



Appendix Chronology of Department of Health, Taipei City Government

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January	03	Convened the 2 nd meeting in 2017 for the Taipei Municipal Hospital Supervisory Team as commissioned by Taipei City Government.
	07	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government, and Taipei Pharmacists Association jointly held the “Celebration of 2017 Pharmacists Day and the 4 th Excellent Pharmacists Recognition Ceremony in Taipei City” at Cosmos Hotel, TICC. Shier-Chieh Huang, Commissioner of the Department of Health, attended the ceremony to deliver a speech and present the awards. Taipei City Mayor Wen-Je Ko and Penghu County Deputy Magistrate Jie-Shin Lin signed the Letter of Intent for the “Taipei & Penghu Family Pharmacist Collaboration Project” at a press conference, whereby the Department of Health, Taipei City Government invited representatives from Taipei City Hospital and Taipei Pharmacists Association to work together and help Penghu County establish its model of long-term pharmaceutical care.
	16	The 12 district health centers in Taipei City received 7 awards in the “Role Model of Elderly-Friendly Healthcare Facility Selection” and “Creative Proposals for Certification of Elderly-Friendly Healthcare Facilities” from the Health Promotion Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare in 2017, making Taipei City the number 1 municipality in Taiwan in terms of the most number of awards won for elderly-friendly healthcare services and facilities. The awards were presented at the municipal administrative meeting.
	22	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government published the press release titled “Announcement of New Food Safety Policies from the Department of Health: Reporting for western-styled catering services starting from March and launch of Food Safety Smile Label in May” to pre-announce the new policies for food safety that will be implemented in 2018. In March, catering service providers for cold platters, sushi, salads and other western-styled food will be required to report to the Department in advance. Starting from May, the Department will launch the “Food Safety Smile Label” for night markets by focusing on the four aspects of “food ingredient traceability”, “personnel hygiene”, “preparation environment hygiene” and “vector prevention” by designing a standard of hygiene and sanitation assessment that is suitable for night market vendors in order to ensure food safety in Taipei City.
	25	The “Expert Meeting on Responses to Flu Outbreak” was held at the peak of the epidemic and discussion was made with the experts on the prevention and control of the flu.
	29	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government issued a press release titled “Department of Health and 8 medical centers making early preparations in response to potential influenza pandemic” to announce information relating to the additional ILI clinics that will be available during the Lunar New Year period.
February	10	Mayor Wen-Je Ko took on the role as “One-Day Community Doctor” and visited to disadvantaged seniors and patients with disabilities in the communities in Wanhua District.
March	13	On March 13, 14, 22, and 26, the Department of Health held 2 sessions of the Health Inspection Practice Workshop (I) at the Department of Civil Servant Development with 82 participants.
	17	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government organized the “Food Safety Information at Your Fingertips Fair” (as a part of the Food Safety Week campaign) at the pedestrian area of Xinyi District to disseminate relevant food safety policies and invited other external agencies to set up specific booths to present relevant information, such as Taiwan Food and Drug Administration’s booth of departmental stores, the introduction to “4 labels and 1 QR code” by the Department of Education, the night market section by the Taipei City Market Administration Office and so forth.
	20	In conjunction with efforts by Department of Social Welfare, Taipei City Government to push for quick establishment of community care spots, the Department of Health has compiled a list of 150 care spots by means of voluntary registration by spot administrators and identifying spots that serve significant quantity of food in order to designate personnel at these 150 spots to assist food preparation personnel in relevant concepts of food safety so that citizens can enjoy delicious food without having to worry about food safety. Mayor Wen-Je Ko invited 40 senior citizens to have lunch together and along with Department of Health Commissioner Shier-Chieh Huang and Department of Social Welfare Commissioner Li-Min Hsu, the Mayor announced to the citizens that “Food Safety Protection at Joint Meal Sites for Senior” is officially launched.



