

Hello everybody, and welcome to a new episode of News Bites!

I'm Ryan Drillsma...

And I'm Nancy Sun.

In today's news:

A boy donates a coin to Taiwan, astronauts grow chilies in space, and Henry Cavill wants to play a Bond villain.
All that and more, coming up next.

敘利亞小難民 捐歐元硬幣給台灣

Boy in Turkey Donates Euro to Taiwan

Taiwan has donated COVID-19 vaccines to lots of different places around the world.

One of those countries is Turkey.

Turkey is in Eastern Europe and it shares a border (邊境) with Syria (敘利亞).

If you don't already know, a war has been happening in Syria for over 10 years.

It has made a lot of people flee (逃離) their homes.

When people leave their homes and go to another country because of war, they are called refugees (難民).

Turkey has around 3.6 million refugees from Syria.

And many of them are children.

Of course, these children still need to learn..

The Tzu Chi Foundation, a Taiwanese charity, set up a school in Turkey especially for Syrian refugee children to learn there.

And recently, these children and their teachers decided to thank Taiwan for helping get vaccines to Turkey.

They decided to donate (捐款) coins to Taiwan to help the country buy more vaccines.

The Menahil School collected around 21 thousand NT in Turkish lira.

But among those coins they found something special.

It was a one Euro coin!

Euros cannot be used in Turkey so they were wondering how it got there.

The coin was wrapped in a note.

The note said it was from a second-grade boy who found the coin, but kept hold of it, because he could not use it.

His parents said it was very special to him, but because of Taiwan's help, he wanted to give it away.

What a nice gesture!

這個小學二年級的敘利亞男孩，一直保留著他找到的歐元硬幣，因為在土耳其無法使用。由於台灣的幫助，這個男孩決定把它捐給台灣。好貼心的心意！

太空人 在太空種植辣椒

Astronauts Grow Chilis in Space

Do you like to eat Mexican food?

Astronauts at the International Space Station do!

你喜歡吃墨西哥料理嗎？

居住在國際太空站的太空人喜歡！

American astronaut Meghan McArthur recently posted on Twitter that she had just eaten tacos for lunch.

But why is this important?

Well, it marked the first time chili peppers (辣椒) had been grown in space.

Other vegetables like lettuce (生菜), kale (羽衣甘藍) and Chinese cabbage (大白菜) have been grown in space before.

But never chili peppers.

It's part of an experiment (實驗) that will help NASA learn more about growing fresh food on long journeys into space.

Astronauts don't usually eat fresh food in space.

They take dried food up there.

Food is usually stored in vacuum-seal bags (真空袋).

This is because it weighs less, and because they have to keep it for a long time, so it doesn't go bad.

But astronauts can't eat all kinds of food.

They chose to grow chili peppers because they contain a lot of vitamin C (維他命 C).

Also, it is said astronauts lose their taste in space, so they wanted to eat something spicy to bring it back!

They researched for two years before they found the perfect chili to grow in space.

That's a lot of work for a spicy treat!

太空人在太空久了會失去味覺，所以想吃一點辣的食物來刺激食慾。美國太空總署研究了兩年才找到最適合的辣椒品種。真不容易呢！

亨利·卡維爾想演 007 壞人

Henry Cavill Wants to Play Bond Villain

A big-name actor wants to be a bad guy.

Henry Cavill says he would like be in a future James Bond movie, but not necessarily as Bond.

He would be quite willing to play a villain (反派).

He says he would love to speak with Bond producers about the idea.

亨利·卡維爾說他有興趣演 007 反派角色。

Cavill was actually considered to play Bond at once point.
He auditioned (試演) for the role, which eventually went to Daniel Craig.
Henry says if they want him to play Bond in the future, he would be willing to do that too.

Craig just wrapped up his time as Bond with the release of No Time to Die.
卡維爾曾經有試演 007 角色，主角或反派他都願意演。

So, in today's News Bites:

A Syrian boy in Turkey donated a one Euro coin to Taiwan.
It was to thank Taiwan for its help getting vaccines.

And,

Astronauts grew chilis in space.
It's the first time they have done it.
It was an experiment to see which vegetables can grow in space.

And,

Henry Cavill wants to play a Bond villain
He says he would love to speak with Bond producers about the idea.

And that's today's episode of News Bites!

主播每周一問

Have Your Say

This week, we want you to have your say about movies.
Movies can be a lot of fun. Even though we couldn't go to movie theaters for a while, many people still enjoyed watching movies at home. Maybe it helped us feel like we went somewhere even though we were in our living room.

Of all the movies that you have watched, which one is your favorite, and why?
Record your message and send it to newsbites@icrt.com.tw with your name and age, and if you like, the name of your school.

Make sure to send us your recording by Thursday at noon, and you might hear your message on our show on Friday!