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iPhone X hits stores in Taiwan (Focus Taiwan, 3.11.2017)

Apple's new flagship iPhone X was officially launched on November 3 in Taiwan, one of the 50 markets around the world to receive the first wave of the latest smartphone model released by the U.S. tech giant. Sales at the Apple Shop in the 101 building in Taipei's Xinyi District started at 8 a.m., with a long line of customers queuing to get the device that they had pre-ordered since October 27.

Line stages Taiwan TechPulse event, hopes to find new partners (Focus Taiwan, 3.11.2017)

Japanese messaging app operator Line Corp. announced on November 3 that it plans to expand its services to cover the Internet-of-Things next year and hopes to find new partners in Taiwan to help with this development. At the LINE Taiwan TechPulse 2017 held in Taipei, attended by more than 700 third-party developers, the messaging company said it hopes to expand the functions and utility of its messaging platform.

AI technology expected to get more humanized, interactive (Focus Taiwan, 3.11.2017)

Numerous developments in artificial intelligence (AI) were showcased in Taipei on November 3, with their developers sharing their vision of the cutting-edge technology that they predict will become more emotionally responsive like humans

Qualcomm's halt of deal with ITRI could hurt Taiwan's 5G development (Focus Taiwan, 5.11.2017)

Qualcomm Inc.'s suspension of its 5G technology development collaboration with Taiwan's Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) will likely affect Taiwan's 5G technology development, Technology Minister Chen Liang-gee said on October 5. Qualcomm made the decision to halt the deal with ITRI shortly after the Taiwanese Fair Trade Commission imposed a NT\$23.4 billion (US\$793 million) fine on the firm for antitrust regulation violations on October 11.

AIoT to create new business opportunities for Taiwan: IEK (Focus Taiwan, 6.11.2017)

The Industrial Economics and Knowledge Center (IEK) said on November 6 that it expects the Artificial Intelligence of Things (AIoT) to bring tremendous business opportunities to Taiwan at a time when the country is eager to upgrade its industries.

Two ITRI technologies win CES 2018 Innovation Awards (Focus Taiwan, 13.11.2017)

Two technologies developed by the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) have won CES 2018 Innovation Awards and will be showcased at CES 2018 in Las Vegas from January 9 to 12, according to a statement issued by the ITRI on November 13.

HTC unveils new standalone VR headset in Beijing (Focus Taiwan, 14.11.2017)

Taiwanese consumer electronics company HTC Corp. unveiled its Vive Focus, a standalone virtual reality headset, at the Vive Developer Conference in Beijing on October 14. HTC has been dominating the VR market in China over the past year, with the Vive taking an 82 percent share in the third quarter of the year.

Asia-Pacific experts gather in Taipei for tech-focused women's entrepreneurship workshop (Taiwan Today, 15.11.2017)

An international workshop on harnessing the potential of women entrepreneurs in the high-tech sector kicked off Nov. 14 in Taipei City, bringing together 21 experts from 12 countries to discuss best practices and the latest developments across the Asia-Pacific. Co-organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and American Institute in Taiwan, the three-day event is staged under the auspices of the Global Cooperation and Training Framework—a Taiwan-U.S. platform for addressing global and regional challenges.

Taiwan-developed LCD waste recycling system wins R&D 100 Award (Focus Taiwan, 20.11.2017)

A system developed by Taiwan's top Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) to recycle toxic liquid crystal display (LCD) waste has won an R&D 100 Award for 2017, which honors revolutionary technology from around the world over the past year.

**MediaTek to hold mobile phone design program for Indian talent (20.11.2017)**

Taiwan-based integrated circuit designer MediaTek Inc. announced on November 20 that it will hold a program to help train mobile phone design talent from India for the second time next year. The program, which is part of an effort to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the mobile phone industry, will include lessons on mobile phone design, radio frequency and operating systems.

Taiwan-Russia workshop to develop two-way cooperation (Focus Taiwan, 22.11.2017)

The first ever Taiwan-Russia joint technology transfer workshop was held on November 22 in Taipei to introduce advanced Russian technology to Taiwanese academics and businesses searching for cooperative opportunities.

Leading Russian scientist says founding of Tang Prize was 'timely' (Focus Taiwan, 22.11.2017)

A visiting Russian scientist on November 22 said the founding of the Tang Prize was "timely," as it honors scientists who make significant contributions in the fields of practical science and engineering. The Tang Prize, established by Samuel Yin, chairman of the Ruentex Financial Group, is a set of biennial international awards bestowed in four fields, namely sustainable development, biopharmaceutical science, Sinology, and rule of law.

