



## **TAIWAN ADOPTIONS**

*The government of Taiwan has approved Sunrise to work with licenced adoption agencies in Taiwan to assist with finding families for children.*

### **The Parents**

The eligibility criteria to adopt from Taiwan are:

- Residents of British Columbia or certain other provinces in Canada.
- Minimum age of the adoptive parent is 25 years.
- Maximum age of the adoptive parent is:
  - For one Taiwan agency, the oldest parent must be no more than 45 years older than the child they intend on adopting, at the time of the proposal.
  - For another Taiwan agency, the older parent must be no more than 48 years older than the child they intend on adopting, at the time of the proposal.

For example, if the applicant is 50 years old the child must be over 2 years old at the time of the proposal.

- Applicants must be married for a minimum of two years before applying, and have not had more than two marriages.
- Applicants must be in good physical and mental health. Applicants who have experienced depression or mental health issues will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Applicants must not have a criminal record that adversely affects their parental capacity as an adoptive parent.
- Applicants are advised to learn about development and attachment issues, and must consider what resources they have to parent a child who has been in the child welfare system.
- Applicants must be genuinely willing to accept, love and care for a child.
- Not currently using cannabis.

### **The Children**

The children in Taiwan are usually in orphanages. There are three groups of children.

- Under 3 years of age: The first group consists of infants of parents who have planned for an adoption or who have abandoned their child.
  - 3-5 years of age: The second group consists of preschool children, most of whom come into Chung Yi's care when their parents are not in a position to parent.
  - 5 to 8 years of age: The third group consists of children with no known medical conditions who are meeting their developmental milestones. They will have experienced trauma and loss and will need emotional support. There are also children with mild to moderate special needs such as developmental delays, Attention Deficit
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Hyperactivity Disorder, premature birth, pre-natal drug exposure, and correctable physical challenges.

## **Adoption Completion**

Adoptions from Taiwan are completed in Taiwan prior to the placement of the child with the adoptive parents.

## **Relative Adoptions**

Sunrise also facilitates relative adoptions (the adoption of a child related to you) from Taiwan.

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