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Education Ministry holds show to recruit students in Mumbai (China Post, 01.10.2016)

In a bid to attract more Indian students to study in Taiwan, the Ministry of Education (MOE) recently hosted the "2016 Taiwan Higher Education Show in India" in Mumbai in cooperation with National Tsing Hua University and Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in India. 12 universities from across Taiwan participated in the fair, according to an MOE press release. This is the sixth straight year that the MOE has organized the show in India, aiming to boost the awareness of Taiwan's universities among Indian students and attract students to study for graduate degrees in Taiwan.

Women excel at Tang Prize awards (Focus Taiwan, 05.10.2016)

The high number of women receiving Tang Prize awards indicates that women perform at a high level in their chosen fields, Chen Jenn-chuan, CEO of the Tang Prize Foundation, said on October 5th. Chen noted that four women have won Tang prizes at the two Tang Prize award ceremonies, accounting for 36 percent of the 11 winners. In comparison, of about 900 Nobel laureates awarded since 1901, only 48 have been women, accounting for 5.33 percent of the total.

Global Study Awards round two student winners announced (China Post, 08.10.2016)

Six students from around the world won a grant of around £10,000 in round two of the Global Study Awards. Winners of the awards, sponsored by the British Council, IELTS, the International Student Identity Card (ISIC) and StudyPortals, were announced Tuesday at the EAIE conference in Liverpool. Aparajeeta Ghosh (28) from India, Ho Wing Yu (24) from Hong Kong, Jieh-hen Tsung (25) from Taiwan, Jurgen Stolzlechner (27) from Austria, Miriam Omar (28) from Malaysia and Rana Burqan (23) from Palestinian Territories, beat out over 100,000 applicants after demonstrating outstanding achievement.

Taiwanese, Indian universities ink cooperation agreement (Focus Taiwan, 10.10.2016)

Taiwan-based National Kaohsiung University of Applied Sciences (KUAS) and Manav Rachna International University (MRIU), a private university in India, signed an agreement Monday on promoting academia-industry cooperation projects. The agreement was inked by Chung Jui-fang, the deputy head of KUAS's Office of International Affairs, and M.K. Soni, the executive director of MRIU's Engineering & Technology department, at a ceremony witnessed by Taiwan's representative to India, Tien Chung-kwang.

Local universities launch int'l internship program (China Post, 29.10.2016)

More than 400 people from universities and industries across Taiwan attended the official launch of an international internship exchange program yesterday in Tunghai University in Taichung. Tunghai University is promoting the international exchange program allowing Taiwan's student to do internships in other countries, with many local and foreign universities and companies participating. The Taichung-based University said the program, headed by Prof. Hsu En-te, also arranges for foreign students to do internships in Taiwan.

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Siemens Taiwan and Taichung join together for development in Smart Machinery Capital (China Post, 03.10.2016)

Courtesy of Siemens -- Taichung City Government (TCG) is working to realize the new government's policy to develop Taichung City into the Capital of Smart Machinery and to further focus on strategic development in building a new industrial cluster. In a move towards further collaboration, TCG and Siemens Taiwan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to deepen technological exchanges between Taiwan and Germany and to commit to further cooperate in developing Taichung City into a global Smart Machinery and Manufacturing Center.

TAITRONICS puts smart technology in spotlight (China Post, 07.10.2016)

The Taipei International Electronics Show (TAITRONICS) opened on October 6th, featuring cutting-edge technologies in the field of the internet of things (IoT), which includes smart home, smart machinery, robotics applications and more. In addition to showcasing traditional electronics, this year's TAITRONICS is offering four all-new exhibition areas: medical care, smart manufacturing, new ventures and robotics and unmanned vehicles. Together, they mirror the theme of the show this year: "smart technology, innovative application."

Taipei Electronics Show ends with deals reaching US\$146 m. (Focus Taiwan, 09.10.2016)



The 2016 Taipei International Electronics Show concluded Sunday with deals reaching as high as US\$146 million during the four-day exhibition, the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) said. About 530 manufacturers from around the world established 1,050 booths to showcase the state-of-the-art products and techniques at the show, jointly organized by TAITRA and the Taiwan Electric and Electronics Manufacturers' Association from October 6th at Nangang Exhibition Hall. The show attracted about 30,000 visitors, including domestic buyers and those from 80 foreign countries, TAITRA said.

