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## Chapter 15 Sports for All

*The promotion of sports for all is one of the key sports policies in Taipei City. With the two-fold mission of encouraging the general public to take part in sports and increasing the number of people with the habit of exercising regularly, the Taipei City Government hosts diversified sports activities such as hiking, cycling and various water activities that are suitable for citizens of all age groups and to encourage them to cultivate the habit of taking physical fitness tests on a regular basis. This will, in turn, allow Taipei City to achieve the objectives of participation of all, elevating the city's sports standard and transforming Taipei City into a healthy city.*



**T**aipei Sports Office's promotion of social sports policies encompasses the promotion of sports for all, increasing the number of people with the habit of exercising regularly and facilitating citizen health. In addition, the office is also responsible for hosting international sports events in the hopes of facilitating sport exchanges with foreign cities while entrenching basic training bases to nurture athletes in competitive sports. The office is also committed to the improvement of sports facilities and the establishment of sports centers across all administrative districts in Taipei City so that citizens are able to take advantage of a variety of physical training equipment. Last, the office is also involved in the restoration of various riverside facility/sports stadiums in order to provide more venues for citizens to exercise and for schools to host track and field team training and events.

## Part 1 Promoting Sports for All to Shape a Healthy City

### 1. Various Road Running Events

In order to provide opportunities for road-running enthusiasts to demonstrate the fruits of their day-to-day training, the Taipei City Government hosted a number of large-scale road running events for all citizens starting in 2009. Apart from roads within the city, routes of the road runs have also been planned to connect to various riverside parks. The office has taken care to ensure that the planning of diversified road-running routes will not affect road users, and the office takes pride in the fact that it has successfully spread the trend of sports to all corners of the city in promoting sports for all.

The large-scale road runs organized in 2009 drew more than 150,000 participants. Events in 2009 included the "New Year's Day Flag-Raising and Road Run" event held at Taipei City Hall Square on January 1, 2009 where Mayor Hau Lung-bin led participants in singing the national anthem during the flag-raising ceremony to welcome the arrival of the new year; the "7th Taipei City Supau Cup Road Run Tournament," held at Taipei City Hall Square on May 3; the "2009 Summer Deaflympics Road Run: Power in Me!" held at National Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall on June 7, the "Herbalife Marathon" at Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall Square on July 12, the "2009 Samsung Energy Road Run" at Taipei City Hall Square on October 18, the "21st Mass Mutual Mercuries Qiaofu Cup Road Run" on November 1.



The New Year Flag-Raising and Road Run.

### 2. Cycling Events

The Taipei City Government is actively promoting cycling because it is pollution free, energy saving and environmentally friendly. In 2009, the office organized several cycling events on thoroughfares in the city and various riverside park biking trails.



The Mass Mutual Mercuries Cup Road Run.

The cycling events held in 2009 attracted more than 20,000 cyclists. These events included the Coming-of-Age Ceremony for Cyclists, which was jointly organized by the Taipei City Government and the Sports Affairs Council, Executive Yuan on June 13 (drawing a total of 190 junior/senior high school participants); the Leisure Biking Trip hosted by the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) in conjunction with the 2009 Taiwan Sports Recreation & Leisure Show Events on July 18 (with approximately 2,000 participants); the 1st Supau Folding Bike Cup – Cycling an Overpass, jointly held with Vitalon Welfare Foundation on November 7 (drawing over 10,000 participants); and the 8th Riding with the CCRA event, held in Taipei City on December 26, which drew more than 2,000 participants.

### 3. Taipei Dragon Boat Festival

The 2009 Taipei Dragon Boat Festival spanned three days (May 28 through May 30, 2009) and drew more than 65,000 citizens. The Dragon Boat Festival, which falls on the 5th day of the 5th month of the lunar calendar, is an important festival in Taiwan. In addition to the commemoration of the patriotic poet, Qu Yuan, the festival is also a celebration of literature and the spirit of patriotism.

