

* Taipei English News of the Week 臺北英語新聞本週重點新聞：

- 1) 臺北捷運30週年迎新篇章 全新列車正式亮相**Taipei Metro Marks 30 Years of Service with New Train Unveiling**
- 2) 臺北8月13日舉行城鎮韌性演習 籲市民配合防空演練**Taipei to Hold 2026 Urban Resilience Air Defense Drill on August 13**
- 3) 巨型皇蛾現身昆蟲館 展現短暫卻驚豔的生命旅程**Giant Atlas Moth Emerges at the Insect Museum for Its Brief but Spectacular Adult Stage**
- 4) 五大流星雨月底齊放異彩 夏季夜空精彩可期**Five Meteor Showers Peak Simultaneously, Lighting Up the Late-July Summer Sky**
- 5) 悠遊付攜手臺北夜市 打造智慧支付美食新體驗**Taipei Night Markets Team Up with EasyWallet for a Smarter Dining Experience**

You're listening to Taipei News - bringing you the stories shaping our city and beyond. I'm Shelly Hsiao. Let's take a look at this week's headlines.

1) Taipei Mayor Chiang Wan-an unveiled Taipei Metro's brand-new train, marking the system's 30th anniversary. The event celebrated three decades of growth and highlighted the next chapter in the city's public transportation system. Mayor Chiang said Taipei's metro network now stretches more than 130 kilometers and serves 117 stations. Since operations began, the system has carried over 15 billion passenger trips, including a record 760 million rides last year, making it an essential part of daily life for residents. As ridership continues to grow, overcrowding during rush hour has become a greater challenge. To improve passenger comfort and increase capacity, the city is expanding its fleet with new trains while ensuring they meet the highest safety standards and integrate smoothly with the existing system. Mayor Chiang added that while Taipei Metro has already earned numerous international awards, the city remains committed to providing safer, smarter, and higher-quality service for every passenger. He expressed hope that the new trains will enter service smoothly and continue improving the commuting experience for everyone.

2) From celebrating three decades of Taipei's transportation achievements, let's turn to another important announcement that calls for everyone's attention. Taipei City will hold its 2026 Urban Resilience Air Defense Drill on Thursday, August 13, from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. During the 30-minute exercise, air raid sirens will sound across the city, and traffic and pedestrian movement will be temporarily restricted. Residents and visitors, including foreign nationals, are asked to follow the instructions of police and civil defense personnel and take shelter at the nearest designated evacuation site. The drill is designed to strengthen public emergency preparedness and familiarize people with air raid evacuation procedures. Officials also reminded the public that the safest places during an air raid are underground shelters or sturdy buildings. If no underground shelter is available, people should move inside a solid structure and stay behind at least two walls away from windows and exterior walls. The Taipei City Government is urging everyone to cooperate with the exercise and avoid gathering on streets, sidewalks, or near windows during the drill. Officials say practicing these procedures today can help improve public safety and emergency response in the future.

3) While the city prepares for future emergencies, nature is putting on some remarkable displays of its own—both on the ground and in the skies above. Taipei Zoo's Insectarium is welcoming a special summer guest. Several Atlas moths have recently emerged as adults in the butterfly greenhouse on the second floor, offering visitors a rare chance to see one of the world's largest moth species. With their enormous reddish-brown wings and unique patterns resembling a snake's head on their wingtips, Atlas moths use this natural camouflage to scare away potential predators. Visitors are encouraged to catch this seasonal opportunity during July and August to observe these fascinating creatures. Taipei Zoo says the Insectarium offers visitors a

chance to explore different stages of insect life throughout the year. While some species, such as the paper kite butterfly and the dead leaf butterfly, can be seen in different seasons, Atlas moths appear only during certain periods. Visitors interested in experiencing this rare natural display are encouraged to visit while they are still on view.

4) Speaking of nature's wonders, the excitement doesn't end there. Looking up after sunset, skywatchers are in for an extraordinary treat. Stargazers are in for a spectacular show this summer. Taipei Astronomical Museum says five meteor showers will be active at the same time from late night on July 28 through the early morning of July 31, creating one of the year's most exciting meteor-watching opportunities. The Astronomical Museum reminds the public that the event will take place around the time of the full moon, meaning bright moonlight may reduce the visibility of fainter meteors. For the best chance of seeing the show, visitors should choose locations with less light pollution and a wide view of the sky, while avoiding direct views of the moon. Even with moonlight interference, bright meteors and spectacular fireballs may still appear, giving skywatchers a memorable summer night experience.

5) After enjoying the beauty of the summer night sky, why not head back into the city for another favorite nighttime activity? Taipei's night markets are becoming more convenient with digital payments. As part of the 2026 Taipei Night Market Food Festival, the Taipei City Market Administration has partnered with EasyCard Corporation to promote EasyWallet, allowing visitors to enjoy local delicacies with faster and easier payments. EasyWallet helps customers avoid carrying cash and waiting for change, while also helping vendors improve service efficiency. From July 1 to August 31, visitors at participating night market stalls can use EasyWallet to receive up to 35 percent cashback on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

That was Taipei News for the week. Tune in every Friday at 10:00 a.m. on Taipei Broadcasting Station or stream us online at <https://tradio.gov.taipei/>.

I'm Shelly Hsiao. Thanks for listening. See you next time!

■ Vocabulary List

1. milestone /'maɪlstəʊn/ (n.)
里程碑; 重要階段
2. ridership /'raɪdərʃɪp/ (n.)
搭乘人次; 乘客量
3. capacity /kə'pæsəti/ (n.)
容量; 運能; 承載量
4. evacuation /ɪˌvækju'eɪʃən/ (n.)
疏散; 撤離
5. designated /'deɪzɪneɪtɪd/ (adj.)
指定的; 特定的
6. emergency preparedness /ɪ'mɜːrdʒənsi prɪ'perɪdnəs/ (n.)
緊急應變準備
7. camouflage /'kæməflɑːʒ/ (n.)
偽裝; 保護色
8. meteor shower /'miːtɪər ˌʃaʊər/ (n.)
流星雨
9. visibility /ˌvɪzə'bɪləti/ (n.)
能見度; 可見度

10. convenient /kən'vi:njənt/ (adj.)

便利的;方便的