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

1) **Taipei Receives Major Urban Recognition** 臺北榮獲臺灣景觀大獎城市治理獎

Taipei is winning major recognition for its urban development efforts, both in Taiwan and abroad. The city recently received a Special Mention at the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize in Singapore, becoming the first city in Taiwan to earn the honor. The award is often seen as one of the world's top honors for cities.

Meanwhile, Taipei also won a Taiwan Landscape Award for the transformation of Minzu Experimental Junior High School. The project fixed drainage problems, improved the campus, and created a more natural space for students and the local community.

Mayor Chiang Wan-an thanked his team and said Taipei will continue working to build a hopeful, sustainable, and livable city for all.

2) **Taipei Metro Marks 30 Years of Service** 台北捷運通車30周年

Here's another piece of good news.

Taipei Metro is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. A commemorative event was held on March 28th at Daan Park Station, marking three decades since the opening of the Muzha Line in 1996.

A special ceremony at Daan Park Station looked back on 30 years of progress. It all began in 1996 with the opening of the Muzha Line, Taiwan's first driverless metro line. Back then, it carried only about 50,000 passengers a day. Today, the system has grown into a major urban rail network, with daily ridership now topping 2 million and a public satisfaction rate of 97.8 percent. It has also earned high marks in international rankings and evaluations.

To celebrate the milestone, a 30th anniversary exhibition is being held at Daan Park Station through April 28th. The exhibition looks back at the development of Taipei Metro and brings back commuting memories for many Taipei residents.

3) **The Baosheng Cultural Festival Returns** 2026保生文化祭

One of the city's most spectacular religious events is back at the Dalongdong Baoan Temple.

The Baosheng Cultural Festival is officially underway, celebrating the birthday of the Great Emperor Baosheng. This festival is a stunning blend of ancient ritual and modern culture, transforming the historic temple into a hub of art and spirituality.

Visitors can look forward to the famous 'Fire Lion' fireworks display, traditional 'Family Clan' operas, and sacred fire-walking ceremonies. But it's not just about the spectacle—the festival also features free health clinics and the 'Medical Contribution Awards,' honoring the deity's legacy as a patron of medicine.

It's a unique chance to see how Taipei keeps its history alive while embracing the future. For more on the festival schedule, visit the Dalongdong Baoan Temple website. <https://www.baoan.org.tw/>

4) 2026 Taipei Grand Trail Challenge Gets Underway 2026臺北大縱走挑戰正式開跑

Looking to get some fresh air and a bit of exercise? The 2026 Taipei Grand Trail challenge is now underway, inviting hikers of all levels to hit the trail.

This year's event takes participants across the Taipei Grand Trail, a 130-kilometer hiking route made up of eight scenic sections that circle the city. By using the Hiking Notes app, hikers can collect digital gems hidden along the way.

There are seven gems on each section. Collect all 56, and you can earn an official 2026 online achievement badge, unlock a digital completion certificate, and qualify for special rewards. The challenge runs through December 31st, with prize redemption starting in June.

The Taipei Grand Trail takes visitors through Taipei's mountains, forests, and natural landscapes, offering a great way to enjoy nature while staying active.

For more information and the latest trail updates, visit the official Taipei Grand Trail website <https://taipeigrandtrail.gov.taipei/> or its Facebook page.

5) Taipei Launches Children's Month Activities 臺北市歡慶兒童節活動

April 4 is Children's Day, and Taipei City is celebrating with a month-long series of Children's Month activities throughout April.

The main events will take place during the long holiday from April 3rd to 5th, when children can enjoy free admission to the Taipei Zoo and Taipei Children's Amusement Park. The city has also introduced a Fun Map, available in both paper and digital formats, offering special discounts at participating venues across 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. recognition [ˌrɛkəɡˈnɪʃən] (n.) 認可; 表揚; 肯定
2. commemorative [kəˈmemərətɪv] (adj.) 紀念的
3. milestone ['maɪlˌstɒn] (n.) 里程碑; 重大時刻
4. spirituality [ˌspɪrɪtʃuˈæləti] (n.) 靈性; 精神性
5. patron ['petrən] (n.) 守護者; 贊助者; 主保聖人
6. scenic ['sɪnɪk] (adj.) 風景優美的; 景色優美的
7. certificate [səˈtɪfəkət] (n.) 證書; 證明書
8. redemption [rɪˈdemptʃən] (n.) 兌換; 贖回; 換領

9. participating [pɑr'tɪsəˌpetɪŋ] (adj./part.) 參與的;參加的
10. livable ['lɪvəbəl] (adj.) 宜居的;適合居住的