





春神來了，枇杷報到

Spring Comes, and Loquats are Ripe

文圖 編輯部

枇杷於明末時引進臺灣種植，最早在臺中市太平區頭汴坑實現經濟栽培，故太平區有「枇杷原鄉」的美名，至今仍是枇杷的主要產地之一。每到2～4月枇杷產季，太平區公所和農會會結合休閒產業與農產業，共同舉辦寓教於樂的太平枇杷節系列活動，吸引民眾參與。民眾若有進一步興趣，甚至可以認養枇杷樹，在專業果農的陪伴下體驗撫育作業，一起分享果樹的成長和收成的喜悅。

「枇杷放在冰箱裡會發黑，怎麼辦？」

「其實枇杷適合放在室內乾燥涼爽處保存，但要記得儘快食用完畢喔。」

Loquat was introduced to Taiwan in the late Ming Dynasty. The earliest district loquat grown as cash crop was in Toupiengkeng, Taiping District, Taichung City. Therefore, Taiping District has the reputation of “Loquat Township,” and still remains one of the main producing areas of loquat. Every February to April, the loquat season, Taiping District Office and the Farmers’ Association jointly organize a series of activity for Taiping Loquat Festival, involving leisure industry and agricultural industry, making the events both entertaining and educational. Anyone has further interest can even adopt the loquat trees, experience the nurturing of plants with the help of professional farmers, and share the joy of their growth and harvest.

“The loquats become blackened in the refrigerator. What should I do?”

“Loquats should be stored in a dry and cool place indoors, but remember to consume them as soon as possible.”