

# 2020 Department of Information Technology Major Events

## February

27 Taipei City Government collaborated with Turning Driving to officially initiate the “Xinyi Bus Lane Autonomous Bus Innovative Experimental Project.” The agency joined hands with the Department of Transportation to organize “Exploring the Future of Autonomous Vehicles – Taipei City Xinyi Road Bus Lane Autonomous Bus Innovative Experimental Project Initiation Press Conference” to share with the public details spanning overall schedule to service routes to vehicle used.

## March

31 Taipei City Government and Lienchiang County Government held the “TaipeiPASS X Lienchiang County Citizen Card Cross-municipality Collaboration” press conference with guests including Deputy Mayor Huang Shan-shan, Lienchiang County Magistrate Liu Cheng-ying, and Director-general Leu Jang-hwa of the MOEA Industrial Development Bureau. The two municipalities communicated via teleconference and introduced the public to the variety of services integrated under TaipeiPASS, hoping to stimulate commercial and tourism exchanges of the two municipalities.

## April

29 The Taipei City Government hosted and chaired the “Smart Tech in Fighting COVID-19” online seminar within GO SMART (Global Organization of Smart CITIES). The event attracted government agencies, industry players, academia, and NPOs from over 20 cities.

## May

18 In compliance with central government policies on gradual loosening of COVID restrictions and pandemic prevention needs, Taipei City Government Department of Information Technology utilized technology solutions to develop the Real-name Registration app. The application was applied to entries of public-owned venues starting May 18. Pubs and restaurants also implemented the app with their respective reopening. As of October 20, over 380 venues and facilities utilized the app, achieving an accumulated over 7.6 million admission counts.

## June

19 Under the partnership of the MOEA Industrial Development Bureau’s Smart City Taiwan Project, Taipei City Government and Lienchiang County Government jointly proposed the development of Remote Medical PASS app. Taipei City Hospital Zhongxing Campus and Lienchiang County Hospital collaborated in holding the press conference on “Cross-domain, Cross-hospital Remote Medical Care Achievements.”

## July

1 In compliance with the central government’s stimulus voucher policy and Taipei City’s NT\$1,000 bonus for its senior concessionary card and charity card holders, and NT\$500 bonus for student card holders, the Department of Information Technology set up the TaipeiPASS stimulus voucher supplementary registration system which went live on July 1. As of October 12, 2020, over 220,000 cards have completed the account linking process.

31 The Taipei City Government Department of Information Technology founded the Taipei Big

## Data Center.

### August

- 13 Hosted three sessions of the Smart City Mayors' Summit. (North America: August 18th, Europe and Asia: August 13 and 19). A total of 20 city leaders from 17 countries shared their experience at the event.
- 15 The pilot program for Real-name Registration Face Mask Vending Machine concluded on August 15 (the program was initiated on April 11, 2020). During the trial period, the machines sold a total of 78,758 sets. The data obtained during the trial period will be used as reference for future services.

### September

- 8 The 2020 Taipei Post-pandemic Era Forum on Smart City and Digital Governance was held, and Commissioner of Information Technology Simon Lu spoke on the topic of "Taipei Smart City Digital Governance and Technology Pandemic Prevention. The event also invited experts to discuss the topic on how "Smart City Assists Cities to Undergo Digital Transformation" and "How to Assist the Public to Adapt to the Revival of a New Economy and Industry System" in the post-pandemic era.
- 14 The pilot phase of TaipeiPASS app goes live.
- 28 The press conference announcing the "Taipei City Xinyi Road 5G Autonomous Bus Test Ride" was held, with dignitaries including Secretary-general Chen Chih-ming and representatives from Turning Driving and other partner companies. Signups for test ride were accepted starting September 30, inviting everyone to come and experience autonomous vehicle technology and possibilities of public transportation.

### October

- 5 The 2021 Taipei City Government Mayor's Cup Data Application Hackathon began accepting registration. The theme of the competition is the framework for promoting "Taipei Smart City 1+7 Domains". These include Smart Government; Smart Security; Smart Building; Smart Transportation; Smart Education; Smart Health; Smart Environment, and Smart Economy. The competition seeks to encourage innovations in government open data to create diversified digital application services and stimulate data application usage.

### December

- 7 In the interest of maximizing the values of data, Taipei City Government led the nation in establishing the cross-agency Data Management Committee to build a comprehensive framework and mechanism supporting digital governance. In addition to strengthening the promotion of convenient digital services, it also considered the aspect of personal data protection, opening up a new era of data empowerment for Taipei City. By including committee members from the academia and private sector,