

「Run in the childhood, fly in the future」

The seventh Run to fly in 2025

1,900 runners spread their wings in the wind and rain, soaring toward the future!

Run to fly, one of the most iconic athletic events at National Taipei University, kicked off with great excitement on the early morning of March 15. Now in its seventh year, this unique event was entirely organized by students from the Department of Leisure and Sport Management. This year's run focused on a heartwarming theme of "family fun," drawing nearly 1,900 participants—both adults and children—from all over. Despite heavy rain and wind, runners remained enthusiastic, racing through the campus and along the course with energy and joy.

This year's event introduced a variety of creative features, particularly in the 3K fun run segment. The organizers set up interactive checkpoints and even installed a photo booth to help families create lasting memories. Rain didn't dampen the mood—parents and children ran hand in hand through puddles, laughing and splashing as they went. Many runners later shared that the experience brought back childhood memories of running in the rain, making them forget all about the time and weather. From the 3K experience run to the more demanding 10K challenge, participants embodied the spirit of “running true to yourself, come rain or shine.”

The event also saw strong support from university officials and community leaders. Vice President Chi Hsiang-Lin not only gave opening remarks but also completed the 10K run himself. Other notable participants included Lin Hsi-Chi, chairman of Yuanta Industries, who brought over 150 colleagues; Sanxia District Director Shih Yu-Hsiang; triathlon athlete Tsai Chin-Chuan; and several university faculty members. Over the years, the Paper Airplane Fun Run has grown into a beloved local tradition, welcoming runners of all backgrounds and levels. It's more than just a race—it's a community celebration that connects people through movement, joy, and a shared sense of purpose.

