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## Kaohsiung: Blissful City with a Bright Future

This year (2023) marks 100 years since Kaohsiung was incorporated in 1924. The breeze carrying our collective memories blows across Kaohsiung's azure harbor, winding Love River, our expansive coastline, and majestic mountains. Kaohsiung's diverse landscapes and multicultural ethnic charms have shaped its quality as a metropolis of freedom, openness, diversity, and inclusivity through the past century.

Boasting two sea-air ports and four rail networks, Kaohsiung aims to evolve into a global hub for 5G and AIoT industries with its pioneering, dynamic high-tech capabilities. The Kaohsiung Semiconductor S Corridor, which stretches south from downtown, is creating the world's highest-value technological industrial chain. The Asia Bay 2.0 Project will create the largest 5G innovation testing and demonstration platform in Taiwan, creating enterprise flagship center clusters along the city's waterfront, forming a corridor of leisure tourism and financial and economic activities.

To boost each resident's wellbeing, the city government is continuing to improve the living environment as well as the efficiency of public transportation networks and thus to enable residents and visitors alike to explore and enjoy the city with ease. Neiwei Arts Center, Shoushan Zoo, and Old Fongshan City Wall Historic Route are only the latest check-in destinations. People of all ages have access to the fun themed parks and sports centers. There are also mountain towns to explore and distinctive cultural charm and natural wonder to discover. Kaohsiung is also famous for its exceptional events and exhibitions such as the Neimen Songjiang Battle Array, Spring Arts Festival, Megaport Festival, and New Year's Eve celebrations. In Kaohsiung, every corner and every season offers unique experiences and special feelings waiting just for you.

Get ready to embark on a voyage full of surprises! We invite you to experience Kaohsiung with heart. We are a maritime city defined by technology, quality lifestyle, happiness, and charms. Let's write the story of Kaohsiung together and sail into a future that is fair, caring, happy and prosperous.

Chen Chi-mai  
Mayor of Kaohsiung City





## ▶ The journey begins here!

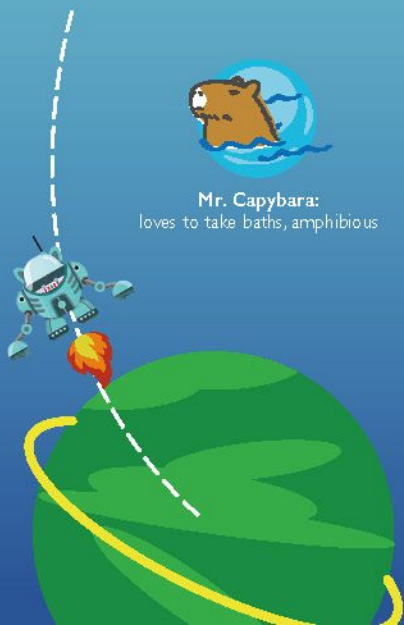
It is rumored that many friends from Planet 38 in the universe have settled in Kaohsiung and have no plans to return home, which has piqued the curiosity of Orange Cat X.

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**Mr. Capybara:**  
loves to take baths, amphibious

What exactly the charm of Kaohsiung?



**Cosmos Cat:**  
Orange Cat X comes from Planet 38 in the universe.



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**Gorilla:**  
confident, professional, seasoned shipbuilder

**Alpaca:**  
MRT and Light Rail operator



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**Sloth:**  
lazy, laid-back,  
loves to sleep.

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**Meerkat:**  
anxious and shy,  
loves going along  
for the ride, runs  
a family band

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**Hero:**  
extremely passionate and  
enthusiastic (a bit chatty)



# Maritime Kaohsiung

## Follow Cosmos Cat Logging Onto Kaohsiung!



**Total land area**  
2,951.8524 km<sup>2</sup>



### Administrative district count

**38** (including Dongsha [Pratas] Atoll and Taiping Island in the South China Sea.)



### Climate & Temperature

Tropical monsoon climate and temperatures range in average from 19.7°C in January to 29.4°C in July.



### Population

**2,734,893**  
(April 2023)



**Meteorite Warning!**  
A meteorite is approaching!



A meteorite hit Orange Cat X's spaceship while transiting the atmosphere. She made a safe, emergency landing at the Port of Kaohsiung. It was a close call. She immediately asked Hero for help.

### Welcome to Kaohsiung!

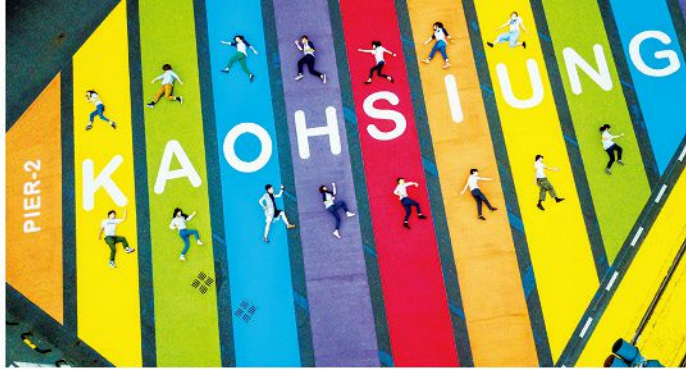
Let's explore the city together with Capybara. He really knows this seaport town!





Let's go! I'll show you around Kaohsiung's waterways first.

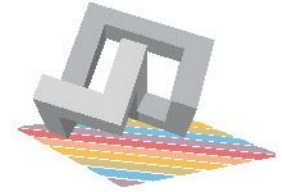




## Pier-2 Art Center

Art and Cultural Venue with Endless Creativity

Revitalized, nearly century-old warehouses now host design, art, and cultural-creative shops as well as exhibitions, injecting new vitality and vigor into this once disused corner of the port and energy, vitality, and surprises into our everyday life.



Kaohsiung, once called Takao, has been a thriving coastal town since the early 17th century and was ruled by the Dutch East India Company, Koxinga's Kingdom, and China's Qing Dynasty. Takao was opened to foreign trade in 1863 and, in 1908, Taiwan's Japanese colonial rulers began constructing a modern port infrastructure and rail links, laying the modern foundations for today's Port of Kaohsiung. Takao was renamed Kaohsiung in 1920 and designated a municipality in 1924.

Today, the port's historic early-20th-century warehouse district have been revitalized into an art zone, and new cultural landmarks like Kaohsiung Music Center and Startup Terrace Kaohsiung are rejuvenating the port area, demonstrating how old and new can coexist in harmony.



## Kaohsiung Port Warehouse No.2 (KW2)

KW2 - Synonymous with Fashion

KW2 is the Taiwan's largest surviving prewar-era port warehouse. Its history and aesthetics have attracted many in Taiwan's cultural and creative community to set up shops here, breathing new life into Kaohsiung's venerable warehouse heritage.

## The Great Harbor Bridge

Longest Swing Bridge in East Asia

Great Harbor Bridge, East Asia's largest and Taiwan's first swing bridge, connects Pier-2 to the KW2 complex. From the deck of the bridge, visitors can enjoy stunning waterfront and city scenery.

# Connect-the-Dots Puzzle of Kaohsiung Art and Cultural Landmarks





## Kaohsiung Music Center

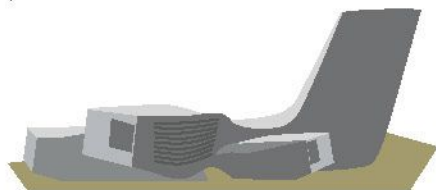
Swing to the music to your heart's content

This avant-garde building complex, full of ocean-inspired imagery and elements, is southern Taiwan's nexus for live music performances and base for cultivating music talents and business development.

## Kaohsiung Port Cruise Terminal

Kaohsiung's Giant Whale is Here!

