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The Orient Golf & Country Club 東方高爾夫球場

Known as one of the best courses in Taiwan, the Orient's award winning clubhouse is a part of the golfing experience. Dug into the land, the second level of the complex is the same height as the back nine, resulting in the golfer teeing off from the grassed-over roof of the clubhouse. A friendly challenge with most of the holes affording a direct view to the green, the course has wide undulating tree-lined fairways with water coming into play. Though the course is well bunkered, expect only poor shots to find the fairway sand traps; but entirely a possibility around the cleverly bunkered greens which are smaller than the usual, well contoured, and fast. Expect to return a better scorecard with good hands around the greens and a deft touch with the putter. Consider the front nine a friendly warm up before moving on to the tougher and more feature-laden back nine that includes two long par 4s measuring 460 yards from the tips. A few of the more interesting holes includes the 14th, which plays to a wider fairway from the tee, with the approach into a slanted green only 23 yards across. At the 17th drives are required to be kept left of a water hazard, with the second shot into a green tapering from the front to a narrow neck. The 18th is a stirring finale with bunkers arranged around all the landing areas for the first, second and third shots. The whole round becomes even more interesting when the wind decides to blow.

Designer	: Ronald Fream
Holes / Par / Yardage	: 18 holes par 72 (7168 yards)
Established	: 1994
Green / Caddy / Buggy Fees	: NT\$ 4,500 (wkday) NT\$5,600 (wkend) / NT\$900 / NT\$250
Distance	: 30 km / 30 min from Central Taipei