

Taiwan Nichinichi Shinpō Digital Archive

The longest running and most widely circulated newspaper in Taiwan during the period of Japanese colonialism

Taiwan Nichinichi Shinpō (臺灣日日新報, Taiwan Daily News) was an official newspaper of the Taiwanese government under Japanese colonial rule. First published in 1898, the newspaper chronicled events during a period of particularly dynamic changes in legislation, social hierarchy, and politics. Taiwan Nichinichi Shinpō covered Taiwan's domestic affairs, international relations, the integration of agriculture and the economy, and arts and literature. The publication was an authoritative and highly regarded newspaper, with contributions from many outstanding Taiwanese and Japanese writers, such as Lian Heng (連横). Starting in 1901, Taiwan Nichinichi Shinpō added two Chinese-language pages to the original Japanese-language publication. In 1905 a separate and fully Chinese-language edition was launched but lasted only six years. When the Chinese-language edition ceased publication in 1911, Taiwan Nichinichi Shinpō resumed publishing two pages of Chinese-language content until 1937, when all Chinese-language content was discontinued from the publication.

Key Stats

• Archive: 1896-1944

• Language: Japanese, traditional Chinese, and some English

• Frequency: Daily

• City: Taipei

• Format: Full image and full text

• Producer: TBMC • Platform: TBMC

An indispensable resource for researchers of Taiwanese history

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