transportation.
      - B. Full insurance coverage throughout the event.
      - C. Arranged visits to Taiwan's leading net-zero technology institutions or enterprises.
- 6. Q : What are the rights, obligations, and important notices for teams participating in the finals?
  - A : 1. To uphold the contest' s standards, the organizers reserve the right to withhold awards if deemed necessary.
    - 2. In accordance with Article 14, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 8 of the Republic of China Income Tax Act, awards or grants from competitions are classified under "competition, contest, and winning opportunities" income and are subject to a tax deduction of 10% for nationals and 20% for non-nationals.
    - 3. The organizers will issue the official badges of participation to teams advancing to the Final Round. Non-compliance with the mandatory display of participant badges or adherence to the prescribed dress code, despite reminders, may lead to disqualification.

## **III. International Teams Field Trip**

- 1. Q : May I participate in the field trip scheduled for August 20 & 21 after the finals?
  - A : 1. All International Contest teams are eligible to register.
    - 2. On August 20 & 21, a field trip to net-zero enterprises or organizations will be arranged for the finalist teams and their faculty members (the itinerary will be announced in July).
- 2. Q : Is there any cost for the field trip?
  - A : The two-day, one-night field trip is offered free of charge (all expenses will be covered by the organizer, and active participation is highly encouraged.).