



### cover story

## Spring Festival Culture of two 20s- The Year of Rat comes in a pair

The New Taipei City has launched a series of "Spring Culture" activity every spring festival. The year 2020 is no exception. We cordially invite everyone to join our cultural activities and create your own special memory of the festive season.

### Prize through your fingertip

The New Taipei City Cultural Affairs Bureau will also upgrade their cultural activities in 2020, to acknowledge the arrival of the year of rat, the head of the Zodiacs. It will be the Bureau's first attempt to engage members of the public through online games. You will have the opportunity to win a special prize through your fingertips.

### Spring Couplets and Red Envelope

The festival is the time for a new set of spring couplets, and red envelopes at the ready. In New Taipei City, on Saturday, January 18 at 2 pm, calligraphers will put their brush to work on site at the Yingge Ceramics Museum, Tamsui Heritage Museum and the Lin Family Mansion and Garden. Their spring couplets promise to bring you endless thrill of the festive season before the holiday arrives. On Sunday (January 19) the DIY Workshop at Fort San Domingo will launch "Colorful Red," an activity for new immigrant instructors from Vietnam to paint red pockets on site.



### Abundant gifts come with the golden rats

On the second day of the Lunar New Year, Yingge Ceramic Museum has prepared "Year of Rat" gifts for the first 168 of their visitors. Later, on the fifth day of the year, the first 30 visitors will be awarded the special spring couplets with calligraphy "emulating the Yen Style."

During the holiday season, Gold Museum will launch "Two make a union," inviting a mystery VIP to distribute 202 shiny "golden tarts" to visitors as we

usher in year 2020.

Tamsui Heritage Museum will bring about "Wholeheartedly- Greeting the Tidu Facebook" activity. You are invited to be part of our prize draw by posting a season's greeting on the Museum Facebook page, and tag a friend. We will select 10 lucky winners for our special gifts afterwards.

On the second and third days of the Lunar New Year, Yi-ching specialists will be stationed at the Lin Family Mansion and Gardens from 2 pm onwards to provide the 2020 forecast for visitors. The service is limited only to ticket holders. It is an opportunity not to be missed.

### The Year of Rat Begins with Wonderful Performance

From the third to the fifth day of the New Year, a series of performances will be available at the Yingge Ceramics Museum. It includes the performance of A Root 2016 from Yilan on the third day, the percussion ensemble on the fourth, and the diabolo show on the fifth. At the same period, from 2 pm to 3:30pm each day, the Shisanhang Museum will present children's theater and indigenous performance on its ground floor entrance. The Sheng Ping Cinema at the Gold Museum will screen the classic comic Taiwanese opera "Kitchen Knife, Hatchet and Razor." "Mu King Crosstalk Ensemble," the most anticipated crosstalk performer in Taiwan, will present their latest ensemble "Let's Dine, Let's Fun" each day from 1:30 pm onwards at Lin Family Mansion and Gardens.

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### 2020 New Taipei City International Metal Crafts Competition Call for Entry

The entry for the Competition will open on January 1, 2020, with prize money exceeding NT\$ 680,000. The entry categories include Object and Jewelry. Please refer to Gold Museum's website and Facebook fan page for more information.



Date 01/01-01/31

Venue Gold Museum, New Taipei City Government

No. 8, Jinguang Road, Ruifang District, New Taipei City

02-2496-2800

09:30-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)

Taipei-Jinguashi: Taking bus route 1062 at the Exit 2 of Zhongxiao Fuxing MRT Station via Jiufen and get off at Jinguashi.



### Little Monsters – CHEN Weu Chu Solo Exhibition

These adorable and imaginative little beasts are based on the appearance of real animals. They are based on the artist's reflection upon childhood and fragments of the past, and are means for the interpretation of one's inner self. The show will open up endless possibility on the exploration of your internal landscape.



Date 01/01-02/09

Venue New Taipei City Yingge Ceramics Museum

No. 200, Wenhua Road, Yingge District, New Taipei City

02-8677-2727

09:30-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)

Take a commuter train to Yingge train station, the museum is a 10-minute walk from the Wenhua Rd. exit.



