

### ■ CCS Publications Earn Accolades

Two publications of the Center for Chinese Studies placed among the top-three Chinese-language academic journals in a ranking conducted by the Cabinet-level National Science Council in June 2006. *Chinese Studies* (semiannual) earned second place in the general discipline category, while the *Newsletter for Research in Chinese Studies* (quarterly) earned second place in the newsletter category.

The council evaluated over 140 academic journals published in Taiwan with scores based on objective and subjective criteria. The objective scoring was based on responses by the editorial departments of the publications to questions concerning article formats, editorial operations and other external forms. The subjective evaluation proceeded in three stages. In the first stage, the council asked 500 scholars who had submitted research proposals to the council within the last three years to indicate from a list the 20 publications they read most. An evaluation committee of 30 scholars and experts and a consultation committee of five to seven senior scholars and experts was formed in stages two and three, respectively, to make the final selections from the 20 most-read journals.

The evaluation included for the first time overseas publications. Fifteen journals from mainland China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Europe and America were selected as potential publications for the submission of papers by Taiwan scholars and as research references. The full results of the evaluation can be viewed on the

NSC website at: <http://www.nsc.gov.tw/hum/>.  
(Chinese text by Keng Li-chun)



*Chinese Studies cover image*



*Newsletter for Research in Chinese Studies cover image*

### ■ CCS Invites Visiting Scholars on Trip to Yilan

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) invited a group of visiting scholars on a tour to Yilan County in eastern Taiwan on June 8, giving the foreign academics a close-up look at the traditional

culture of Taiwan.

The day's itinerary started with a visit to the historic district and Shihsanhang Merchant House in Toucheng, where the group learned about Yilan's history and development. The group then continued on to the National Center of Traditional Arts to experience Taiwanese music, drama and hand puppet performances, as well as the distinctive southern Fujian style architecture that was transplanted to Taiwan in earlier times. After a lunch of traditional local fare, the tour continued with a boat trip down the Dongshan River.

The afternoon schedule included stops to the Chen Family Jianhutang, Dengying Academy, Yilan County Historical Museum. The Jianhutang was built as a family shrine by the descendants of Chen Chi-po and Chen Chi-shu, immigrants from Zhangpu County in Fujian Province. The academy, built in 1863 by Chen Hsuan-tsu and divided into literary and martial sections. Confucian scholars were invited to lecture there over the generations. (Chinese Text by Caesar Tsai)



*CCS visiting scholars pose for a group picture at Chen Family Jianhutang (Photo by Caesar Tsai)*

## NCL International Exchange Events

May 1:

Inspecteur Général des Bibliothèques Jean-Marie Arnoul and Director Marie-Therese Pouilhas of the La Bibliothèque Municipale de Rennes visited the NCL



*Inspecteur Général des Bibliothèques Jean-Marie Arnoul (second from left) Director Marie-Therese Pouilhas (third from left) with NCL Deputy Director-General Sung Chien-cheng (center) (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)*

May 23:

Prof. Ching-chih Chen of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College, Boston visited the NCL to discuss cooperation on digitization.