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China Times E-paper, The Liberty Times E-paper & udn.com (2009/09/27) A lot of euploea butterflies were spotted around Lin-nei Section of Formosa Freeway and astonished the people and the ecologists in Lin-nei for they usually do not appear here in autumn. National Freeway Bureau emergently closed parts of Lin-nei Section of Formosa Freeway for two hours to let the butterflies get passed safely.

Euploea butterflies used to be observed in Lin-nei area only during the Pure Brightness period (Ching Ming Festival, Tomb-sweeping day, the early April). The present bizarre appearance was considered to relate to the climatic anomaly. Beside of this event, a few days before people also observed euploea around the border between Chiayi County and Tainan County. People believed this had to do with the global warming. Other people thought that 88 flood destroyed the butterflies' habitats in South Taiwan, inducing food shortage; perhaps the butterflies moved northwards now to look for new habitats. According to the island wide observation report system, euploea can be observed everywhere in Taiwan now. It is still very puzzling the euploea butterflies, which should move southwards in September to the mountain areas in Taitung and Kaohsiung to pass the winter, would stay in north or migrate northwards. Experts are now investigating the phenomenon and looking for the reason.

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