

Anping, the birth place of Taiwan's history, use to be a world-class international **re-exporting trade** center, **as well as New Amsterdam (now New York, USA)**, in the 17th century. Because of its unique historical and geographical background, Anping has a rich and versatile culture, and plenty of the cultural heritages can be found here.



A bird's-eye view of the Fort Zeelandia

To preserve the **precious public** property, we use the method of protection and revitalization **with regular inspection and investigation** by experts, so that the people will understand the place where they visit. Among the attractive sceneries, "Fort Zeelandia" is nowadays the Landmark of Anping. In 1624, the Dutch seized the area known as Taoyan (an offshore sandbar) to establish a military and commercial base on the small island. To awaken the memories **of** history, we have restored and reconstructed some historic sites. While walking along the **Anping Old Street**, it reminds **people** of the remote past. The Sword Lion was initially an auspicious object of each **household** in the past; **however, under** the urban

renewal and replacement of obsolete buildings, the amount of Sword Lions had decreased. After taking a strategy of suitable preservation, we have finally preserved the rest of the traditional Sword Lions **and let** the local residents develop the **cultural** creative industry **while promoting** the relevant cultural preservation as well as the commercial opportunities. **Now** the products of various Sword Lion have become visitors' must-buy gifts.

The **mangrove swamps, Taijaing National Park and Wild Bird Reserve** are **located at Salt River north of Anping District**. In winter, **scores of Black-faced Spoon Bills** often look for food here. The bikeway along the Salt River is bikers' favorite. The western seashore **along** the Taiwan Strait provides a good **spot** where people can watch waves breaking and listen to the gentle sound of waves lapping. It has recently attracted water activity lovers to enjoy surfing and sailing on the sea. The international Anping Port **is south of Anping and will be direct link to China in the future**. A canal trenched by the



The water activity lovers participated the National Yacht Festival

Japanese flows through the central area of Anping. People usually boat, canoe, relax and experience leisurely ambiance along the canal. Having graceful sceneries and plentiful archeological sites, Anping had attracted 1,430,000 visitors **in** 2010.



The citizens are communicating with each others in the park

In addition to **value** preservation and development of the heritage, the vision of the administration policy **since 2004** has been led to “build Anping as the most liveable community”. Under the strategic planning of both the protection of natural environment and living function, the population **has increased** to 63,273 by July, 2011, **almost 3 times of the population, 21,389, in 1991**. To build the most liveable community, the construction of sewage **system** has been completed to prevent the household waste water dumping into the canal, **making it** no longer a smelly river and the fish swim back to the river. Besides the public services, 1,500 local residents **volunteer to patrol** the natural environment

regularly so as to promote the living quality of Anping. **The spontaneous actions of local residents have earned Anping** an award of “Environmental Protection **Demonstration Area**” recently.

People live in Anping have lived with an understanding of **living**. They dedicate themselves to **protect the environment** and enjoy the circumstance they have **created**. There **used** to be a problem of an awful mess of idle spaces, but it’s been resolved by **adoption mechanism to make these spaces transform into gardens**, free parking lots, sports field, cultural squares and a 25.5-kilometer bikeway. Vegetable farms are **also** the best places where local residents communicate with each others.

Facing the coming of aging society and the aging population, we have actively promote the strategy of “Age Locally” to create a liveable circumstance for the aged. There are seven community care **strongholds**, supported by the local volunteers, offer the services to the aged. **By giving** a lot of tender loving care, such as greeting, cleaning and cooking, **the local volunteer can make the aged feel free** from anxieties. The ultimate aim **is** to realize the idea that came from “the Analects of the Mencius”-“ Care the elder in one’s family as well as that of other’s families” and to build Anping a paradise **for people to dream, work, love, get married and live leisurely**. Located in Tainan, Taiwan, with beautiful sceneries and friendly residents, **Anping** welcome the people from all over the world to experience the living style of a liveable community.



The elder help to cultivate the citizen farms