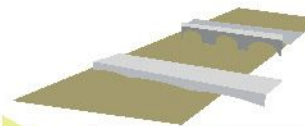
Enclosed within the silvery-white sleek "hull" shape of this building are 15 aboveground and 2 basement floor levels. Terminal facilities here can safely accommodate modern 250,000-ton "mega" cruise ships and serve 2,100 passengers per hour.



## Love River

Love River Smart Lighting System

The Kaohsiung Music Center and six Love River bridges are interlinked through a lighting intelligent control system similar to that used along London's Thames River to create an ever-changing and exciting urban light experience. The 2021 "Taiwan Lantern Festival Lights up Love River Bay" won major international awards, including the 2022 MUSE Design Awards, 2022 Novum Design Award, and 2023 A'Design Award.



# Technology-based Harbor Nurturing Innovation Hubs



WOW!! They're all "masters of the metaverse". They can move freely between reality and the virtual world.



Come over here to find the key to the metaverse!

## Kaohsiung Film Archive VR FILM LAB.

Sitting in the lab's curved chairs makes you feel like you're in a futuristic space capsule. Experience an immersive visual journey at the 360 Cinema and the Interactive Zone. Embark on an exhilarating and thrilling adventure!

**Address** C9 Warehouse, Dayi Pier-2 Zone, Dayi Street, Yancheng District, Kaohsiung City

## Step into the city that is creating the future

Enterprises are welcome to open operations in Taiwan's largest 5G AIoT R&D and innovation testing complex – the world's only port-based digital innovation park.



5G Video and Audio Streaming  
Experimental Field  
Kaohsiung Music Center, Hi-Ing Music Hall

5G National Gateway  
Demonstration Site  
Kaohsiung Port Cruise Terminal

5G Interactive Entertainment  
Application Site  
Kaohsiung Software Park

5G Video and Audio Entertainment  
Application Field  
VR FILM LAB

5G Unmanned Vehicles  
Experimental Field  
TESL Kaohsiung Esports Stadium

5G Exhibition Demonstration Site  
Kaohsiung Exhibition Center

# Abundant Seafood Delights in Kaohsiung

Let's have  
some seafood!

We've been shopping  
for so long ... I'm  
starving.



Kaohsiung boasts not only breathtaking coastal scenery but also delicious seafood sure to tempt your taste buds. Catch the ferry to the seafood restaurants along Cijin Old Street, visit the vibrant Gushan Fish Market in Hamasen for seafood and agricultural produce, or drive or hail a taxi to purchase the fresh-catch seafood at Kezhiliao Retail Seafood Market.

Kaohsiung's largest fishing ports include Cianjhen Fishing Port, Yongsin Fishing Port in Yong'an District, Mituo Fishing Port in Mituo District, Jhongyun Fishing Port in Linyuan District, and Singda Harbor Tourist Fish Market in Cieding District. Join in on the hustle and bustle that accompanies the daily return of fishing boats to port.

## Gushan Fish Market

This century-old fish market has been revitalized and transformed into an exhibition and sales center for agricultural and fishery products. Enjoy its 270-degree sea views.

## 📍 Cijin Old Street

The delectable street foods and seafood eateries are the main attraction of Miaocian Street, located in front of Cijin Ferry Station. The sweet-and-savory tomato slices sold here are not to be missed!



## 📍 Kezihliao Retail Seafood Market

Kezihliao Retail Seafood Market, set in one of Taiwan's top-10 "most-charming fishing ports", is southern Taiwan's largest fresh-catch market.



## National Aquaculture Fishery Team

Fish species cultivated along the coast in Kaohsiung include grouper, milkfish, tilapia, and sea bass. Yong'an grouper and Mituo milkfish enjoy a nationwide reputation and popularity.



"Marine Flavor of Kaohsiung" is a high-quality sea products brand in Kaohsiung. Kaohsiung City Government has assisted several fishermen's associations in marketing and promotion, building cold chain systems, improving quality, and introducing intelligent farming, helping increase safety, improve efficiency, and attract young people to pursue a career in seafood cultivation.



## Smart Kaohsiung



# Co-prosperity of Tradition and Technology

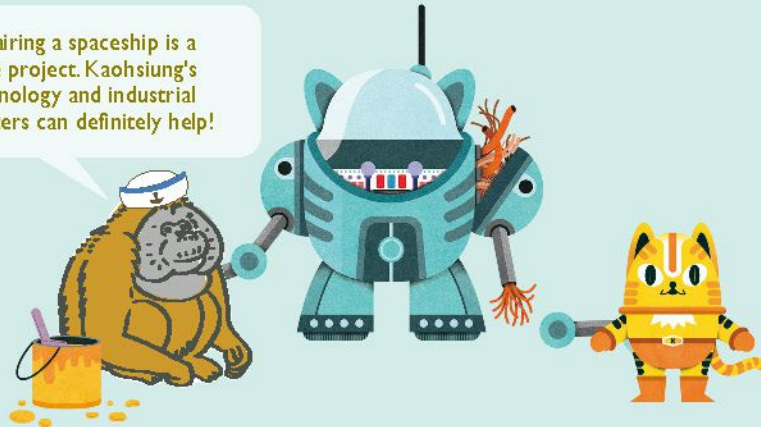
**Kaohsiung is involved in everything conceivable. MIK is everywhere!**

**K**aohsiung's Nanzih semiconductor material research and development center is directly linked to industrial parks to the north and south, creating the city's Semiconductor "S Corridor." Thanks to its strengths in making precision metal fasteners, steel manufacturing, and other industries, Kaohsiung is the perfect place for developing and testing innovative electric vehicle applications. Also, Kaohsiung's aerospace industry hub generates one-third of Taiwan's output value for the sector.

Enterprises are welcome to invest in Kaohsiung and develop opportunities in sectors such as semiconductors, high-value materials, 5G AIoT, medical materials, metal-related industries, aerospace, international logistics, shipbuilding and yachts, offshore wind power, and electric vehicles, among many others.



Repairing a spaceship is a huge project. Kaohsiung's technology and industrial clusters can definitely help!



Master Gorilla here is a shipbuilding savvy. Let's ask him to recommend some professionals for this job.



After a hearty meal, Orange Cat X is ready to begin repairing her spaceship.



# Kaohsiung Farmers' League - Incubation of Smart Agriculture

Traditional agriculture actively strives for transformation. New generations of farmers in Kaohsiung are utilizing modern technology to beef up agricultural quality and efficiency.

You'll find out when you meet the Kaohsiung Farmers' League.



Are people in Kaohsiung rural areas who know how to repair spaceships?



## ▲ Smart Agriculture App: Seamless Production and Marketing in Just One Click

The smart agriculture app Agri-Data visualizes production and marketing data to help farmers manage their agricultural businesses better.



## ▲ Smart Environmental Control: Automated Irrigation and Temperature Control

EXAMPLE: Effectively managing 3 to 5 tons of daily bean sprout production. The smart environmental control system enables farmers to monitor their facilities via their smartphones and to control irrigation and ventilation automatically. It's like having an AI plant manager to oversee your crops.

