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

1) **EasyCard Auto Top-Ups Expand to All Taipei and New Taipei Buses** 雙北公車也能悠遊卡自動加值！

Great news if you travel by bus in Taipei—your daily commute just got a whole lot easier!

We all know that mini-panic when you tap your EasyCard on a crowded bus and realize you're running out of money. Starting today, automatic top-ups are finally available on all Taipei and New Taipei City buses.

Here's how it works. If your EasyCard is linked to a credit card, a debit card, or a bank account, the system has you covered. The moment your balance drops below one hundred New Taiwan Dollars, the bus reader will instantly add five hundred NTD and deduct your fare all at once.

Just keep one quick tip in mind so you don't hold up the line. The top-up takes about three to five seconds. When you tap, hold your card against the reader until the screen shows it's complete. It's a huge upgrade for international residents and visitors alike!

2) **Taipei Makes it Easier to Upgrade Old Apartments** 富台社區電梯增設成果亮眼 擴大補助、降低申請負擔

If you live in one of Taipei's classic older walk-ups, your daily climb is about to get a whole lot easier.

Right now, Taipei has over 80,000 apartment buildings over 30 years old that completely lack elevators. To fix this, Mayor Chiang Wan-an announced the city is slashing red tape and boosting financial support.

Under the new rules, you no longer need unanimous neighbor approval to apply—a simple majority of over 50 percent will do. The city is also offering serious cash, raising the elevator installation subsidy to 3 million New Taiwan Dollars. They are even waiving parking fees if a space is lost to construction.

Mayor Chiang says these upgrades are all about creating a safer, more accessible, and highly livable Taipei for everyone.

[sound bite]

3) **Pikachu Coming to Taipei for Pokémon's 30th Anniversary** 「寶可夢30週年」襲捲台北

Attention all trainers! Pokémon is turning thirty, and Taipei is throwing a massive party to celebrate!

A huge touring festival called "PokeXciting!" is hitting five major Asian cities, arriving right here in Taipei for a weekend-long takeover on October 10th and 11th at Xinyi District's Xiangti Avenue Plaza.

Best of all, the entire event is completely free! A major highlight for local fans will even include the debut of a special, city-exclusive pink Pikachu.

Taipei Mayor Chiang Wan-an also attended the Pokémon 30th anniversary press event. He even shared his favorite famous lines from the animated series, including “Pikachu, I choose you!” and “Looks like Team Rocket’s blasting off again!”

[sound bite]

For the official event schedule and updates, head over to the Taiwan Pokémon 30th Anniversary official site. https://tw.portal-pokemon.com/30th/topics/20260603_01/

4) Enjoy Taipei This Summer: Songyan Festival and Beitou Bus 9 Trips 臺北夏日活動:2026夏日松一下與「北投說9就走！」套票登場

Summer is here, and Taipei has plenty of ways to help you enjoy the season.

First, the 2026 Songyan Summer Festival is now underway at Songshan Cultural and Creative Park. The festival runs every Friday through Sunday until September 6. This year’s festival brings together music, sports, culture, and weekend markets. Visitors can enjoy live band performances, sports activities, cultural events, and ten straight weeks of weekend markets. It is a great place to spend a warm summer evening in the city. For the full event updates, please visit the official Songshan Cultural and Creative Park website. (<https://www.songshanculturalpark.org/>)

And if you would rather escape the downtown hustle for a relaxing nature getaway, you can hop on the Bus S9 tourist shuttle for the “Just Go Beitou on Bus 9” campaign. The shuttle takes visitors to Beitou’s famous hot springs, local food spots, and beautiful mountain scenery. There are also special travel packages, local store discounts, and stamp-collecting activities. (<https://event.jwimarketing.com/beitouzhuzihu/>)

5) Taipei Broadcasting Station Celebrating 65 Years with a Free Summer Concert! 臺北電臺歡慶65週年

We have some very exciting news to share! Right here at Taipei Broadcasting Station, we’re celebrating our 65th anniversary with a special summer concert on July 18th at Taipei Zhongshan Hall.

The event will showcase classic Taiwanese pop hits from legendary composers. Best of all, tickets are completely free! You can grab yours starting July 10th at 10 a.m., either in person at Zhongshan Hall or online via KKTIX. If you can’t make it, you can catch the live stream on our YouTube channel.

Head over to our official Facebook page for all the details—we hope to see you there!

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. commuter [kə'mju:tə] (n.) 中文對應詞: 通勤者
2. automatic [ˌɒtə'mætɪk] (adj.) 中文對應詞: 自動的
3. resident [ˈrezɪdənt] (n.) 中文對應詞: 居民
4. unanimous [jʊ'nænəməs] (adj.) 中文對應詞: 全體一致的、意見相同的
5. subsidy [ˈsʌbsədi] (n.) 中文對應詞: 補助金、津貼
6. accessible [æk'sesəbl̩] (adj.) 中文對應詞: 可接近的、易使用的、無障礙的
7. exclusive [ɪk'sklʊsɪv] (adj.) 中文對應詞: 獨家的、專屬的
8. hustle [ˈhʌsl̩] (n.) 中文對應詞: 忙碌、奔忙
9. showcase [ˈʃoʊ,keɪs] (v.) 中文對應詞: 展現、展示
10. legendary [ˈlɛdʒən,deri] (adj.) 中文對應詞: 傳奇的、名聲顯赫的