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ELSKA SHOWCASES MEN OF TAIPEI, THE GAY CAPITAL OF ASIA

The latest book in the Elska series, a project dedicated to exploring the world and its men through a gay lens, has put its spotlight on Taipei. Inside, readers can get to know a selection of ordinary, local Taiwanese men through a blend of intimate photography and personal storytelling.

"When I heard Taipei described as the 'gay capital of Asia', that was all the convincing I needed to book a trip here," says writer and chief photographer of Elska, Liam Campbell. "The country was the first in Asia to adopt same-sex marriage, it holds the continent's largest Pride parade, and it's the home of recent Drag Race winner Nymphia Wind. I quickly booked flights and then spent a week meeting local men, photographing them, and getting to know them and their city."

"Taiwan was the first Asian country to get the Elska treatment, and this new second edition of the book we made there honours that fact" continues Liam. "Since that first trip, we've since highlighted nine other Asian cities out of our collection of fifty-two books. This new second edition features loads of new photographs, new stories, a new cover, and even some men who weren't included in the original first edition."

The narrative in Elska Taipei is a combination of diaries and recollections by the book's creator Liam Campbell along with stories contributed by some of the men we met in Taipei, presented in their



original languages. Each of these men was also photographed by Liam, in their city's streets and at home, dressed in their own style or sometimes not dressed at all. The result is diverse, transportative, and totally honest.

Elska Taipei is available in a collectible print format or in a downloadable e-version. In addition, the companion e-zine *Elska Ekstra Taipei* is available, containing three more men and their stories, plus hundreds of outtake images of each Taiwanese subject.

The publications are available for order online as well as from a select group of shops around the world.

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