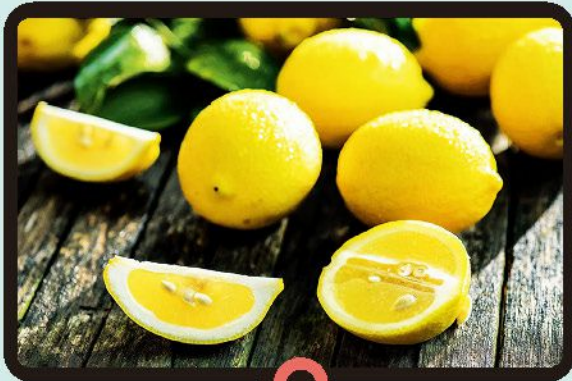


**Kaohsiung Pineapples Served on the Japanese School Lunch Tables**

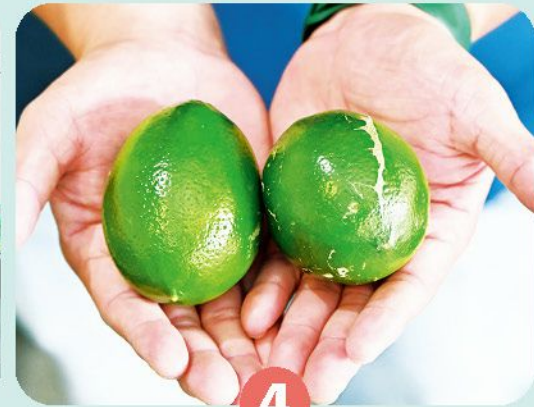
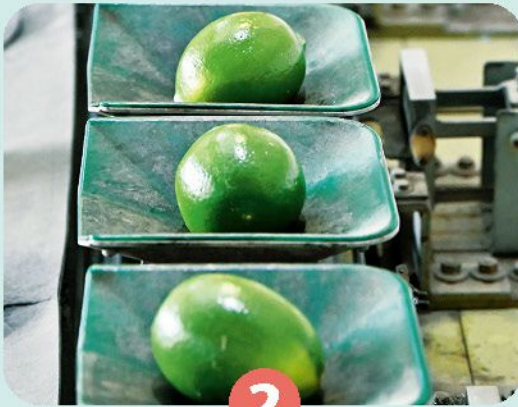
Kaohsiung pineapples are delivered directly to Hachioji-shi, Kaohsiung's sister city near Tokyo, Japan, where they are served in nutritious school lunches. Students can taste the deliciously fresh flavor of pineapples imported directly from Taiwan.

## Computer-assisted Lemon Sorting: Large and Plump

Kaohsiung is Taiwan's largest producer of yellow lemons. Using smart ripening techniques, AI sorting machines, and other advanced technologies, farmers streamline production to get the best quality and yield while reducing labor and time costs.



Quality No. 1!



# Seeking Help from National Industry Teams to Make the Spaceship Good as New



## Small Screws Accomplish Great Feats

Taiwan is the world's third-largest exporter of fasteners, with 4 of every 10 screws and nuts used in the United States made in Taiwan. Gangshan District in Kaohsiung is Taiwan's largest cluster of screw and nut. Gangshan-made screws are essential to applications ranging from capital infrastructure projects to mobile phones and dental implants. Many industries simply could not function without Kaohsiung-supplied fasteners.

We can fix the spaceship with these screws.

It looks really cool!





### Custom-designed Top-of-the-Line Luxury Yachts

Taiwan is the world's 4th largest producer of mega yachts (>80' long), with 80% of the domestic production value located here in Kaohsiung. The meticulous craftsmanship and customized services available in Kaohsiung have propelled the city's yacht-manufacturing industry from its former focus on OEM production to its current status as a major player on the international stage. Orders from customers worldwide are regularly backlogged.

### Creating a High-tech Yacht Pier in Love River Bay

Featuring 87 berths fitted with 5G Smart Cloud Hydropower Piles, this newly opened pleasure-craft pier in Love River Bay is set to fuel new developments in Kaohsiung's yacht industry and pave the way for further smart-tech innovations.

# Craftsmen Spiff Up the Spaceship with Exquisite Aesthetic Touches



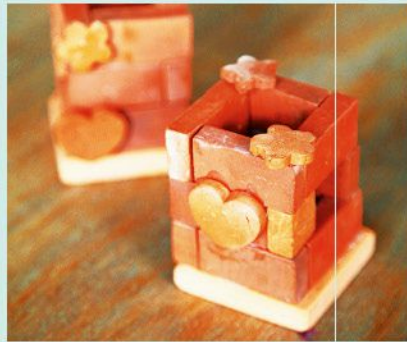
Traditional craftsmanship, an intangible cultural heritage, embodies time-honored, artisanal skill and talent passed down through generations. Kaohsiung's many craftsmen and artisans preserve the city's precious cultural heritage in Meinong oil-paper umbrellas, gourd and wood carvings, Buddha statuary, embroidered deity garments, Tairyo-bata (fishing boat flag) dyeing, pottery, and other art forms. Each conveys the aesthetics and memories of bygone times and traditional ways of life.



**Fishing industry memories: Traditional Tairyo-bata (fishing boat flags) in Takao**



**Meinong oil-paper umbrellas**



**Sanhe Tile Kiln: A century of tile-making excellence**



**Sculpting Buddha statues and journeying with deities**



**Craftsmen create a fresh new look for the spaceship**



**Sewing embroidered deity garments  
one thread at a time**



**Masterpieces by national treasure woodcarver Ye Jing-yi**



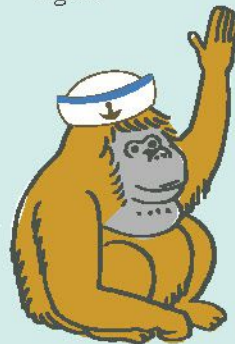
**Centennial legacy of Meinong Kiln:  
"Heavenly Creations" Installation Art at  
Ciaotou Station (Kaohsiung Metro).**

The master caterers here learned their skills from their ancestors. They showcase their culinary craftsmanship in each meticulously prepared dish they make.



**Kaohsiung's Badland District:  
Home of Neimen's "Master Caterers"**

► Taiwan's famed "master caterers" are centered in Kaohsiung's Neimen District, where the area's poor soil led locals long ago to invest their talents in preparing delicious banquet meals using fresh ingredients grown elsewhere in the region.



## Green Kaohsiung

# Good Living Environment, Low-carbon Lifestyle

Let's see the city while your spaceship is under repair!

Get on! ... Hurry! Our Kaohsiung day trip awaits! Let's go!

### Circular Light Rail

#### Travel the City on the Low-Carbon Metro & Light Rail Transportation Network

Public transportation in Kaohsiung is a breeze with the city's metro, light railway and buses. Diverse payment options and alternatives such as ferries and Kaohsiung YouBike 2.0 shared public bicycles make it even easier to travel unimpeded with minimal carbon emissions.

### Kaohsiung Mass Rapid Transit (KMRT) system

**Kaohsiung Mass Rapid Transit (KMRT) system:** Connects you directly to Siaogang International Airport, Kaohsiung Station, the High-Speed Rail, and other city transport hubs. The (Red Line) Gangshan-Lujhu Extension Line, Siaogang-Linyuan Line, and Yellow Line are currently under construction.

**Circular Light Rail:** Connects you to the KMRT, attractions such as Yancheng Asia's New Bay Area, and the Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts, and shopping and residential areas such as Neiwei, Zihyou Road, and Dashun Road.




## Ferry

**Ferry:** Take a harbor tour to enjoy city waterfront scenery or hop on one of the regular ferries plying between Gushan and Cijin or Cianjhen and Jhonghou. The Snoopy Ferry (Sea Bus: Gushan-KW2-Cijin) is a particularly popular ferry route.

**Taxi Bus (DRTS service):** Beyond the city center, a network of city bus routes serves most public transportation needs. Kaohsiung's pioneering Taxi Bus (DRTS service) program provides comfortable and convenient rural public transport at affordable city and intercity bus fare rates.



## Taxi Bus (DRTS service)



## Enjoyable Pedaling through the Railway-Transformed Green Corridors

It's like wandering through a fairytale forest!



This place is perfect for cycling.



