Supplementary Materials:

Table S1. The measurement items of TDC, descriptive analysis, and CFA results**.**

	Item	Sources
(1) Natural	National parks, nature reserves	[15,16,19]
	Wild animals, flora, and fauna	
	Natural scenery	
	Well-preserved habitats for extinct animals	
(2) Cultural	Traditional play, dance, and performance	
	Agricultural village culture	
	Traditional cultural heritage	
(3) Contextual	Front-line visit	
	DMZ iron fence around border	
	DMZ caves	
	DMZ observatory	
(4) Infrastructure	Safety, security, accident prevention, and problem-solving actions	
	Communication, internet	
	Transportation	
	Health care/clinic/hospital	
(5) Technology	DMZ Ecosystem information App	
	DMZ AR/VR App	
	DMZ local tourism internet information	
	DMZ visit reservation App	
(6) Accommodation	Motel, inn	
	Hotel	
	Alternative accommodation (e.g., homestay, Airbnb)	
(7) Complementary	Sports events, sports competition	
	Music concerts and festivals	
	Cultural events (movies, literature, art)	
(8) Psychological empowerment	Tourism in the DMZ	[25,28,54,60]
	-makes me proud to be this community resident.	
	-makes me feel special because people travel to see my community's unique features.	
	-makes me want to tell others about what we have to offer in my community.	
	-reminds me that I have a unique culture to share with visitors.	
	-makes me want to work to keep my community special.	
(9) Political empowerment	I feel like	
	- I have a voice in my community's tourism development decisions.	
	- I have access to the decision-making process when it comes to tourism in my community.	
	- my vote makes a difference in how tourism is developed in my community.	
	- I have an outlet to share my concerns about tourism development in my community.	
(10) Economic empowerment	Tourism in my community helps me pay my bills.	
	A portion of my income is tied to tourism in my community.	
	I would economically benefit from more tourism development in my community.	
	My family's economic future depends upon tourism in my county.	
(11) Support for tourism	Tourism is one of the most important industries for my community.	[57,58]
	I am proud that tourists are coming to my community.	
	I support the development of tourism as it is vital to my community.	
	My community should attract more tourists.	