

Greetings!

Taipei City and your esteemed city enjoy a deep and meaningful relationship, and we are very grateful for the many fruitful exchanges in which your city has engaged with us over the years. We sincerely invite your city to take part in the “2026 Taipei Lantern Festival,” adding to the story of our mutual cooperative exchanges in tourism-related activities.

The “Lantern Festival” is a local traditional celebration during which members of families, young through old, go out together to enjoy the beauty of artistically decorated lanterns. The lively atmosphere of the long Lunar New Year period is brought to a close with the Lantern Festival. The Taipei Lantern Festival, which was launched in 1997, was the first large-scale Lantern Festival celebration staged in Taiwan. In recent years a fusion of high-tech interactive lighting and local cultural diversity has been brought to our Taipei event, and the festivities have been brought right into the city streets, commercial districts, and attractive landscape of old and new architecture, generating deepened interaction between festivalgoers and city neighborhoods and bringing the festival in line with international trends. One of the most popular celebrations of the New Year period in Taiwan, our annual city-hosted Taipei Lantern Festival attracts millions each year. The 2025 edition was an extra-stellar success, with the total number of domestic and foreign visitors surpassing 3.61 million.

The 2026 Taipei Lantern Festival is scheduled to run from **FEB. 26 – MAR. 15**, in an area along Zhonghua Road in Taipei’s West District, with the environs around the Taipei Metro’s Beimen Station and Ximen Station as the main venues. This area is rich in tourism resources, the nearby Taipei Main Station is a key transportation hub for domestic and foreign travelers visiting Taipei, and there is a treasure trove of sightseeing attractions in the vicinity, including the Ximending shopping/entertainment zone, Camera Street, Cinema Street, Shoe Street, several underground shopping malls, North Gate (Cheng’ en Gate), Railway Ministry Park,

Taipei Info Hub, and Beimen Post Office.

I would like to warmly invite your city to be a participant in the 2026 Taipei Lantern Festival lantern display, introducing your home area's unique cultural customs and sightseeing charms to Taipei's citizens and visiting tourists and at the same time further deepening our mutual exchanges and friendship.

I would also like to wish you vigor and vitality, good fortune and smooth success in all your endeavors, and good health!

Respectfully yours,

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