

From GEPT to BESTEP: 20+ Years of Taiwan Language Tests

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The General English Proficiency Test (GEPT) has been Taiwan's leading English proficiency test for over two decades. However, the new BEST Test of English Proficiency (BESTEP) will debut in September 2023 to promote bilingual education at the tertiary level by assessing university students' written and oral competencies, essential in Taiwan's EMI milieu. This presentation examines the past and future of language testing in Taiwan, including the challenges and trends encountered while developing both tests. The BESTEP operates in an increasingly complex bilingual education environment, requiring more effort to co-construct test validation with key stakeholders, practice learning-oriented assessment, foster assessment literacy, and utilize technology. By prioritizing learners and stakeholders, these challenges can become opportunities for comprehensive teaching, learning, and assessment.