

2018 Taiwan Cycling Festival – Taiwan Cup

2018 Taiwan KOM Challenge

Starting in 2012, KOM, the Taiwan King of Mountain Challenge had become one of the prestigious and greatest epic climbs events in the world. The route of total length 105km, starting from sea level, the Hualien Qixingtang, passing through the spectacular Taroko gorge, then ending up at the highest road apex atop route 14A to Wuling Pass at 3275m, had become one of the most difficult climb challenge.

The Taiwan KOM Challenge is definitely an once in a life time cycling event for all riders, because it is so unique and you will not miss this opportunity to challenge yourself.

Event Information

Sanctioned by: Ministry of Transportation and Communication R.O.C., Tourism Bureau MOTC R.O.C., Hualien County Government, Nantou County Government.

Organized by: Taiwan Cyclist Federation (TCF)

Date: October 26, 2018 (Friday)

Route: Hualien Qixingtang → Taroko Bridge → Route 8 → Tianxiang → Xinbaiyang → Bilu Sacred Tree → Guanyuan Gas Station → Dayuling → Route 14A → Wuling Pass. Total Distance: 105km, Altitude from 0 sea level up to 3275 meters. (refer to Route map & Profile & Climb Details & Last Kilometers as Appendix)

Entry Qualifications :

1. MUST be 16 years old or above, and capable of finishing the route in 8 hours.
2. Any rider who had a positive result record from ANY doping tests in the past will not be allowed to compete in the Taiwan KOM Challenge.

Categories :

Elite: 19 years old and above (born before 1999)

M16: 16-19 years old (born 1999-2002)

M20: 20 - 29 years old (1989-1998)

M30: 30 - 39 years old (1979-1988)

M40: 40 - 49 years old (1969-1978)

M50: 50 years old and above (born before 1968)

Women: 16 years old and above (born before 2002)

Entry fee: NTD6,000/per entry (including NTD1,000 J-chip deposit fee)

Entry fee includes: Insurance, medal & certificate (who have finished the route), souvenir Polo-shirt/water bottle/backpack/race handbook/welcome party/feed zone supply/lunch/riders' farewell dinner ticket. (For additional ticket please refer to the registration staff upon registration.)

Timing chip:

1. Japanese J-Chip system will be used for official timing.
2. NTD1,000 deposit is required for the sensor chip upon registration. , and will be refunded after the chip has been returned. In case the chip is lost, the 1,000 NTD deposit will be forfeited until the chip is founded and returned to the organizer.

Registration Notice:

1. The registration is open from now until **September 16, 2018**, OR until the entry numbers reach 600 riders (300 overseas riders & 300 local riders respectively)
2. A scanned copy of passport is required to be emailed to service@cyclist.org.tw, together with order number provided by the registration system for insurance concern.
3. Riders should be responsible for the correctness of data provided in his/her registration. Upon the announcement of the entry list, request of changing category in any reason will not be acceptable.
4. The organizer reserves the right to reject rider's registration.
5. The organizer has the right, considering issues like health/age/race history/career record or other issues, to denying any entrant from registration or riding the event at any time, without having to explain the reason.

Awards:

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The NTD prize awards are as below:

Item/Place	1st	2nd	3th	4th	5th	6 th
Male/GC	500,000	225,000	100,000	50,000	40,000	30,000
Female/GC	500,000	225,000	100,000	50,000	40,000	30,000
Taiwan/GC	100,000	50,000	40,000	30,000	20,000	10,000

Total/NTD 2,140,000

Note :

- According to Taiwan tax law, a local citizen or resident card holder who wins prize money over NT\$ 20,000 must pay 10% tax, a foreigner must pay 20% tax. The amount of the tax money will be deducted from prize money.
 - Rider who has been tested positive for doping will not be allowed to compete in the Taiwan KOM Challenge.
 - Riders selected for drug testing will not be awarded prize money until verification of drug testing. If a rider tested positive, no prize money will be awarded and their result will be nullified. Furthermore, they will be banned from all future Taiwan KOM competitions. If a rider's doping test result is positive, his/her placement and prize money will not be awarded to the next placing rider.
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Top 6 placed male GC/female GC/Taiwan GC riders will be awarded trophies and prize money, and the first placed riders will be award with the **Taiwan KOM male/female/Taiwan champion jersey**.
 2. The most combative rider will be awarded with the **Taiwan KOM-Most Combative trophy and jersey**.
 3. To promote the participation of foreign riders in the Taiwan KOM Challenge event, we will award the best-placed rider from the countries or regions which has 15 or more riders participating in this race with the **Taiwan KOM-Friendship trophy and jersey**.

4. Every age category's top 6 placed riders will be awarded with trophies.
5. All riders who finish the race within the time limit will be awarded a finishing medal and a finishing record certificate.