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March	20	Taipei City Hospital became the first city in the Chinese-speaking parts of the world to sign and enter into the partnership by the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care by becoming a “Fast-Track Cities” to construct channels of experience and resource sharing with other members of the international community with the ultimate goal of achieving “AIDS Free Generation” by 2030.
	20	Operating under Taipei City Hospital, Kunming Prevention and Control Center is responsible for the task of AIDS prevention in Taipei City, which became the first city in the Chinese-speaking parts of the world to be accepted into the partnership by the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care by becoming a “Fast-Track Cities” to construct channels of experience and resource sharing with other members of the international community.
	24	At the 2017 Strategy Map Implementation Outcome Presentation of Taipei City Government Pioneer Camp for Administrative Chiefs, the Department of Health placed 2 nd in the Improvement of Health and Safety (division G).
	26	In the 2017 local health agency performance evaluation by the Ministry of Health and Welfare, the Department of Health, Taipei City Government came in 6 th place in group 1 in the overall ranking.
	28	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government, and all other relevant departments/offices held the “13 th Meeting of the Taipei City Government Food Safety Committee”. Mayor Wen-Je Ko attended the meeting and gave instructions.
	29	Taipei City Hospital held an agreement signing ceremony and exchange seminar with NCCU Teaching Clinic.
	31	Department of Health Commissioner Shier-Chieh Huang led a group of representatives from Taipei City Hospital and Taipei Pharmacists Association on an official visit to Penghu County Government to review the results and outcome of family pharmacists project promotion in Penghu County as assisted by Taipei City. The collaborative program enabled Penghu County to set up 9 senior citizen care spots and a total of family pharmacists visits made for 124 Penghu residents to provide care and guidance on polypharmacy, drug-drug interactions, medication consultation and so forth. The program has successfully established a local pharmacist service care model in Penghu County.
April	13	The 1 st staff conference for the prevention of dengue fever and Zika viruses took place. 33 departments/offices of the Taipei City Government, disease prevention experts and the Centers for Disease Control of the Ministry of Health and Welfare attended the conference to share the results of epidemic prevention and improve disease prevention strategies together.
	13	The 1 st staff conference for the prevention of enterovirus in 2018 was chaired by Deputy Mayor Chia-Ji Teng and attended by the Department of Education, Department of Social Welfare and Department of Labor to discuss the preparatory tasks that need to be carried out prior to the popular season for the virus. Representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and experts in pediatric infection were invited to give their advice on the matter.
	15	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government organized the “Food Safety Journey to the West - Catering Service Reporting Fair” (as a part of the Food Safety Week campaign) and officially announced that pursuant to Taipei City Self-Governing Regulations for Food Safety, since March 2018, all proprietors of western-styled buffet catering services involved in the preparation of meals for 200 or more patrons are required to notify the Department of Health in advance. Apart from reviewing the safety of menu design before hand, the Department will also dispatch personnel to audit the premise of food preparation to prevent potential incidence of food poisoning.



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April	23	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government became the first municipal health agency to implement the “One-Stop Health Service For Children”, which involves a comprehensive health check-up that include aspects of physical examination, child development, oral hygiene, eyesight and hearing for a total of 1,251 children. The service concluded on August 31.
	27	Taipei City Hospital held the 2018 Taiwan-Japan Community and Home Integrated Healthcare Forum.
	30	In light of climate changes and trends of global warming, the Department of Health has made official announcements on the prevention of vector mosquito breeding in Taipei City and relevant measures that will be taken to eradicate the potential mosquito breeding spots to prevent Dengue fever.
May	07	Organized the “My Era of Women Power! Fearless Actions in Cancer Prevention” press conference, in which Peggy Chen (Mayor Wen-Je Ko’s wife) attended as Taipei City’s Cancer Ambassador to share her personal experience in combating cancer. She called out to all women to take better care of their health by taking the four-cancer screening on a regular basis in order to achieve early discovery and preemptive treatment.
	07	Taipei City Hospital held the 2018 Taiwan-U.S. Health and Welfare Policy Symposium.
	21	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government introduced the “Food Safety Smile Certification” - the first label specifically intended for night markets vendors, who will be able to receive Food Safety Smile Gold/Silver Label by passing the inspection that focuses on four major aspects of “personnel hygiene, preparation environment hygiene, food ingredient traceability and vector prevention” For the first year, the Department prioritized the three major international tourism night markets of “Shilin Market, Ningxia Night Market and Huaxi Street Night Market”, with a total of 169 vendors receiving the label.
	24	Together with Taiwan Lean Healthcare Management Association and Taiwan Healthcare Quality Association, Taipei City Hospital organized the 1 st Asia Lean Healthcare International Summit and Seminar.
	28	Taipei City Hospital Kunming Prevention and Control Center, the Ministry of Justice and the National Museum of Natural Science jointly organized the “To Do or Not to Do - One Critical Decision” Anti-Narcotics Mobile Museum Tour Exhibition at the entrance of MRT Ximending Station over a period of 19 days (May 28 - June 15, 2018). The exhibition attracted a total of 5,100 viewers.
	29	The Department of Health established the “Rules of Smart Power Usage Subsidy Plan for Medical Institutions and Pharmacies in Taipei City”, which came into effect on May 18, 2018.



