

CCAI Taiwan Adoption Fee Policy/Agreement

CCAI is a non-profit 501c (3) charitable organization. Our focus and our passion is on placing homeless children in loving forever families. The purpose of this Fee Policy/Agreement is to outline all CCAI fees to adoptive families throughout the adoption process, our refund policies, and the consequences of non-payment. Your signature below signifies you understand and agree with these policies.

CCAI does not allow any money or considerations to be released as payment for a child or inducement to release a child. Adoptive families are paying CCAI and other adoption service providers for services; families are not “paying for children.” Additionally, no part of CCAI program fees will be used to fund programs or services that do not pertain to your adoption.

1. CCAI Program Fees

Because families will receive CCAI services over a period of many months during the adoption process, CCAI divides its program fees into three payments - collecting fees only when the family is ready to receive services at each phase.

Payment	What Services The Fee Covers	Due
First Program Fee \$1,950	Adoption Orientation & Consultation, Home Study Agency Coordination & Supervision, Accrediting Entity Monitoring & Oversight, Administration	After application approval
Second Program Fee \$3,700	Home Study Consultation & Review & Clinical Support, UAA Required Adoption & Parent Training, Child Match Preparation & Coordination (Consultation), USCIS (I-600 PAIR) Processing, Dossier Assistance/Review, Domestic Communication, Child-Specific Training & Clinical Support, Accrediting Entity Monitoring & Oversight	At acceptance of child match
Third Program Fee \$4,100	International Communication, Accrediting Entity Monitoring & Oversight, Administration, Travel Coordination, Post Adoption Report Submission, Post Adoption Consultation & Clinical Support	At submission of dossier
Refundable Post Adoption Deposit \$1,000	Refunded if all post adoption requirements (including all post adoption reports/photos and CCAI's receipt of a copy of Child Arrival File and Certificate of Citizenship) are satisfactorily completed in a timely manner.	Prior to submission of the I-600 to USCIS

1. Payments, File Closure, Refunds, Reductions, or Changes

- A. All fees must be paid in full when they are due.
- B. Adoptive families are entitled to request for their adoption file to be closed at any time during the adoption process by submitting a written request, signed by both parents.
- C. Refund Policy and Schedule:
 CCAI Program Fee: 50% refundable within 30 calendar days, 30% refundable within 60 calendar days, and 0% refundable after 60 calendar days of receipt of full payment.
 * You may request that all or part of your refund be donated to the Children's Charity Fund. A tax exempt letter will be provided.
 ** 90 days following closure of your file, all unclaimed refunds will be transferred to the Children's Charity Fund and a tax exempt letter will be provided.
- D. The amount of your CCAI program fees will not change throughout your adoption. However, if during the adoption process you move to a different state or country, amended Fee and Service agreements may be required, possibly including additional service fees and/or deposits. Should additional adoptive or post adoptive services be required, additional fees and or deposit may be required. CCAI is not responsible for other non-CCAI service related adoption fees/costs that may change/fluctuate while the adoptive family is in process.
- E. CCAI is not responsible for adoption related fees and costs paid to other governmental and/or private agencies, such as USCIS, US and Taiwan Consulates, State Department, travel agencies, etc.

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2. Consequences of Non-Payment

After notices at 30 and 60 days, if payment of the first fee is not received within 90 days of application approval, and no other written payment arrangements have been made, CCAI will close the adoptive family's file. Adoptive families should inform CCAI if they may not be able to make timely payments, as an alternative payment plan may be possible.

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4. Expenses Necessary to Complete Your Adoption

Your initials below indicate that you have reviewed CCAI's estimated "Adoption Expense Chronology" (below) and are aware of the expenses necessary to complete your Taiwan adoption. (A detailed explanation of fees can be found in the CCAI Information Packet or website.)

