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Science / Technology

Taiwan start-ups attract interest at MWC in Spain (Focus Taiwan, 2.3.2018)

A group of high tech start-ups from Taiwan attracted much attention at the Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2018 in Barcelona, holding talks with more than 600 potential foreign buyers and investors, the government-sponsored Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) said 2nd of March. A total of 13 Taiwanese start-ups took part in the "4 Years From Now (4YFN)" start-up pavilion at the 2018 MWC held from 26th to 28th of February and showcased their innovations at the annual event, one of the largest mobile technology exhibitions in the world.

Taipei to launch electric car-sharing in mid-March (Focus Taiwan, 5.3.2018)

Taipei is planning to start offering an electric car-sharing service in mid-March, transportation officers and business operators said 5th of March. In the trial period, however, there will only be 10 electric cars available from 11 public parking lots in Taipei, which provide free charging, Peter Chu, a manager at electric car rental company Unicar said.

Taipei City government joins Amazon Web Services program (Focus Taiwan, 6.3.2018)

Taipei City Government established a cooperative venture with Amazon Web Services (AWS) and seven local universities on 6th of March. The move marks an effort to promote cloud-based big data services and a platform that educational institutions can use by taking advantage of big data provided by the city, according to the city government.

Molecular biologist recognized as 'outstanding woman in science' (Focus Taiwan, 10.3.2018)

Organizers of the 2018 Taiwan Outstanding Women in Science Awards recognized Tsay Yi-fang for her decades long contributions to science at an award ceremony on 10th of March. Tsay, a distinguished research fellow at Academia Sinica's Institute of Molecular Biology, is known for her discoveries of nitrate transport in plants, which debunked many of the theories taught in textbooks in the 1990s.

Taiwan to introduce software to help foster US\$1 billion startup (Focus Taiwan, 12.3.2018)

The Ministry of Science and Technology plans to introduce a software platform to help businesses reduce labor costs and research and development time, with the aim of fostering at least one privately owned startup valued at over US\$1 billion in Taiwan. The ministry's Taiwan Startup Institute (TSI) signed a memorandum of understanding with U.S. firm AgilePoint Inc. Monday that provides business process management (BPM) software products to bring in a no-code BPM-enabled platform for operating workflow-driven business applications into the country.

MOST, AgilePoint join forces on startup development (Taiwan Today, 13.3.2018)

The Taiwan Startup Institute under the Ministry of Science and Technology concluded a memorandum of understanding with U.S.-based AgilePoint Inc. 12th of March in Taipei City in a move aimed at fast-tracking promotion of innovative local startups. Under the pact signed by TSI Project Leader Lee Da-sheng and AgilePoint CEO Jesse Shiah, the firm will offer its business process management software, codenamed Low Code Platform, to help Taiwan existing firms and startups streamline operations, cut R&D costs and fast track digital upgrades.

Taipei City Government unveils self-driving vehicle test site (Taiwan Today, 14.3.2018)

Taiwan's first self-driving vehicle test site was launched 13th of March in Taipei City, furthering the city government's efforts to spur smart city development and enhance residents' quality of life. The site, which will facilitate testing until the end of June, was established under a program that aims to provide spaces for experimental development in such areas as traffic control and medical services.

Taiwan, U.K. to jointly promote development of innovative industries (Focus Taiwan, 14.3.2018)

The chief scientific advisor at the United Kingdom Foreign Commonwealth Office (FCO) will visit Taiwan in April for the launch of a program to enhance bilateral exchanges on research and development in innovative industries, the British Office in Taipei said 14th of March.

Taiwan seeking closer tech cooperation with Israel (Focus Taiwan, 19.3.2018)

Taiwan is hoping to cooperate more closely with Israel in the technology field to strengthen its ability to innovate, Science and Technology Minister Chen Liang-gee said on 19th of March. One way to achieve this, Chen said, will be for the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) to set up a technology section in the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Tel Aviv and have the ministry's tech advisor Wang Ting-an lead it.

**Project to fund Taiwanese researchers to U.K. launched (Focus Taiwan, 21.3.2018)**

A project initiated by the British government to fund Taiwanese researchers to conduct research in United Kingdom for up to one year, the first of its kind, was launched 21st of March in Taipei in an effort to strengthen R&D cooperation between the two countries. In the project's first year, the U.K. will provide NT\$8 million (US\$ 274,000) for Taiwanese applicants to make research trips to the U.K. from two weeks to one year.