### Grand Tour of Tea: An Amazing Adventure

This exhibition traces the expansion of tea through artifacts found along historic trade routes. Discover how tea became the most popular drink in the world, crossing borders and becoming part of local cultures, to play a key role in the shifting geopolitical landscape. Co-curated by the New Taipei City Pinglin Tea Museum and the National Museum of History.



Date Now Until 06/14

Venue Pinglin Tea Museum of New Taipei City

No. 19-1, Shuisongqikeng, Pinglin Dist., New Taipei City

02-2665-6035

09:00-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)

Take the MRT to Xindian Station. Transfer onto the Xindian Bus Service, and take the 923 or Green 12 (G12). Get off at the stop for Pinglin Junior High School. The Museum is a 5-minute walk away.



### Tamsui Fort Gallery

The Huwei Fortress was constructed in the aftermath of the Sino-Franco War. The Museum has transformed the fortress into a military history center. Having incorporated the audio-visual interactive facilities and life-size cannons, the fortress and the connecting, de facto military camps will retell the battle's profound influence upon Tamsui.



Date NOW

Venue Hobe Fort

No. 34, Lane 6, Section 1, Zhongzheng Road, Tamsui District, New Taipei City, 251, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

02-2629-5390

09:30-19:30 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)

MRT Tamsui station is the terminal station, then take buses R26, 836 or 857 to Little White House, then walk back to Zhongzheng for about 100 meters.



## Technology and Archaeology

This program is not just an open dynamic detective's journey for you to explore the excavation process of the Shisanhang site. It is also an interactive discussion that connects archeology and science that awaits your participation. This show will bring the multiple aspects of field archeology.



Date 01/11-06/07

Venue Shihsanhang Museum of Archaeology



No. 200, Museum Road, Bali District, New Taipei City

02-2619-1313

09:30-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)

MRT → Tamsui MRT Station → Ferry → Shuttle Bus Red No. 13 Shihsanhang Museum of Archaeology; or Ferry → Shuttle Bus Red No. 22, Bus No. 704 → Ren'ai

## The Peony Pavilion- Contemporary Legend Theatre

We invite the Contemporary Legend Theatre's youth group to reinterpret classical repertoires from "Journey to the West" and "Peony Pavilion." You will be immersed in the stage charm of those Chinese Opera new stars, and the impeccable evening view of the Lin's Mansion and Gardens.



Date 2019/12/28-02/16

Venue The Lin Family Mansion and Garden



No. 9, Ximen Street, Banqiao District, New Taipei City

02-2965-3061#23

09:00-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)

Take Banqiao Line (Blue line) to Fuzhong MRT Station, and leave by Exit 1. The Garden is an 8-minute walk from the station.

## Girls Girls - International Exhibition of Art & Illustration

Ten female artists from eight different countries will let you explore their journey of exploring inner self, and to promote gender equality through works. They are dedicated to creating arts that serves as an entity that is beyond gender stereotypes; an entity that unites the community, allowing one to freely expresses their diverse gender and cultural identity.



Date Now Until 02/09

Venue New Taipei City Arts Center



No. 62, Zhuangjing Rd., Banqiao Dist., New Taipei City

02-2253-4417

09:00-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)

Take the MRT Bannan Line (Blue Line) and get off at Xinpu Station, turn right after exit from exit 4. Get across the street, walk straight until reaching the Lane182, Sec.2, Wenhua Raod and turn right. Continue walking along the way for about 3 minutes before you arrive.

## The Union of Heroes, the rebirth of a classics- Pili poppet show

Here you will find all Pili's celebrated puppets and their signatory weapons, inspired by historical and literary figures. You will have the opportunity to appreciate these puppet heroes and a variety of their remarkable weaponry. The intricate puppet-making craftsmanship will dazzle you. We have also organized a special interactive area, in which you will experience the pleasure that puppet shows have brought to generations of audience.



Date Now Until 02/02

Venue Xinzhuang Cultural Arts Center



No. 133, Zhongping Rd., Xinzhuang Dist., New Taipei City

02-2276-0182

09:00-17:30 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)

Take "Nangang Exhibition Hall-Yongning" line and get off at Xinpu Station. Then, take bus No. 805 or Blue No. 18 at MRT exit No. 5 and get off the bus at the "Xintai Swimming Pool" Stop.

