

## Taipei

**Taipei** (???, táib?ishì? is the capital of Taiwan and the nucleus of the Xinbei (???, x?nb?ishì) municipality, Taiwan's largest. Taipei, including it's neighboring commuter-cities, is a large city with a city bus and subway system (MRT) and connections to the rest of the island via several bus companies as well as high speed and local rail.

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## Hitchhiking out

Taiwan National Highway 1, which runs from Keelung in the north to Kaohsiung in the south, runs straight through Taipei. Additionally, highways 3 and 5 run through Taipei's exurbs.

## **West towards Taoyuan, Southwest toward Hsinchu, Taichung, Tainan, and Kaohsiung**

Highway 1 runs along practically the entire length of Taiwan's west coast, which includes all the island's other major cities.

One place to catch a ride westward on highway one is near Deyin Elementary School (???, déy?n gúoxi?o) in Wugu/Taishan. Many busses stop at this school, the most convenient from the city center perhaps being the 637, which you can catch at Chéngd?u Road (???) near the Ximen MRT station (???, x?m?nzhàn), or the 638 which runs from the Nanjing East MRT station (?????, nánj?ngd?nglùzhàn) and past Minqian West Road MRT station (?????, mínquánx?lùzhàn).

From the bus stop, take the road just behind you to the east (left as you're facing it, right from the perspective of the bus you just got off) towards Xinwu Road, Section 2 (?????, x?nw?lù èrduàn), and turn right. Walk 150 meters along this road, being careful because it's essentially an expressway, with no sidewalks and not intended for pedestrians. At the first light you hit, you want to cross the street. Again, be careful, as there's no crosswalk and the lights operate in a funny rotation. Once across, you're looking at the on ramp to highway 1 west. Most traffic comes from the south, so you're best walking a bit to your right and waiting on the shoulder of the curving entrance to the ramp from the south.

Timmy Tofu was picked up from this spot in a matter of seconds, by the very first vehicle that passed.