Doping Test :

1. The Organizer will select, at their discretion, any rider from any category to undertake a doping test at this event (the method of sampling will be announced in the riders meeting and race handbook.) Riders must follow the rule of the doping test with no objection, or the Organizer may cancel that rider's race ranking and all prize money.
2. The Organizer will not accept riders who have previous records of doping as participants in the Taiwan KOM Challenge.

Event Schedule :

(Exact time will be subject to change based on special circumstance, and will be announced beforehand)

Oct. 25th, 2018 (Thursday):

- 13:00 Teams and riders' check-in (at Hualien Parkview Hotel)
- 15:00 Welcome Party & Riders Pre-Race Notice

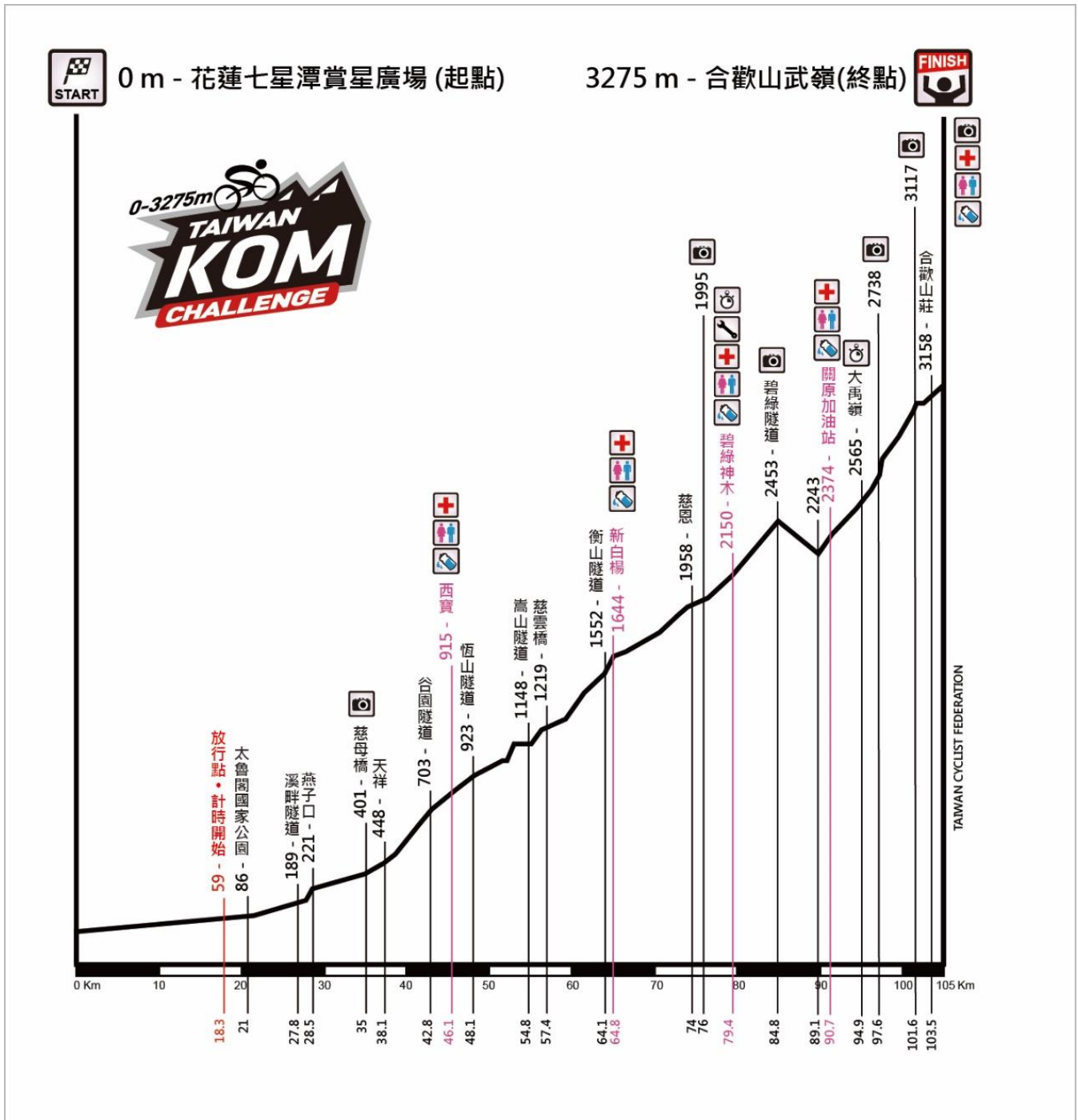
Oct. 26th, 2018(Friday):

- 05:00 Riders sign-in/check-in their day bags (at Hualien Qixingtan Beachside Park)
- 05:40 Opening Ceremony
- 06:00 Race Start (the first 18kms is a warm-up, official timing starts after the left turn off the Taroko Gorge Bridge – details will be published in the official brochure)
- 11:00 Award ceremony of GC/Women/Taiwan Top 6 (at Wuling parking lot.)
- 12:00 Award ceremony of age categories/Combative/Friendship (at Kunyang parking lot.)
- 13:00 Wuling finish line closing time. Time limit: 6.5 hours after the flying start point.
- 18:00 Farewell dinner (at Parkview Hotel Hualien.)

