

**Good day, Speaker Chiu, Deputy Speaker Lin, and fellow councilors.**

**My team and I came here today to deliver a policy address at the third regular meeting of the fourth session. Firstly, I would like to extend my gratitude to all council members and citizens for their support towards municipal governance, pushing forward the sustainable development of Tainan.**

**This year signifies the 400<sup>th</sup> milestone of Tainan. Not only has Tainan been selected as one of the 30 most exciting destinations to visit in 2024 by National Geographic Traveler, but it has also been recognized by CNN as one of the top 24 global destinations worth visiting in 2024. Furthermore, the "2024 Taiwan Lantern Festival in Tainan" was chosen by well-known travel operators as one of the top four global highlights in 2024, enhancing Tainan's confidence to stride forward and bringing Tainan to the global community.**

**Regarding the Sudan Red dye incident, my team and I have established a "Sudan Red Incident Task Force", focusing on import controls at the source. We've launched a safety label**

**stating "This establishment does not provide/use seasoning containing Sudan Red", with public and private sectors jointly safeguarding every step to ensure public confidence in their consumption.**

**Regarding the achievements of the Tainan City Government from the period of August 16, 2023 to February 29, 2024, a written report has been submitted to the council. Please refer to it at your own discretion. The following is a concise oral report on the achievements of the city government in the past few months:**

### **I. Improved Road Network and Regional Balance**

**We have built a convenient transportation network by completing the redirection and improvement works of the access road connecting Xingangshe Avenue and the Southern Taiwan Science Park (STSP), the construction of the 5-40m planned roads within STSP, the extension of Hengwei Road Section 5 in West Central District, and the reconstruction of the Chongxi Bridge at District Highway No. 81. The construction of the Anping Fishing Harbor Cross-Harbor Bridge will begin in April. The comprehensive plan of Tainan Metro Blue Line Phase I has been**

**approved by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, and the preliminary design work has commenced, accelerating the metro construction and enhancing the public transportation network.**

**We have been dedicated to creating a pedestrian-friendly environment through the human-oriented traffic improvement plan. So far, 29 school pedestrian pathways have been completed, with 36 more underway. We've also utilized smart technologies to alleviate traffic congestion by introducing AI video recognition and smart traffic management systems at 189 intersections, reducing overall corridor travel time by 10%. In addition, we've launched Taiwan's first "smart parking meter pole" integrating roadside parking meter, charging station, and digital sign pole, significantly upgrading the convenience of roadside parking. Moreover, 11 forward-looking multi-level parking buildings have been established to meet parking needs.**

**Furthermore, the shuttle taxi service has balanced urban-rural transportation disparities, reaching deeply into mountainous and coastal areas across 20 districts with 31 shuttle**

**taxi routes, serving over 170,000 passengers. 436 YouBike 2.0 stations have been established as of now, providing services to more than 3.73 million user sessions and enhancing transportation convenience.**

## **II. Sustainable City and Clean Green Parks**

**In response to extreme weather, my team and I have adopted three major water management strategies: internal and external water channel management, low-lying area pumping, and resilient flood retention. With an investment of NTD 20 billion, we have completed the construction of retention ponds, pumping stations, embankments, and stormwater sewers, and by introducing smart technologies and developing flood-preventing communities, Tainan has been recognized as an "Excellent Municipal Government" for nine consecutive years, proving that Tainan has been transformed into a flood-resilient city.**

**In terms of environmental sustainability, we continue to promote public sewer projects, connecting over 207,000 households so far. Nearly NTD 8.4 billion has been invested in constructing the Yongkang, Anping, and Rende Reclaimed Water**

**Plants, which will provide 63,000 cubic meters of reclaimed water daily to high-tech factories this year, ensuring sustainable water reuse. The Yongkang Water Resources Recycling Center has been awarded the first "Water Sustainability Prize" by the Ministry of Environment.**

**Additionally, in the Liouying District dairy farming area, we have established Taiwan's largest centralized livestock wastewater treatment plant, allowing livestock waste to be utilized for irrigation, composting, and biogas electricity generation. This exemplifies a circular economy model that benefits agriculture, livestock, and the environment. Plans for Self-Governance Ordinances for Net-Zero Sustainable City Management are being drafted to fully implement a net-zero transformation.**

### **III. Forward-Looking Investment and Agricultural Progress**

**We have established the Shalun and STSP as a key economic and industrial zone in Taiwan, leading to a production value exceeding one trillion NTD for three consecutive years, making it the top among the three major science parks. Continuing in cooperation with the central government to attract investments,**

**we have completed 1,492 investment cases and created 48,797 job opportunities. To facilitate corporate investments, we've particularly managed 79 major investment cases of more than 200 million NTD each, totaling an investment of 244.1 billion NTD, positioning Tainan as the preferred city for industrial investment.**