Events of the 2009 Taipei Dragon Boat Festival included a sacred ceremony to bring dragon boats to life by painting eyes on the vessels (a tradition based on a Chinese legend), dragon boat races, a riverside fair, stage performances, riverside family paradise, dragon boat rowing experience, glutinous rice ball making and egg-standing contests (in which participants attempt to stand an egg on end in keeping with tradition). The dragon boat race witnessed the participation of 200 local and foreign teams; apart from teams coming from all over Taiwan, 11 international teams from the Philippines, Singapore, Japan, Holland and other places also took part in the competition. The dragon boat rowing experience reflected the success of Mayor Hau's promotion of water activities in Taipei City to accentuate the characteristics of Taipei City as a Riverside City of



Family games at riverside fair.

Culture and Technology. All events were designed in accordance with the themes featured at the city administration area to reinforce the promotion of the “21<sup>st</sup> Summer Deaflympics Taipei 2009” and the “2010 Taipei International Flora Exposition”. Citizens and visitors from abroad were treated to an assortment of fascinating folk art performances and exciting family fair games to experience the rich and interesting culture of the Dragon Boat Festival, which projected Taipei City’s image as a vibrant and healthy metropolis.



Athletes' Night during the Taipei Dragon Boat Festival.

#### 4. Softball League

The planning of riverside park sports facilities in Taipei City has grown to become fairly comprehensive in recent years. The Taipei City Government has made an effort to host softball league games every year to provide citizens an opportunity to take part in healthy, recreational activities; existing teams can take advantage of the league to refine their teamwork. In 2009, a total of 235 teams and 16,520 players took part in the league. The office has successfully contributed to the increasing popularity of softball in Taipei City and achieved the objective of helping citizens to expand their social network through the sport.

#### 5. Cheerleading Tournament

The Cheerleading Tournament was held on October 24, 2009 at Taipei City Municipal Shipai Junior High School. A total of 27 teams (with approximately 800 members) took part in the four divisions: junior high school group, senior high school group, mixed open group and performing group. Through the participation and exchanges of cheerleading techniques among athletes in different divisions, the tournament will help to raise the standards of cheerleading for schools and amateur/professional cheerleading teams in Taipei City.

#### 6. Hiking and Speed Walking Events

In order to promote the trend of speed walking for urban dwellers so that they can appreciate the natural scenery of Taipei City, the Taipei Sports Office organized the Walk for Better Health & Appreciate the Scenery of Taipei City speed walking event on September 26, 2009 at Daonan Riverside Park and National Yang-Ming University on October 31, 2009. The office also encourages the public to take public transportation as part of the event to reduce carbon emissions. In addition, the Office also organized La New 2009 – Speed Walking at Tianmu Trail on July 18 and 2009 Taipei City Hiking Day on November 29 to disseminate the concept of natural landscape preservation through the events.

#### 7. Handicapped Citizens' Games

In order to select Taipei City’s representatives to take part in the 2010 National Handicapped Citizens’ Games, the office organized the Handicapped Citizens’ Recreational Sports Meet at five different venues (including Taipei City Municipal Zhonglun Senior High School and Taipei Gymnasium) on August 22 and 23, 2009. The event featured 16 sports and a total of 531 athletes and 429 staff members and umpires took part in the event. Deputy Mayor Wu Ching-chi attended and hosted the opening ceremony to cheer for the athletes and boost their morale.

## 8. Children's Home Sports Meet

The Children's Home Sports Meet was held on November 28, 2009 at Taipei Gymnasium, Taipei Track and Field Stadium and Songshan Sports Center. A total of 1,800 participants (teachers and students) from 38 children's homes across Taipei City took part in the event. Department of Education, Taipei City Government served as host of the event and planned a series of receptions for young athletes. These include: athletes' banquet, athletes' night and a free day tour in Taipei City. The itinerary included visits to the Taipei Zoo, the Taipei Astronomical Museum, the National Palace Museum, the Miramar Ferris Wheel and Babyboss Simulation City at the Living Mall to leave an unforgettable impression of Taipei City on the young athletes' minds.



The Shooting Competition during the Handicapped Citizens' Games.

## 9. Senior Citizens' Sports Meet

In order to encourage senior citizens to take up healthy recreational hobbies, the Taipei Sports Office organized the Senior Citizens' Sports Meet on October 24, 2009 at Taipei Gymnasium and Taipei Track and Field Stadium for citizens over 60 years of age. These events were designed to be a casual competition with the concept of harmony between different generations incorporated into the activities. Approximately 2,000 seniors took part in these events and we hope that the sports meet will encourage seniors to cultivate the habit of exercising regularly.