Route Map (Appendix I)



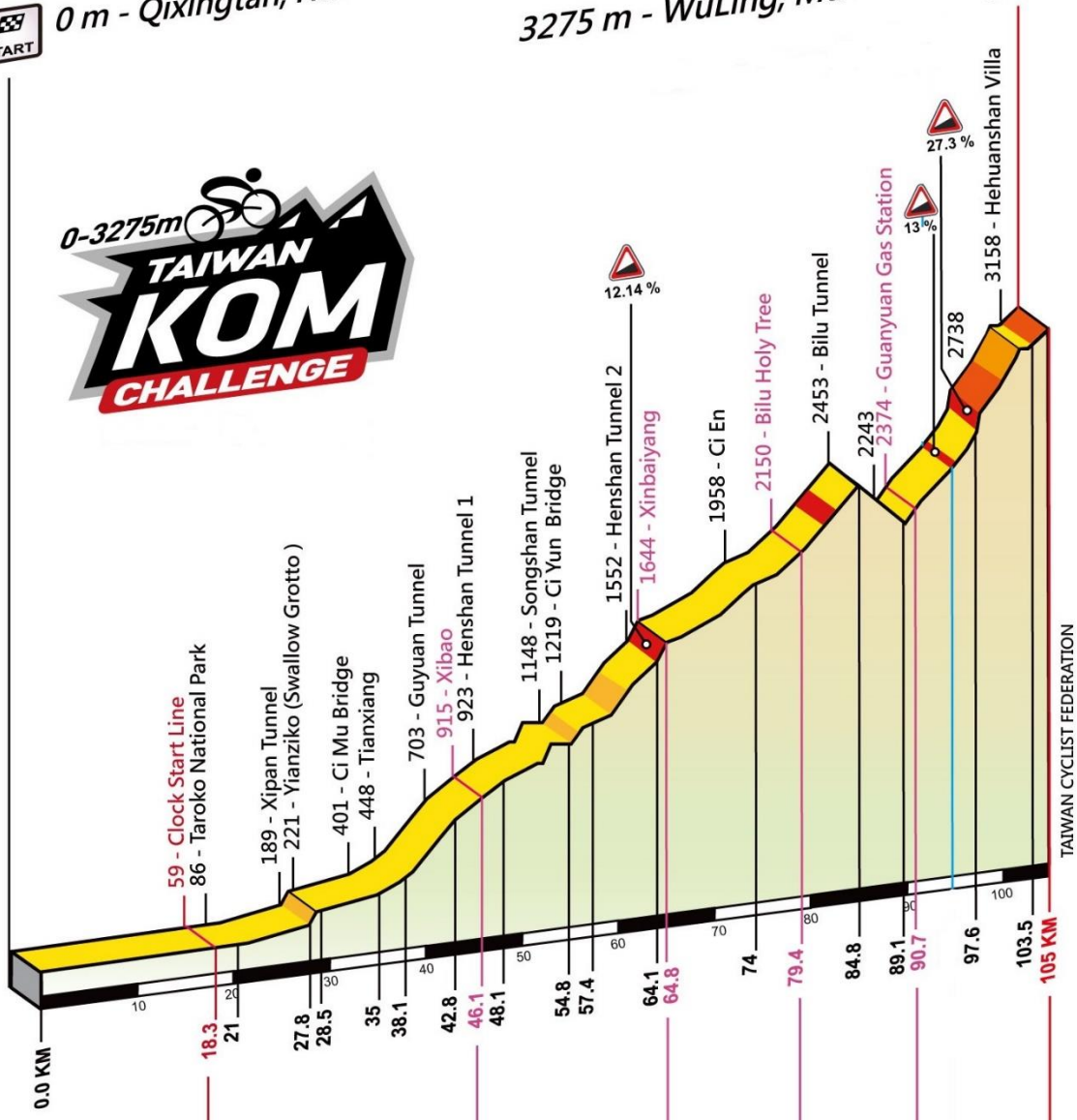
Profile (Appendix II)



Climb Details (Appendix III)

