Dear Admissions Officer,

I am writing to introduce the BEST Test of English Proficiency (BESTEP), which has garnered significant interest among Taiwanese students aspiring to study at your university. BESTEP is an academic-oriented English proficiency test developed and administered by the Language Training and Testing Center (LTTC) in Taiwan. It is widely taken by Taiwanese students and recognized by National Taiwan University (NTU) as a criterion for study abroad programs.

BESTEP offers reliable evaluations that meet the needs of university admissions offices worldwide, focusing on assessing general academic English and communication skills in international academic contexts. Tailored for tertiary-level students, BESTEP aligns with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), covering levels A to C, and effectively measures all four language skills across a broad range of proficiency levels.

BESTEP scores are recognized by governmental and private institutions in Taiwan as valid evidence of English proficiency for employees and job applicants. Schools and universities also use BESTEP for admission and placement purposes. As one of the most trusted standardized English tests in Taiwan, BESTEP provides reliable insights into students' English proficiency. Score descriptions for <u>listening</u>, <u>reading</u>, <u>speaking</u>, and <u>writing</u> tests are available on its official website.

The LTTC has conducted extensive research on BESTEP, as have independent researchers from leading academic institutions worldwide. These studies have investigated the relationships between BESTEP and external criteria including the CEFR, other CEFR-aligned examinations, and real-life language use, providing further validity evidence for BESTEP. For more information, please refer to LTTC Cooperative Research Reports.

CEFR	A2	B1/B1+	B2/B2+	C1
BESTEP	LR 80-138	LR 140-198	LR 200-258	LR 260-280
	SW 300-450	SW 460-550	SW 560-650	SW 660-720
GEPT	Elementary	Intermediate	High- Intermediate	Advanced
IELTS		4-5	5.5-6.5	7-8
TOEFL iBT		42-71	72-94	95-113

To learn more about the quality of the test or to view sample test tasks, please visit <u>https://bestep.tw/eng/</u> or contact me directly at <u>rdoffice@lttc.ntu.edu.tw</u>.

With my best regards,

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