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June	6	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government held the 3 rd meeting of the “Platform for Joint Inspection of Food and Drug Safety in Taipei City”. Representatives from the Taiwan Taipei District Prosecutors Office, Taiwan Shilin District Prosecutors Office, the Department of Legal Affairs, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Education, the Department of Economic Development, Taipei City Police Department, Taipei City Market Administration Office and Taipei City Office of Commerce were invited to attend the meeting to discuss the issue of food safety.
	11	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government, and all other relevant departments/offices held the “14 th Meeting of the Taipei City Government Food Safety Committee”. The Deputy Mayor Chia-Ji Teng attended the meeting and gave instructions.
	12	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government held the information session on “Food Safety Regulations - Inclusion of Franchise Self-Service Food Providers in Food Grading and Routine Inspection”.
	23	Taipei City Hospital Kunming Prevention and Control Center and Taipei Rapid Transit Corporation collaborated in the organization of the Anti-Narcotics Promotion on MRT Trains with Thematic Illustrations (Polar Ice Cap and Poppy Fields). These special trains operated on MRT Bannan Line between June 23 and September 30, 2018, with a total of 2,225 runs.
	27	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government, along with the Department of Economic Development, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Education and Taipei City Market Administration Office jointly organized the “Food Taipei - The Taipei International Food Show and Food Safety Carnival” at TWTC. Approximately 4,000 visitors came to the Taipei City area to check out the presented contents. The event concluded on June 30.
July	01	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government, held the gynecologic cancer screening event of “Happy Screening and Generous Gifts”. Any citizen of Taipei City who qualified for screening and took the pap smear test or mammography examination would receive a lottery scratchcard. 30,000 persons participated in the event by as of November 30.
	01	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government became the first municipal health agency in Taiwan to implement “Dementia Friendly Demonstration Community” in Zhongzheng District of Taipei City by integrating relevant resources from the sector, government, academia and private organizations in an effort to jointly create a supportive and friendly environment for dementia patients.
	05	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government made an official announcement on the beginning of the warning period for potential high season for enterovirus infections and issued official instructions to all schools and care facilities to duly implement enterovirus infection notification and suspension of classes along with relevant disease prevention measures such as sterilization of premises to prevent potential cluster infections.
	16	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government hosted an information session on the “Inspection of Heat Resistance and Migration Limit of Formaldehyde and Melamine for Melamine Chopsticks for Franchise Hot-Pot Proprietors”.
	16	Taipei City Hospital held a rally for the promotion of healthcare classification and bilateral medical referral.
	31	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government received the Outstanding Award with 1 st placement in the Food and Drug Category in the 2017 “Local Health Agency Performance Evaluation” by the Food and Drug Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare.