## 10. Sports Training Camp

As an effort to encourage residents of Taipei City to cultivate the habit of exercising on a regular basis, the Taipei Sports Office launched badminton training camps: each camp lasted for a month (20 sessions). The training sessions were held Monday through Friday (6:00AM-8:00AM) on the 7th floor of the Taipei Gymnasium. On average, each camp attracted 20-25 players. A total of seven camps were organized in 2009, drawing 3,080 athletes.

During the winter vacation of 2009, schools across Taipei City collaborated with the Taipei Municipal Athletics Federation and hosted 48 recreational camps. In 2009, more than 240,000 elementary school and junior high school students signed up for the camps to enrich their holidays by engaging in educational recreational activities.

## 11. National Junior High School Taichi Competition

The National Junior High School Taichi Competition was jointly hosted by the Taipei Sports Office and the National Tai Chi Quan Association of Taiwan on March 15, 2009 on the 4th floor of the Taipei Gymnasium. More than 500 participants from elementary schools, junior high schools and senior high schools around the country competed in the event and the office awarded a total of 36 medals. The office hoped that the trend of practicing Tai Chi would reach the younger demographics and take root across agencies, schools and organizations in Taipei City.



The National Junior High School Taichi Competition.

## **12. Taipei City Mayor's Cup National Bridge Tournament**

The 8th Mayor's Cup National Bridge Tournament was held in Taipei City Xinyi District Boai Elementary School on May 16 and 17, 2009. The tournament is divided into five divisions: teaching staff, college, senior high school, junior high school and elementary school. A total of 350 bridge players signed up for the tournament. The office hopes to raise the standard of bridge skills in Taipei City through such tournaments at which players can refine their game.

## **13. 2009 National Elites' Cup Wushi & Lion Dance Championship**

The 2009 National Elites' Cup Wushi & Lion Dance Championship took place on November 14 and 15 at the Taipei Gymnasium (first and fourth floors). A total of 110 teams (more than 1,000 contestants) took part in the event, which drew an impressive audience of more than 2,000 people. The office also invited foreign guests and teams from Japan, China, Korea and other countries. The exciting championship allowed participants to make friends through martial arts and in turn promote international sports exchanges.

## **14. Events Hosted by Various Sports Committees and District Sports Associations under the Taipei Municipal Athletics Federation**

### **(1) Events to Facilitate Development for the Taipei Municipal Athletics Federation**

In order to assist the 90 sports committees under the Taipei Municipal Athletics Federation to become associations, the Taipei Sports Office has arranged seminars on the application for the establishment of social organizations to be included in 2009's operations workshops so as to assist these sports committees in preparing and submitting their applications, starting from March 2009. A total of 38 associations were successfully established by the end of 2009.

### **(2) Organization of Youth Cup Sports Events**

The Taipei Sports Office has assisted various sports committees (associations) under the Taipei Municipal Athletics Federation to host the 2009 Youth Cup Sports Events. The Youth Cup includes 26 sports for all citizens and 30 competitive sports; each event drew more than 100 contestants.

### **(3) Organization of Zhongzheng Cup Sports Events**

In 2009, the Taipei Sports Office organized Zhongzheng Cup Sports Events, which included 24 sports for all citizens and 27 competitive sports. The event successfully drew nearly 1,000 participants.

### **(4) Assisting the 12 District Sports Associations to Organize Sports Activities**

In order to promote sports for all in Taipei City, the Taipei Sports Office has actively assisted the sports associations in all 12 administrative districts to host a variety of sports activities by utilizing existing venues such as sports centers, schools and parks to encourage more citizens to take part in sports activities regardless of their gender and age so as to promote better health. The office has organized approximately 120 activities across the 12 administrative districts, drawing nearly 10,000 citizens.



Performance by the Classic Buddhist Dance Association under the Taipei Municipal Athletics Federation.

## Part 2 Raising the Level of Competitive Sports to Facilitate International Exchanges

In order to facilitate international sports exchange, foster Taipei City's relationships with other foreign cities improve the performance standards of domestic athletes and encourage citizens to take interest in sports, the Taipei City Government has endeavored to host international sports events such as Tour de Taiwan, the Taipei International Freeway Marathon and the 2009 Taipei Marathon.

