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Welcome to Taipei News. I'm Kenneth Chi, and thank you for joining us.

1) **“Eye of the Skyline” Scenic Bridge Opens at Mincuan Bridge** 「天際之眼」民權大橋景觀橋啟用

We begin with a new city landmark along the Keelung River.

A major upgrade for Taipei commuters and plane spotters alike: the city's brand-new “Eye of the Skyline” scenic bridge is now officially open.

The upgraded bridge is designed to improve traffic flow between Songshan, Neihu, and the Neihu Technology Park, while also strengthening its earthquake resistance and flood resilience.

But the project is not just about transportation. It also features new pedestrian paths and bike lanes that connect directly to Guanshan and Rainbow Riverside Parks.

The site is expected to become a new recreational destination, offering residents, visitors, and aviation enthusiasts a front-row view of planes taking off and landing at nearby Taipei Songshan Airport.

2) **Taipei Metro Wins Top International Public Transport Award** 臺北捷運榮獲UITP Awards 2026卓越成就獎

Turning to city transport news, Taipei Metro is making headlines on the international stage.

Taipei Metro has taken home a top international prize for its smart crowd-control technology.

The transit operator won the Achievement Award in Technology and Digital Transformation at the prestigious 2026 UITP Awards, often called the "World Cup" of public transportation.

The winning system uses AI-powered video analysis and real-time data to manage heavy foot traffic at Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall Station, helping staff guide crowds smoothly after major events at the nearby Taipei Dome.

Developed entirely in-house, the system has already successfully managed crowds after more than 200 high-capacity events.

Taipei Metro beat out 55 global contenders for the award, calling the win a major milestone for the city's smart transit initiatives.

3) **The 2026 Dadaocheng Summer Festival kicks off on July 25, 2026** 大稻埕夏日節

We now move to Taipei summer celebrations.

The 2026 Dadaocheng Summer Festival kicks off on July 25, bringing fireworks, drone shows, and plenty of Marvel magic to the Tamsui River waterfront.

This year, three major fireworks shows are set to light up the sky, all starting at 8 p.m. On opening night, July 25, and closing night, August 15, visitors can enjoy a spectacular 20-minute show featuring high-altitude fireworks and a synchronized drone light display. There will also be a special eight-minute fireworks show on August 5.

And that's not all—Spider-Man is swinging into Taipei. During the drone shows, a giant image of the superhero will appear across the night sky.

Back on the ground, visitors can snap photos with a nine-meter-tall inflatable Spider-Man, walk through a 180-meter waterfront light tunnel, and check out a retro upside-down house inspired by historic Dihua Street. Music fans can also catch a live outdoor concert at Yongle Plaza on August 1.

City officials are reminding visitors to leave the car at home and take public transportation to the festival.
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4) Taipei Youth Ideal Life Festival Returns 2026臺北青年理想生活節

Taipei's Xinyi District is putting young talent in the spotlight as the 2026 Taipei Youth Ideal Life Festival returns this weekend. The free event runs on July 25 and 26, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. along Xiangti Avenue.

Under the theme “Youth Take Center Stage,” the festival will feature eight popular singers and bands, more than 30 youth performance groups, and a market with over 35 local brands. Visitors can enjoy live music, rap, DJ sets, dance, acrobatics, creative products, specialty foods, and hands-on activities.

Admission is free, and limited-edition gifts will be available for selected activities.

5) 2026 TALOMA Taipei & Indigenous Music Festival TALOMA' Taipei原住民族音樂季&八一原住民族週

Taipei is getting ready for a week celebration of Indigenous music, culture, fashion, and food, beginning July 28.

The festivities kick off with Indigenous Peoples Week, running from July 28 to 31 along Xiangti Avenue in Xinyi District. Visitors can enjoy live performances, a contemporary Indigenous fashion show, traditional clothing experiences, cultural exhibits, and a lively harvest market.

The celebration will then move to Yuanshan Expo Park for the 2026 TALOMA' Taipei Indigenous Music Festival on August 1 and 2.

Full schedules and additional event details are available through the organizers' official channels.

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 Kenneth Chi. Thanks for listening. See you next time!

■ Vocabulary List

1. landmark [ˈlænd,mɑrk] (n.) 地標;重要建築物
2. commuter [kəˈmjʊtə] (n.) 通勤者
3. resilience [rɪˈzɪljəns] (n.) 韌性;恢復能力
4. recreational [ˌrɛkrɪˈeʃənəl] (adj.) 休閒的;娛樂的
5. aviation [ˌeɪvɪˈeʃən] (n.) 航空;航空業
6. prestigious [prɛˈstɪdʒəs] (adj.) 享有盛名的;聲望卓著的
7. synchronized [ˈsɪŋkrəˌnaɪzd] (adj.) 同步的
8. inflatable [ɪnˈfletəbl̩] (adj.) 充氣式的;可充氣的
9. entrepreneurship [ˌɒnrəprəʊˈnɜːʃɪp] (n.) 創業精神;創業活動
10. contemporary [kənˈtɛmpəˌrɛrɪ] (adj.) 當代的;現代的