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August	03	The 1 st ad hoc meeting for the prevention of dengue fever and Zika viruses was held for relevant departments/offices of the Taipei City Government, disease prevention experts and the Centers for Disease Control of the Ministry of Health and Welfare to take part to discuss the division of tasks and responsibilities for Dengue fever prevention in the municipality.
	07	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government received the No.1 Team Award in the “Promotion of Gender Equity Incentive Program in 2016/2017 for all Taipei City Government Departments”.
	16	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government received the title of “Best in Four Cancer Screening Follow-up Efficiency” for outstanding performance in the implementation of cancer screening from the Health Promotion Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare.
	16	On August 16, 17, 21 and 22, the Department of Health held 2 sessions of the Health Inspection Practice Workshop (II) at the Department of Civil Servant Development for a total of 80 participants.
	29	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government organized the 2018 Food Tracer Taipei Presentation and revealed the new inclusion of “Franchise Breakfast Restaurant Section”. In accordance with the pre-announcement that was made on the Taipei City Self-Governing Regulations for Food Safety, hand-made beverage providers operating 3 (including) or more stores have been mandatorily included in the platform and are now required to display the QR code accordingly to improve food safety transparency.
	30	The 2 nd ad hoc meeting for the prevention of dengue fever and Zika viruses was held for relevant departments/offices of the Taipei City Government, disease prevention experts and the Centers for Disease Control of the Ministry of Health and Welfare to take part to discuss the division of tasks and responsibilities for Dengue fever prevention in the municipality with regards to the management of vegetable gardens and farm city.
September	05	Together with the Health Promotion Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, the Department of Health, Taipei City Government set the first instance in Taiwan of using “API” to interface cancer screening data and implement cancer prevention outcome monitoring through automation and visualization features so as to provide relevant services in real time as needed by citizens and make relevant adjustments in strategies when necessary.
	07	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government collaborated with the Department of Information Technology and launched the first “Cancer Prevention Knowledge Assistant” smart-service - a chat bot that operates through Taipei City Government’s official LINE account that enables citizens to acquire cancer prevent related information by selecting the relevant menus or directly asking the chat bot via LINE.
	07	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government issued a press release titled “Department of Health orders Abbott Taiwan to remove 6 products including “Ensure” from store shelves within 48 hours” and instructed Abbott Taiwan to complete the process of preventive removal of all 6 products in accordance to Article 10 of Taipei City Self-Governing Regulations for Food Safety within 48 hours effective immediately (17:00 hours on September 7, 2018).
	08	With the theme of “Leading the way to health through evolution and innovation”, the “2018 Cancer Screening Health Policy Seminar and Press Conference” was held by the Department of Health. Health Promotion Administration Director General Ying-Wei Wang, along with other representatives and experts from the 25 cancer quality hospitals in Taipei City and Taiwan Medical Association took part in the event to discuss the current state and promotion of cancer prevention policies.
	15	Taipei City Hospital organized the “Reminiscing the Memories Lost - I Can Support You in Taipei” event for the Month of Dementia campaign.
20	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government, and all other relevant departments/offices held the “15 th Meeting of the Taipei City Government Food Safety Committee”. The Deputy Mayor Chia-Ji Teng attended the meeting and gave instructions.	



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October	05	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government sent three teams to take part in the finals of the “2018 Energetic Seniors - Grandpa & Grandma Vitality National Competition” organized by the Health Promotion Administration and received several awards and distinctions, including gold medal, bronze medal and Award for Best Creativity in the “rhythm with vigor” category and Award for Most Popularity and so forth.
	05	Taipei City Government came in 1 st place in the overall rating of “Incentive Program for Local Governments to Implement and Promote the 5-Ring Food Safety Reform Policy in 2017” by the Executive Yuan.
	09	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government organized the “Taipei City Food Sanitation Management Grading and Assessment Presentation for 2018”, in which Mayor Wen-Je Ko attended. Mayor Ko addressed the participants and presented the awards to their respective winners. Since the full promotion of food sanitation management grading in 2015, the Department has sought to create a network of food safety, with more than 2,000 proprietors and service providers having passed the assessment within the past 4 years to substantially raise the bar of food safety in Taipei City, making it a benchmark city for citizens who eat out.
	16	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government ranked 1 st in the “7 th Administrative Transparency Award” organized by Taipei City Government in 2018 for the “Food and Drug Inspection Map Project”.
	17	For its efforts to continue the promotion of healthy city by integrating health, elderly friendliness and community safety, the Department of Health, Taipei City Government received two Innovative Development Awards (most awards won in Taiwan) at the 8 th Alliance for Healthy Cities 2018 held in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia.
	19	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government came in 1 st place in the “Best Art Award”, 2 nd place in the “Best Creativity Award” and 3 rd place in the “Most Popular Award” in the healthcare wall poster exhibition in the 1 st Lean Management Outcome Presentation organized by Taipei City Government.
	25	Amendments were made to Points 5, 6, 7 and 8 in the “Rules of Smart Power Usage Subsidy Plan for Medical Institutions and Pharmacies in Taipei City”. The amendments came into effect on October 18, 2018.
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	26	The 2 nd staff conference for the prevention of enterovirus in 2018 was chaired by Deputy Mayor Chia-Ji Teng and attended by the Department of Education and Department of Social Welfare to continue with relevant coordination and communications. Representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and experts in pediatrics and pediatric infection were invited to assist in the improvement of disease prevention.