Expense	Amount	Pay to	Due
Application Fee	\$250 – Check/ACH Withdrawal †	CCAI	App Submission
IAAME Monitoring & Oversight Fee	\$850 – Check/ACH Withdrawal †	CCAI (forwarded to IAAME)	After App Approval
1st Program Fee	\$1,950 – Check/Credit Card †	CCAI	After App Approval
USCIS Filing & Fingerprinting	\$775 plus \$85 per adult in the home – Check/money order	US Department of Homeland Security	When home study is completed
Dossier Preparation	Approx. \$350 – Check/Money Order	Secretary of State(s)	As preparing Dossier
2nd Program Fee	\$3,700 – Check/ACH Withdrawal †	CCAI	Acceptance of Child Match
Home Study	\$1,500-\$3,000	Your Home study agency	Starting your home study
Cathwel (In-Country) Fee	\$6,230 - (wiring fee included) - Check/ACH Withdrawal	CCAI (wired to Taiwan)	At time of accepting referral.
3rd Program Fee	\$4,100 –Check/ACH Withdrawal †	CCAI	Submission of Dossier
Post Adoption Deposit (refundable)	\$1,000 – Check/ACH Withdrawal †	CCAI	Prior to filing I-600
US Domestic & International Airfare	\$1,200 - \$1,500 by coach per adult plus \$1,000 for a child one way ticket– Credit Card	A travel agency of your choice; in cooperation with Taiwan representative	Approximately 7-10 days prior to departure
Taiwan Room & Board (approx. 5 to 7 nights for one trip)	Approx. \$425 - \$1,750 for hotel, approx. \$300 - \$500 for food – Cash/Credit Card	Hotel(s), Restaurant(s)	In Taiwan
Taiwan Guide (optional)	\$300 - \$500 per 5 day trip– Cash/Credit Card	Tour Company/Agent of your choice	In Taiwan
Child U.S. Entry Visa	Paid by Cathwel	The American Institute in Taiwan	In Taiwan
Post Adoption Support	As agreed with local home study agency ¹	Your home study agency	As agreed with your home study agency
Court Validation Fee	Varies by State – Check	Local Court	After U.S. return
State Birth Certificate	Varies by State – Check	State Vital Statistics Office	After U.S. return

Taiwan adoption timelines are controlled by the government and are subject to change. Due to the length of time it takes to receive a match, you may need to re-file your immigration application, which includes re-fingerprinting and a home study update. The overall cost to re-file can be an additional \$600 - \$2,500.

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We have read the CCAI Fee Policy/Agreement carefully and understand that it is our responsibility to pay all fees on time in order to receive child placement services from CCAI. We understand that while CCAI's fees will NOT change throughout our adoption (unless additional adoptive or post adoptive services are required by Taiwan), non-CCAI fees/costs may change/fluctuate while we are in process. We further understand that non-CCAI fees/costs paid throughout this adoption are our responsibility and are not refundable through CCAI should we discontinue the adoption.

We understand that this Fee Policy/Agreement must be signed, notarized, and returned to CCAI along with the signed/notarized Service Agreement, 1st Program Fee and IAAME fee (payable via ACH bank transfer, check or money order, or wire transfer).

We understand that signing this agreement indicates that we acknowledge and agree to pay the fees and costs of our adoption through CCAI.

Husband's Printed Name

Wife's Printed Name

Husband's Signature

Wife's Signature

Date

Date

This document has been subscribed and affirmed before me in the County of _____
State of _____, this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

My Commission Expires: ___/___/___

Notary's Signature

Note: This three-page document is not valid unless all pages are initialed/signed and returned to CCAI. Fee Policy/Agreement must be accompanied by Service Agreement.

CCAI Taiwan Service Agreement

This CCAI Service Agreement effective as of the date last signed (“Effective Date”) is entered into between CCAI and _____ and _____, a married couple [or a single woman], (hereafter collectively [individually] referred to as the “Adoptive Family” or “We” “you” “your” “our” “us” and, sometimes individually as “I” “my”) (the “Service Agreement”) for the purpose of ensuring mutual understanding between CCAI (the “Primary Provider”) and the Adoptive Family.

