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

1) **Taipei Encourages Cancer Screening for Mother's Day** 最暖母親節禮物！北市啟動陪媽咪做癌症篩檢

May is here, and Mother's Day is coming. The city is sending a reminder that the best gift you can give is the gift of health to mothers here in Taipei.

Cancer has been the leading cause of death in the city for over fifty years. For many women, breast and cervical cancers are the biggest health risks, which is why the city wants more people to get checked early.

From now until June 30th, the Taipei Department of Health is running a special campaign. They are encouraging students to talk to their families about prevention, especially since the government offers free screenings for six different types of cancer—including breast, lung, and colorectal cancer.

The city hopes that by starting these conversations at school, more families will stay healthy together. For more information, you can visit the Department of Health website (<https://health.gov.taipei/>) or simply call the 1999 hotline.

This Mother's Day, let's make sure our moms stay healthy and strong!

2) **2026 Dahu Park Lakeside Walk 2026步步湖光. 大湖公園健行活動**

Maybe you're thinking about taking your mother and family out for a walk? Well, Taipei's Neihu District Office is inviting you to get outside and enjoy the fresh air for the 2026 Dahu Park Lakeside Walk.

The event starts at 8 a.m. on May 16th. Everyone will meet on the park's big lawn for a nice walk by the water. You'll get to see the famous Jindai Bridge and enjoy the warm breeze with your family and neighbors.

When you reach the halfway point, make sure to get a stamp! You can trade that stamp for a small gift back at the finish line.

It's not just about the exercise, though. There will also be booths where you can play games and learn how to stay safe at home or avoid scams.

So, grab your walking shoes and head down to Dahu Park on May 16th for a healthy and relaxing morning!

3) **2026 Taipei Traditional Market Festival Opens in May 2026臺北傳統市場節**

Or you're thinking about taking your mother to her favorite place? Why not head to the market!

The 2026 Taipei Traditional Market Festival is happening on May 16th and 17th at the Yuanshan Expo Corridor Plaza.

The big highlight this year is the “Best Market Stall” contest. Now in its 19th year, this competition tracks down hidden food treasures and shares the amazing stories of the people behind the counters. This year’s theme is “Market Heroes,” celebrating the skill and passion of our local vendors.

City officials hope the festival brings more people into the markets to experience Taipei’s amazing food culture. So, mark your calendars for May 16th and come celebrate our market heroes!

4) 2026 Taipei Neo Trade Award Registration Opens 2026「台北新貿獎」徵選啟動！

Taipei City is now accepting applications for the 2026 Taipei Neo Trade Awards.

The awards recognize outstanding companies in cross-border e-commerce. This year, Taipei City will select 10 benchmark companies.

The awards are organized by the Taipei City Government. Cross-border e-commerce companies, service providers, and platform operators are invited to apply. Registration is open until May 29.

This year, the awards will place a new focus on digital technology and AI competitiveness. Judges will look at how companies use digital tools and AI in business management, decision-making, and overseas market development.

For more information, please visit the Taipei Digital Enterprise Development Center website or search for “Digital Enterprise@Taipei” on the LINE messenger app.

5) House Tax Collection Starts on May 1 房屋稅將於5月1日開徵

Lastly, here's a reminder for house owners in Taipei: the annual collection of house taxes begins May 1st.

Tax bills have already been sent out by mail. While the official deadline is usually the end of the month, you have a little extra time this year. Because May 31st falls on a Sunday, the deadline has been extended to Monday, June 1st.

The city is offering several convenient ways to settle your bill. You can pay digitally by scanning the QR code on your notice, or by using the TaipeiPASS app or the PAY.TAIPEI platform.

If you prefer to pay in person, most banks are ready to assist—though do keep in mind that post offices are not accepting these payments. For bills of 30,000 New Taiwan Dollars or less, you can also pay at any major convenience store, including 7-Eleven, FamilyMart, and OK Mart.

For more information, visit the Taipei Revenue Service website (<https://tpctax.gov.taipei/>).

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. screening ['skri:nɪŋ] (n.) 癌症篩檢
2. cervical ['sɜ:vɪkəl] (adj.) 子宮頸的
3. colorectal [ˌkɒlə'rektl] (adj.) 大腸直腸的
4. stroll [strol] (n.) 漫步、散步
5. scam [skæm] (n.) 詐騙、欺詐
6. benchmark ['bentʃmɑ:k] (n.) 標竿、基準
7. e-commerce ['i:kəmɜ:s] (n.) 電子商務
8. competitiveness [kəm'petətɪvnəs] (n.) 競爭力
9. annual ['ænjuəl] (adj.) 每年的、年度的
10. settle ['setl] (v.) 支付、結算(帳單、稅款)