

I, and the South African Government, have enormous appreciation for the contribution that the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) has made to the commitment of the Government sector in the economic development in Africa. The ROC (Taiwan) further, made a generous and much appreciated contribution to South Africa's transition to democracy .



Statement by President Nelson Mandela—27 November 1996

Tsai Opens PPSEAWA Conference, Pledges to Keep Empowering Women

President Tsai Ing-wen said that she will continue promoting policies aimed at empowering women in Taiwan and throughout the Indo-Pacific so as to enable all members of society share in the fruits of prosperity.

As the first female president of Taiwan, ensuring women's empowerment remains a central plank in the government's policymaking platform is a top priority, Tsai said. This has paid dividends as illustrated by a raft of measures enhancing women's labour participation rate and encouraging more females to re-enter the workforce or start their own businesses, she added.

Tsai made the remarks while opening the international conference of the Pan-Pacific and Southeast Asia Women's Association (PPSEAWA) in New Taipei City. Taking place in Taiwan for the first time in the 91-year history of the triennial event, the six-day conference involves representatives from 11 PPSEAWA chapters.

According to Tsai, the government is



President Tsai Ing-wen delivers her opening address at the 27th PPSEAWA International Conference in New Taipei City. (Courtesy of Presidential Office)

committed to addressing key issues concerned with women and families while promoting peaceful lives for all. This dovetails with PPSEAWA's Mission Statement, and demonstrates the potential for Taiwan to contribute even more in supporting the Hawaii-based nongovernmental organisation's good work, she said.

One high-profile example, Tsai said, is her participation in the Pacific Women Leaders' Coalition Conference hosted

by Indo-Pacific ally the Marshall Islands in March. Both countries are collaborating on various gender equality initiatives in tandem with like-minded partner the U.S. to great effect, she added.

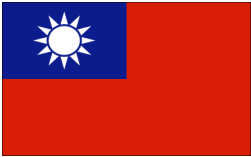
Another is Taiwan's Long-term Care Plan 2.0., Tsai said, adding that its overarching goals echo the theme of the conference: "Life's Journey to Well-being."

Overseen by the Ministry of Health and Welfare, the 10-year plan seeks to establish a comprehensive care system promoting aging in place—the ability to live safely and independently in one's home or community regardless of age, ability or income level.

Tsai said it is hoped participants will take full advantage of the conference to share insights on this important issue, as well as related topics like improving access for women to financial decision-making and literacy programs. **(Source: Taiwan Today)**



Left: President Tsai Ing-wen waves the Taiwan Universiade flag in Taipei City to support local athletes ahead of the upcoming Summer Universiade set for July 3-14 in Naples, Italy. (Courtesy of Presidential Office) **Centre:** An official from New Taipei City's Animal Protection and Health Inspection Office scans a dog to see if it has been microchipped, part of a series of random checks for compliance at parks across the city. (Courtesy of New Taipei City Government) **Right:** Renowned director and playwright Stan Lai shows off his Sibiu Walk of Fame certificate during the Sibiu International Theatre Festival in Romania; Lai is the first Taiwan individual to win the honour. (Courtesy of Performance Workshop)



MOFA's 2019 Mosaic Taiwan Gets Underway in Taipei



MOFA Vice Minister Tsao Li-jei (front, fifth left) is joined by officials and participants from Canada and the U.S. in giving the thumbs-up to Mosaic Taiwan in Taipei City. (MOFA)

The 2019 edition of Mosaic Taiwan, an international leadership program for young opinion shapers organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), was officially launched in Taipei City.

Involving 30 young students and professionals from Canada and the U.S., the initiative enables participants to learn

more about Taiwan's culture, economy, history and society.

MOFA Vice Minister Tsao Li-jei said during the opening ceremony that Mosaic Taiwan aims to expand bilateral exchanges and strengthen the bonds of friendship. It also provides unique and valuable firsthand experiences helping participants assume leadership roles in the future, he added.

According to Tsao, the program showcases Taiwan's standing as one of the freest democracies in Asia while spotlighting the government's commitment to promoting freedom, democracy, human rights and rule of law. The passage May 24 of a bill legalising same-sex marriage offers further proof of the high standard of human rights enjoyed by the people, he said.

