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China Times E-paper (2011/06/16) & MNA (2011/06/15) Taichung City government held an ocean pollution emergency drill on June 15 at Taichung Harbor. Vice Mayor Jiachi HSIAO of the city hosted the drill, while Commander of the Tenth Army Corps Lieutenant General Yi-ping HUANG attended the event as well, improving the military-local government cooperation especially with regard to the emergency response. At meanwhile, the Kinmen heavy artillery drill shows the environmental protection concept as well by replacing metal fuses with wooden ones so that the impact to the marine ecological system be reduced to the lowest extent.

The units taking parts in the ocean pollution emergency drill include 36 Chemical Group, Tenth Army Corps., Taichung Harbor Bureau, the Third Coast Guard of Coast Guard Administration, Central Costal Patrol Office, etc. 31 official and non-official organizations and about 150 people have participated in the event. The army commander attended the event by person showing the army cared about the emergency response and prevention.

The drilled situation is to deal with a leaking oil tanker. The crew on the tanker took the first measure to dispose oil booms, after the may-day was signaled. Then the captain reported the situation to the harbor administration via radio. Once the harbor administration received the report, the harbor administration transferred the situation to coast guard, costal patrol and the city environmental protection agency. At the same time the administrative staff was disposed to the site conducting immediate treatment.

Vice Mayor said, the drill procedure will be followed if any serous ocean disaster occurs. This procedure had integrate all the official, non-official and professional resources and is believed to be able to shorten the manage period and enhance the response efficiency.

The Kinmen heavy artillery drill took place at the south coast of Kinmen on June 15. The drill not only has positive outcome, but also shows the environmental protection concept of the national armed forces. The drill was scheduled at the non-fishing season; besides, the metal fuses were replaced by wooden ones so that the shell would not cause any explosion but only water columns so that the marine ecological system would not be disturbed too much.

Further Information: <u>MNA 2011/06/15</u> (Chinese) <u>China Times E-paper 2011/06/16</u> (Chinese)

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