

# Shapowei experiences a surge in summer tourism

## 沙坡尾云上厦门营业额暴增170%



Regional tourism authorities recently announced that the revenue of Shapowei tourism -- Above The Clouds · Xiamen jumped

in July by 170 percent relative to June. Authorities attributed the surge to the end of China's spring school semester. Shapowei is one of Xiamen's old-

est fishing ports. The one-square-kilometer business district is now home to more than 300 shops catering to tourism and sightseeing.

### Courtesy rest areas debut at five subway stations

#### 厦门地铁设“爱心休息区”

Local transit officials announced recently the debut of courtesy rest areas at five Xiamen subway stations. The rest areas include features such as chairs, drinking water dispensers and mobile phone charging outlets. Fans and books can be borrowed free of charge.

Courtesy rest areas are currently open at the Zhongshan Park and Gaoqi stations on Line One, the Hecuo and Xinnan stations on Line Two and at the Hubin East Road transfer station for Line One and Line Three.

Transit authorities noted that the selected stations have high ridership, a notable number of senior citizen commuters and locations adjacent to local parks and hospitals.

### Cross-Strait Cultural Industries Fair boasts 3,400 booths

#### 海峡两岸文博会设3400个展位

The Cross-Strait (Xiamen) Cultural Industries Fair kicks off this Friday. Event sponsors include the Taiwan Work Office of the CPC Central Committee, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the National Radio and Television Administration and the Fujian Provincial People's Government. The four-day fair will feature an exhibition area of 100,000 square meters and 3,400 booths spread across five main theme pavilions. Exhibitors cover a wide range of fields including cultural tourism, arts and crafts, digital media and creative design. Fair representatives said that the event will highlight cross-Strait interactions, digital innovation, industrial development and culture and tourism.



### Lotus flowers in area parks approaching the end of their blooming season

#### 厦门多处公园的荷花已进入观赏尾声

Garden Expo Park officials announced recently that local lotus flowers are approaching an end to their annual blooming period.

Landscape engineers said that a sustained increase in air temperature can lead to an accelerated metabolic rate in lotus flowers, translating to a

faster blooming and withering process.

The duration of an area's blooming phase is also influenced by the quantity of lotus roots planted. A smaller number of newly-planted lotus roots corresponds to a lower abundance of lotus flowers and a shorter blooming period.

### Xiamen and Metapan become friendly exchange cities

#### 厦门国际“朋友圈”又添新伙伴

The city of Xiamen recently established a friendly exchange relationship with the city of Metapan, El Salvador. The largest Salvadoran city, Metapan officials noted that the

city is a key participant in Plan Trifinio, a regional development strategy for the area where the countries of El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras meet.

### 60+ restaurants join XM's Meals of Love program

#### 厦门“爱心餐饮店”已达66家

Local officials last week announced that an additional 17 restaurants now participate in Xiamen's Meals of Love program, bringing the

total to 66 participants. The newly-added restaurants include six in Siming, four in Huli, one in Jimei and two each in Haicang, Tongan and Xiangan.



#### Quote 英文名句

Go, I hope you have a safe journey, the bridges are strong and the tunnels are bright.

-- Alistair McLeod, poet

去吧,但愿你一路平安,桥都坚固,隧道都光明。

——阿利斯泰尔·麦克劳德(诗人)

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#### Vocabulary 生词库

dispenser	companion
[di'spensə]	[kəm'pænjən]
自动发放器	同伴

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### Progress announced on key XM projects in the first half of 2023

#### 上半年我市重点项目建设推进成效显著

The city's Bureau of Construction and its Development and Reform Commission recently released a performance report covering key municipal and provincial projects through June. A total of 461 projects had a half-year planned investment of 59.8 billion yuan. Actual investment reached 89.3 billion yuan, representing 149.3 percent of the planned total and 63.5 percent of the annual plan.

### Campus visits by reservation resume at XMU's Siming campus

#### 厦门大学思明校区恢复校园预约参观

Xiamen University's Siming campus is now open to visitors with advance reservations. Appointments can be made one to three days in advance via the school's official WeChat account. On-site reservations are not accepted. Each visitor can add up to four companions and the entire group must enter together. On weekdays, visitors can enter the campus between 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. During winter and summer vacations, statutory holidays and weekends, visiting hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### Free toilet paper available in Zhongshan park's public bathrooms

#### 思明区属公园公厕提供免费厕纸

City officials last week announced the expansion of its free toilet paper program to seven locations in four public toilets in Zhongshan park. The public bathrooms featuring free paper include facilities at the park's eastern and southern gates as well as its Children's Island and zoo area. The program now covers more than 20 public toilets in local parks.



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