### 1. Tour de Taiwan

The 4th Tour de Taiwan road bicycle race was held in Taipei City in conjunction with the Taipei International Bicycle Show, which takes place in March. The 2009 Tour de Taiwan included seven stations and the final stop was Taipei City on March 14 near Taipei City Hall. Prior to the events in Taipei, the organizers also hosted the Citizen Elite Challenge in the hopes of encouraging the citizens of Taipei City to take part. More than 20 teams from Korea, Switzerland, Australia and Japan took part in the race along with hundreds of experienced cyclists .

### 2. Taipei International Freeway Marathon

The Taipei International Freeway Marathon kicked off on March 15, 2009 at 6:00AM. The starting point was the Wugu and Xizhi Overpass on National Highway No.1. Almost 10,000 runners indulged in the fun of road running under a brilliant sun. The



Taipei International Freeway Marathon – the first marathon ever held on a freeway.



A scene from Tour de Taiwan.

event was divided into two categories: full marathon and half marathon. The Taipei International Freeway Marathon was the first event of its kind in Taiwan. The marathon was a tremendous success; thousands of enthusiastic runners gathered at the starting point at the break of dawn.

### 3. Revitalizing Danshui River events

In an effort to promote water sports and recreation, the Taipei Sports Office hosted a series of events including General Water Activities, Weekend Canoe Experience for Citizens, Taipei Rowing Championships, Water Activity Recreation Camp and Junior High/Elementary School Student Summer Vacation Water Camp from May through October of 2009. Almost 10,000 citizens took part in these events and the response reflected the growth in the population of people engaging in water sports. These events provided opportunities for citizens to appreciate water sports. Through the planning of water activities, the office hopes to make Danshui River come to life again and revitalize the river.



Shezi Water Amusement Park.

### 4. Taipei Rowing Championships

The 2009 Taipei Rowing Championships were held at Dajia Riverside Park on April 24 to 26. These events attracted skilled rowers from schools and organizations across Taiwan. The success of the event reflected the fact that more and more people have taken a liking to water sports, making rowing and canoeing the most unique water activities in Taipei City.



The Taipei Rowing Championship.

### 5. 2010 FIVB Men's Volleyball World Championship-Asia Second Qualifying Round

The FIVB Men's Volleyball World Championship has been touring major cities across Asia to host qualifying rounds and it has already become one of the biggest events in the international volleyball scene. The championship offers the opportunity for Asian teams to play the finest volleyball teams from around the world, allowing them to hone their skills and accumulate experience. In recent years, teams from Asia have performed incredibly well and secured top rankings in the championship. The success of Asian volleyball teams in the championship has captured the attention of the general public and media coverage. The 2010 FIVB Men's Volleyball World Championship-Asia Second Qualifying Round was held from May 22 to 24, 2009 with four teams competing: Kazakhstan, Kingdom of Tonga, United



Chinese Taipei V.S. Kingdom of Tonga.

Arab Emirates and Chinese Taipei. The event served as an opportunity of athletic exchange and allowed Taiwan's volleyball team to accumulate experience and gain international exposure.

### 6. 2009 OEC Taipei Ladies Open

"The 2009 OEC Taipei Ladies Open" was held from November 2 through 8, 2009 at Taipei Arena. Renowned female tennis players from around the world took part in the event and played against the best from Taiwan. Coupled with the Taipei City Government's marketing campaign for the city, the event not only served as a sports cultural exchange but also bridged Taiwan with the rest of the world and improved Taiwan's international image.



The 2009 OEC Taipei Ladies Open.

### 7. 2009 IIHF World U18 Championship Division III Group A

"The 2009 IIHF World U18 Championship Division III Group A" events were held from February 27 through March 5 at the Taipei Arena. National teams from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Mongolia and Taiwan took part in the event. The event served as an opportunity for athletic exchange and allowed Taiwan to gain more international exposure and improve Taiwan's image.



The IIHF U18 Championship.

### 8. 2009 Taipei Marathon

The 2009 Taipei Marathon took place at Taipei City Hall Square on December 20, 2009 and it broke the record in terms of the number of runners with more than 100,000 runners participating in the marathon. The marathon is known around the world as the largest city marathon, even exceeding the famous New York Marathon. There are five different events for the marathon: the Full Marathon, Half Marathon, 10 km Run, Fubon Fun Run and Kids Run.