Background

The **Hague Convention** on the Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Inter-Country Adoption (known as the “**Hague Convention**”), an international agreement to establish safeguards to ensure that inter-country adoptions take place in the best interests of the child, identifies **six adoption services**. While Taiwan is not a Hague country, the Universal Accreditation Act (UAA) implemented on July 14, 2014, requires a service plan be established as defined by the Hague Convention. CCAI will act as your Primary Provider, ensuring that these six adoption services are provided by the multiple entities (each a “Provider”) involved in your adoption process as outlined in the following Service Plan:

	Adoption Service	Provider	When Service is Provided
1	Identifying a child for adoption and arranging an adoption	<p>Identifying a child for adoption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The district court, in conjunction with the birth family or the related city government Department of Social Welfare that holds legal guardianship, makes the initial decision to place a child for adoption. After an unsuccessful search for a domestic adoptive placement via the national adoption registration platform, the child’s file is forwarded to a licensed Taiwanese adoption service provider, which falls under the oversight of the Taiwan Adoption Authority, the Ministry of Health & Welfare. <p>Arranging an adoption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCAI US employees provide services as outlined in the Service Agreement, in conjunction with: CCAI’s Foreign Supervised Provider (Cathwel), a licensed Taiwanese adoption service provider, provides services as outlined in the Service Agreement, including screening home studies for submission to child’s guardian, verifying/approving adoption paperwork for submission to court, overseeing contact between child and Adoptive Family, and facilitating local procedures. The district court, which holds jurisdictional right over all adoption cases, approves the official referral, approves the adoptive family’s dossier, and issues the final ruling of adoption. 	<p>Commences at the birth family’s or district court’s discretion (unrelated to the specific Adoptive Family’s adoption process timeline); may be prior to or after Adoptive Family initiates adoption</p> <p>Commencing at time of execution of this Service Agreement and continuing until adoption finalization</p>
2	Securing the necessary consent to termination of parental rights and to adoption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In cases of abuse, neglect, and/or abandonment, etc. the district court terminates parental rights and appoints the related city government Department of Social Welfare as the child’s statutory guardian. In cases where birth parents have given consent for full adoption, the district court affirms the birth parents’ termination of parental rights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In abuse/neglect cases, prior to child becoming legally available for adoption In consent cases, after the district court has approved the adoptive referral

3	Performing a background study on a child or a home study on prospective adoptive parent(s), and reporting on such a study	Background study on a child: CCAI's Foreign Supervised Provider (Cathwel) summarizes collective medical and social information provided by the child's birth family and/or guardian (related city government Department of Social Welfare)	Prior to child becoming legally available for adoption
		Home study on prospective adoptive parent(s): The Adoptive Family's chosen home study agency (considered an exempted provider under Hague) prepares a home study for referral consideration and inclusion in the dossier for submission to the district court (_____)	Prior to submission for child referral consideration
4	Making non-judicial determinations of the best interests of a child and the appropriateness of an adoptive placement for the child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CCAI US employees via home study review for submission to Foreign Supervised Provider (Cathwel) and via Child-Specific Training, in conjunction with ▪ Foreign Supervised Provider (Cathwel), via home study screening for submission to child's guardian; and ▪ ultimate authority of the district court via approved referral and by review and approval of the Adoptive Family's home study and dossier 	At such time that the Adoptive Family submits a home study for referral consideration of a specific child
5	Monitoring a case after a child has been placed with prospective adoptive parents until final adoption	Not applicable; children are placed with adoptive parents after adoption finalization.	Not applicable
6	When necessary because of a disruption before final adoption, assuming custody of a child and providing or facilitating the provision of childcare or any other social service pending an alternative placement.	Not applicable; children are placed with adoptive parents after adoption finalization.	Not applicable

Agreement

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. **Duties of the Primary Provider:** Based on the information in the Adoptive Family's application, **CCAI** as the Primary Provider agrees to do the following for the Adoptive Family:
 - Provide the Adoptive Family with personalized service throughout the adoption journey.
 - Maintain confidentiality of all the Adoptive Family's identifying information according to CCAI's Confidentiality Policy.
 - Provide the Adoptive Family with accurate and current information about how to prepare for the adoption process, choose a home study agency, compile the dossier, prepare for child match and travel, fill out United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) paperwork, complete post adoption requirements, and access information regarding current paperwork processing and travel timelines.
 - Review and approve the home study prepared by the licensed and accredited home study agency based on the USCIS, the UAA and Taiwan requirements.
 - Provide the Adoptive Family with at least 12 hours of adoption and parent training as required under the Universal Accreditation Act (UAA) and CCAI.
 - Guide the Adoptive Family through USCIS requirements, including reporting any changes to the USCIS office.
 - In conjunction with Cathwel as the Foreign Supervised Provider as well as the Taiwan Adoption Authority (the Ministry of Health & Welfare), perform the Hague-identified adoption service of "Arranging an adoption." CCAI will act as the Adoptive Family's liaison to Cathwel between/amongst child match request, dossier submission, and post adoption reports submission.
 - In conjunction with Cathwel, and with ultimate authority of the district court, perform the Hague-identified

