

Dear Admissions Officer,

I am writing to introduce the General English Proficiency Test (GEPT), at the request of Taiwanese students who are interested in pursuing further studies at your university.

The GEPT is a five-level criterion-referenced test developed and administered by the Language Training and Testing Center (LTTC) with the support of the Ministry of Education, Taiwan. The test has been taken by more than 8 million learners since the year 2000 and is therefore the most widely taken English test in Taiwan.

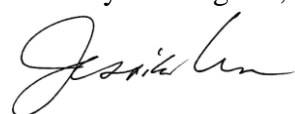
GEPT scores are recognized by governmental and private institutions in Taiwan as valid evidence of the English ability of their employees and job applicants. Schools and universities also use the GEPT for the purposes of admission, placement, etc. Thus, the GEPT is considered one of the most influential standardized English tests in Taiwan, offering reliable insight into students' English proficiency. In recent years, the GEPT results have been accepted by an increasing number of prestigious universities around the world to the benefit of Taiwanese students applying to study overseas.

The LTTC and independent researchers from leading academic institutions have carried out extensive research on the GEPT. To provide further information for interpreting GEPT scores and validation evidence for the GEPT level framework, these studies have investigated the relationships between the GEPT and external criteria, including the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment (CEFR), other CEFR-aligned examinations, and language use in real-life situations. (For a list of the studies, please see <https://www.lttc.ntu.edu.tw/thesis.htm> and <https://www.lttc.ntu.edu.tw/lttc-gept-grants.htm>). As demonstrated in the table below, the Intermediate, High-Intermediate, and Advanced levels of the GEPT correspond to the CEFR B1, B2, and C1 levels, respectively.

GEPT		CEFR	IELTS	TOEFL iBT
Advanced level	Writing & Speaking	C1 ⁺	7.5	110
	Reading & Listening	C1	7.0	100
High-Intermediate level	Writing & Speaking	B2 ⁺	6.5	92
	Reading & Listening	B2	6.0	79
Intermediate level	Writing & Speaking	B1 ⁺	5.5	<79
	Reading & Listening	B1	5.0	

To learn more about the quality of the test and to view sample test tasks, please download the [GEPT Information Brochure](http://www.lttc.ntu.edu.tw/E_LTTC/E_GEPT.htm) at www.lttc.ntu.edu.tw/E_LTTC/E_GEPT.htm. For further information, please feel free to contact me directly via email: rdoffice@lttc.ntu.edu.tw.

With my best regards,



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