The Taipei Sports Office collaborated with Fubon Financial Holdings for the first time in 2009 to organize the Taipei Marathon and invite runners from all over Taiwan to take part in the event. As an incentive to motivate local and foreign runners to do their absolute best, the sponsor provided a record-breaking cash prize – NT\$1.33 million for the first runner to break the previous record time and NT\$200,000 for the first finisher from Taiwan. The cash prizes added up to a total of NT\$5.14 million, making the 2009 Taipei Marathon the most lucrative marathon event in Taiwan. Close to 26,000 runners took part in the event and the number of runners attempting the full 42 kilometers grew by 20%. The Bring a Rookie Along event offered 120 groups of experienced full marathon runners to team up with first-time runners to compete in the event; the Healthy Corporation Runners event was an open invitation for the top 100 corporations in Taiwan to challenge their employees to run the marathon (Chunghwa Picture Tubes came in first with 1,240 employees signed up for the event). In addition, the organizers also included the Celebrity Charity Run & Children's Interschool Cup event in the marathon, drawing almost 500 runners from 46 schools to warm up for the 2 km Kids Run.

In the past five years, the Taipei Marathon has successfully brought together charity and road running. In 2009, the organizers kept up with their efforts towards charity – for every kilometer completed by runners, Fubon Financial Holdings donated NT\$1 to charity organizations. The charity donation exceeded NT\$10 million at the end of the marathon. In addition, 1,220 Taipei Marathon T-shirts were sold through Fubon's Momo shopping network and the proceeds also went to charity. The organizers have made special efforts to emphasize environmental protection and technology for the event: the eco-friendly electric-powered cars were provided for the judges and for time-keeping; the positions of all runners were tracked through GPS systems and all runners wore racing bibs with racing chips to relay results instantaneously in order to obtain runners' results in real time.



The Taipei Marathon.

In 2009, the organizers planned more than 50 cheering stations along the 42 km route by calling for assistance from schools and communities in all 12 administrative districts and for more than 2,000 volunteers to ensure that the event would be an outstanding international marathon in terms of safety and hospitality.

## 9. 2009 Taipei International AA Baseball Invitational Tournament

The 2009 Taipei International AA Baseball Invitational Tournament took place from December 24 through 27, 2009 at three different venues: Tianmu Baseball Stadium, Xinsheng Baseball Stadium and Shezidao Baseball Stadium. A total of 20 AA baseball teams from China, Japan, Korea and Hong Kong competed in the tournament, which not only facilitated international sports exchanges but also expanded the international vision of young athletes.



Group shot of athletes taking part in the Taipei International AA Baseball Invitational Tournament.

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## Part 3 Consolidating Basic Training to Cultivate Outstanding Athletes

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The Taipei City Government established 137 athletic training stations in 2009. These include 52 stations in elementary schools, 37 stations at junior high schools, 46 stations at senior/vocational high schools and 2 stations at universities. These stations offer training in 18 sports, including track and field, women's softball, badminton, archery, Taekwondo, Karate, Judo, boxing, table tennis, baseball, swimming, tennis, shooting, fencing, wrestling, rowing, canoeing, and gymnastics.

### 1. Purpose

The basic training stations have been established as the Taipei Sports Office's endeavors to discover

and train athletes with potential to strengthen Taipei City's competence in competitive sports and entrench the trends of participation in sports in the minds of its citizens.

## **2. Planning of Athletic Training Stations**

- (1) Key sports: Judo, baseball, track and field, tennis, swimming, badminton, archery, Taekwondo, gymnastics, table tennis and shooting.
- (2) Self-selected sports: Karate and boxing.

## **3. Basic Athletic Training Stations Across Taipei City in 2009**

The Taipei City Government has always taken the quality of training stations and venues for athletes very seriously. In addition to ensuring that every school has a track-and-field sports field, the Taipei Sports Office has also endeavored to include other facilities and training stations for athletes to take part in badminton, tennis, gymnastics, Taekwondo, Karate and so forth so that these venues can become professional sports facilities. As for swimming, the office is striving to ensure that there is one pool per school.

