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## Construction Completion Inspection for Phase II Engineering of Playground Facilities in Xinshi Park

I want to become the pirate king! Pingzhen District Office creates a children's playground with a topic of ocean in Xinshi Park. Children and young kids are surrounded by fish in the sea to experience the fun of casting a net for fishing, overlooking, and riding in the pirate ship.

Mayor of Taoyuan City, Cheng Wen-Tsan, visited Pingzhen District on December 20<sup>th</sup> to inspect "Xinshi Park Playground Facility Construction Phase II Engineering". According to Mayor Cheng, the project extends the good reputation and effectiveness in the phase I engineering of "Xinshi Park Playground" to carry out the phase II renovation and improvement engineering, making the division of the whole playground and the function of games for different age groups more complete as well as establish playground equipment that is more diverse and challenging (such as nets, fish-shaped climbing frame, overlooking platform, and the pirate ship). Other than satisfying the playing demand of children at middle and higher ages (5-12 years old), we also integrate the existing huge climbing rocks and physical fitness facilities into a teenager and adult fitness activity area to satisfy the demands of outdoor sports of different age groups at the same time.

Mayor Cheng pointed out the feature of the park extends the design vocabulary (topics of river and ocean ecology) of the phase I engineering. In terms of the space design and layout, it applies curve lines and shapes to integrate the space in the park. In addition, it also combines public participation (teachers and students at Xinshi Elementary School) for the activity of on-site painting to give the public and students more meaningful interaction connection and memory with the park.

Mayor Cheng said the total area of improvement in the park is around 750m<sup>2</sup> with a total engineering budget of NT\$6.65 million. After completion, it not only provides a more complete space of playground for the children at the nearby areas, but also makes the playground a local eye-catching attraction. It is good for the tourism and the development of parent-child travelling promoted in our city. Moreover, Pingzhen District Office specially uses long-acting disinfection products on the facilities in Xinshi Park, including fitness facility, playground, toilet, and extreme sports ground. After testing for three months, it is verified that it is still with significant effect of disinfection.

Mayor Cheng further highlighted Taoyuan City Government has worked very hard in recent years to promote the improvement or renovation of inclusive playground in Pingzhen. Currently, the parks that have completed the improvement and renovation all received excellent feedback and recognition. We want to make playgrounds at parks in Pingzhen better and better every day to attract local people and visitors from other counties and cities. Our goal is making it a new indicator of the progress of Taoyuan City.