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Beauty of the Sea:
Maritime Culture and Faces of Taiwan

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cover story

Oceanic beauty- The many faces of Taiwan's water

71% of the Earth's surface is covered by water. The Taiwanese people, who lives on an island surrounded by water, have developed a lifestyle closely connected with the ocean since the prehistoric era.

This exhibition is co-curated by the New Taipei City Shihshanhang Museum and the National History Museum. It comprises of more than one hundred pieces of archaeological specimen, ethnographic objects and artworks. The rich content of the exhibition is an all-encompassing overview of the knowledge of the ocean, which was developed through the generations of Taiwanese, dating back from the prehistoric period to modern era.

Evidence of the Taiwan's Prehistoric Oceanic Trade

Bo Li-mai, the Director of the Shihshanhang Museum, observed that the Shihshanhang people, who were active in the Bali plain 1,000 years ago, were the typical "ocean community." For these people, the ocean was not a barrier, but a channel for exchange. The exhibition showcases several pieces of intricate glass objects. These objects, which are now recognized for their national importance, were perceived as valuable "fashionable boutique" imports back then. According to archaeological studies, these objects, originated in the Southeast and East Asia and China, bears the witness of the vibrant prehistoric transoceanic trade between Taiwan and the world. These trading activities form an important part of Taiwan's cultural appearances.



The Island and its Religions: A Cultural Relics Exhibition Liao Xin-tian, the Director of the National History Museum, states that "the unique quality of the Taiwanese culture is intertwined with the ocean." The island's fishing industry, oceanic arts and literature, and migrant religions have all, through centuries of development, form the rich foundation for Taiwan. This is reflected by the popular Taiwanese worship of Mazu and Wang Ye, which are religious beliefs closely related to the ocean. As such, the highlight of this exhibition includes two Mazu statues, dating back to the late Qing Dynasty. Their rustic, humble figures will touch your heart with a strong sense of solemnity and kindness.

16 Precious Objects Resurfaced for the First Time

In this exhibition, we have provided sixteen special objects to be shown to the public for the first time. These include 9 pieces of newly discovered "paleontological fossils," that includes extinct species. This discovery proves that the Taiwan Strait was once an important migration channel and resting place for animals during the Ice Age. Furthermore, the exhibition comprise seven sets of "shark teeth," which were discovered in the national Shihshanhang archaeological sites. These sets of teeth, belonged to different types of sharks, which implied that the Shihshanhang people, having been surrounded by a rich shark habitat, were active shark hunters.

Lectures and Programs: Protecting the Ocean

The exhibition has incorporated contemporary artworks exploring the issue concerning our oceanic environment. We hope that, while appreciating our exhibits, the audience will also join the discussion on the crisis of

our oceanic environment. As an island resident, what should we do to ensure the sustainability of our ocean, maintaining its beauty and biodiversity? The exhibition includes special lectures, beach cleanups and DIY workshop with recycled materials. Please join us at the Shihshanhang Museum.



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Now Until 03/21
Shihshanhang Museum of Archaeology (No. 200, Museum Road, Bali District, New Taipei City)
02-2619-1313
www.sshm.ntpc.gov.tw



Geo-Museum: The Shui-Jin-Jiu Geopark Exhibition

Currently, the Gold Museum is busy holding an exhibition that explores the geological resources of the geopark. The exhibition details the development of the geopark and the diverse geoheritage of the Shuijinjiu area. Please visit the Gold Museum website for more information.



Date Until 05/30
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 (Gold Museum).

2020 Taiwan Ceramics Biennale

The 2020 Taiwan Ceramics Biennale has selected 109 pieces of contemporary artworks from the ceramic studios from every corner of the globe. These works are inspired by stories across the world and created with all kind of clay, glaze and firing techniques. They accurately depict and reflect a variety of social realities. The interaction between hands and clay is an expressive thinking process in a world of rapid change.



Date Now Until 05/09
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.

Time Treasure of Black Tea

This exhibition analyses the origin and life of black tea with a poetic approach. It evaluates how black tea has been brought to the West, and hence became a popular beverage across the globe. We explore the golden age of Taiwan's black tea trade, taking you through a journey on how the tea has changed the social lives across the world.