Mosaic Taiwan was launched in 2014 for students and professionals from North America aged 20-35 with proven aca-

demical backgrounds and extensive work or volunteer experience in international affairs.

This year's program features seminars and workshops, as well as meetings with representatives of the academic, private and public sectors. Other highlights include trips to many of Taiwan's important cultural, historic and tourist sites.

(Source: Taiwan Today)

MAC Urges HK Government to Revoke Extradition Bill

The government of Hong Kong must listen to the voice of the people and revoke its extradition bill, according to Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council (MAC).

Allowing residents to be sent from Hong Kong to China infringes on the rights of the people in the special administrative region and Taiwan's sovereignty, the MAC said.

The legislation is rejected by the people, ethnic Chinese the world over and the international community, the council said, adding that it also demonstrates the abject failure of Beijing's "one country, two systems" model.

The MAC's statement follows a series of large-scale protests against the bill in the former British colony involving more than a million residents.

According to the council, the legislation attempts to place Taiwan-Hong Kong

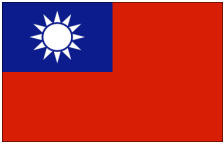


Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council calls on the government of Hong Kong to listen to the voice of the people and revoke the extradition bill. (Courtesy of MAC)

crime-fighting under the auspices of the "one China policy." The government and people of Taiwan absolutely oppose this political manoeuvring under the guise of judicial assistance, the MAC said.

A stable and prosperous Hong Kong is

the expectation of its residents and democracy-loving societies around the globe, the council said. The government and people of Taiwan stand shoulder to shoulder with those taking to the streets of Hong Kong in defence of freedom, human rights, free speech and rule of law, the MAC added. **(Source: Taiwan Today)**



VP Chen Lauds New Applied Materials Facility in Tainan

The manufacturing and R&D facility established by U.S.-headquartered Applied Materials Inc. in Tainan City, southern Taiwan, is a vote of confidence in the country's continuously improving business environment, according to Vice President Chen Chien-jen.

Since setting up shop in Taiwan 30 years ago, Applied Materials has been a major partner of the local high-tech sector, Chen said. As a provider of quality jobs, it is helping transform the country into a front-runner in the global semiconductor and display industries, he added.

According to Chen, the newly inaugurated NT\$3 billion (US\$95.57 million) facility, along with the presence of Applied Materials Chairman Thomas Iannotti and President and CEO Gary Dickerson, underscores the commitment of the firm to deepening ties with local partners.

Since President Tsai Ing-wen took office in May 2016, Chen said, the government has left no stone unturned in strengthening Tai-



Vice President Chen Chien-jen (center) is joined by AIT Director Brent Christensen (third left), Applied Materials Chairman Thomas Iannotti (fourth left), President and CEO Gary Dickerson (fourth right) and other officials at the U.S. company's new facility in Tainan City, southern Taiwan. (Courtesy of Presidential Office)

wan's economic fundamentals through fast-tracked infrastructure development, intellectual property rights protection and talent

cultivation.

As international businesses seek to adjust global strategies in the wake of trade friction between the U.S. and China, such government measures have attracted investment of NT\$310 billion by 61 companies this year and created more than 30,000 job opportunities, Chen said.

These sentiments were echoed by American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) Director Brent Christensen, who said the expanded presence of Applied Materials is yet another sign that major U.S. technology outfits view Taiwan as a critical link in the global supply chain.

Occupying 5.1 hectares in the Southern Taiwan Science Park, the facility is dedicated to developing equipment for the production of large-sized liquid crystal displays, organic light-emitting diodes and other flexible devices, according to Applied Materials.

(Source: Taiwan Today)

1st Taiwan-EU Digital Economy Dialogue Wraps up in Brussels

The first Taiwan-EU Dialogue on Digital Economy concluded in Brussels, strengthening exchanges on topics spanning artificial intelligence, e-governance, technological transformation of traditional businesses, and related opportunities and challenges.

Delegations to the two-day event were headed by Chen Mei-ling, minister of the Cabinet-level National Development Council (NDC), and Roberto Viola, head of the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG Connect) at the European Commission.

Speaking at the opening of the event, Chen said that emerging technologies such as AI, block chain and big data are fundamentally altering global economic and social structures. Taiwan and the EU have demonstrated foresight in responding to this digital revolution, as evidenced by the government's Digital and Innovative Economic Development Plan, or DIGI-plus, and the EU's Digital Single Market initiative, she added.