START 0 m - Qixingtan, Hualian

3275 m - WuLing, Mt. Hehuan FINISH



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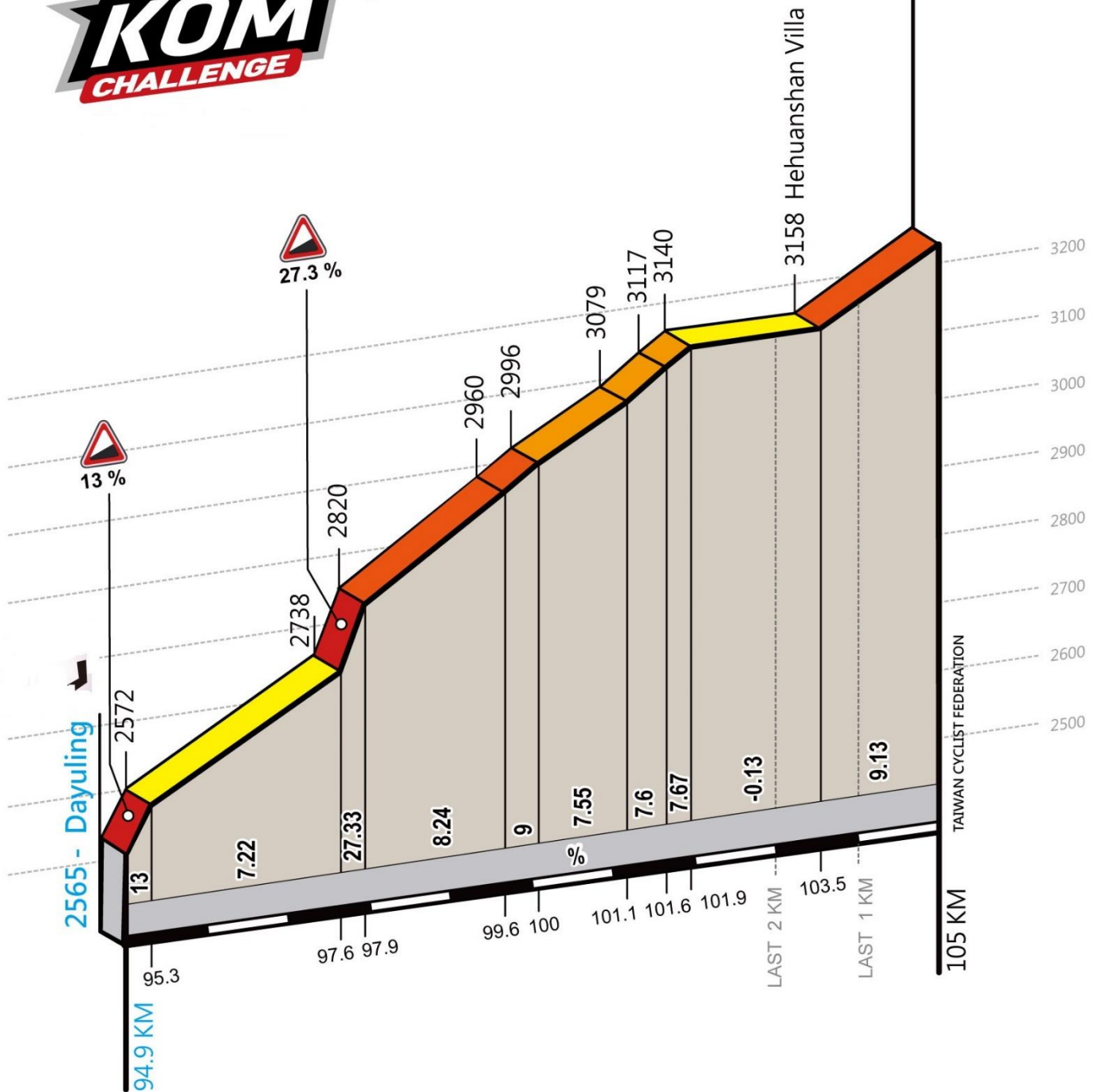
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Last KMs (Appendix IV)

Last KM



3275 m - WuLing, Mt. Hehuan



※ **KOM Spectator Tour**

NT\$3,000 per person, including transportation Hualien-Wuling-Hualien, insurance, KOM wind jacket, race book, and lunch in Kunyang.

※ **Merida Bike Rental service**

Limited number of MERIDA Reacto 500 (or similar level) road bike are available for rent to ride the event. Daily rental fee starts from NT\$5,000. For details please contact service@cyclist.org.tw

※ **Traffic Access** from Taoyuan International Airport (TPE) to Parkview Hotel Hualien by public transportation:

(1) Upon your arrival at TPE airport, Taking the airport MRT or airport bus to Taipei Main Station. It takes around one hour.

(2) Taking TRA Railway from Taipei Main Station to Hualien Station. The Puyuma Express takes around 2~2.5 hours.

(3) Taking a taxi from Hualien Station to the Parkview Hotel takes around 15 minutes.

● **2018 Taiwan KOM Challenge – Finisher medal**