Date Now Until 11/08
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 Historical Museum, New Taipei City Government

Tamsui Historical Museum is the first Taiwanese museum that incorporates a group of historic built forms. The Museum contains seven monuments, including Fort San Domingo, Little White House, Hobe Fort, The Tamsui Customs Wharf, The Former Residence of Tamsui Township Head Tada Eikichi, Tamsui Japanese Police Officer Dormitory and Douglas Lapraik & Co.



Date Now
Venue Fort San Domingo



No. 1, Ln. 18, Zhongzheng Rd., Tamsui Dist., New Taipei City.
02-2623-1001
09:30-17:00 (Closed on the first Monday of each month)
MRT Tamsui station is the terminal station. Once you arrive, you can take buses R26 or 836 to Fort San Domingo.

The Vow of the Rainbow-The Atayal Textile

Textile weaving is an invaluable cultural heritage of the Atayal community. Through weaving, Atayal women preserve their identity and collective memory for posterity. This exhibition covers different regional Atayal groups, including their craft of weaving and textile patterns. Through the understanding that weaving is a culturally significant part of the Atayal life, the show will provide you a glimpse of their view of the world.



Date Now Until 03/21
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

Mysteries of Fuzhong in Banqiao: "The Old Town Adventures" Game Series 4

Our popular reality quiz game has had a total of thirty thousand participants since its inauguration. The last game of the series has finally arrived. The content of our game is suitable for all players. Let's explore the mysteries in The Lin Family Mansion and Garden during the festive season.



Date Now
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.

2021 New Taipei City Taiwan Crafts Workshop Joint Exhibition

This program is a joint exhibition of fourteen master-craftsmen based in New Taipei City. Each artist specializes in different materials and style, ranging from ceramics, metalworks, stone carving, drum-making and leatherworks. This is an opportunity to encounter and appreciate the first-class craftsmanship and artistic creativity of our City.



Date Now Until 03/28
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.

Xinzhuang Culture and Arts Center- A headquarter of cultural preservation and promotion

Our building has a facade constructed mainly with red brick, embellished by light green and grey tiles. The building design comprises both rectilinear and circular forms. It is a multifunctional arts center whose space caters to a wide variety of activities. Our spaces include concert hall, arts space, periodical room, reading room, and Taiwanese puppetry heritage center, providing a wide array of arts and cultural access to our users.



Date Now
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.

Light and Sound in Ari No Mochi

Arinomichi is a secrete passageway built in the Japanese colonial era. It was used to transport munition. With ten exits in total, arinomochi's partitions and walkways were laid out in a cruciform manner, protecting both the munitions and workers. After the area became the residence of military families, the arinomochi became the ideal secrete venue for children's games and adventures.



Date Now
Venue Sanchong Air Force Military Kindred Village No. 1



- 📍 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)
- 🚶 Catch the MRT Orange Line to the "Taipei Bridge" station, and walk to Wenhua South Road → Fude South Road → Alley No 86, Zhengyi 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.

The 29 rehearsals Around the corner

From 2018 onward, the New Taipei City has collaborated with internationally renowned artists to create illustration books. This series features a little frog from the Feitsui Reservoir. We use animations to depict the flora and fauna in New Taipei, inviting our audience to explore the City's unique natural and cultural environments.



Date Now Until 04/15
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.

Joy Party : Illustrations of Lin Pai-jun

"Adorability" is one of the unique aesthetics in Lin's art, the artist transforms realistic portraits into an adorable style. In this exhibition, the artist uses images as a narrative depicting a series of serious social issues. The aim of the works is to further activate the viewer's ability to connect imagery with their memory, opening up a dialogue between the viewer and the artworks.



Date 03/10-03/30
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."

The Song-Xian Collaboration: A Dialogue between Watercolor and the Hakka Silk-wrapped Flowers

Masters Huang Zhen-song and Li Xian-ling is a couple who are important educators for the development of Hakka language. They are also dedicated in promoting art education through watercolor and Hakka silkwrapped flowers. This joint exhibition is another journey to explore the potentials of watercolor and the meticulous beauty of the wrapping flower craft, showcasing profound meanings of the Hakka culture.



Date Now Until 03/21
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 Days I Was Staying at Mill Road: Solo Exhibition of Chia Hsieh's Illustrations

The Mill Road is a major thoroughfare in Cambridge, UK; it serves as the main artery of the entire city. Through the artist's sketches and accompanying texts, Hsieh provides an endearing depiction of her life as a foreign student, as well as a resident on the Mill Road.



Date Now Until 03/14
Venue New Taipei City Yong 'An 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.