NDC Minister Chen Mei-ling (left) and DG Connect Director-General Roberto Viola exchange gifts at the opening of the Taiwan-EU Dialogue on Digital Economy in Brussels. (Courtesy of NDC)

By facilitating robust exchanges on these programs, the dialogue is set to bolster the efforts of both sides to harness innovative tech solutions in addressing economic and social challenges, Chen said.

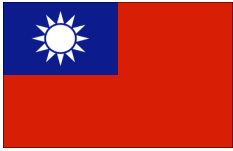
According to Viola, the digital economy strategies of Taiwan and the EU share strong similarities in terms of ideas and

values. The meeting marks a new chapter in related cooperation, with the in-depth discussions expected to lay the foundations for a follow-up event in Taipei, he added.

Taiwan's delegation comprised officials from the Board of Science and Technology under the Executive Yuan, Industrial Development Bureau under the Ministry of Economic Affairs, as well as the Ministry of Science and Technology.

In addition to the digital economy meeting, the delegation met with officials from the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers to discuss progress in implementing the EU General Data Protection Regulation, according to the NDC.

DIGI-plus is a comprehensive program to upgrade Taiwan's internet infrastructure and foster sectors spanning AI, e-governance and fintech. It runs through 2025 with a budget of about NT\$170 billion (US\$5.34 billion). **(Source: Taiwan Today)**



International Climate Prediction Workshop Wraps up in Taipei



Meteorology experts from home and abroad are all smiles at the opening of the International Workshop on Climate Prediction in Taipei City. (Courtesy of CWB)

The International Workshop on Climate Prediction wrapped up in Taipei City, deepening regional collaboration on advances in weather forecasting models.

Co-organised by the Central Weather Bureau (CWB) under the Ministry of Transportation and Communications and South Korea-based Asia-Pacific Economic

Cooperation Climate Centre (APCC), the two-day seminar was attended by more than 100 academics and experts from nine countries and territories.

Themed Past, Present and Future, the event included keynote speeches and panel discussions on sub seasonal and seasonal forecasts—methods for predicting weather anomalies in the coming weeks and months, respectively.

Speakers include CWB Deputy Director-General Cheng Ming-dean; Arun Kumar, principal scientist at the Climate Prediction Centre under the U.S. National Weather Service; and Francisco Doblas-Reyes, head of the Department of Earth Sciences at the Barcelona Supercomputing Centre.

In his address at the opening of the workshop, CWB Director-General Yeh Tien-chiang said that climate change is increasing the severity of environmental challenges such as cold fronts, droughts,

floods and heat waves. By strengthening international meteorological cooperation, events such as the forum can help improve disaster management, economic resilience and forecasting models at home and around the world, he added.

According to APCC Executive Director Kwon Won-tae, the workshop is an outstanding platform for meteorology professionals to exchange knowledge and best practices on boosting prediction accuracy.

Established in 2005, APCC aims to enhance the socio-economic growth of APEC member economies by utilising up-to-date scientific knowledge and applying innovative climate forecasting techniques. The CWB and the centre inked a collaboration agreement in 2016 to bolster exchanges in areas spanning climatic data application, meteorological research and prediction capacity. **(Source: Taiwan Today)**

Taoyuan City Wins Intelligent Community of the Year



Northern Taiwan's Taoyuan City is the winner of the Intelligent Community of the Year award announced by New York-headquartered think tank ICF. (Courtesy of TCG)

Taoyuan, northern Taiwan, was named the Intelligent Community of the Year by New York-headquartered think tank ICF, spotlighting the metropolis's advanced application of information and communication technology and smart city solutions.

According to ICF, participants were assessed based on six factors: advocacy,

broadband, digital equality, innovation, knowledge workforce and sustainability. Taoyuan won recognition for achievements in such areas as encouraging youth entrepreneurship, implementing a comprehensive public transportation network and providing widespread wireless internet coverage.

Taoyuan was the only city in Asia among the seven finalists, which included Chicago in the U.S., Sarnia-Lambton in Canada and the Sunshine Coast in Australia. It marked the city's fourth appearance on the shortlist since it first participated in 2009.