Annual electronics trade show draws to a close (China Post, 11.10.2016)

An annual trade show for electronics and smart technology, drew to a close on October 9th after proving itself as the preeminent gathering of firms in Taiwan's electronics supply chain. The four-day exhibition, jointly organized by the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) and the Taiwan Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association (TEEMA), featured 530 exhibitors. It attracted nearly 30,000 buyers and visitors from 80 countries, including Thailand, Russia, Malaysia, Egypt, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, France, India, Indonesia and China.

Samsung stops Note 7 swap in Taiwan (Focus Taiwan 11.10.2016)

South Korean smartphone brand Samsung Electronics Co. said October 11th that it has stopped exchanges of its latest phablet -- the Galaxy Note 7 -- for new devices in Taiwan after several of the replacement devices exploded around the world. Samsung Taiwan said those consumers in Taiwan who still own the original Note 7 or have a replacement models should keep their devices powered off for the moment. The South Korean vendor said it will soon announce the details about a refund, a replacement of the controversial smartphone model, or an exchange for other Galaxy models in Taiwan, and noted that it is in the process of negotiating refund and exchange policies with its Taiwanese distributors.

American Innovation Pavilion to open in Taipei on Wednesday (Focus Taiwan 11.10.2016)

The American Innovation Pavilion will be officially opened on October 12th at Songshan Cultural and Creative Park in Taipei during a ceremony hosted by Minister Without Portfolio Audrey Tang and American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) Director Kin Moy, the event's organizer said on October 11th. The opening ceremony will feature a speech by Tang delivered using virtual reality. The minister is also involved in promoting digital technology in Taiwan, to help people become more familiar with innovative technological developments, according to the Taiwan Innovation Center (AIC), which established the pavilion by combining innovative U.S. technology and Taiwanese entrepreneurship.

eCommerce Expo Asia reaps fruitful results (China Post, 12.10.2016)

The second eCommerce Expo Asia saw the attendance of 66 enterprises over 145 booths and drew a total of 9,000 domestic and international buyers and industry members, according to organizers. This year's show focused on four themes: big data, cross-border ecommerce, digital finance and innovation. Many multinational corporations were in attendance at the eCommerce Expo Asia for the first time, in a sign of the e-commerce industry's healthy growth in the Taiwan market. Industry companies that attended the event expressed high approval of the show, organizers said.

Taiwan Hardware Show (China Post, 13.10.2016)

Taichung Mayor Lin Chia-lung (fifth from right) arrives at the opening ceremony of the 2016 Taiwan Hardware Show at the Greater Taichung International Expo Center on Wednesday, Oct. 12. The nation's hardware companies gathered at the 16th annual event to showcase their latest products and to exchange ideas with potential buyers and investors. This year's exhibition features more than 400 domestic and international companies and runs from Oct. 12-14. Taichung hosts more than 70 percent of the nation's hardware companies and is seeking to become the leading city in the smart machine industry field.

HTC adds US\$100 million to Vive X accelerator program (Focus Taiwan 14.10.2016)

Taiwan-based smartphone brand HTC Corp. said October 14th that it will invest an additional US\$100 million in its Vive X accelerator program, which aims to fund virtual reality start-ups around the world. HTC launched the Vive X program in August with its first US\$100 million in investment, backed more than 30 VR startups, including Action Bunker VR, LumiereVR, Directive Games, EdSenses, Shortfuse, CleVR and SurrealVR and Teemew, in the first phase of the Vive X program and helped them come up with various applications for VR technology.

Taiwan, French firms teaming up to build solar panel in a reservoir (China Post, 14.10.2016)

A Taiwanese company is teaming up with a French partner on a project to build a floating solar panel system in a reservoir in Kaohsiung, the first stage of which is expected to be completed to by the middle of 2017. Austin Yu, project supervisor of the Hsinchu-based German Solar Asia Co., said the firm is working with French solar energy firm Ciel & Terre to set up Taiwan's first floating solar panel in a reservoir, at Agongdian Reservoir. He made the



remarks at the Taiwan International Green Industry Show, which is bringing together more than 200 exhibitors from home and abroad.

