

Whole City Category B Summary

Jiaoxi Township, Yilan County ,Taiwan

Jiaoxi Township, which had a population of 36,010 in 2012, is located in the north-east corner of Yilan County in north-eastern Taiwan. It is an inland township with approximately 101 square km. It has two distinct areas: flat land known as the Lanyang Plain, and mountainous area known as the Xueshan Range. Within the area, one can find waterfall, lake, leisure pathway, and ancient trail, filled with abundant natural resources. It takes only 40 minutes to travel from Jiaoxi to Taipei, therefore transportation has become ever so convenient. The hot-springs are reckoned to be Jiaoxi's most valuable treasure; in fact, Jiaoxi hot-springs are the only hot-springs in Taiwan found on flatlands with high acclamation. In 2012, Jiaoxi Township has won the honor as the top 10 small tourist towns in Taiwan with the themes of hot-springs, life-cultivation, and Lohas.



Location 2013.05.16

Hot-springs were discovered in Jiaoxi in 1775. From 1970 to 1980, Jiaoxi was booming as an entertainment center, and the prostitution business flourished in the area, and it was once synonymous with the red-light district. From 1980 to 1990, the government took sweeping actions against prostitution. As a result, it was gradually deterred. Then, the government worked to build public infrastructure and assist business operators to transfer to other trades so that Jiaoxi has, step-by-step, become a hot-spring city with diverse ways of health and life cultivation.

Apart from its hot spring, Jiaoxi has many tourism resources. Jiaoxi has developed its unique hot spring agriculture. The authorities created a people-oriented living environment by expanding paved sidewalk space along city roads. The content of “Enhancement of the Natural and Built Landscapes” includes Jiaoxi hot-spring, tourism resource, hot-spring industry, environment improvement, and friendly living environment. Jiaoxi has been enhanced to create an environment that facilitates enjoyable recreational experiences and improves the quality of life.

Two Chinese traditional festivals have been held in Jiaoxi for more than a hundred years. Religious activities are also diverse in Jiaoxi like Taoism, Buddhism, Catholicism, Christianity, and I-Guan-Tao. The government has begun to develop Kiwulan Heritage Park. “Arts, Culture and Heritage” introduces cultural folk customs, archaeological site, religion, and music festival. The traditional folk activities exclusive to Jiaoxi makes up part of the spiritual dimension of community within which residents gain meaning, relevance and enrichment.



Erlong Village Dragon Boat Race 2011.05.21



Mid-Autumn Full Moon Swing 2011.09.11



Xietian Temple 2010.12.19

Waterfowl reserves can develop sustainably. Restoration of firefly shows that the ecological environment of Jiaoxi is getting better day by day. The county has encouraged communities and civilian groups to beautify streets with greenery on their own. “Environmental Best Practices” includes wetland reserve, restoration of firefly, greenery beautification of environment, recycling, environment maintenance and restoration. These practices are contributions to improving the living environment and people's quality of life.

Residents have set up 18 autonomous organizations and 14 Neighborhood Watch Patrol on their own of Jiaoxi Township. The industry of Jiaoxi Township has established association. “Community Involvement and Empowerment” includes public participation and policy formation, safety protection system, integral construction of community, coalition of the industry and government, and university participation. Jiaoxi is produced a cohesive and empowered community by the cooperation of government, industries, and communities.



Jogging at Longtan Lake 2011.02.26

Residents have been establishing various kinds of athletic organizations. The government holds many athletic activities. Elders and children can receive proper care and concern. Residents attend a variety of seminars and programs for health. “Healthy Lifestyle” includes promotion of sport, promenade of mountain and forest, social welfare, health study, and medical service. These strategies make people to promote a sense of well being and comprehend the importance of healthy quality of life.

Jiaoxi has outstanding natural landscape, humanity, art, and cultural assets, and it emphasizes on environmental protection, community participation, respect for different cultures, and the development of a healthy life. To uphold the high-quality of its community life and a living environment in harmony with nature, Jiaoxi Township insists on the core of people-oriented development, and it is our core value as it establishes a glittering Jiaoxi with hot-springs, culture, LOHAS, environmental protection, and amicability. “Strategic Planning” includes hot-spring conservation and development, internationalization of cultural inheritance, LOHAS and life-cultivation, sustainability of environmental protection, safety residence and social harmony. Jiaoxi Township works to achieve its objectives to turn the locality

into a beautiful hot-spring township, and international tourism city. In the future, Jiaoxi will continue to head towards the goal of becoming a more healthy, friendly, and prosperous city.



Night Scenes in Jiaoxi 2011.02.16