## Birds Returning Home

This exhibition is inspired by migratory birds moving south in winter; the stylistic design is based on the uniform flapping of wings of the birds in a group. By juxtaposing several birds in line, coupling with fading light effect, the work evokes the image of birds migrating south. This is a metaphoric expression of the nostalgia felt by those away from home.



Date Now

Venue Air Force San-Chong Village



Ln. 86, Zhengyi S. Rd., Sanchong Dist., New Taipei City

02-2979-1815

10:00-18:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)

Take the "Zhonghe Xinlu Line - Luzhou Line" and get off at "St Ignatius High School Station" or "Sanhe Junior High School". Transfer to Bus No. 221 or 306 to get off at "the end of Zhenyi South Road"

## The symphony of fabric

Amongst the Taiwanese indigenous communities, the Atayal people are known for their weaving skills. Their traditional costumes are mostly woven with ramie, then interwoven with colored wool or with shell decoration. The costumes includes top, vest, kerchief, skirt and headdress. Colors vary from region to region.



Date Now

Venue Wulai Atayal Museum New Taipei City



No. 12, Wulai St., Wulai Dist., New Taipei City

02-2661-8162

09:30-17:00

Take the MRT Xindian Line to the last stop at Xindian Station, transfer to Sndian Bus No. 849 and get off at Wulai, the terminal station.

## Keep Stories Alive

This exhibition is based on film scripts. It begins by an introduction to the structure of category of scriptwriting. Following the presentation of a huge variety of storylines, the exhibition takes the audience to retrace the collective memory of Taiwan.



Date Now Until 03/01

Venue Fuzhong 15



No. 15, Fuzhong Road, Banqiao District, New Taipei City

02-2968-3600#211

09:30-18:30 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)

Taking MRT Line 5 to Fuzhong Station, Exit via Exit No 2. The Gallery is located approximately 40 meters at the rear of the Exit. Alternatively, exit MRT station via Exit 1, turn right at the rear of the Gate, cross the Road and proceed straight ahead. Approximately 3 minutes to the Gallery.

## Postcards to the future

We have invited artists to create four versions of artistic postcards. We invite you to write down your wishes for the future. Once you post it through our mail box, we will deliver these wishes into your hand in the end of the year.



Date 01/18-02/09

Venue 435 Art Zone



No. 435, Zhongzheng Rd., Banqiao Dist., New Taipei City

02-2969-0366

09:00-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)

Take the MRT Blue Line and get off at Banqiao Station. Leave the station from Exit 2 and transfer to the Bus No. 310, 307, 810, 857 or 786 and get off at "Banqiao Junior High School, Banqiao 435 Art Zone."

## "Beauty Color"- The Arts of Dye

In Mandarin Chinese, the words "beauty" and "color" pronounce the same way as "brilliance." By using the blue-dye as the foundation, this show extends to a variety of plant-based dyeing techniques, and captures the unique quality of the arts throughout Taiwan. The show classifies the four major color chart that form the basis of the Hakka dyeing technique, and bring us the brilliance of this colorful skill.



Date Now Until 03/08

Venue Hakka Museum New Taipei City Government



No. 239, Longen Street, Sanxia District, New Taipei City

02-2672-9996

09:00-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)

MRT → get off at Yongning station (Blue line), then take Taipei Bus No. 917, get off at Dingpu station (Blue line), then take Taipei Bus No. 981.

## The lining of color- 2020 Dyer and Weaver Traveling Exhibition

This exhibition is organized by the Taiwan Dyeing and Weaving Creative Organization and comprises the works of thirty-two master dyers and weavers. You will be lost in the brilliant and colorful world of fabrics through our carefully developed interactive programs and DIY activities.



Date 01/22-02/16

Venue New Taipei City Yongan Arts Center



2F., No. 390, Zhonghe Rd., Zhonghe Dist., New Taipei City

02-2929-8830

11:00-19:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)

Take the MRT Orange Line and get off at Yongan Market Station.