Taiwan debuts aerospace tech in Japan (Taiwan Today, 17.10.2016)

A Taiwan delegation comprised of four companies and led by National Chung-Shan Institute of Science and Technology participated for the first time in this year's Japan International Aerospace Exhibition October 12th to 15th in Tokyo, showcasing a variety of Taiwan's domestically developed defense systems and aerospace technologies. The NCSIST is the primary research and development organization of the Ministry of National Defense, producing defense systems such as the Tien Kung and Tien Chien missiles. According to the institute, it is working to expand its presence in the international defense technology community by participating in exhibitions to display its well-developed products and form global partnerships.

Machine tool makers march toward Industry 4.0 (Taiwan Today, 19.10.2016)

Machine tool makers in central Taiwan's Taichung City are ramping up efforts to utilize smart manufacturing technologies in their production processes and product development so as to boost their international competitiveness. These moves are in line with the government's plan to transform the country into a global manufacturing hub for intelligent machinery and necessary as industry members increasingly face threats from regional competitors.

5 Taiwanese cities, counties listed in 2017 Smart21 Communities (Focus Taiwan, 20.10.2016)

Five cities and counties in Taiwan -- Chiayi, Keelung, Tainan and Taoyuan cities and Yilan County -- were named Wednesday among the world's Smart21 Communities of 2017 by the New York-based Intelligent Community Forum (ICF). The 21 finalists will vie for a place in the Top 7 Intelligent Communities of 2017 in February, which will lead up to the Intelligent Community of the Year award in June.

Taiwan moves toward opening renewable energy market (Taiwan Today, 21.10.2016)

A two-stage draft amendment to the Electricity Act aimed at opening Taiwan's renewable energy market and putting in place related regulatory and management measures was approved October 20th by the Executive Yuan. During the first stage, the nation's energy industry will transform into a decentralized, localized and community-based one characterized by a thriving green power production sector. The second stage, which is to be implemented step-by-step, will see renewable and traditional generation facilities selling electricity to public power utilities, and consumers selecting their providers.

Techies wanted for Taiwan's Silicon Valley (China Post, 24.10.2016)

Taiwan is stepping up efforts to attract budding tech talent from around the world, as it seeks to cast itself as a hub for tech startups. From next month, a team of venture capitalists and government officials will be on the lookout for startups within Taiwan's shores and beyond to get them to set up shop in Taiwan's "Asian Silicon Valley" in northern Taoyuan City. The aim is to get companies to establish their research and development centres in Taoyuan, where they can nurture and groom more tech creators and, in time, build a thriving tech scene.

Taiwan striving to boost biotech industry growth: vice president (Focus Taiwan, 26.10.2016)

Vice President Chen Chien-jen said October 26th that the government aims to boost the growth of the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry's output from the current 6 percent to 9 percent by 2025. To achieve this goal, the government plans to help local companies to roll out 20 new medicines and 80 medical devices, launch them in overseas markets, and develop 10 biotech and health service brands by 2025, according to Chen.

Cabinet approves Tainan green energy park plan: spokesman (Focus Taiwan, 27.10.2016)

The Executive Yuan on October 27th approved the establishment of a renewable energy technology innovation park in the Shalun area of Tainan which will require an estimated NT\$50 billion (US\$1.58 billion) in investment, according to Cabinet spokesman Hsu Kuo-yung. Under the plan, the green energy park will be built on the periphery of Taiwan High Speed Rail (THSR) Tainan Station and be integrated with a planned conference center and National Chiao Tung University's Tainan branch.

InterPay launches electronic payment service (China Post, 27.10.2016)

InterPay, the wholly-owned subsidiary of PChome Group subsidiary PChomePay, announced on October 27th that it would officially launch PChome InterPay Electronic Payment Service. It will provide online payment services to the 8.8 million users on Taiwan's No.1 e-commerce market Ruten. Through InterPay, users can use the stored credit for online shopping and can freely make transfers between electronic payment accounts. The official debut marks a further extension of online payment options in Taiwan.

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