### Let's go to the Railway Greenway to enjoy the breeze and chill out

After the Kaohsiung Railway Underground Project was completed, the original trackway has been transformed into a 15.37km long Green Corridor extending from south of Sinzuoying Station to the other side of Dajih Overbridge in Fongshan District. The buildings on both sides are adorned with creative murals. It is a great green-city destination, whether you are looking for a leisurely stroll or to cycle on dedicated bike lanes.

### Kaohsiung at 20 kph

The City's over 1,000km of dedicated bicycle lanes take you through urban landscapes, coastal towns, riverbanks, Hakka cultural sites, and revitalized military dependents' villages. It is a bicycle-friendly city with plenty of bicycle rental stations to encourage a LOHAS cycling lifestyle.



### Ride YouBike 2.0E Together!

At the end of last year (2022), the number of YouBike 2.0 rental stations in the city had already risen to 1,200 locations. The introduction of next-generation YouBike 2.0E electric-assisted public bicycles in 2022 has made uphill climbs and long-distance rides even easier!

Seafood Feast +  
Breathtaking Sunset  
Views = Perfection!



### ► Cieding Fishing Village Vibe

Cycle the 11-km coastal bicycle path that starts at Singda Harbor Lovers' Wharf to take in dreamy coastal scenery, tranquil fishing villages, and wetland parks where migratory birds spend their winters. There are also plenty of opportunities to eat delicious seafood along the way!



### ▲ Touring Hakka Towns on Two Wheels

Cycle past patchworked irrigation fields and get close to nature at Meinong Lake.

### ► Agongdian Reservoir Bicycle Path

This 10km bicycle path circles tranquil Agongdian Reservoir. Come in spring to see the pink shower tree in full bloom. Gangshan Skywalk nearby offers a stunning panoramic views of the surrounding landscape.



# Sweat and Fun for Kids and Adults

## Parks for kids, sport centers for adults



**Aozihdi Forest Park**

#Bird's Nest  
#Shueiyang Forest

**Info**

**Appropriate** for all ages. Play facilities suited to 2 - 12 year-olds

**Address** Nanping Road, Jihsheng Road, Gushan District, Kaohsiung City

**Short walk from Exit 4, Aozihdi Station, MRT**

Addressing the diverse urban-recreation needs and interests of Kaohsiung residents, parks reflecting themes and facilities unique to the character of each city district and neighborhood dot the metropolitan landscape. These are great places for different age, gender, and community groups to socialize, play and burn off excess energy!



**Hanmin Park**

#Aviation  
#Flight Tower

**Info**

**Appropriate** for all ages. Play facilities suited to 2 - 12 year-olds

**Address** Hanmin Road, Dapeng Road, Siaogang District, Kaohsiung City

**Short walk from Exit 3, Siaogang Station, MRT**

There are over 30 themed parks like this one in Kaohsiung.



It is a true blessing to live in Kaohsiung! There's never a dull day!





### Fongshan No. 12 Park

#Robots  
#Giant Slide

**Info**

**Appropriate** for all ages. Play facilities suited to 2 - 12 year-olds

**Address** Nanhua 1st Road, Hongmaogang Road, Fongshan District, Kaohsiung City



Inclusive Playground Map



### Central Park

#Cardboard sledding Grassy Slope  
#Owl Play Tower

**Info**

**Appropriate** for all ages. Play facilities suited to 2 - 12 year-olds

**Address** Jhongshan 1st Road, Wufu 2nd Road, Cianjin District, Kaohsiung City

**Short walk from Exit 1, Central Park Station, MRT**

In Kaohsiung, the entire city feels like an amusement park!



Wow! So many people! So much fun!



## Lingya Sports Center

### Info

**Address** No. 96, Jhongjheng 1st Road, Lingya District, Kaohsiung City

**Short walk from Exit 4, MRT Martial Arts Stadium Station.**

**1,000m<sup>3</sup> fitness room, four group-exercise classrooms, badminton and basketball courts, and more.**

To encourage citizens to exercise and enjoy recreational sports, public sports centers around the city feature a myriad of amenities, including swimming pools, weight-training rooms, aerobic fitness rooms, badminton courts, and much more. These centers are a key part of promoting a healthy city and helping all embrace active and healthy lifestyles.



## Fongshan Sports Park

### Info

**Address** No. 68, Guanghua Road, Fongshan District, Kaohsiung City  
**Located in Kaohsiung Fongshan Sports Park. Complete range of fitness equipment, multifunctional classrooms, aerobics classrooms, and dance classrooms. A variety of regular classes available.**



Let's move together!



Civic Sports Center Map

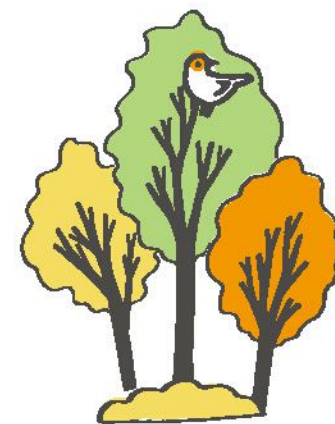


## Zuoying Sports Center

### Info

**Address** No. 55, Haijing Street, Zuoying District, Kaohsiung City  
**Behind Kaohsiung National Stadium. Gymnasium, family-friendly swimming pool, table-tennis classroom, and senior classroom.**

There are so many different kinds of sports equipment here. We can even play ball!

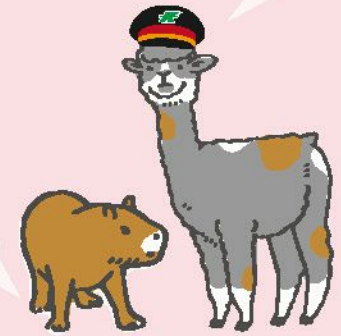


## Slow-paced Kaohsiung

# Walking into the City's “Green Lungs”, Enjoying a Forest Bath

Kaohsiung's interconnected wetlands, green corridors, and ecological conservation and restoration areas create an exceptionally welcoming living environment. Dadong Wetlands Park, Weiwuying Metropolitan Park, and Jhongdu Wetlands Park epitomize the harmonious coexistence of urban development and ecology.

We can easily reach these wetland parks by first taking the metro or light rail and then renting YouBikes.



Let me show you the city's waterways!



### Weiwuying Metropolitan Park

Weiwuying Metropolitan Park, southern Taiwan's largest natural ecological metropolitan park, is known as the “Lungs of Kaohsiung”. The National Kaohsiung Center for the Arts (Weiwuying) is here too.



### Jhongdu Love River Park

This park showcases the diverse natural ecosystems along the Love River and is a popular recreational area. It won first prize in the environmental restoration category at the FIABCI World Prix d'Excellence Awards.

## Zuoying Lotus Pond - A Scenic Blend of Culture and Landscape

Named after the lotus flowers that once flourished here, the mirror-like surface of Lotus Pond today reflects the surrounding scenery. Over 20 temples now line its banks. Take a leisurely stroll to visit them, look out over the water, and share a prayer for peace and good fortune.

### Dragon and Tiger Pagodas

Entering via the Dragon's mouth and exiting from the Tiger's mouth is said to bring good luck and ward off evil spirits. Climb the stairs to the top of the pagodas to take in stunning panoramic views of Lotus Pond.



A cool breeze gusts, bringing a refreshing comfort.

## Cheng Ching Lake- A New Shoreline Ecological Wonderland

Cheng Ching Lake, an important source of water for Kaohsiung and the city's largest body of water, boasts a rich natural ecology. Navigate Taiwan's largest ecological maze garden here and relish everything that makes this lake an ideal destination for family trips and leisure activities.



# Water Channel Surfing: Floating Along to Meinong

The water lanterns are so romantic! Is this a fairyland?

Oh! We are in Meinong.



