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Today, even coaches in Taiwan's professional basketball and volleyball leagues speak English during games, showing that the trend toward internationalization is unstoppable, not to mention that Taiwan is engaging in close exchanges with Southeast Asian countries as part of the government's New Southbound Policy.

Based on his experience and observations, Chinese Culture University president Shyu Shing-ching (徐興慶) has said that most foreign-language departments at Taiwan's universities focus on literature and grammar, and on English and Japanese.

As a result, foreign-language majors are unable to meet society's demand, such as familiarity with international economy and trade, foreign laws, communication and negotiation skills.

Based on the long-term needs of national development, the government should adopt a new approach.

It could transform one private university in the north and another in the south into national foreign-language universities to cultivate students who have an international outlook.

In particular, these two universities could establish departments for foreign languages that so far have been absent in Taiwan.

The transformations could make use of current sites and resources. They could even be merged with nearby private institutions, so that there would be two foreign-language universities and four campuses in Taiwan.

By doing so, the government could save four private universities from closing.

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