## Exploring Taiwan Image and Value From Blogs by Chinese Individual Tourists

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Mainland China tourists account for Taiwan 's yearly growth of the tourism industrial value. Taiwan officially began to welcome Chinese Individual Tourists in the year of 2011. However, the relevant research is still lacking. In this study, qualitative and quantitative studies are conducted. To explore Taiwan tourism image from blogs, cultural appearance was explored by first using CKIP word frequency statistics, then cultural experience was explored by analyzing positive and negative emotions of the tourists. To explore Taiwan tourism value from blogs, the "Attributes - Consequences - Values" link relations were conducted by using content analysis in order to understand the true tourism value of the tourists. The results are as follows. Taiwan tourism image analysis showed that the deepest impressions in the six dimensions of food, residence, transportation, travel, shopping, and entertainment are travel snacks, Bed and Breakfast, train, Kenting park, tickets, and night markets, respectively. As for the aspect of emotions, most of them are positive ones, while negative emotions rare, with no negative emotions in the living conditions. Overall, tourism value analysis shows that caring, enjoyment, fun and interest, memorability and leisure freedom are the final deciding values of Chinese individual tourists. According to the link relations, caring is the most important value, followed by fun and interest. The results of this study can provide some important information for the Taiwan tourism-related official offices and industrial sectors with respect to future improvements, promotions, and development of Taiwan's tourism.

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