## Water - Lifeblood of Agriculture

Irrigation channels supply the water needs of Meinong residents and agriculture, saturating area farmland, which is well-known for producing top-quality crops such as rice, white water snowflake, and white-jade radishes. In recent years, more and more people have come to appreciate Meinong's Hakka heritage thanks to its art festivals and unique agricultural experience activities.

In Meinong, every step you take resonates with rich Hakka culture.



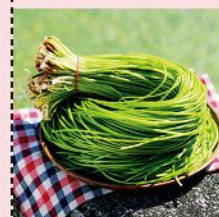
## Hakka Charm in Meinong

Meinong is a traditional Hakka village, known for its rustic Hakka and distinctive local charms. Definitely worth a one or two-day visit to take advantage of everything on offer, including authentic Hakka cuisine, traditional crafts and clothing, agricultural specialties, and natural ecology.



### Hakka Blue Shirts

Hakka women traditionally used fabric dyed in wild-grown indigo to make their clothing. The distinctive "Hakka blue" color hid stains, and the natural cotton and linen materials were comfortable to wear and durable.



### White Water Snowflake

Meinong is Taiwan's largest producer of white water snowflake, which grows in areas directly fed by clean mountain water.



### White Jade Radish

Meinong's slender white-jade radish has a short growing season, with harvests taking place between November and December. The tender radishes may be cooked "skin on". They can also be dried and pickled, which takes their level of deliciousness up quite a few tasteful notches.

### Nostalgic Meinong Ramblings

Yong'an Old Street marks the start of Meinong's historic district, where you will find quaint Hakka houses, old bridges, and other historical sites. The popular historical landmark "East Gate Tower" exudes charismatic Hakka cultural allure.

# Row, Row, Row to Fun Mountain Towns

## Namasia Firefly Tour

Annual Namasia Firefly Tours are held around the month of April. Over 20 firefly species glow like stars against the darkened silhouettes of mountains and forests. Walk the firefly-watching trail near the Dakangnuwa Tribe and join in on the many firefly-watching itineraries in the area.

It's so itchy!  
Meow...  
Meow-chirp!



Entering the mountain towns of Kaohsiung brings you closer to this region's richly diverse natural forest ecosystems, fauna, and flora. Of course there are the natural hot springs, which "Mr. Capybara" adores. Kaohsiung's natural, warm hot springs are nature's gift for body and mind.

## Purple Crow Butterfly

Millions of purple crow butterflies migrate to the forests of Purple Crow Butterfly Valley every winter, making it one of only two major wintering grounds for this butterfly species in the world.





### Tengjih National Forest Recreation Area

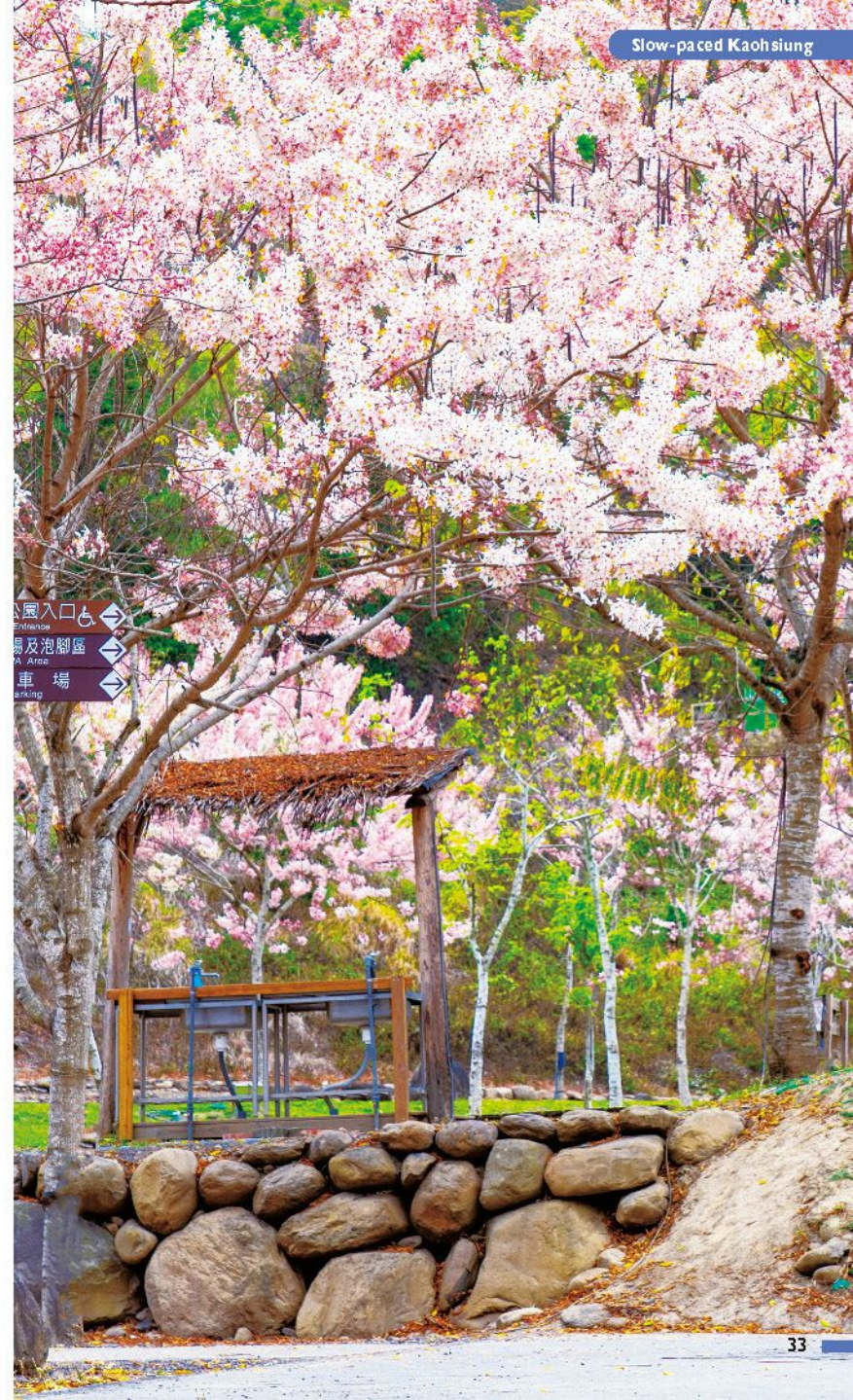
Located in Baoshan Village, Taoyuan District at 1500 - 1804 m in elevation, Tengjih National Forest Recreation Area is enveloped in clouds and mist for most of the year. The plethora of insect and bird species that call this place home make the area an ideal destination for taking refreshing forest baths and appreciating nature's beauty.

### Relaxing in Hot Springs Together

The many hot spring sources located along the Laonong River include Bulao, Baolai, and Maolin's Lovers' Valley. Kaohsiung's hot springs beckon with relaxing and rejuvenating experiences for body and mind.



Baolai Flower Park and Hot Spring Hand Bath



# Moonwalk: A Marvel of Nature

Eighteen Arhats Mountain in Liouguei District is an interconnected ridge of 40-plus con-shaped peaks, which are said to be evocative of Buddhist arhats. View this mountain from across the Laonong River for an awe-inspiring perspective on this natural wonder.

## The Largest Badlands in Taiwan

Rugged badland terrain accounts for 80% of the land in Tianliao District, which is also known as "Moon World" because of the badland's resemblance to a pockmarked moonscape. Moon World Landscape Park is the best place in Kaohsiung to view the badlands. Take the trail and stairways up to Crescent Moon Observation Deck for an impressive perspective on the rugged and sprawling badland scenery.

Magic! How amazing! I thought I was still in space!



I would love to take a mud bath here!