Mayor Cheng Wen-tsan said the honour underscores Taoyuan's commitment to promoting intelligent solutions. The metropolis is also vying for the right to host the 2020 ICF Summit as part of its efforts to become one of Asia's leading centres of smart city innovation, he added.

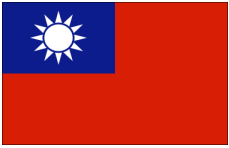
According to Taoyuan City Government, measures singled out by the ICF judging panel include six start-up incubation facili-

ties for young entrepreneurs set up under the Asian Silicon Valley Development Plan (ASVDP). Among these are Andong Youth Start-up Hub and Hsinming Youth Hub founded in 2017 and 2018, respectively.

Launched in 2016 by the central government, the ASVDP has two primary objectives: promoting innovation and R&D for devices and Internet of Things applications and upgrading Taiwan's start-up and entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Other initiatives recognised by the judges included the launch of the Taoyuan Citizen Card. This can be used to purchase fares on public transport, provides discounts at over 1,000 local stores and sports centres, and tracks usage of exercise facilities.

Founded in 1999, ICF works to promote the application of ICT in communities worldwide. Taiwan has performed strongly in its awards, with Taipei winning the top prize in 2006 and the central city of Taichung following suit in 2013. **(Source: Taiwan Today)**



Golden Pin Salon Events Set for Taipei, Kuala Lumpur, Macao



Top talents from Taiwan, Malaysia and Macao are participating in the upcoming Design Perspectives x Golden Pin Salon. (Courtesy of GPDA)

The Golden Pin Design Award’s salon series gets underway this month in Taipei City, Kuala Lumpur and Macao as part of government efforts promoting cooperation and exchanges between top Taiwan and regional talents.

Organised by Taiwan Design Centre under the Ministry of Economic Affairs’ Industrial Development Bureau, the Design Perspectives x Golden Pin Salon opens at Songshan Cultural and Creative Park in Taipei.

The event features local architect and interior designer Johnny Chiu and industrial designer Gina Hsu, as well as Taipei-based graphic designer Andrew Wong from Hong Kong. The trio will share perspectives on such topics as design trends in Asia, new avenues for industry events and narrative expression via creations.

During the session at the Malaysian Institute of Architects in Kuala Lumpur, pioneering motion designer Liu Keng-ming and curator Wang Yao-pang, both from Taiwan, are set to elaborate on career highlights and offer advice for those

seeking to enter the field. In addition, Huat Lim—managing director of ZLG Design headquartered in the Southeast Asian country—is set to discuss cultural aspirations and attitudes.

The final event takes place at Macao Tower Convention and Entertainment Centre. Hsu and Liu will revisit their Taipei and Kuala Lumpur presentations, while Macao’s award-winning graphic designer Au Chon Hin—renowned for bold and eye-catching visuals employed at cultural festivals—is expected to draw the curtain back on the intricacies of social design.

Established in 1981, the Golden Pin Design Award is generally considered one of the most influential and prestigious honours in the Chinese-speaking world. **(Source: Taiwan Today)**

Formosa Circus Art to Spotlight Taiwan Culture in India, Indonesia



MOFA Deputy Minister Kelly Wu-chiao Hsieh (front, left) applauds FOCA’s upcoming New Southbound Policy cultural tour in Taipei City. (Staff photo/Chin Hung-hao)

Formosa Circus Art (FOCA) is set to embark on a tour of Indonesia and India as part of government efforts to deepen cultural exchanges with the New Southbound Policy target countries.

Organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), the tour will see the Taiwan performing arts troupe stage its show “The Heart of Asia” in Jakarta, Surabaya, Chennai, and New Delhi.

Premiered in 2016, the 75-minute production merges circus skills with traditional dance and music from diverse ethnic groups in Taiwan including Hakka and indigenous peoples.

Speaking at a news conference in Taipei City, MOFA Deputy Minister Kelly Wu-chiao Hsieh said that FOCA’s performance will offer audiences an insight into the rich cultural heritage of Taiwan, while spotlighting the creativity and vitality of the nation’s young artists.

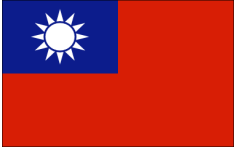
The tour is expected to deepen the friendship and mutual understanding between Taiwan and the two countries, and pave the way for expanded exchanges in other fields, Hsieh added.