adoption service of “Making non-judicial determinations of the best interests of a child and the appropriateness of an adoptive placement for the child.” At such time that the Adoptive Family expresses interest in a prospective child, CCAI will transmit to the Adoptive Family all of the medical and background information available from the orphanage (including photos, medical records, and videos, if any); however, CCAI cannot guarantee or verify the accuracy and completeness of the information contained in a child’s adoption file, as this information is compiled and provided by Cathwel, the provider legally placing the child for adoption.

- Request additional/updated information on the Adoptive Family’s matched child(ren) from Cathwel and forward when/if available.
- Review the Adoptive Family’s completed dossier, prepare and send it to Cathwel.
- Provide post adoption report services to the Adoptive Family and the Adoptive Family’s adopted Taiwanese child in compliance with Taiwan’s requirements.
- Provide ongoing post adoption support services to the Adoptive Family if challenging issues arise during post adoption, including referrals, counseling resources, support, and/or coordination with the social worker.
- At all times comply with ethical standards prescribed by the social work profession, IAAME, and applicable State/federal law, and treat the Adoptive Family in a personal, professional, respectful, and ethical manner.

Agency Initial _____ (CCAI Representative)

2. **Duties of the Adoptive Family:** During the adoption journey we, the **Adoptive Family**, agree to:

- Select a licensed, non-profit, accredited home study agency in our state.
- Provide our home study agency with the needed documents and participate in the home study visits and process.
- Discuss with our social worker realistic expectations of the Taiwan adoption process as well as expectations regarding the physical and developmental conditions of our future adopted child.
- Submit the necessary forms and documents to the USCIS in a timely manner according to USCIS regulations and CCAI’s instructions.
- Work with CCAI to ensure that our USCIS approval form approves our family for the age, gender, and medical needs of the child we have accepted or are open to accept.
- Compile our adoption dossier for submission to Taiwan within three months of receiving the dossier package from Taiwan. CCAI reserves the right to close our file and/or charge an additional dossier service fee if we do not complete the dossier process in the specified time frame, following a 30-day written notification.
- Comply with the 12 hours of adoption parent training required under the Universal Accreditation Act (UAA) and CCAI and complete the online testing to confirm training completion prior to filing of the PAIR documents with USCIS, as well as Child-Specific Training following our acceptance of an official child match.
- Stay informed about current process and travel timelines and other important information by reading all agency-issued information including CCAI’s newsletters, informational memos, website updates, etc.
- At such time that a prospective child referral becomes available, seek out medical consultation (at our own cost) to the extent we believe necessary in the process of deciding to adopt a particular child.
- Notify our social worker as soon as we have been selected by the orphanage to receive a child referral and provide a copy of our matched child’s adoption file to our social worker.
- Review, sign, and return our Adoption Placement Agreement to CCAI in a timely fashion. Should we fail to communicate our decision regarding our child referral, Cathwel may withdraw our referral and close our file, and CCAI reserves the right to close our adoption file.
- Where applicable, complete additional Older Child (age 5+) and/or Adopting Multiple Children adoption and/or Adopting Out of Birth Order adoption preparation requirements.
- Sign the Adoption Placement Agreement before final travel to Taiwan.
- Comply with the post adoption requirements of Taiwan and my/our state of residence. Post Adoption reports with photos and applicable supporting documentation are required at 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, 5 years, 6 years, and 7 years following adoption finalization.
- Notify CCAI within five business days upon any changes in our personal or family situation including but not limited to job change, change of address, change of telephone numbers/email address, marriage, separation, divorce, pregnancy, placement of foster or adopted child(ren), efforts to adopt a child through any person or entity other than CCAI, changes to household members/family composition, significant changes in physical or mental health status, significant change in financial status, criminal or neglect charges brought against any member of the household, complaint made to or by any child protection agency or investigation relating to allegations of

child abuse or neglect, or any other significant events that materially impacts our family's ability to be considered for a child placement.