Wushanding Mud Volcano Nature Reserve in Yanchao District is home to the most impressive, largest, and best-preserved mud volcano in Taiwan. The constantly erupting and accumulating mud gives a sense of ever-changing vitality and reveals natural beauty.



## Art and Culture Kaohsiung

# Legendary Jhentou in the Neimen Badlands

Neimen (historical name: Luohanmen) is located north of Tianliao District. This area is home to unique badlands topography as well as the two-century-old Greeting Guan Yin Procession in Luohanmen festival, which earned an official “nationally important folk heritage” designation from the Ministry of Culture in 2014. This annual event is held in the runup to the birthday of Guan Yin (the Buddhist Bodhisattva of Compassion), which falls on February 19th of the lunar calendar. The procession route wends through multiple villages in Neimen, and followers join the procession carrying palanquins. Wu, Wu Jhentou, and other temple performance troupes also participate, creating a vibrant, lively atmosphere.

Neimen, Taiwan’s “home” of folk parades, boasts nearly 60 “battle-array” martial arts troupes. It is also home to the largest number of “Song Jiang Battle Array” troupes in the country. Villages across Neimen, which historically practiced martial arts for the defense of their communities, have in more-modern times incorporated these practices into their religious beliefs and folk parade traditions. In recent years, creative Song Jiang Battle competitions have been held to preserve and promote this cultural heritage. Jhentou enthusiasts have responded by further innovating and incorporating this unique performance artform into the culture. The diversity of presentations at these events are attracting more people to learn about this heritage while injecting new vitality into a time-honored custom.

The spaceship is fixed soon, but we still need an energy source to power up. Can you help us?



I... we... we can help you find it!



### Experience the Charm of Traditional Cultural Festivals

Temples are the center of faith and cultural heritage in Taiwan. The city alone is home to nearly 1,800 temples, and the traditional festivals and rituals centered on them are invaluable intangible cultural assets.

#### Linyuan Fongyun Temple's Mazu Patrolling the Sea Ritual

Mazu is a revered goddess in Taiwan, and the Mazu Patrolling the Sea Rite is the country's largest maritime pilgrimage event. Held once every four years, this pilgrimage involves a flotilla of fishing boats carrying the goddess' palanquins over Taiwan Strait waters north from Linyuan Fongyun Temple to the town of Anping in Tainan, delivering prayers for favorable weather and the safety of fishermen at sea.

#### Zuoying Wannian Folklore Festival

The Zuoying Wannian Folklore Festival turn a spotlight on the Fire Lion and Traditional Gun Fortress Attack and other traditional folk performances, which are enacted to protect and bless communities.

#### Cieding Worship Ceremony

The Cieding Jinluan Temple Worship Ceremony and Baishalun Wanfu Temple Worship Ceremony are two intangible cultural assets of the city. The Wang Jiao Rite is traditionally performed to ward off epidemics and pray for peace in the community.



宋江陣

# Sacred Blessing Songs Echo from the Mountains



This melody is so uncommon!



Taiwan's indigenous cultures are a precious national cultural heritage that embodies this country's longstanding ethnic connections with Austronesian cultures ranging from Madagascar to Easter Island. The city is home to several indigenous groups, including the Hla'alua, Kanakanavu, and Tevorangh of Pingpu. The cultural landscape of Kaohsiung is enriched by their distinctive customs and rich culture.



It's the sound of heavenly music. The melody is truly delightful!



## Hla'alua's Miatungusu (Sacred Shell Ritual)

The Hla'alua tribe, which is still largely agrarian, performs their largest annual festival every February. The Sacred Shell Ritual (Miatungusu) involves customs like inviting the Shell Gods, welcoming the deities, and group hunting. A lavish ritual is held to honor the 12 Shell Gods who guard the tribe. Traditionally, the festival was held every 2 to 3 years, but is now celebrated every year to promote cultural heritage preservation.



### Kanakanavu's Pasika'arai (River Festival)

When the Kanakanavu first settled along the Namasia River, they found an abundance of fish, shrimp, and crabs that provided an endless supply of food throughout the year. They created the Pasika'arai ritual, which is still practiced as an enduring expression of gratitude to the gods for their generosity toward the Kanakanavu tribe.



### Taiwoan Dance Culture Festival

The Taiwoan people have actively promoted the name rectification movement in recent years. During times of drought, tribal members gather at the public shrine and perform rainmaking rituals, asking for rainfall and praying for favorable weather and bountiful harvests.

National Designated  
Archaeological Site

### Wanshan Rock Carvings

The Wanshan Rock Carvings display a rich variety of patterns believed to have been left by prehistoric Austronesian residents of the area. The intricate engravings on the rock surfaces and the associated legends and mythical stories of the Rukai tribe hold special significance for contemporary indigenous society. This archaeological site is the only one of its kind to have been found in Taiwan, making the Wanshan Rock Carvings a unique example of rock carving heritage. Although estimates currently peg the carvings to between 500 and 1,600 years ago, research has yet to scientifically determine either its true age or meaning.

# Cultural Landmarks: Great for Photography and Exploration!



In recent years, Kaohsiung has seen the opening of numerous new cultural and art venues that have become popular spots for exploration and photography due to their unique architectural settings. Whether you're interested in visiting exhibitions, watching movies, or quietly reading, the city has a perfect place for you! Also, there are historical sites awaiting your in-depth exploration that regularly attract visitors from home and abroad. Come with us on a tour of the city's cultural attractions!

You can take the light rail to get there easily.



## Neiwei Arts Center

Neiwei Arts Center, located along the western side of the Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts (KMFA), is run in conjunction with KMFA, the Kaohsiung Museum of History, and the Kaohsiung Film Archive. It offers a new type of cultural and artistic lifestyle experience, inviting visitors to explore exhibitions, watch movies, witness restoration work, appreciate design, and unwind in the café. Absorb a kaleidoscope of colors through Neiwei's floor-to-ceiling windows.



## Old Fongshan City Wall Historic Route

Old Fongshan City Wall Historic Route is one of Taiwan's best-preserved city walls. Walking the 770m-long route takes visitors back in time through three centuries of history. Its commanding height offers panoramic views of Lotus Pond and it is a landmark of national significance.



## Siaoyao Garden

Siaoyao Garden was built in 1939 during the Japanese Colonial Period as a villa for Otani Kozui, the 22nd Patriarch of the Jodo Shinshu branch of Japanese Buddhism. The architecture weaves together Japanese and Western elements, making it a particular historical and cultural site. The efforts invested in its faithful restoration earned this site a National Cultural Heritage Preservation Award.



## Kaohsiung Main Public Library

Set within a large glass curtain, the Kaohsiung Main Public Library (KMPL) offers an open, green-infused space both in and out. Its exceptional design brings nature and greenery into reading. KMPL is the first cultural venue in the country to combine a library, bookstore, hotel, and cinema, blending literature and creative business. The library hosts lectures and various events, aiming to integrate reading into everyday life.



## Nine Districts of East Kaohsiung Service Station-Cishan Agri Park

Cishan (formerly Ciwei) Sugar Refinery began producing sugar from southern Taiwan sugarcane in 1911. While no longer in operation, the plant retains its original chimney, lime kiln, factory buildings, and sugar-making equipment. Support of the City Government and Taiwan Sugar Corporation has turned the site into a hub of agricultural innovation and tourism.

# Smitten with Military Dependents' Villages: A Charming Metamorphosis



Dating from the early postwar period, military dependents' villages still resonate with an exclusive cultural vibe that stirs nostalgic memories of homes faraway. Kaohsiung has faithfully retained many military dependents' villages and today has the largest preserved area in the country. In the city, Navy dependents' villages are located in Zuoying, Air Force dependents' villages are located in Gangshan, and Army dependents' villages are located in Fongshan.