Two astrophysicists win 2017 Franco-Taiwanese Scientific Grand Prize (Focus Taiwan, 23.11.2017)

Two astrophysicists were awarded the 2017 Franco-Taiwanese Scientific Grand Prize in Paris on November 22 for their collaboration on the study of interstellar medium. The Franco-Taiwanese Scientific Grand Prize is an annual award that has been given to researchers in France and Taiwan since 1999. It can be given to scientists in any field but prioritizes research that facilitates collaboration between Taiwan and France.

Premier aiming for mobile payment penetration rate of 90% by 2025 (Focus Taiwan, 24.11.2017)

Premier Lai Ching-te laid out a three-point plan on November 24 for promoting mobile payment in Taiwan, with the goal of reaching a 90 percent penetration rate by 2025. Speaking at a "Mobile Payment Day" event, Lai said it is important to expand mobile payment in Taiwan to create a "smart country" that can keep up with global trends in the age of digital economy.

VP Chen affirms Taiwan's commitment to smart robot development (Taiwan Today, 27.11.2017)

Taiwan's high-tech prowess makes it the best partner for global industry heavyweights engaging in research and development of robotic surgical devices, Vice President Chen Chien-jen said November 24, during the opening ceremony for the third Asian Congress of Robotic and Endoscope Surgery in Taipei City. Co-organized by Taiwan Robotic Surgery Association, the annual event serves as a platform to interact and exchange ideas among physicians, researchers and clinical professionals.

Photo quality of FormoSat-5 of commercial value now: NSPO (Focus Taiwan, 29.11.2017)

The quality of photos taken by Taiwan's first self-made satellite, earlier reported to be fuzzy and marred by light spots, has improved and is now of commercial value, a senior executive of the National Space Organization (NSPO) said on November 28.

Taiwanese scholar receives Switzerland's top chemistry award (Focus Taiwan, 29.11.2017)

Taiwanese academic Shih Chih-jen has become the first Asian to receive the most prestigious Swiss chemistry award, Taiwan's representative office in Switzerland said on November 29. Shih, an assistant professor at Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH) Zurich, was awarded the Ruzicka-Preis on November 28 for his research and development of the highest purest form of the green light-emitting diode, the office said.

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Education

Over 70 foreign students to compete in Chinese speaking competition (Focus Taiwan, 1.11.2017)

A total of 77 foreign students from 14 countries will take part in an annual Chinese public speaking competition on November 3 at the National Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall in Taipei, according to a press release. The competition



is organized by the memorial hall and only allows foreign students over the age of 18, enrolled at a Taiwanese educational institution, who do not have Taiwan citizenship to participate.

American student wins Mandarin speech contest in Taipei (Focus Taiwan, 3.11.2017)

A Ph.D. student from the United States won the top prize in a Mandarin speech contest in Taipei that saw foreigners use Mandarin to describe their experiences in Taiwan or tell other personal stories.

Over 70% agree vocational education good for careers: poll (Focus Taiwan, 4.11.2017)

More than three in four Taiwanese agree that vocational education will be good for people's careers in the future, the Professor Huang Kun-huei Education Foundation said on October 4. Foundation Chairman Huang Kun-huei said the survey shows a shift in the public's mindset on the importance of vocational education in landing a good job.

Taiwan wins gold at international synthetic biology competition (Focus Taiwan, 17.11.2017)

Taiwan captured six gold, two silver and one bronze medals at an international synthetic biology competition held in Boston recently. Teams at the International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM), held from Nov. 9 to 13, had to build genetically engineered systems using biological parts to create projects that make a positive contribution to their respective communities, the organizer said.

Taiwan maintains 23rd in IMD global talent competitiveness report (Taiwan Today, 21.11.2017)

Taiwan is the 23rd best economy in the world in terms of attracting, developing and retaining top talent for the second consecutive year, according to Switzerland-based International Institute for Management Development (IMD). The result, which is contained in the latest World Talent Ranking released November 20 by IMD's World Competitiveness Center, puts the country third in Asia behind Hong Kong and Singapore. Top spot in the annual 63-economy survey went to Switzerland followed by Denmark and Belgium.

Taiwan enrollments at US tertiary institutions continue climbing (Taiwan Today, 16.11.2017)

The number of students from Taiwan attending U.S. tertiary education institutions during the 2016-2017 academic year increased 1.8 percent to 21,516 from the same time 12 months before, cementing the country's ranking as the seventh largest source of international enrollments in America. According to the latest Open Doors report released Nov. 13 by New York-headquartered Institute for Educational Exchange, this is the second consecutive annual increase in Taiwan enrollments at U.S. colleges and universities.

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