## **4. Training Objectives and Expected Benefits**

- (1) Short-term objective: To cultivate athletes' dedication to their sports and represent Taipei City to take part in national sports meets.
- (2) Mid term objective: To enhance the city's competence in competitive sports and win the National Junior High School Sports Meet.
- (3) Long term objective: To cultivate outstanding athletes for the nation and win the National Sports Meet.

## **5. Supervision and Evaluation**

- (1) The Taipei Sports Office shall establish a supervisory committee that will inspect all training stations. The management of each training station shall be required to provide all relevant information for the inspection and brief the committee as needed.
- (2) All training stations are required to perform their given tasks and keep track of relevant data, which will serve as the basis for performance evaluations.
- (3) All training stations are expected to submit their implementation report to the Taipei Sports Office for review within 30 days at the end of each calendar year.
- (4) Training stations that fail to execute training operations as planned, cooperate during inspection or perform as expected will no longer be entitled to receive subsidies from the Taipei Sports Office.

## **6. Anticipated Results**

- (1) The construction of a database containing the information of all individual athletes in Taipei City and a competitive sports development system.
- (2) Ensure unobstructed channels of academic promotion for outstanding athletes in order to safeguard their opportunities for enrollment in their choice of schools.
- (3) The improvement of all sports facilities, equipment and training environment across Taipei City so as to enhance training results.

- (4) The organization of various joint competitions and tournaments for competitive sports to allow athletes to learn from one another and accumulate experience. The functions of training and supplementary matches shall be strengthened to fortify athlete training so as to help them reach their condition and do their best at the National Sports Meet.
- (5) Establish the Taipei City Sports Training Center and Sports Science Center by incorporating the expertise of the Taipei Physical Education College to establish key sports for Taipei City and create suitable systems for athlete selection, training, competition and assistance.

**Table 1: List of Athletic Training Stations Across Taipei City in 2009**

Judo Training Stations	Taipei Municipal Dali High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Datong High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Fuxing High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Taoyuan Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Beitou Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Zhongzheng District Zhongyi Elementary School Training Branch
Baseball Training Stations	Taipei Municipal Dali Senior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Yangming High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Chongqing Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Shilin District Fulin Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Wanhua District Longshan Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Wanhua District Dongyuan Elementary School Training Branch
Track and Field Training Stations	Taipei Municipal Datong High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Neihu High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Lishan High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Yangming High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Chengyuan High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Shilin Vocational High School Training Branch
	Taipei Private Tsai Hsing High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Beitou Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Lishan Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Longshan Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Jinhua Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Chongqing Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Minghu Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Nanmen Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Xinyi Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Beitou District Guandu Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Shilin District Wenlin Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Datong District Rixin Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Xinyi District Fude Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Neihu District Donghu Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Wenshan District Lixing Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Wenshan District Wanfu Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Beitou District Wenhua Elementary School Training Branch
Taipei Shilin District Jiantan Elementary School Training Branch	
Taipei Shilin District Hulu Elementary School Training Branch	

Tennis Training Stations	Taipei Municipal Yangming High School Training Branch
	Taipei Private Zhongxing High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Xinxing Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Zhishan Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Shilin District Wenlin Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Zhongshan District Zhongshan Elementary School Training Branch
Swimming Training Stations	Taipei Municipal Songshan District Minquan Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Physical Education College Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Nangang High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Songshan High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Songshan High School of Commerce Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Jianguo High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Bailing High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Chengyuan High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Xisong High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Yongji Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Tianmu Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Xinyi Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Nanmen Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Shilin District Wenlin Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Beitou District Wenhua Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Beitou District Guandu Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Beitou District Shipai Elementary School Training Branch
Taipei Wanhua District Shuangyuan Elementary School Training Branch	
Taipei Wanhua District Datong Elementary School Training Branch	
Taipei Zhongshan District Zhongzheng Elementary School Training Branch	
Taipei Xinyi District Wuxing Elementary School Training Branch	
Taipei Municipal Nangang District Yucheng Elementary School Training Branch	
Badminton Training Stations	Taipei Municipal Datong High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Yucheng High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Chengyuan High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Songshan High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Zhongshan Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Xihu Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Datong District Shuanglian Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Datong District Rixin Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Songshan District Minquan Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Xinyi District Yongji Elementary School Training Branch
Archery Training Stations	Taipei Municipal Wanfang High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Lishan High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Shuangyuan Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Zhongzheng District Dongmen Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Mandarin Experimental Elementary School Training Branch
Taekwondo Training Stations	Taipei Wanhua District Shuangyuan Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Wanfang High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Songshan High School of Commerce Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Neihu Vocational High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Neihu Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Longmen Junior High School Training Branch
Taipei Municipal Xinyi Junior High School Training Branch	
Taipei Zhongshan District Zhongzheng Elementary School Training Branch	