Chunghwa Post to open nation's first automated branch (Taipei Times, 21.3.2018)

The nation's first automated post office is to open in Taipei in April, Chunghwa Post said 20th of March at a ceremony celebrating the company's 122nd anniversary. Chunghwa Post chairman Wang Kwo-tsai said that the company needs to change its business model to face future challenges, such as the decline of mail delivery services and the rise of cross-border e-commerce. The company is to focus on three services to ensure its sustainable development: "smart" logistics, digital finance and long-term elderly care services, he said.

Intelligent Taiwan project launched by Google (Taiwan Today, 22.3.2018)

Google's Intelligent Taiwan project was officially unveiled 21st of March in Taipei City, underscoring the U.S. internet company's commitment to cultivating and promoting local talent. Under the project, Google will conduct training for 50,000 businesses and students in digital marketing over the next year via its Digital Garage online platform and soon-to-open facilities in the central and southern Taiwan cities of Taichung and Tainan, respectively.

Taiwanese research unit, Merck team up on new drug development (Focus Taiwan, 26.3.2018)

Taiwan's Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with German pharmaceutical and life science giant Merck on Monday on cooperation to develop advanced biopharma technologies. Under the MOU, the ITRI and Merck will establish a biopharma R&D and training collaboration program at the institute's innovation campus in Hsinchu County, the ITRI said in a statement.

Tsai touts local talent and tech at 'smart' city expo (Taipei Times, 28.3.2018)

President Tsai Ing-wen on the 27th of March touted Taiwanese talent, technology and supporting policies to keep the nation competitive in the coming artificial intelligence and Internet of things (IoT) era. Speaking at the opening of the 2018 Smart City Summit and Expo in Taipei, Tsai cited the proliferation of Wi-Fi services, including on all Taiwan High Speed Rail cabins, as an example of the small changes that demonstrate Taiwan's efforts in pushing "smart" cities.

Taiwan science parks post record operation results in 2017 (Taiwan Today, 30.3.2018)

Taiwan's three science parks posted combined record revenues of NT\$2.46 trillion (US\$84.4 billion) in 2017, up 3.58 percent year on year, according to the Ministry of Science and Technology 27th of March. The integrated circuit sector remained the top revenue generator for the parks, with figures rising 3.45 percent year on year to NT\$1.63 trillion, or 66.1 percent of the overall total. Precision machinery and telecommunication devices recorded the highest annual growth rates, surging 14.74 percent and 10.56 percent to NT\$112.26 billion and NT\$42.04 billion, respectively.

MOST announces Taiwan's 'coolest tech startups' (Focus Taiwan, 31.3.2018)

The Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) on the 31st of March published a list of the 10 "coolest tech startups" in Taiwan in 2017, featuring companies behind some of the best cutting-edge technology in several fields. The 10 startups listed were Appier, CloudMile Ltd., Gogoro, Health2Sync, iStaging, JARVISH, Maisense Inc., MoBagel Inc., Umbo CV, and Viscovery.

Taiwan a good 'testbed' for startups: French expert (Focus Taiwan, 31.3.2018)

Taiwan serves as a good "testbed" for startup companies, with its strong electronics industry, global manufacturing networks, Western business environment and effective protection of intellectual property rights, according to a French government expert on innovation.

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Education

Academics receive offers from Chinese school (Taipei Times, 14.3.2018)

Several academics on 12th of March said they had received identical recruitment letters from China's Minjiang University offering faculty positions with annual salaries of 150,000 to 1 million yuan (US\$23,702 to US\$158,010) in what appears to be a bulk mail campaign pushing China's Taiwan policy.

Tunghai University and AWS Establish Taiwan's First Cloud Innovation School (China Post, 14.3.2018)

The Tunghai University and Amazon Web Services (AWS) on 14th of March held a signing ceremony for a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish the first Cloud Innovation School in Taiwan. The School will focus on two aspects: cloud technology and the digital economy.

Control Yuan censures MOE over university president rule change (Focus Taiwan, 15.3.2018)

The Control Yuan on 15th of March requested the cancellation of a 2013 legal interpretation issued by the Ministry of Education (MOE) that relaxed the qualification requirement for university presidents and enabled National Yang Ming University (NYMU) to be the first national university to appoint an associate professor as its President.

Education to be highlighted at Smart City Summit & Expo (Focus Taiwan, 19.3.2018)

A smart education expo and summit dubbed Future E2D (Eliminate the Digital Divide) will be held in tandem with the 2018 Smart City Summit & Expo at the Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center at the end of this month, the Institute for Information Industry (III) said on 19th of March. Future E2D will focus on smart education and gather up to 100 experts from Taiwan and abroad to discuss 10 major topics, including national education, tertiary education, skill training and youth entrepreneurship, the III said.

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