Communities surviving on the margin during the pandemic in Taiwan

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Taiwan goes 33 days without local coronavirus cases, 8 days with no imported infection

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No new confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) for 8 consecutive days.

Of 440 confirmed cases in Taiwan

349 imported
55 locally acquired
36 Navy crew aboard the Panshih Fast Combat Support Ship

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- Online streaming community bazaar 3 May 2020
- Some neighborhood chiefs insist on serving the communities with a wide range of services in person.
- The challenges of caring for the elderlies with dementia during the pandemic

Wanhua district, where the poor and elderly concentrate in Taipei
Community gatherings have resumed since late May.

“Realizing that this is what we really want to do (despite the pandemic), so we will have the meeting no matter what!”

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In contrast, when it comes to the 70,000 migrant workers in Taiwan “not much changes from their already being in semi-quarantine on daily basis in Taipei, Taoyuan, Keelung, etc.

“They are better than anyone to live in isolation, to maintain online, real-time, fragmented social interaction.” (Yu-wen Wang, a community worker and teacher of the Mandarin class)
Still, they are seen mostly as laborers rather than full human beings: Plenty information in diverse language about self-health management rather than labor right during the pandemic.

Suspension of holidays and social activities in the name of the pandemic.

The Mandarin classes have been seen as a legitimate leisure activities that the employers would grant support to the migrant workers.