



TAICHUNG CITY GOVERNMENT

The Hon. Mr. Mike Hurley, Mayor of Burnaby,

The summer solstice has arrived and I wish to send my blessings to you. I hope that everything is going smoothly for you, with all your works progressing, city government thriving and residents prospering and in good health.

Your city through our bilateral networking has had a prosperous friendship with Taichung City, which is of great importance to me. As the Mayor of Taichung City, I hope that our two cities will have substantial exchanges in economic and trade, culture, education, tourism and much more. Let's work towards realizing this together!

The Taiwan Lantern Festival has been held by the Tourism Bureau of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications since 1990. Each year, a city will be chosen to be the host city to display the lanterns. The integration of the traditional Lunar New Year and Lantern Festival creates a colorful, dazzling display of lanterns. In 2015, the 26<sup>th</sup> Taiwan Lantern Festival held in Taichung was complimented by CNN as being "Disneyland without roller coasters". According to the data gathered, the festival that year attracted a total of 13.71 people and created over 13.1 billion New Taiwan Dollars in economic output value.

The 31<sup>st</sup> Taiwan Lantern Festival will be held in Taichung City from February 8 – 23, 2020. The predicted number of people to attend will surpass 15 million. The main exhibition area of the lantern festival will be at the Houli Park Area of the 2018 Taichung World Flora Exposition. It'll be an innovative way of displaying lanterns by integrating them with the forest and natural surroundings, creating another new chapter in the Taiwan Lantern Festival.

We would like to formally invite your city to join us in designing the lantern display area, marketing your city's tourism and cultural uniqueness. We would also like to invite you and a delegation of city officials to come join us for the opening ceremony in Taichung City. It'll be our great honor!

Lastly, I'd like to once again express my gratitude for the efforts you have made in contributing to the collaboration and networking between our two cities.

Sincerely,

Taichung City Mayor

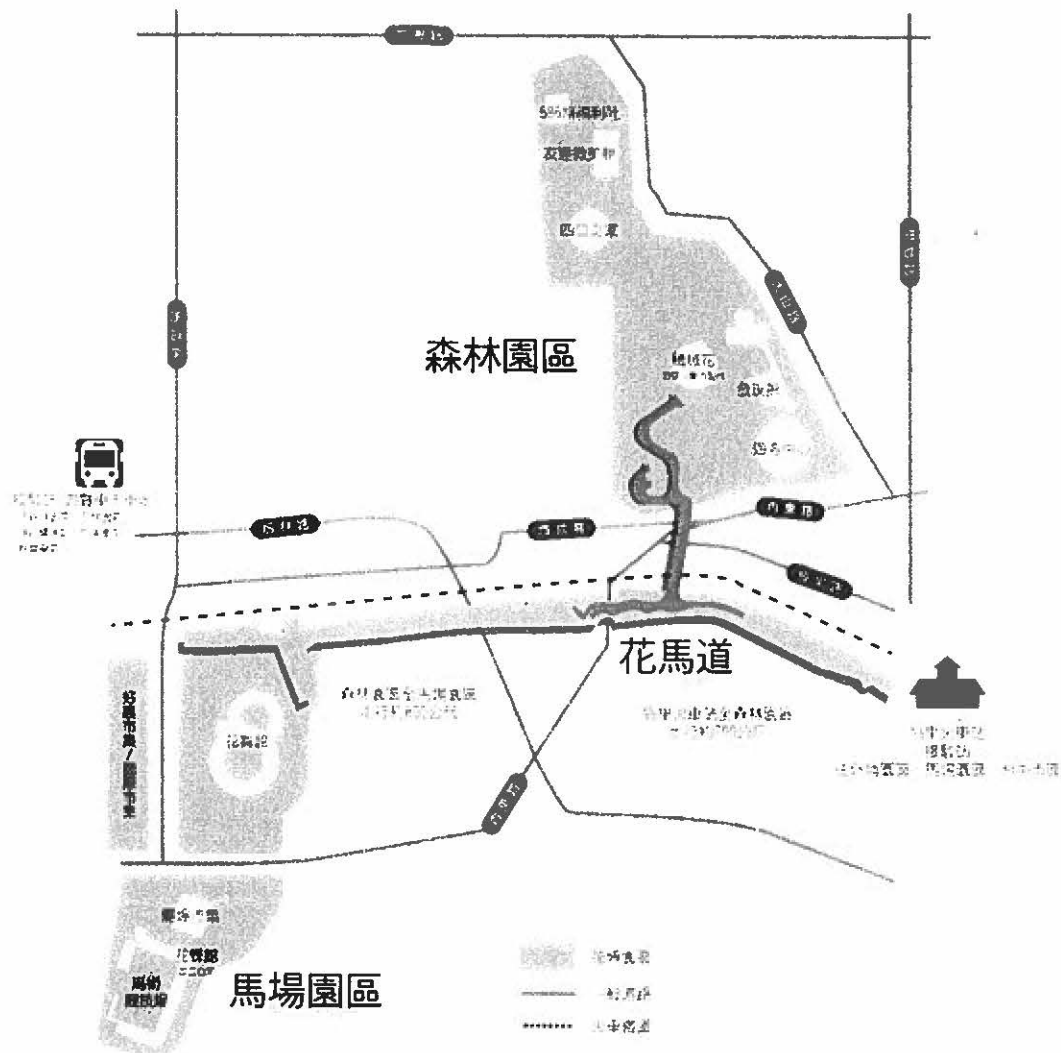
July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

# 2020 Taiwan Lantern Festival –Sincerely Invite You to Join Us

## ■ Main Exhibition Area

**Location:** Taichung World Flora Exposition Houli Park Area  
(including Horse Ranch and Forest Expo Site)

**Duration:** February 8th – 23rd, 2020



If you are interested in attending this event, please send us an email prior to August 30, 2019 (contact window: [sylviasie@taichung.gov.tw](mailto:sylviasie@taichung.gov.tw)) to let us know. For the specifics of our collaboration, it can be decided after bilateral negotiations. Our city government will provide the relevant administrative and general assistance.