Founded in 2011, FOCA is committed to developing genre-spanning circus performances incorporating acrobatics, juggling, martial arts, street dance and theatre arts. It has staged shows in around 20 countries and territories and performed at such renowned arts events as the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in the U.K. and Festival Off d’Avignon in France.

A key plank in the government’s national development strategy, the NSP is enhancing Taiwan’s agriculture, business, culture, education, tourism and trade ties with the 10 Association of Southeast Asian Nations member states, six South Asian countries, Australia and New Zealand. **(Source: Taiwan Today)**



FOCA members perform a scene from “The Heart of Asia” in Taipei City. (Staff photo/Chin Hung-hao)



International Conference on Disaster Mitigation, Earth Sciences Concludes in Taipei



MOST Vice Minister Tsou Yu-han (first row, fifth left) is joined by experts and officials from home and abroad at the opening of an international conference on disaster mitigation and earth sciences in Taipei City. (Courtesy of Academia Sinica)

The Promoting International Collaboration of Earth Sciences and Smart Disaster Reduction in Southeast Asia conference wrapped up in Taipei City, strengthening regional cooperation across such areas as environmental adaption and risk as-

essment.

Sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), the one-day seminar was co-organised by Academia Sinica, Taiwan's foremost research institution. It drew 37 officials and scholars from nine Asia-Pacific countries including Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand and Thailand.

Among the keynote speakers were Chen Yue-gau, geosciences professor at National Taiwan University in Taipei; Renato Solidum Jr., undersecretary for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change at the Philippines' Department of Science and Technology; and Mark Stirling, geology professor at the University of Otago in New Zealand.

Speaking at the opening of the forum, MOST Vice Minister Tsou Yu-han said that robust international cooperation on disaster reduction is essential for nations situated on the Pacific Ring of Fire. Tai-

wan has considerable expertise in mitigating the impacts of events such as earthquakes and typhoons and is committed to sharing its knowledge with neighbouring countries, she added.

According to Academia Sinica, the conference was held under a four-year program launched by the MOST last year to facilitate collaboration among New Southbound Policy target nations on intelligent solutions for natural disaster prevention and earth sciences R&D. To date, a total of 11 international meetings and workshops have been staged through the initiative.

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Taiwan Concerned About Expansion of Japanese Encephalitis

Concern was growing about the expansion of Japanese encephalitis as three new cases were reported in three different areas of the north-west and south.

The viral infection is transmitted mostly by three types of mosquitoes, with children especially at risk. Symptoms are vague but include headaches, fever, disorientation and paralysis among others.

Taiwan registered its first death from Japanese encephalitis just weeks ago, when a 50-year-old woman succumbed in Kaohsiung.

The new cases Tuesday involved a woman in her fifties in Hsinchu County, a man in his fifties in Chiayi City and a woman in her thirties in Pingtung County, the Liberty Times quoted the Centres for Disease Control (CDC) as saying.



CDC records three new cases of Japanese encephalitis. (By Wikimedia Commons)

None of them had travelled overseas recently, and all of them were still undergoing treatment in hospital, while their relatives did not show any symptoms, the CDC said.

However, the three latest patients lived close to risk areas such as pigeon and hog farms, as well as a drainage canal, according to the Liberty Times.

The new cases brought the total for Taiwan this year up to 10, with June and July being the usual peak period. The CDC advised the public to avoid animal farms and humid areas such as ponds and rice fields as much as possible, especially during dawn and dusk, when the mosquitoes were most active. **(Source: Taiwan News)**



Taiwan Takes Centre Stage at NewImages VR Film Festival in Paris



VR film "The Missing Body (Pt. 1)" by Taiwan director Huang Hsin-chien is set to screen at the NewImages Festival in Paris. (Courtesy of Ministry of Culture)

Taiwan is the featured country at the NewImages Festival, one of France's leading platforms for digital arts and cinema, running in Paris.

Organised in collaboration with Taiwan Cultural Centre in Paris, the Taiwan program comprises screenings of eight locally produced extended and virtual reality films, three forums with industry experts, and the launch of the nation's first-ever VR art residency.

Four of the Taiwan movies are included on the 12-strong shortlist for the festival's VR competition. Works vying for the top prize of 10,000 euros (US\$11,236) are "Abandoned Temple" by Cheng Wei-hao, "Mr. Buddha" by Lee Chung, "Pneumo Hacker" by Lai Kuan-yuan and a Taiwan-French co-production "Mechanical Souls" by Gaelle Mourre.