Where is the aroma of steamed bread coming from?





### The "Residing and Rebirth" Program

The "Residing and Rebirth" program, begun in Kaohsiung, is now in its 10th year. The program is renovating and repurposing military dependents' villages nationwide. In recent years, the program has promoted the "Youth Innovation House" concept, which promotes repurposing village houses into unique commercial / business spaces such as homestays, restaurants, art studios, and co-working offices. Project work has injected vibrant new life into Taiwan's military dependents' village heritage.



# Art and Cultural Festivals in Kaohsiung



Kaohsiung boasts a wide variety of cultural and artistic festivals that highlight the city's creative energy and distinctive local culture. These festivals include imaginative design exhibitions, grassland concerts, dynamic and vibrant pop-music New Year's Eve parties, and local art festivals that embody regional characteristics.

## Celebrate New Year's Eve in Kaohsiung!

New Year's 2023 in Kaohsiung was welcomed with a double-header for the very first time! On the last day of 2022, the Asia New Bay Area Future City party was held at Dream Mall, and, on the first day of 2023, KMC Happiness City was held at Kaohsiung Music Center. Both events celebrated Kaohsiung's past, present, and future and showcased dazzling fireworks displays.



### Kaohsiung Spring Arts Festival

Held between February and July since 2010, the annual Kaohsiung Spring Arts Festival features a series of outdoor and indoor programs ranging from the arts, music, theater, and dance to family-friendly activities and traditional opera. The festival has grown into the best-known, best-attended performing arts event in southern Taiwan. The festival regularly kicks off its seasonal calendar with the highly popular Grass Music Concert.



### Gangshan Lanzhuo Fair

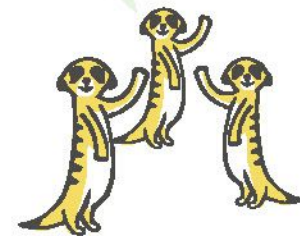
Dating back two centuries, Gongshan Lanzhuo Fair celebrates the spirit of traditional market fairs in Taiwan each year on March 23rd (the birthday of Mazu, Goddess of the Sea), August 14th (the eve of the Mid-Autumn Festival), and September 15th (the birthday of the Yimin martyrs). All three fair dates attract large crowds, creating a bustling and vibrant atmosphere.



### 2023 Kaohsiung Lantern Festival

Kaohsiung Lantern Festival 2023 was held for the first time at Zuoying's Lotus Pond Scenic Area. It brought together distinctive city elements such as waterfront scenery, temple culture, and Zuoying's old city. Under the theme "More Local, More International," the festival featured exciting performances and activities that created an electrifying festival atmosphere full of vibrant Taiwanese flair. The water lightshow "Light Dances on Lotus Pond" illuminated Lotus Pond landmarks such as the Dragon and Tiger Pagodas, Spring and Autumn Pavilions, and the Statue of Syuanwu, combining tradition with modern technology and showcasing the diversity and inclusiveness of Taiwanese culture.

Have Fun anytime and anywhere! Kaohsiung is here to make you have panda eyes!



# Singing with Passion: Gathering for Beautiful Moments



Accompanied by bright sunshine, sea breezes, and warm, southern hospitality, enjoy an incredibly chill leisure experience listening to music, watching performances, and joining the crowd to sway and cheer in our city by the sea.

## Kaohsiung's 3 Major Music Venues Ignite the Music Craze

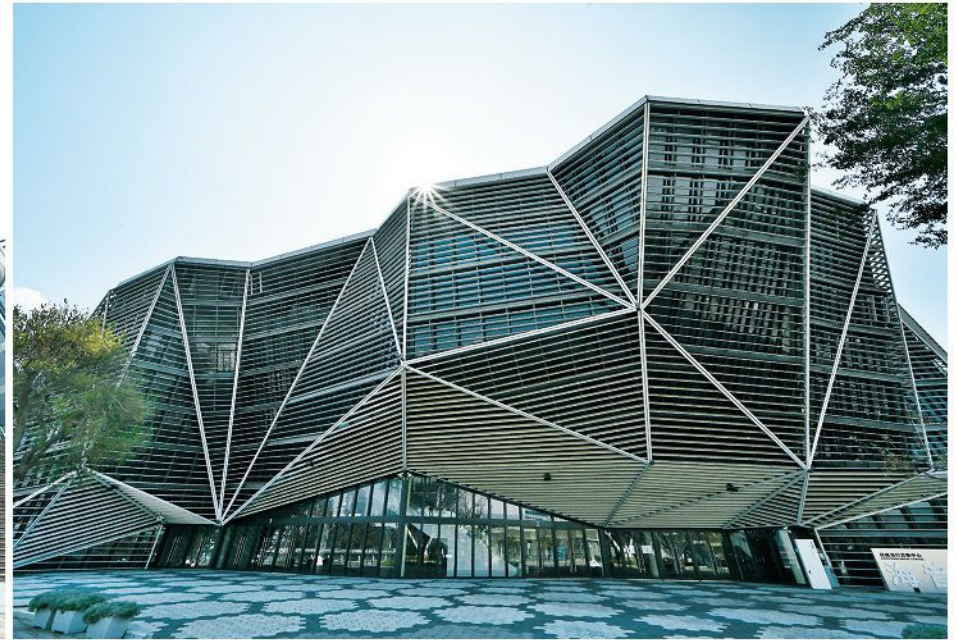
The city has three iconic music venues, Kaohsiung National Stadium, Kaohsiung Arena, and Kaohsiung Music Center, attract superstar performances from both home and abroad. BLACKPINK from South Korea, Backstreet Boys from the US, and Westlife from Ireland have all graced these venues, drawing in fans from all over the country.

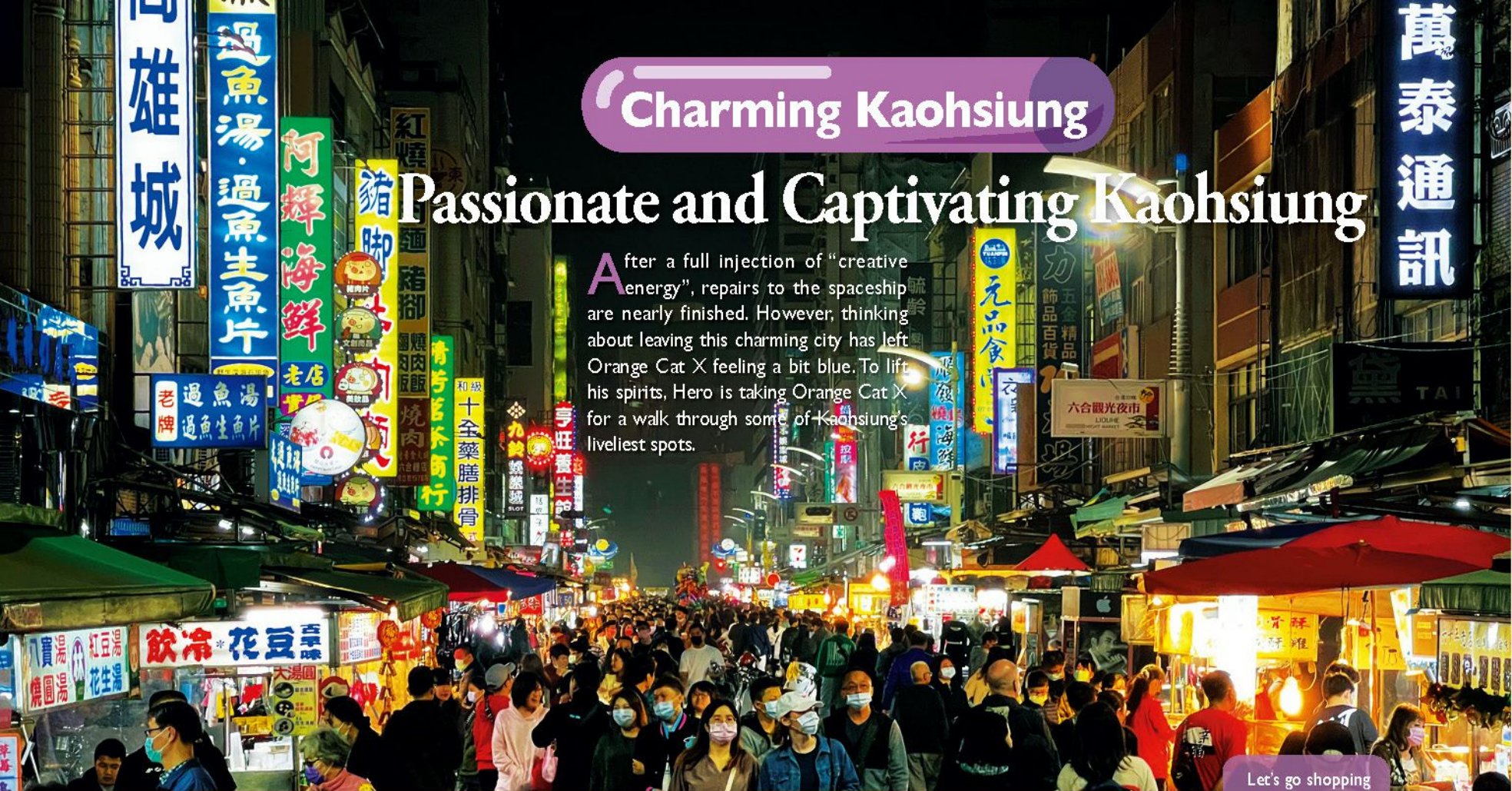
## Megaport Festival (March through April )

