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Jinhwa, Taiwan

About Jinhwa

Jinhwa is located in the South District of Tainan city, in the south of Taiwan. South District area is 28.0383 square kilometres, and Jinhwa community is 0.2796 square kilometres with intact landforms, where transportation is convenient. In 2005, Jinhwa won The National Award for the community highest honour - The Presidents Award. Residents have a strong record of participation in community life.

Community:

Jinhwa community has a high density population, fusing residential and business areas. It has 2,137 households and a population of 7,152 people (male 3,527, female 3,625). The age spread is concentrated in the 15- 64 years age group. About 11% of the community's residents are middle and upper income families.

Nature and Humanities landscape's Improvement

Jinhwa's community has worked on environment transformation, with the object of improved community living. Plans have included establishing a community cultural characteristic and a high quality environmental landscape, extending green construction ideas and encouraging the natural ecological environment and healthy living. Supporting regional public art has been key to establishing a more user friendly landscape.

Art, Culture and Inheritance

While Jinhwa preserves Taiwanese traditional culture, it has no historical site, so most cultural references are newly created.

A Community Cultural Centre has been established which will have an impact on the liveability of the community.

Environmental best practices

A "vacant lot substitute management" system, addresses unattractive areas with clean ups negotiated between the community and landlords.

Poorly cared for areas that were of concern for the health reasons have been improved. The creation of 22 free parking spaces for 700 cars parking, every year has saved

1300 ten thousand Yuan parking expenses for residents. The community has created 12 green parks, an athletic field and community cultural centre, to build a healthy, safe and livable community.

Public participation

There are 34 neighbourhood committees including the Jinhwa Community Development Association, Longlife committee, the women's committee, the environmental protection team, the health care volunteer team, the singing class, the tea art committee, Yuan Ji dance class, five elements health class, Rhythm Dance class, Skating, Chorus, Traditional Chinese music class, Vitality diet class and Taiwanese Study Class, which provide residents with responsibility division duty, and execution cooperation, impels the Village and neighbourhood, community energetic ethics cultural event and construction works.

Health life style

Residents are encouraged to participate in initiatives that raise health awareness and to obtain fitness build endurance and support a fulfilling existence within the wider health community.

The strategic plan

Jinhwa community embodies the international safe community outlined by the WHO and the CCCSP. Steps are in place to ensure the community's residents stay safe and to promote the international safe community project. A data register and reporting systems support this.

Visit http://www.jinhwa.org.tw/Index.asp?ID=9&ID2=1 for more information