The other Taiwan movies set to be screened at the event consist of "The Missing Body (Pt. 1)" by Huang Hsin-chien, "Afterimage for Tomorrow" by Singing Chen, "Live Stream from Yuki" by Tsai Tsung-han and "Way to Heaven" by Yang Ya-che.

The industry talks will explore topics like the establishment of VR cinema platforms, filmmaking techniques and related resources in Taiwan. Featured speakers include Chang Chia-wen, head of the technical team at HTC Vive Originals; Cheng Puyuan, CEO of Funique VR Studio; and Lee Huai-chin, project leader at the VR Film Lab of the Kaohsiung Film Archive in southern Taiwan.

The residency program is a joint initiative

among the Kaohsiung Film Festival, the NewImages Festival organiser and French Office in Taipei. It will provide a French creator with a three-month stay in the southern Taiwan port city and a grant of 30,000 euros (US\$33,710) to produce a VR work, with the movie expected to be screened at future editions of the KFF and NewImages.

According to Michael Swierczynski, director of NewImages, the residency program offers a great opportunity for French artists to connect with Taiwan's vibrant XR ecosystem. The initiative also highlights the two festivals' determination to bolster links between leading industry professionals in both nations, he said.

Organised by the Forum des Images, NewImages explores the new realm of digital arts by uniting the most influential VR and XR figures from around the world. The inaugural edition of the annual event was held in June last year. **(Source: Taiwan Today)**

Green Island Human Rights Art Festival



Filmmaker Wu De-chuen (left) and paper-cutting artist Johan Cheng at the Green Island Human Rights Art Festival running until Sept. 15 in southeastern Taiwan's Taitung County. (CNA)

The Green Island Human Rights Art Festival is set to kick off at the Green Island White Terror Memorial Park in south-eastern Taiwan's Taitung County, shedding light on the lives and sacrifices of those detained at the former political prison.

Organised by the National Human Rights Museum (NHRM), the three-month festival is themed Visiting No. 15 Liomagou, the former address of the jail. A total of 12 artists and groups have been invited to create new works exploring the history of the site through mediums spanning animation, film installation and modern dance.

Also featured is a screening of the documentary "Spring: The Story of Hsu Chin-yu" by local director Tseng Wen-chen, as well as 14 seminars and workshops.

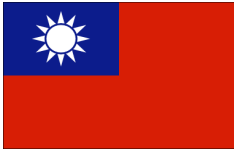
Speaking at a news conference, Deputy Culture Minister Hsiao Tsung-huang said the festival aims to deepen awareness and promote reflection on human rights violations during the period of authoritarian rule.

According to NHRM Director Chen Chun-hung, this is the longest edition of the festival since its establishment in 2005. It is

hoped that the topics explored at the event will help bolster government efforts to advance transitional justice, he said.

David Fleming, founding president of the U.K.-based Federation of International Human Rights Museums, is set to visit the festival in August, before officially inaugurating FIHRM's Asia-Pacific chapter at the NHRM. Chen said that the office is expected to highlight Taiwan's role in promoting human rights throughout the region.

Administered by the Ministry of Culture, the NHRM is the nation's primary facility for collecting and preserving historical documents and materials relating to human rights from the end of 50 years of Japanese colonial rule Aug. 15, 1945, to the lifting of martial law five years after Taiwan proper in outlying Kinmen and Matsu islands Nov. 7, 1992. **(Source: Taiwan Today)**



Old Copper Refinery to Reopen as Tourist Attraction in New Taipei



The old copper refinery in New Taipei City's Ruifang District is taking on a new lease of life under a public art project implemented by Taiwan Power Co. (Courtesy of Tai-power)

A disused copper refinery in New Taipei City's Ruifang District is set to become a tourist attraction under a public art project arranged by Taipei City-based Taiwan Power Co.

Known locally as 13 Levels, the 86-year-old facility has remained off-limits due to concerns over contamination. Following extensive cleanup and refurbishment efforts, the refinery will welcome visitors Sept. 13.

The project, implemented as per an agreement between the state-run utility and three local artists and cultural and creative groups, is part of a four-year initiative aimed at revitalising idle Tai-power properties in northern Taiwan's historic Jinguashi area.