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November	12	On November 12 and 13, the Department of Health, Taipei City Government, held 2 sessions of the Health Inspection Practice Workshop (III) at the Department of Civil Servant Development of the Taipei City Government, with 68 participants.
	20	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government came in 3 rd place in the category of “Cross-Boundary Collaboration” in the 2018 Creative Proposal Competition organized by Taipei City Government for its proposal of “Bringing Taipei City’s Home Pharmacist to Ju Island - Taipei-Penghu Collaboration in the Promotion of Family Pharmacist Project”.
	27	Taipei City Hospital organized the “2018 Taipei International Palliative Care Seminar”.
	28	Taipei City Hospital held the “Medical Rehabilitation, Community Prosperity, Smart Services and Strategic Alliance - Taipei City Hospital Field Experiment Pilot Program Initiation Press Conference”.
	29	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government, held a ceremony to honor the recipients of the 2018 Award for Exemplary Volunteers and Teams Providing Voluntary Services of Sanitation and Healthcare in Taipei City at the lobby on the 1 st floor of the Taipei City Hall. During the ceremony, Deputy Mayor Chia-Ji Teng and Department of Health Commissioner Shier-Chieh Huang presented 60 awards to health service volunteers, 30 “angel volunteers” and 9 awards to cancer prevention volunteers for their outstanding performance. A total of 280 persons attended the ceremony.
	30	Taipei City Hospital Kunming Prevention and Control Center organized the World AIDS Day event “50 years of Love at Kunming & Special Exhibition on New Perspective for AIDS Prevention & AIDS Film Festival & AIDS Forum & Health Education Market”. These activities attracted a total of 8,560 participants and concluded on December 2.
December	03	National Taiwan University Cancer Center became operational.
	06	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government, held the “2018 Taipei City Outstanding Business Area Sanitation Self-Management Classifying and Assessment Certifying Ceremony” and promoted the nation’s first assessment of self-management of business sanitation for hotels, beauty salons, bathhouses, entertainment industry, swimming pools and movie theaters.
	12	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government received the Outstanding Local Health Department in Healthy Workplace Promotion in 2018” from the Health Promotion Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare.



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December	15	In conjunction with the "TB - Smart Care Card Pilot Program" implemented by the Centers for Disease Control under Ministry of Health and Welfare, the Department of Health, Taipei City Government became the first municipal health department to adopt "Smart Care Card" as a replacement for the traditional printed "TB/Latent TB Infection Treatment Handbook" to implement electronic diagnostics and management of TB/latent TB cases.
	17	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government, and all other relevant departments/offices held the "16 th Meeting of the Taipei City Government Food Safety Committee". Mayor Wen-Je Ko attended the meeting and gave instructions.
	20	2018 Taipei-Shanghai Forum - Health Industry Exchange Forum.
	24	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government held the "Award Presentation Ceremony for Hospitals and 12 District Health Service Centers with Outstanding Performance in the Promotion of Cancer Prevention and Service Quality Improvement" at the 1F Conference Room of Beitou District Health Service Center. The event was attended by 175 participants.
	26	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government issued a press release titled "Abbot Taiwan to face NT\$ 100,000 fine for failing to notify Department of Health in accordance to self-governing regulations for food safety". In the evening of December 20, 2018, the Department received notification from the media regarding instances of customer complaint on the quality deterioration of 2 Abbotts products sealed in plastic bottles. After making an official inquiry with Abbott Taiwan, the Department found that the company had received a total of 9 customer complaints for "Abbott Ensure" and "Abbott Ensure Elite" but had withheld the complaints from the Department. Pursuant to Article 10 of Taipei City Self-Governing Regulations for Food Safety, the company would face another fine of NT\$ 100,000.
	31	The Department of Health, Taipei City Government, announced that the "all mountain hiking trails in Taipei City" have been designated as non-smoking sections effective from December 31, 2018.