- Obtain a Certificate of US Citizenship for the adoptive child as soon as the child is eligible.
- In the event of dissolution (relinquishing a child at any point after adoption finalization in Taiwan), take the sole responsibility and assume all costs associated with services related to the dissolution and subsequent placement of the child.
- At all times treat CCAI employees, contractors, and volunteers, and the personnel of cooperating agencies, with respect, refraining for communicating with such persons in any manner that is threatening or abusive.

By initialing below, I/We acknowledge and agree that I/We have read and understand the above Duties of the Adoptive Family.

Adoptive Family Initials _____

3. Adoptive Family's Acknowledgment of Other Providers' Respective Duties:

- A. I/We acknowledge and understand that our licensed, non-profit, accredited **home study agency** is responsible for:
- Performing the Hague-identified adoption service of "Performing a home study on prospective adoptive parent(s) and reporting on such a study." The home study will be prepared by a qualified social worker (considered an "exempted provider" under Hague) and will meet the requirements of our state, the USCIS, and Taiwan.
 - Providing information and services to us regarding pre-adoption requirements of our state.
 - Providing ongoing assessments, re-evaluation and support to us whenever issues or events occur or when requested by CCAI during the adoption process.
 - Re-confirming our readiness to adopt once our child match has been received and prior to submitting our dossier to Taiwan.
 - Providing post adoption support to me/us and my/our adopted Taiwanese child in compliance with Taiwan requirements.
- B. I/We acknowledge and understand that the USCIS, National Visa Center (NVC) and American Institute in Taiwan (in Taipei, Taiwan), **U.S. government authorities**, are responsible for:
- Receiving our initial USCIS filing and inviting us to be fingerprinted.
 - Reviewing all our USCIS documents, including the home study, and issuing the Approved Form I-600A which allows us to adopt an orphan child from Taiwan.
 - Issuing PAIR approval after we submit our matched child's information.
 - Collecting our adoptive child's referral documents, USCIS PAIR approval, NVC approval and our DS-260, through the American Institute in Taiwan acting as the US Central Authority.
 - Issuing our I-600 approval after we submit our matched child information; issuing our adopted Taiwan child's visa to enter the United States through the American Institute in Taiwan (US Consulate), at the end of our adoption trip.
- C. I/We acknowledge and understand that the Taiwan Adoption Authority (Ministry of Health & Welfare), the district court, and Cathwel, **local Taiwanese authorities**, are responsible for:
- Setting the standards for qualified adopters and dossier requirements for Taiwan adoptions.
 - Performing the Hague-identified adoption services of "Identifying a child for adoption," and in conjunction with CCAI, "Arranging an adoption."
 - Performing the Hague-identified adoption service of "securing the necessary consent to termination of parental rights and to adoption."
 - Performing the Hague-identified adoption service of "Performing a background study on a child and reporting on such a study," as well as ensuring accuracy and completeness of such information.
 - Gathering, verifying, approving, and transmitting the entirety of adoptable children's information to CCAI.
 - Selecting my/our family to be matched with a child based on their requirements, my/our adoption petition, and my/our home study approval.
 - Receiving and reviewing my/our dossier documents.

By initialing below, I/we acknowledge and agree that I/we have read and understand that the above duties of other Providers known as the **Home Study Agency, U.S. government authorities, and local Taiwanese authorities** are outside of the control of CCAI.

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D. In the event of potential dissolution (relinquishing a child at any point after adoption finalization in Taiwan), **CCAI** will:

- Direct the Adoptive Family to resources for ascertaining the legal process in our state
- Provide counseling services and support during the decision process
- In the event of actual dissolution, provide referrals to professional services
- Where possible, assist in locating an appropriate domestic placement for the child

By initialing below, I/we acknowledge and agree that I/we have read and understand the services to be provided by CCAI in the event of adoption dissolution.