**We have implemented a dual strategy for domestic and export sales, generating over 1 billion NTD in business opportunities for agriculture, fisheries, and livestock. We've constructed a dual cold chain logistics center for Yujing agricultural produce and Jiangjun aquatic produce processing, which is set to be launched next year, thus invigorating the vital channels of Tainan's agriculture. We've participated in FoodEx Japan 2024 and secured orders amounting to over 300 million NTD, a 2.5-fold increase from last year, with fresh pineapple orders exceeding 500 tonnes, five times that of last year. At the same time, we've expanded our sale to markets such as Singapore, Canada, and New Zealand, propelling Tainan's agricultural products onto the international stage.**

**For the first time, the 23rd World Orchid Conference and the**

**20th Taiwan International Orchid Show in 2024 were held concurrently in Tainan, with 62 countries participating and a total attendance of over 350,000, forecasting export orders worth over 11.5 billion NTD in the coming three to five years, reaching a 20-year high. Additionally, we are advancing pet-friendly policies, with the construction progress of the Multifunctional Animal Protection Education Park reaching 16.20%.**

#### **IV. Inclusive Care Services and Promotion of Sports for All**

**To create a friendly environment for child rearing, we have established 15 public childcare homes and 12 themed parent-child playhouses, and signed service contracts with 92 qualified infant care centers. This year, nine new kindergartens were inaugurated, with childcare subsidies increased to at least 13,000 NTD per month, striving towards the goal of constructing 48 distinctive playgrounds. In doing so, we aim to fulfil the child-rearing policy of "rewarding birth, assisting upbringing, and proper education."**

**To ensure care for the elderly, we promote local policies for aging in place, subsidizing national health insurance fees for the elderly and providing Chongyang Festival gift money among**

**other elderly welfare services, benefiting over 610,000 elderly citizens. We've expanded the long-term care network by establishing 398 community care points to provide accessible, local, and universal long-term care services to every corner in Tainan.**

**Leveraging public-private partnerships to care for the vulnerable, we have set up 38 food and necessity banks and 19 food-saving platforms, benefiting over 680,000 individuals. We've completed "Warm Homes" housing repairs for 174 households of vulnerable laborers injured on the job. Furthermore, we plan to construct 8,402 social housing units, with 4,856 underway. We'll integrate various housing policies such as rent subsidies and rental management to assist over 50,000 families to settle in Tainan.**

**We have constructed 10 sports centers and facilities to realize the goal of sports accessibility for all, with the Annan District Civil Sports Center progress reaching 41.2% and construction starting in Xinying and Yongkang districts this year. In addition, detailed designs are underway in Shanhua and Rende Districts. The main baseball stadium at the Tainan Asia-Pacific International Baseball**



**Stadiums and Training Centers is nearing completion, signifying the coming of Taiwan's newest international-level baseball venue.**

## **V.Cultural Prosperity and Diverse Charms**

**In terms of sustainable cultural development for the Pingpu peoples, we successfully secured nearly 70 million NTD in subsidies from the Council of Indigenous Peoples for the "Beitouyang Settlement Comprehensive Service Center" project. We've established the "Tainan City Government Hakka Affairs Council" to foster the development of the Hakka language and culture, organizing 205 Hakka cultural events with a total of 7,800 participants.**

**Under the theme "Glorious Tainan," the Taiwan Lantern Festival in Tainan attracted over 15.2 million visitors, generating a tourism revenue of over 24.7 billion NTD. Other festivals held concurrently such as Yuejin Lantern Festival, Yanshui Beehive Fireworks Festival, Xinying Shimmer Festival, Longci Light Festival, and the Red Ball Project attracted more than 2.1 million tourists. In a city expo format, we integrated the eight major exhibitions, Creative Expo Taiwan, the Nan Ying International**

**Folklore Festival, and the Taiwan Design Expo, making 2024 a year full of highlights.**

**Our efforts also go to advancements in the hospitality industry. Tainan is now home to 875 hospitality properties, the highest among Taiwan's six special municipalities. We witnessed a record sales revenue of 12.8 billion NTD last year. This demonstrated the robust growth of Tainan's tourism. Additionally, this year, four more restaurants were added, bringing the total to 60 restaurants recognized by the Michelin Guide, enhancing Tainan's reputation as a gastronomic capital.**

**Conclusion: Tainan's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - "Explore the World Together with Tainan"**

**Tainan is Taiwan's first city, and as Tainan turns 400, so does Taiwan. For 400 years, Tainan has engaged with the world through its diverse cultural facets.**

**My team and I are committed to excelling in every task: Revitalizing the local economy, promoting regional sustainable projects, reducing the residential burden for citizens, and creating an inclusive environment for all ages, as they will allow Tainan to**

**continue its innovative development. May Tainan be a sustainable and livable city.**

**Finally, I wish you all good health and good luck.**

**May the meeting be a complete success. Thank you!**