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Frank Chu works with Professor H.M. Lin at National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei, Taiwan as a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Project Manager. Because the Department of Geography there has a distinguished record of human and physical geography research in Taiwan and nearby islands, the National Science Council (NSC) under Taiwan's Interior Ministry has granted Mr. Chu's team the funds to run a three year-long project focusing on Taiwan's Northeastern Coastal Area. The team is creating a master plan for economic development in the study area. The plan integrates studies of estuaries, sandy beaches, sand dunes, windbreaks, etc. into a strategy for sustainable environmental resource management.

Ming-Jen "Frank" Chu, originally from Taichung, Taiwan, received an M.S. degree in

Geography from Marshall University in 2006. During his graduate study, Mr. Chu focused on urban geography and GIS. He was a mapping assistant at Rahall Transportation Institute and a member of Gamma Theta Upsilon honorary society while at Marshall. Using the internship opportunity in the Department of Geography, he had a chance to work in the Putnam County, West Virginia, Planning and Infrastructure Office and for the City of Roanoke, Virginia. These experiences prepared him for post-graduation careers. Mr. Chu is especially grateful to professors in the Geography Department at Marshall because “they are always willing to provide any kinds of assistance to students.”

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Taiwan is an island roughly the size of Maryland near mainland China with a population of 23 million. China claims sovereignty over Taiwan, but some countries recognize Taiwan as independent. The capital is Taipei.