Adoptive Family Initials _____

4. Additional Adoptive Family Acknowledgements and Hold Harmless Statements:

A. I/We, the Adoptive Family, have selected CCAI as my/our intercountry adoption agency and understand that the goal of our relationship is to have a legally adoptable abandoned/orphaned Taiwanese child placed with my/our family. We understand that there are certain risks involved in intercountry adoption and such a placement is not guaranteed. While CCAI will attempt to provide me/us with all available information about the prospective adoptive child made available by Cathwel and assist me/us with the entire adoption process, some unpredictable problems and/or events which are beyond CCAI's control may nevertheless occur. These unpredictable problems and/or events include but are not limited to: sudden changes in the adoption requirements or policies promulgated by the Taiwanese or US governments and changes in international relations between Taiwan and the US. CCAI makes no warranty, either express or implied, and CCAI is not responsible for the long-term outcome of the adoption. I/We acknowledge that ultimate success or failure of the adoption process may depend on factors beyond the control of CCAI and/or the Adoptive Family, and any failure of the adoption process is not necessarily caused by fault or breach of CCAI or the Adoptive Family.

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B. In addition, a child may be placed with me/us with physical, mental, behavioral, social and/or emotional problems, minor or major, and/or a history of trauma or physical, emotional, and/or sexual abuse, that have remained partially or totally undiagnosed/undisclosed and which were unknown to CCAI. I/We acknowledge that CCAI is not and cannot be responsible for such conditions or problems. I/We further acknowledge that CCAI's inability to provide all child information which may eventually be obtained by the Adoptive Family does not indicate any fault or negligence on the part of CCAI. I/We release CCAI and hold CCAI harmless from any and all responsibility or liability for any type of injury, harm, damage, or loss in any way relating to or arising out of the physical, psychological, or emotional condition, or medical, psychological, historical, or other records, data, or information of any child assigned to, placed with, or adopted by me/us, regardless of when such injury, harm, damage, or loss is known or discovered.

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C. I/We understand that CCAI's listing of any particular cooperating agency or vendor does not constitute an endorsement by CCAI of that agency or any warranty by CCAI of such agency's services. I/We further understand other governmental and/or private agencies' service quality and refund policy is out of CCAI's control, and we will not hold CCAI accountable should we have any complaint against those agencies. Those agencies include, but are not limited to, IAAME, USCIS, Secretary of State, State Departments, Taiwan and American Consulates/Embassies (AIT Office), courier services, travel agencies, hospitals, doctors, local Taiwanese authorities, Child Welfare Bureau (Er Tong Ju), Ministry of Interior and Cathwel. I/We further understand that the fees charged by such entities are out of CCAI control, and I/we will not hold CCAI liable for such cost or refund.

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D. I/We understand that CCAI will transmit to me/us all of the medical and background information received from Cathwel at such time a potential child referral becomes available (including photos, medical records, and videos, if any). CCAI staff are not medical professionals and do not assess or evaluate children's adoption files, thus it is me/our responsibility as the Adoptive Family to seek out medical consultation to the extent I/we believe necessary in the process of deciding to adopt a particular child. Any costs associated with an independent medical consultation service are my/our voluntary investment in the adoption process. I/We further understand that CCAI cannot guarantee or verify, and makes no warranty or representation, express or implied, concerning the accuracy and completeness of the information contained in a child's adoption file, as this information is compiled and provided by Cathwel, the provider legally placing the child for adoption. Translation of foreign-language documents may be inaccurate. I/We acknowledge that is possible that the orphanage may not be aware of medical, developmental, or behavioral issues of a child; may overlook or fail to note signs or symptoms or to provide a child's relevant history; may unknowingly or carelessly provide erroneous information; may not be able to provide information or observations about medical, developmental, or behavioral issues that become apparent only after the child's placement with the Adoptive Family; and/or may not be aware of aspects of a child's history that have not been disclosed prior to placement (and may be disclosed by the child only after placement). I/We agree to hold harmless and release CCAI from all liability relating to the accuracy or completeness of my/our child's adoption file.

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E. I/We understand that CCAI will make good faith efforts to obtain additional and/or updated information on my/our matched child, but I/we acknowledge that such information is not guaranteed. Receipt and timeliness of additional and/or updated information is dependent on Cathwel and the local orphanage and as such is beyond the control of CCAI.

