

UOW College Hong Kong / Community College of City University
Student English Enhancement Unit (SEE U)
Daily English Practice

Week 1

#154 Five most liveable cities: New Taipei City

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

Qt 1: Have you been to Taiwan, like most Hong Kong people?

Qt 2: Which part of Taiwan do you know much about?

Qt 3: While Taipei, capital of Taiwan, is known to most Hong Kong people, do you know anything about *New Taipei City*?

The answers to relevant question in the preceding set of exercises (Five most liveable cities: San Francisco) are as follows:

Answer to Qt 1: What do immigrants to the US mean when they speak of the “Green Card”?

The Green Card, formally known as the Permanent Resident Card, grants you official immigration status in the US. Note that the Green Card as such is different from a travel visa, which only grants a temporary stay.

Answer to Qt 2: Why do we hear so much about the US in the Hong Kong mass media?

Mostly for two reasons: 1. the Hong Kong dollar is pegged to the US currency; 2. US government policy exerts an unusual impact on the rest of the world.

Vocabulary

- Holistic (adjective): dealing with or treating the whole of something and not just a part.
- Robust (adjective): strong and unlikely to break or fail.
- Promising (adjective): showing signs that something is going to be successful.

PART 2: Article for Reading

Like most first-tier cities in the world, Taipei has felt the need for expansion. The *new Taipei*, formally called New Taipei City, is such an extension, and it most certainly seems like a nice place to be:

New Taipei City Top in World Smart City Ranking

<https://foreigner.ntpc.gov.tw/home.jsp?id=6428140bf7da48aa>

PART 3: Listening Comprehension

Watch the following short video clips to learn more about New Taipei City while practicing your listening skills at the same time:

New Taipei City - A Metropolis Redefined

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjvFqhQ67cw>

PART 4: Writing Practice

Why do people often describe a city as “smart” like it is an organic, thinking being?

Technology seems to be the key here:

Through the use of big data analysis, service integration, the various real-time Apps and other applications, the goal of smart and one government is gradually reached and the gap between urban and rural was narrowed via the incorporation of technology.

A “smart” city like New Taipei City has apparently benefited a great deal from technological advances.

Would you describe Hong Kong as a smart city? How much technology do you see has been incorporated into daily life in Hong Kong? Write about the connection between life and technology as you experience it. Send your writing to: **see.u@cccu.edu.hk**. Remember! Our **SEE U** teachers are always ready to give you feedback.