

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

- 1) 北市未來四週活動與施工多 交通恐受影響 **Major Events and Construction to Impact Taipei Traffic Over Next Four Weeks**
- 2) 萬華櫻花祭親子活動登場 推動家庭共融與文化交流 **Wanhua Cherry Blossom Festival Event Promotes Family Engagement and Cultural Exchange**
- 3) 北投單身聯誼登場 咖啡香中譜寫浪漫邂逅 **Beitou Singles Event Brews Romance with Coffee-Themed Gathering**
- 4) 夜訪天文館3月28日登場 親子共遊星空之旅 **Taipei Astronomical Museum Night Event Invites Families to Explore the Stars**
- 5) 臺北玫瑰展登場 800品種打造浪漫花海 **Taipei Rose Exhibition Showcases 800 Varieties in Bloom**

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) Starting March 23rd, Taipei City officials are warning of traffic disruptions over the next four weeks, as a series of major events and construction projects are expected to impact roads across the city. Drivers are advised to plan ahead and allow extra travel time.

According to the city's traffic task force, several large-scale events will draw significant crowds. These include the Taipei Cycle Show, the CPBL Opening Game, and concerts such as G.E.M. I AM GLORIA World Tour 2.0 Taipei and ONE OK ROCK DETOX Asia Tour 2026. In addition, a women's run and holiday markets are also expected to affect weekend traffic.

At the same time, multiple MRT construction projects are ongoing in districts including Zhongzheng, Wanhua, Xinyi, Wenshan, and Shilin, which may further contribute to congestion in key areas.

Officials are encouraging residents to make greater use of the metro system, buses, and YouBike, noting that public transportation not only helps ease traffic congestion, but also supports efforts to reduce carbon emissions.

2) The Wanhua District Office recently hosted a special spring event aimed at promoting family engagement and population policy awareness. The event, inspired by Japan's cherry blossom season, brought together parents and children for a day of cultural exchange and hands-on activities.

Centered around the theme of a Japanese-style sakura festival, the event introduced families to the tradition of hanami, where people gather under blooming cherry blossoms to enjoy the season and connect with one another. Through storytelling and cultural sharing, children were given a chance to learn about Japanese customs and springtime celebrations.

A highlight of the event was a live music performance by Yuka Atsuta, who shared songs and stories from Japan, offering audiences a deeper cultural experience through sound and performance.

Families also took part in a DIY glass lamp workshop, creating their own decorative pieces together, while enjoying seasonal snacks that engaged the senses of sight, sound, and taste.

Officials say the event supports policies encouraging shared parenting and family participation, and similar activities will continue to help build a more inclusive and family-friendly community in Wanhua.

3) A unique singles networking event was recently held at the Beitou Civic Hall, bringing together 40 participants for a relaxed and romantic spring gathering. Organized by the Beitou District Office, the event combined coffee culture with social interaction, creating a warm and engaging atmosphere for attendees.

Centered around the theme of a coffee experience, participants were guided by a local barista to explore the aroma of Datun volcanic coffee beans, while learning grinding techniques and brewing methods. Surrounded by flowers and paired with sweet and savory treats, the event offered a multi-sensory experience designed to spark conversation and connection.

Officials say the event supports policies encouraging marriage, childbirth, and family development, while promoting a friendly and supportive environment for building meaningful relationships.

4) Families looking for a unique evening activity can take part in the upcoming "Night at the Museum" event at the Taipei Astronomical Museum on March 28th. The event will begin at 3:30 p.m. and is limited to just 50

participants, with online registration opening on March 24th.

The program offers a range of interactive astronomy experiences, including guided tours of the exhibition halls, where visitors can learn about space, planets, and the mysteries of the universe. Participants will also receive a themed activity booklet, encouraging children and parents to explore and solve puzzles together while discovering the night sky.

In addition, visitors can enjoy a special screening at the museum's space theater, featuring a monthly program that takes audiences on a journey through the cosmos with professional narration.

Organizers say the event is designed to combine education and entertainment, giving families a chance to learn together while creating memorable experiences under the stars. Participants who complete the activities may also receive small gifts to mark their cosmic adventure.

5) The 2026 Taipei Rose Exhibition is now underway at the Taipei Rose Garden, featuring over 800 varieties and more than 5,000 roses from around the world. The garden includes several themed areas, such as the Secret Garden and Colorful Rose Garden, creating a romantic, European-style atmosphere for visitors to enjoy.

As one of Taipei's most popular spring attractions, the exhibition offers a perfect setting for couples and families to relax, take photos, and experience the beauty and fragrance of blooming roses.

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 tuning in. Take care and see you next time!

■ Vocabulary List

exhibition [ˌɛksəˈbɪʃən] (n.) 展覽／展出

variety [vəˈraɪəti] (n.) 種類／品種

feature [ˈfi:tʃər] (v.) 以...為特色／包含

themed [θiːmd] (adj.) 主題式的

atmosphere [ˈætməsˌfɪr] (n.) 氣氛／氛圍

romantic [rəʊˈmæntɪk] (adj.) 浪漫的

fragrance [ˈfreɪgrəns] (n.) 香氣／芳香

showcase [ˈʃəʊˌkeɪs] (v.) 展示／呈現

destination [ˌdestəˈneɪʃən] (n.) 目的地／景點

stroll [stroʊl] (v.) 漫步／閒逛