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F. I/We understand that all correspondence from CCAI, including but not limited to phone calls, emails, text messages, agency agreements/statements, informational/instructional packets are intended for the sole use of my/our CCAI adoption. I/We agree not to post such information on any social media platform or transmit this information to any other individuals and/or agencies. CCAI reserves the right to close my/our adoption file if this agreement is breached.

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G. I/We, the Adoptive Family, have read the "Basic Steps and Timeline" document which was sent to me/us with the Information Packet. I/We understand that estimated timelines are not guaranteed and are subject to change during my/our adoption process depending on factors such as the speed of dossier preparation, how quickly the USCIS processes my/our application, how quickly the National Visa Center and the U.S. Consulate process my/our documents, political and international events, and other unforeseen circumstances. I/We acknowledge that I am/we are solely responsible for keeping track of expiration dates and for ensuring that USCIS approval and other required documents are current. I/We further understand that the timeframe in which I/we may receive an official child referral is not guaranteed and is directly affected by the availability of children in correlation to the age, gender and medical condition(s) I/we would consider, as well as Cathwel's decision for match of any particular child(ren) available. CCAI makes no warranty as to the time it may take to complete the adoption.

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H. I/We understand that CCAI reserves the right, and I/we therefore grant CCAI perpetual permission, to communicate with my/our social worker and/or home study provider at any point in my/our adoption process, including the post adoption period. Should the social worker, home study provider or CCAI determine that psychological evaluation of the adoptive parent(s), an updated assessment of my/our family's suitability and preparation to adopt a child, and/or additional counseling for the adoptive parent(s), is necessary, or in CCAI's sole discretion should a notable change in my/our home, behavioral, financial or employment conditions occur at any time in the adoption process or circumstances otherwise warrant the same, I/we agree to undergo such evaluation, update, or counseling at my/our own expense, within 30 days of notification of such a request. Should I/we fail to facilitate CCAI's receipt of the requested information and/or an unfavorable report is determined, I/we understand that CCAI will close my/our adoption file.

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I. I/We acknowledge that CCAI reserves the right to revoke or modify any home study approval or consent if, any time prior to adoption finalization, CCAI receives or obtains information that leads it to believe that a child's placement with the Adoptive Family would not be in the child's best interests.

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J. If the Adoptive Family is a married couple, by signing this Service Agreement each spouse authorizes CCAI to disclose to and discuss with the other spouse any confidential information CCAI may learn or obtain concerning either spouse. Each spouse hereby releases CCAI from all legal responsibility or liability that may arise from the release of information authorized herein. Each spouse acknowledges that the information to be released may include confidential information which could not be released without this specific consent, including information that is specific to adoption counseling, family planning, marital history, criminal history, child abuse, employment, drug, alcohol or psychiatric treatment, and/or HIV testing and diagnosis.

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K. I/We acknowledge that CCAI cannot guarantee that I/we will be accepted or qualify as adoptive parent(s) in Taiwan. CCAI should not be liable if, for any reason other than intentional or reckless conduct by CCAI, I/we fail to be accepted or qualify as adoptive parent(s). Furthermore, should at any point in my/our adoption process I/we cease to qualify for Taiwan adoption according to current Taiwanese government and Cathwel policies and practices, and/or U.S. immigration laws, as may be amended from time to time, and even subsequent to my/our initial application, I/we understand that the USCIS may reject my/our I-600A, Cathwel may return my/our dossier and CCAI may close my/our adoption file.

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L. I/We acknowledge that an adoption in Taiwan is considered final after approval by the local Taiwanese court and issuance of the Final Ruling. From such time my/our child will be afforded the same rights as if he/she had been born to me/us. We further understand that should my/our child require any services following adoption finalization and placement, including but not limited to medical treatment/testing, psychological and/or psychiatric services/counseling/therapy, private education/academic support, etc., the procurement and cost of such services is my/our family's sole responsibility.

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M. I/We acknowledge that an adoption in Taiwan is considered final after approval by the local Taiwanese court and issuance of the Final Ruling. From such time my/our child will be afforded the same rights as if he/she had been born to me/us. We further understand that should my/our child require any services following adoption finalization and placement, including but not limited to medical treatment/testing, psychological and/or psychiatric services/counseling/therapy, private education/academic support, etc., the procurement and cost of such services is my/our family's sole responsibility.

