2017 Department of Information Technology Major Events

February

21   Taipei City Government organized the "2017 Smart City Summit & Expo," which saw more than 50 local and international mayors attending. The participants exchanged experiences on smart city development. The Expo showcased the achievement of virtual reality (VR) city guides, airbox information, flood prevention direct mail services, open information, and the "Hello Taipei" system. The event concluded on February 24.

April

06   Taipei City Government Department of Information Technology held the Space Apps 2017 press conference. It announced the partnership with AIT, NSTC, IDB, and NTU to organize the event, as well as announcing the start of registration for the inaugural edition of the NASA statistics application challenge and the largest hackathon in the world. The competition in Taipei spotlighted the theme "Earth" and took place at NTU between April 29 and 30. On June 16, AIT announced that Space Bar – the team from Taiwan – won the global finals.

07   The reading.taipei press event took place on the opening day of the Taipei Spring Computer Exhibition. The project is the collaboration among agencies including the Department of Education, the Department of Cultural Affairs, Taipei Public Library, and the Read for You community groups. The initiative combines "reading" and ".taipei domain" to build a platform for reading integrating industry, government, and private sector resources.

15   Taipei City Government's Department of Information Technology, Department of Information and Tourism, and game company Niantic joined hands to hold the "Ingress Mission Day Taipei." Through the mobile game Ingress, residents and foreign visitors are able to explore Taipei City through the process of completing game missions.

18   Taipei City Government Department of Information Technology collaborated with the Research, Development, and Evaluation Commission to hold the i-Voting mechanism press conference, inviting citizens to submit proposals related with Taipei's public affairs.

June

25 The Department of Information Technology, Taipei City Government launched "pay.taipei, IT Month, 100 I.T Innovative Elite"offcially. It was the only payment system integrating all administrative service charges in Taiwan and won the 2017 Information Technology Month "Hundred Innovative Products Gold Award –Digital Government Category".

26 The Department of Information Technology, Taipei City Government conducted "Taipei Smart City Living Lab – Government as a Platform" and won "Cooperative City" Gold Award at the 3rd WeGO Smart Sustainable City Awards, announced by the World e-Government Organization of Cities and Local Governments (WeGO).

August

01 Autonomous buses conducted a close-road test along the Xinyi Road dedicated bus lanes spanning Dunhua South Road intersection to Fuxing South Road intersection from 1 AM to 4 AM between August 1 and 5. A press conference titled "Autonomous Bus Trial Declassified Report" took place on August 5, announcing the road tests on Xinyi Road's bus lanes a success.

10 The Taipei City Government Department of Information Technology won the "2017 IDC Digital Transformation Awards (IDC DX Awards), Taiwan Regional Awards Announcement, DX Leader–Operational Transformation" with its submission "Taipei Smart City Project Management Office (TPMO)".

19 During the 2017 Summer Universiade in Taipei, which took place between August 19 and 30, Taipei City Government Department of Information Technology established the Technical Operation Center, mobilizing 1,676 local and foreign ITC experts and integrating numbers spanning time-keeping to point tracking to competition results across 4,763 matches under 273 sports categories. The center provides comprehensive logistics support for the sports event. The official results website attracted 15,041,338 online visits.

21 Taipei City Government Department of Information Technology organized the "City Affairs ChatBot Competition." It is the first event to integrate public participation by allowing citizens to test out the different entries online, with online voting accepted through December 31. The award presentation and press conference for the event was held on October 25.

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10 In collaboration with the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taipei City Government Department of Information Technology co-organized the 21st World Congress on Information Technology (WCIT) 2017, featuring a 4-day-long exhibition at the Taipei World Trade Center between September 10

and 13. Spotlights of Taipei's capabilities in innovative ICT technologies were showcased through displays in the areas of public housing, transportation, education, healthcare, and finance. The banquet hosted by Mayor Ko Wen-je on behalf of the host city saw the attendance of around 1,200 guests from both Taiwan and abroad (including 18 nations covered by the New Southbound Policy). Various commercial associations conducted exchanges and industry matchmaking during the banquet. On September 14, the delegates were able to personally experience Taipei's technological advances and humanities appeal via a one-day tour on Taipei Double-decker Bus.

November

03   Taipei City Government proactively took part in the franchising operation of the Ministry of the Interior's "Taiwan Geospatial One Stop Project" (TGOS). Following the evaluation conducted under the "2016 TGOS Added-value Application and Franchising Guideline Results Assessment Operation", it received the TGOS Circulation Service Award.

December

06   Taipei City Government Department of Information Technology took part in the 2017 IT Month. It selected "Smart Taipei, Dream Technology" as the theme of Taipei City Government Pavilion. The exhibition lasted from December 6 through 11 at Hall 1 of the Taipei World Trade Center. To demonstrate the achievements of opening up the city as a living lab and the partnership between the public and private sectors in the development of smart cities, the pavilion showcases city affairs-related innovative applications in the "Smart Services" and "Tangible City Affairs" zones. The cases on display include the premiere of i-Trash and the IT Month 100 Innovative Products winner "pay.taipei," as well as numerous hands-on zones featuring solutions in "Smart Healthcare," "Smart Streetlight," "VR Tour of City Culture," and "City Affairs ChatBot."

06   The "pay.taipei" platform won the 2017 IT Month 100 Innovative Products Award.