Megaport Festival, an annual outdoor music festival taking place inside Kaohsiung Port, is Taiwan's most vibrant and iconic large-scale outdoor music festival. It regularly brings together over a hundred Taiwanese and international entertainers and bands to perform on ten uniquely themed stages. Alongside the music performances are markets and NGO advocacy activities that add to this festival's reputation as a "celebration of life." The festival draws tens of thousands of loyal, excited fans every year.

Sway to the music!







# Charming Kaohsiung

## Passionate and Captivating Kaohsiung

After a full injection of “creative energy”, repairs to the spaceship are nearly finished. However, thinking about leaving this charming city has left Orange Cat X feeling a bit blue. To lift his spirits, Hero is taking Orange Cat X for a walk through some of Kaohsiung’s liveliest spots.

萬泰通訊

Let's go shopping in the Kaohsiung!

### Sensational Night Markets

Night markets operating in commercial districts across the city have a lot to offer. History and culture enthusiasts are sure find their groove in night markets centered on Sanfong Central Street, Hamasen, and Old Fongshan City. Pop culture lovers can't resist the night markets at Sinjyuejiang, Central Park, and Houyi. Foodies will especially enjoy Liouhe, Lingya / Zihciang, Guanghua, Fongshan Jhonghua Street, and Rueifong night markets. Venture beyond central Kaohsiung to visit night markets in upland towns, including Cishan, Meinong, Jiasian, and Liouguei.



Let's go visit night markets!





### A Roof Open to Sunlit Skies Makes the Yancheng First Public Retail Market a Must-See for Art Enthusiasts:

Yancheng First Public Retail Market, a bustling wholesale market for seven decades, has seen a brilliant metamorphosis in recent years. Renovations have restored its iconic, arched wood-framed roof, showcasing its rich historical value. Also, skylights open to sunlit skies, new signage, and identity designs have made this the trendiest new destination for young creatives.



# International City with Genuine Backing



Kaohsiung is a sister or partner city to 36 cities around the world. The City Government welcomed a visit by officials from Kumamoto Prefecture and City in Japan in early 2023, and quickly reciprocated to consolidate close ties. Official invitations to the Lotus Pond Lantern Festival have been extended to sister and partner cities including Portland in the United States, Kumamoto Prefecture and Kumamoto City in Japan, and Suwon in South Korea. Frequent exchanges with these cities have raised Kaohsiung City's international profile and helped it shine even more brightly on the world stage.



Mayor Chen Chi-mai accompanied by Kaohsiung Tourism Ambassador "Hero" warmly welcomes Kumamon, the popular and beloved mascot of Kumamoto Prefecture.



I want to be a minister too!

Wow! Kumamon is head of both Business and Happiness Ministries in Kumamoto Prefecture!



Kaohsiung City is dedicated to promoting itself internationally. Edinburgh's Council Leader, Cammy Day visits Kaohsiung to experience the port city's diverse charms.

～高雄の皆様、ようこそ熊本へ～  
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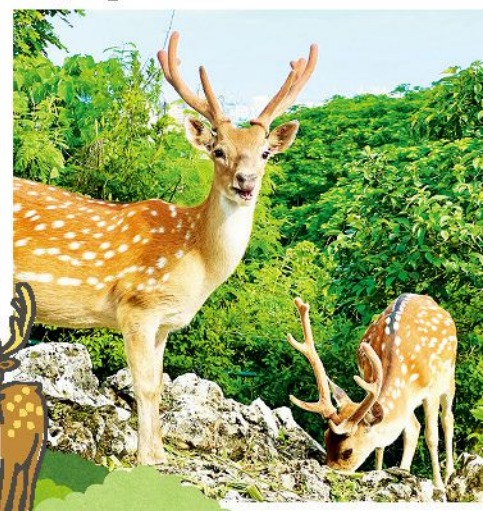


Bonds of friendship are strengthened through reciprocal visits between senior Kaohsiung City and sister / friendly city officials.

# Orange Cat X's Farewell Party: Shoushan Families and Friends Invited

Shoushan Zoo, which is full of joyful memories shared by young and old, marks its 45th anniversary on July 1st this year. Popular residents, including Pobi the Taiwanese black bear, Mimi the orangutan, an adorable family of llamas, and many more, continue creating new, intriguing stories for Kaohsiung.







I've fallen head over heels for this friendly, good-to-live city. I have decided to stay and become a permanent resident of Kaohsiung!

Take these souvenirs back to share the flavor of Kaohsiung with family and friends.



# A Spaceship Packed with Souvenirs: Kaohsiung will Abide Forever in Our Hearts!



**Kaohsiung, a blessed land of abundant resources, is known for its year-round harvests of delicious fruit.**

Kaohsiung is Taiwan's largest producer of jujubes. Visit around the Lunar New Year to enjoy this crunchy and juicy fruit.

Kaohsiung's pineapples first hit the market in March, with the harvest extending through summer's end. Fresh pineapples from Kaohsiung are famous for their sweet + sour flavor and a perfect addition to prepared meals as well as processed foods.

Different from temperate cultivars, peaches grown in Namisa, Kaohsiung are a tropical variety with thin, juicy skins and delicate flesh. Jade purse lychee season in Kaohsiung runs from May to June. This lychee variety has tiny seeds, thick, sweet flesh, and a captivating flavor. No wonder they are considered the premium lychee cultivar. Their popularity and short harvest season mean you have to act fast to enjoy a taste of this Kaohsiung "limited-edition"!

Other flavorful produce from Kaohsiung include bananas from Cishan District, guavas from Yanchao District, wax apples and Jinhuang mangoes from Liouguei District, and taro, bamboo shoots, and plums from Jiasian District. Visit local farms and farmers' markets for a fresh taste or order these and other Kaohsiung favorites via The Best of Kaohsiung E-commerce Platform.



Plenty of great deals in Kaohsiung! Scan the QR Code and start shopping!



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