



Baseball in Taiwan

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Baseball has been the most **passionate** sport in Taiwan for over a century. The Japanese introduced the game during colonial rule, and it quickly became Taiwan's favorite **pastime**. Today, professional and amateur games draw enormous crowds across the island. The sport is deeply woven into Taiwan's cultural **identity** and continues to grow each year.

The Chinese Professional Baseball League, known as the CPBL, is Taiwan's top **professional** baseball organization. Founded in nineteen ninety, the league has six competitive teams. Each team has a loyal **fanbase** that fills stadiums with incredible energy. Fans bring drums, trumpets, and coordinated chants that create an **atmosphere** unlike anywhere else in the world. Cheerleading squads perform dances between innings, making every game a complete experience.

Taiwan's greatest baseball achievement is its success in Little League World Series **tournaments**. Taiwanese youth teams have won seventeen championships since nineteen sixty-nine. These young players demonstrate extraordinary skill, discipline, and teamwork that amazes audiences worldwide. Many former Little League stars have gone on to play professionally in Taiwan, Japan, and America. The country takes pride in developing players who **represent** Taiwan on the world stage.

Several Taiwanese players have achieved fame in Major League Baseball in the United States. Chien-Ming Wang pitched for the New York Yankees and became a **sensation** across both countries. Wei-Yin Chen and others followed, proving Taiwanese players can compete at the highest level. These international stars inspire young children to dream big and work hard at their skills.

Fan culture at Taiwanese baseball games is uniquely **vibrant** and energetic. Organized cheering sections coordinate songs, dances, and thunderstick rhythms throughout every inning. Street food vendors sell traditional snacks like fried chicken and bubble tea outside stadiums. Attending a CPBL game is a must-do **spectacle** for any visitor to Taiwan. Baseball truly represents the heart and soul of Taiwanese sports culture.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. passionate ____ | a. a person or thing that causes great excitement |
| 2. pastime ____ | b. competitions where teams play to win |
| 3. identity ____ | c. to act or speak officially for a group |
| 4. professional ____ | d. who a person or group really is |
| 5. fanbase ____ | e. the group of fans who support a team |
| 6. atmosphere ____ | f. full of life, energy, and color |
| 7. tournaments ____ | g. having very strong feelings about something |
| 8. represent ____ | h. an activity done for enjoyment during free time |
| 9. sensation ____ | i. doing something as a paid job |
| 10. vibrant ____ | j. the feeling or mood of a place |

B. True or False

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| 1. The Japanese introduced baseball to Taiwan. _____ | 2. The CPBL was founded in 1980. _____ | 3. Chien-Ming Wang played for the New York Yankees. _____ |
| 4. Taiwan has won seventeen Little League World Series titles. _____ | 5. Fans are usually quiet at CPBL games. _____ | 6. Baseball has been popular in Taiwan for over a century. _____ |
| 7. Cheerleading squads perform at CPBL games. _____ | 8. No Taiwanese player has ever played in Major League Baseball. _____ | 9. The CPBL currently has four teams. _____ |

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: passionate, pastime, professional, tournaments, vibrant

1. Baseball has been Taiwan's most _____ sport for over a century.
2. Baseball quickly became Taiwan's favorite _____ after the Japanese introduced it.
3. The CPBL is Taiwan's top _____ baseball league.
4. Taiwanese youth teams have won many international _____.
5. Fan culture at Taiwanese baseball games is uniquely _____.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. Who introduced baseball to Taiwan?
2. How many teams are in the CPBL?
3. How many Little League World Series has Taiwan won?
4. Name one Taiwanese player who played in Major League Baseball.
5. What makes the fan culture at CPBL games special?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think baseball became more popular than other sports in Taiwan?
2. How does having international sports stars help a country's image?
3. What role does fan culture play in making a sport enjoyable?

Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-g, 2-h, 3-d, 4-i, 5-e, 6-j, 7-b, 8-c, 9-a, 10-f

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-F, 3-T, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-T, 8-F, 9-F

C. Fill Blanks: 1-passionate, 2-pastime, 3-professional, 4-tournaments, 5-vibrant

D. Comprehension:

1. The Japanese during colonial rule
2. Six teams
3. Seventeen championships
4. Chien-Ming Wang (or Wei-Yin Chen)
5. Organized cheering sections, drums, trumpets, chants, cheerleading squads