Notice for British & Canadian Passport Holders Who Enter Taiwan (ROC) Visa-Free and Apply for an Extension of Stay

1. Relevant applicants: British & Canadian passport holders who enter Taiwan (ROC) for non-employment or non-residency purposes. Those who enter Taiwan (ROC) for the following purposes are ineligible for an extension:

1.1 Those studying at an institution that has not received permission by the Ministry of Education to admit students from overseas;
1.2 Those engaging in an internship or volunteer work at a place that has not been granted permission by the pertinent governing agency of the central government;
1.3 Those planning to stay in Taiwan (ROC) for more than 6 months.

2. Required documents: (The documents listed in 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 are mandatory for all applicants. The other documents (original and copy) may be required depending on the purpose of the applicant's stay.)

2.1 A completed visa application form and two 2"x2" color passport photos with a white background taken within the last six months;
2.2 A British or Canadian passport valid for at least three months;
2.3 Extension purpose statement;
2.4 Bank statement;
2.5 Documentation on the relations between the applicants and his/her 2 relatives;
2.6 Medical documentation detailing the need for the extension;
2.7 Documentation from the applicant's school, including attendance records and transcripts;
2.8 Any other documentation requested by the Bureau of Consular Affairs.

3. Method and locations for filing an extension: Applicants must apply for an extension within 30 days (5 working days prior to the 30 days) prior to the expiration of their current 90-day free-visa entry at one of the following locations:
(No fee will be assessed.)

3.1 Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Address: 3rd Fl., 2-2 Ji-nan Rd., Sec. 1, Taipei City
Tel: (02) 2343-2866; (02) 2343-2867
3.2 Central Taiwan Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Address: 1st Fl., No. 503, Sec. 2, Li-ming Rd., Taichung City
Tel: (04) 2251-0799

3.3 Southwestern Taiwan Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Address: 2 Fl, No.184, Wufeng North Rd, Chiayi city
Tel: (05) 225-1567

3.4 Southern Taiwan Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Address: 3rd & 4th FL.,No. 6, Zhengnan St., Kaohsiung City
Tel: (07) 715-6600

3.5 Eastern Taiwan Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Address: 6Fl., No. 371, Zhong-shan Rd., Hualien City
Tel: (03) 833-1041

4. Category of Visa Issued:

4.1 Category of Visa: Visitor Visa

4.2 Duration of Stay: 180 days (The first 90-day visa-free stay can be extended once for an additional 90 days starting from the day following the date of arrival). A second extension or a change in purpose of stay shall not be approved.

5. Please note: Under the following circumstances, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs may deny the extension or grant a stay of less than 180 days:

5.1 The applicant cannot cover his/her expenses for the duration of the stay.

5.2 The applicant's purpose of stay remains unclear from an objective standpoint. For instance, in the past year, the applicant has already stayed in Taiwan (ROC) for more than 6 months.