Table Tennis Training Stations	Taipei Municipal Songshan High School of Commerce Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Nanhu High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Tianmu Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Lishan Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Jinhua Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Beitou District Shipai Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Shilin District Yunong Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Wanhua District Xinhe Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Songshan District Minquan Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Wanhua District Longshan Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Zhongzheng District Dongmen Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Neihu District Kangning Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Neihu District Lishan Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Neihu District Minghu Elementary School Training Branch
Taipei Neihu District Donghu Elementary School Training Branch	
Karate Training Stations	Taipei Municipal Physical Education College
	Taipei Municipal Neihu High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Xisong High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Fuxing High School Training Branch
	Taipei Zhongzheng District Dongmen Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Shilin District Yunong Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Lanya Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Neihu Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Minghu Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Tianmu Junior High School Training Branch
Taipei Municipal Wanhua Junior High School Training Branch	
Gymnastics Training Stations	Taipei Municipal Datong High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Nangang High School Training Branch
	Taipei Wanhua District Longshan Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Songshan District Sanmin Elementary School Training Branch
	Taipei Nangang District Yucheng Elementary School Training Branch
Boxing Training Stations	Taipei Municipal Bailing High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Xisong High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Yucheng High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Lanzhou Junior High School Training Branch
Shooting Training Station	Taipei Municipal Wanfang High School Training Branch
Women's softball Training Stations	Taipei Municipal Shilin Vocational High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Shuangyuan Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Wanhua District Dongyuan Elementary School Training Branch
Wrestling Training Stations	Taipei Municipal Dali Senior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Wanhua Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Taoyuan Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Shipai Junior High School Training Branch
	Taipei Beitou District Shipai Elementary School Training Branch
Taipei Wanhua District Zhongyi Elementary School Training Branch	
Fencing Training Stations	Taipei Municipal Shipai Junior High School Training Branch
Rowing Training Stations	Taipei Municipal Neihu Vocational High School Training Branch
	Taipei Municipal Yucheng High School Training Branch
Canoeing Training Station	Taipei Municipal Nangang High School Training Branch

## Part 4 Constructing Venues and Facilities to Strengthen Athletes' Performance

The “21<sup>st</sup> Summer Deaflympics Taipei 2009” marked the first Olympic-level international sports event to be hosted in Taiwan. In order to prepare for the grand event, the Taipei City Government commenced the reparation and construction of track-and-field sports fields and renovated venues of competitive sports including the Taipei Gymnasium, the Yingfeng Soccer Field, the Rainbow Riverside Park Tennis Court, the Taipei Bailing Sports Park and so forth.

The Taipei Track & Field Stadium was officially inaugurated on July 23, 2009. Covering an area of 23,638 square meters, the stadium houses a standard 400 meter track-and-field sports field that functions as a soccer field and a 300 meter warm up track. It is capable of accommodating 20,000 spectators. The stadium was certified by the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) on May 7, 2009 as a class-one track-and-field ground and became the world's 54th and the 2nd sports facility to receive the certification. Not only that, the featured soccer field was also built to comply with Federation International of Football Association (FIFA)'s standards. The Taipei Track & Field Stadium was chosen as the main venue for the 21<sup>st</sup> Summer Deaflympics Taipei 2009. Events such as the opening and closing ceremonies, track and field events and soccer finals all took place at the stadium.



The revamped Taipei Track & Field Stadium.



The auspicious lion dance during the inauguration of the Songshan Sports Center.

It is worth noting that the Taipei Track & Field Stadium received a number of awards such as the 9th Public Construction Golden Quality Award from the Executive Yuan; the Award of Excellence for construction quality in the category of Taipei City Architecture and the Award of Excellence for design quality in the category of sustainable and energy conservation. The Taipei Track & Field Stadium was built as a standard green building and featured environmental protection as its primary design concept. The stadium was built to maximize the use of ambient light and natural ventilation to achieve conservation and carbon reduction. The underlying concept of exterior design for the stadium can be best summed up as the image of a flying building with wings and it matches nicely the Taipei Arena. Coupled with the neighboring Songshan Sports Center and Taipei Gymnasium, the four venues shape the outline of Taipei City Sports Park. The fact is, the Taipei Track & Field Stadium has already become one of Taipei City's most important landmarks.