One of the highlights of the undertaking is a special night-time lighting thematic accentuating the facility's Japanese colonial era (1895-1945) architecture. The work is overseen by world-renowned illumination designer Chou Lien and his team of home-grown experts.

Other showcase features include an installation by visual artist Joyce Ho and

an outdoor show by performing arts group U-Theatre. The former involves four works taking visitors on a walk down memory lane when the area was an important mining centre, while the latter celebrates the rebirth of the refinery.

According to Taipower, another exciting project in the pipeline is an augmented reality app for the ruined Jinguashi Shinto Shrine. Scheduled for release next year, the AR app is part of a promotional campaign for the Crown Prince Chalet centennial in 2022.

The traditional Japanese building situated in Jinguashi was built in 1922 for a planned visit by the then crown prince, who later became Emperor Hirohito. **(Source: Taiwan Today)**

Sun Moon Lake Swim Registration to Top 20,000 on First Day

On its first day of online registration, the popular Sun Moon Lake International Swimming Carnival was likely to enlist 20,000 participants, leaving only 5,000 spots open for other candidates in one of the world's largest non-competitive swimming events.

The 37th edition will take place on Sunday September 1 and take swimmers from the Chaowu Pier on the north side to the Ita Thao Wharf Pier in the south, according to the organiser, the Puli Four-season Swimming Association.

A major change from previous swims is that each team now has to consist of at least five members, instead of three previously. Some participants wanted four as the ideal figure, but the organisers refused, the United Daily News reported.

The new measure would be able to cut down traffic by up to one third,



A previous edition of the Sun Moon Lake Swimming Carnival (Courtesy CNA)

the association said, predicting fewer traffic jams before and after the event on the narrow and already busy roads around the scenic lake, one of Taiwan's top travel destinations on any weekend.

The morning of the following day, September 2, at 10 a.m., swimmers

who registered will be able to take part in a post-event cleanup of the water and the surrounding land, according to the association. **(Source: Taiwan News)**



Taiwan Tennis Star Hsieh Su-wei Wins Women's Doubles Title in UK



Photo from Hsieh's Instagram.

Taiwan tennis ace Hsieh Su-wei and Barbora Strycova of the Czech Republic won the women's doubles title at the Nature Valley Classic in Birmingham, the United Kingdom.

The duo defeated Anna-Lena Groenefeld of Germany and Demi Schuurs of the Netherlands 6-4, 6-7, 10-8 in the 109-minute final, to take home the title and prize money of US\$50,080 each.

Hsieh and Strycova won the first five games of the match, and despite Groenefeld and Schuurs winning the next four games, rallied to take the first set.

The Taiwan-Czech duo fell behind 2-3 at the beginning of the second set which they went on to lose 6-7, but dug deep to win the third set 10-8.

It is the third title of the season for the pairing following the 2019 Dubai Tennis Championships in February and the Mutua Madrid Open in May.

Sponsored by Nature Valley, a brand of granola bars made by U.S.-based food company General Mills, the Birmingham Classic is a premier level women's tennis tournament on the WTA Tour held at the Priory Club in Edgbaston, Birmingham, United Kingdom.

The event is seen as a warm up tournament for Wimbledon, the oldest tennis tournament in the world. **(Source: Taiwan News)**

Taiwan's Chan, Dodig Defend Title in French Open Mixed Doubles



Photos from Latisha Chan's Facebook account.

Taiwanese tennis veteran Latisha Chan and her doubles partner Ivan Dodig of Croatia defended their mixed doubles title at French Open on Friday, giving Chan her third career Grand Slam title.

Chan and Dodig, unseeded in this year's event, topped second seeds Gabriela Dabrowski and Mate Pavic 6-1, 7-6 (5) in a battle that lasted nearly 80 minutes on the Simonne-Mathieu court.

It was Chan's third Grand Slam title since she turned pro in 2004. Aside from win-

ning the mixed doubles with Dodig at the French Open last year, she partnered with Martina Hingis of Switzerland to capture the women's doubles title at the US Open in 2017.

The tournament is the premier clay court tennis championship event in the world and the second of four annual Grand Slam tournaments, the other three being the Australian Open, Wimbledon and the US Open. **(Source: Taiwan News)**