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N. I/We agree to hold CCAI, including CCAI staff in the United States and CCAI representatives in Taiwan, harmless for any loss, damage, delay, or detention for the failure to perform any obligation under this agreement if such delay or failure results directly or indirectly from circumstances beyond the control of CCAI. Recognizing that the adoptions contemplated by this agreement are international adoptions involving governments of two countries, including all of the various local governments and governmental and/or private agencies, such circumstances shall include, but shall not be limited to: acts of God, acts of war, acts of terrorism, civil commotion, riots, strikes, acts of either government in a sovereign or contractual capacity, any delayed, changed, or missed flights, lost passports and/or other adoption/legal documents, lost luggage, accidents, fire, flood, earthquake, or other natural catastrophes, pandemic or other outbreak of illness, disruptions or relinquishment of adoption as a result of either parent's refusal to proceed with adoption or a child's refusal to proceed with adoption, delays caused by the U.S. Consulate's system or process, or by any other cause that is unavoidable or beyond CCAI's control. Therefore, CCAI is not legally or financially responsible or liable for any of the above circumstances.

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5. **Miscellaneous.**

A. Severability and Interpretation. If any provision in this Service Agreement is determined to be invalid, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will remain valid and enforceable insofar as the primary purpose of this Agreement is not frustrated. The Service Agreement will not be construed against the drafting party.

B. Survival. Terms of this Service Agreement that by their sense and context are intended to survive the termination of the Service Agreement will survive.

C. Execution. The Service Agreement may be executed by facsimile copy and/or in any number of counterparts, all of which together will constitute one agreement.

D. Automatic Termination. After execution by both parties, this Service Agreement shall terminate automatically, and without written notice, upon the completion of all post adoption reporting requirements by CCAI.

E. Mediation. The parties to this Service Agreement agree to attempt in good faith to resolve any unresolved dispute, claim, or controversy via mediation. As used in this Agreement "mediation" shall mean a facilitated process in which the parties attempt to resolve the dispute or claim by submitting it to an impartial, professional neutral mediator who is authorized to facilitate resolution of the dispute but who is not empowered to impose any decision, judgement, suggestion, or settlement on the parties. The mediation process shall include at least one session in which the parties are in the same room and are able to directly address and listen to one another.

F. Mediators. Any mediation required under this agreement shall be conducted by an experienced attorney or judicial office in Arapahoe County, Colorado, who is mutually agreeable to the parties. In the event the parties cannot agree on a mediator, each party will select a mediator and the two mediators will select a third mediator who is not associated or affiliated with either mediator; the third mediator shall act as mediator in the dispute or claim. Mediation will proceed under all policies and procedures of the mediator. The fees associated with mediation will be divided 50/50 between CCAI and the Adoptive Family.

G. Limitation of Liability. Any liability of CCAI or its employees or agents, for any claim arising out of or relating to this agreement, including but not limited to claims arising out of alleged or actual negligence of CCAI or its employees or agents, shall be limited to the total amount of fees paid by the Adoptive Family to CCAI.

Both CCAI and the Adoptive Family sign this Service Agreement with the full understanding of their respective responsibilities, as well as the responsibilities of other Providers known as the Home Study Agency, U.S. government authorities, the Child Welfare Bureau (Er Tong Ju), Ministry of Interior, Cathwel and local Taiwanese authorities, who are not a party to this Service Agreement. The Adoptive Family acknowledges that it has had a full and complete opportunity to review this document, ask any questions, and to independently investigate to the extent necessary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties intending to be legally bound have executed this CCAI Service Agreement as of the Date noted below.

Husband's Printed Name Initials Husband's Signature Date

Wife's Printed Name Initials Wife's Signature Date

This document has been subscribed and affirmed before me in the County of _____
State of _____, this ____ day of _____, 20___. My Commission Expires: ____/____/20__

(Notary's Signature)

Agency Representative Name Signature & Date

Note: This eight-page document is not valid unless all pages are initialed, signed, notarized and returned to CCAI. Any changes to this document will automatically void this agreement. Service Agreement must be accompanied by Fee Policy/Agreement.