

English Teachers' Association-Republic of China

The 1st Graduate Student Forum (GSF 1) at ETA-ROC

The 1st Graduate Student Forum (GSF 1) will be held as an independent strand of the 2016 ETA-ROC International Symposium and Book Fair. While the 2016 ETA-ROC International Symposium and Book Fair will be held on November 11-13 (Friday to Sunday), 2016, GSF 1, as a one-day event, will be held on November 12 (Saturday), 2016 at the Chien Tan Overseas Youth Activity Center, Taipei, Taiwan (16, Sec. 4, Chung Shan North Road, Taipei, Taiwan). GSF 1 will provide a platform and an opportunity for domestic graduate students majoring in English language teaching and learning and in English education to discuss and share their opinions on some issues of interest in Taiwan, including *Language Learning in Taiwan: Student Views*, *Effective ways of Learning English as an International Communication Tool*, *Experiences of Communicating with Foreigners by Using the English Language*.

The 1st Graduate Student Forum (GSF 1), ETA-ROC's epoch event which will bring together EFL graduate students in Taiwan, is intended to promote Taiwanese graduate students' awareness of the trend of English language teaching and learning. It will also be a good opportunity for domestic EFL graduate students to express their opinions on the issues provided by the conference committee in the format of forum and panel discussion.

Taiwanese graduate students from the Department of English, Department of Children English Education, Department of Applied English, Department of Applied Foreign Languages, Department of English Language and Literature, and Department of Linguistics will constitute the main participants. Departments mentioned above are welcome to recommend their graduate students to participate in this forum. Students from the abovementioned departments are encouraged to form a group of 4-8 members to discuss certain issue. Besides, the conference committee will divide applicants into several groups in different sessions based on the issues to be discussed.

Interested Taiwanese graduate student wishing to attend GSF 1 should fill out an application form (see attached file) and submit it to GSF 1 by August 31, 2016. An official GSF invitation letter will be sent to all delegates selected. For graduate students who are from the southern parts of Taiwan, the conference committee will provide some subsidy for their transportation and accommodation expenses. Since the GSF 1 needs money to subsidize those students' transportation and accommodation expenses, all financial aid is gratefully accepted and welcome.

For additional information, please access the following website:

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