The Songshan Sports Center was the 9th citizen sports center to be completed in Taipei City. It was also chosen as the practice venue for water polo during the 21<sup>st</sup> Summer Deaflympics Taipei 2009. The main building has two stories above ground and one basement level, with an exterior shaped like a whale with painted glass. Indoor facilities available at the Songshan Sports Center include a standard 25 meters swimming pool, complete with SPA pools, a sauna, steam room and another mixed training pool (50 meters in length with the deepest point reaching 5 meters) with a 10 meters diving platform. There is also a gym and dance classroom. The Songshan Sports Center was officially open on November 1, 2009 and it was used as an accessory facility for the Taipei Track & Field Stadium during the 21<sup>st</sup> Summer Deaflympics Taipei 2009. It was later opened for athlete training and general use for the public.

The Taipei Gymnasium was originally completed in 1994. The first floor of the gymnasium featured a

basketball court with approximately 2,400 seats. The 4th floor serves as a venue for martial art sports with 1,800 seats and the seventh floor houses 10 badminton courts. In recent years, the Taipei Gymnasium has been the chosen venue for many large-scale domestic and international events. In order to accommodate the basketball and badminton events of the 21<sup>st</sup> Summer Deaflympics Taipei 2009, the Taipei Gymnasium underwent major renovations in 2009; apart from the renewal of outer walls, spectator seats on the first, 4th and 7th floor were replaced while flooring and lighting equipment were maintained.

Yingfeng Riverside Park is located at the section of the Keelung Riverbank under Yuanshan Bridge and Dazhi Bridge in Zhongshan District. In light of the 21<sup>st</sup> Summer Deaflympics Taipei 2009, four 100 meters long, 64 meters wide international-standard football fields were constructed at the park. Rainbow Riverside Sports Park is situated near Section 1 of Tiding Boulevard in Neihu District. After major renovation and reconstruction, the park now features 16 standard tennis courts and one central court, covered with the same acrylic court surface featured in the U.S. Open. The tennis courts featured at Rainbow Riverside Sports Park have been certified by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) as Category 2 Court Surface (for medium-slow pace). As for Taipei Bailing Sports Park, the two existing football fields were renovated to become the soccer practice fields for the 21<sup>st</sup> Summer Deaflympics Taipei 2009.

In addition to the aforementioned sports facilities that underwent renovation for the 21<sup>st</sup> Summer Deaflympics Taipei 2009, major renovation also took place at Tianmu Baseball Stadium in 2009. The stadium houses 10,000 seats and much of its equipment has aged due to use ever since its completion on August 15, 1999. Items in the 2009 renovations included the replacement of the thin film on the top cover of the stadium, overhaul of surveillance systems throughout the stadium, improvement of the sprinkler systems, high lamp posts, professional baseball event surveillance system and washroom renovation. Delta Electronics Inc., one of the largest domestic corporations of technology, generously donated brand-new LED displays to improve the quality of baseball games by offering real-time information and game progression for spectators.

In order to achieve the objectives of "Exercise Everywhere" and "Sports for All," the Taipei City Government has commenced the construction of citizen sports centers with distinctive features in all administrative districts. By the end of 2008, seven citizen sports centers had already been completed in Zhongshan, Beitou, Zhongzheng, Nangang, Wanhua, Shilin and Neihu Districts and suitable private organizations have been commissioned to manage and operate these facilities. Apart from the Songshan Sports Center, the Xinyi Sports Center and the Datong Sports Center also became operational on May 28 and December 12, 2009, respectively. The office expects all 12 citizen sports centers to be completed and operational in 2010.

## Conclusion

The Taipei Sports Office shall persist in its mission to promote sports for all and continue to implement relevant sports policies through action and practical planning. We hope that Taipei City will become more energetic and citizens will lead happier and healthier lifestyles to demonstrate the energy and potential that one would expect from a modern international metropolis.



Dance performance during the inauguration of the Xinyi Sports Center.



Inauguration of the Datong Sports Center.



The skating rink at the Datong Sports Center.