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2021 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival Exhibition - Butterfly Kingdom

Taiwan is known as the "Butterfly Kingdom." There are as many as 370 butterfly species recorded in Taiwan. If we add in the occasional butterfly species, there may be as many as 400 butterfly species in Taiwan. Among them, about 50 species are native to Taiwan. In addition to Taiwan's national butterfly "Taiwan Broad-tailed Swallowtail", what do you know about the butterflies that are unique to Taiwan?

Compared with the northern neighbouring country, Japan, Japan is 10 times the size of Taiwan but has only 230 species of butterflies. The density of Taiwan's butterfly species is more than 10 times that of Japan. This is thanks to nature for giving Taiwan its unique island geography and special topography.

Taiwan is divided by the Tropic of Cancer, with a subtropical climate to the north and a tropical climate to the south. As the height of the mountains increases, there are temperate and sub-frigid climates. This diverse climate naturally attracts all kinds of butterflies, flying and dancing, near and far away.

However, as the relationship between man and nature becomes tense, beautiful and delicate creatures such as butterflies are also on the verge of extinction. Three kinds of butterflies have been listed as "endangered species" in Taiwan's Wildlife Conservation Law. One is the national butterfly, the Taiwan broad-tailed swallowtail butterfly. The second is a unique subspecies of the large purple butterfly found in Taiwan, which happens to be the national butterfly of Japan. Finally, the third is the pearly swallowtail unique to Lanyu Island.

The "Butterfly Kingdom-Taiwan" series of the "2021 Taiwan and Canadian Arts Festival" will reveal many secrets about Taiwanese butterflies, so stay tuned.

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