

Academy of Social Sciences, Vietnam; Research topic: Investigating the Remarkable Chronicles by Yuan Hong Dao and Xu Xia Ke; Research period: Three months.

Five Alternates

1. Allen, Joseph: Male; U.S.A.; Professor, Department of Asian Languages and Literatures, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA; Research topic: Study of Taipei City: Taipei, City of Displacement; Research period: Three months.
2. Sabattini, Elisa: Female; Italy; Post doctoral studies, Chinese Studies, Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy) and INALCO of Paris (France); Research topic: The Art of Rulership in Former Han: the Ethics of "Xinshu" of Jia Yi; Research period: Three months.
3. Lum, Man Yee: Female; U.K.; Doctoral candidate, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK; Research topic: Performance Practice as Literary Style: Text, Performance and Dramatic Culture from the Late Ming to the Mid Qing Period in China; Research period: Three months.
4. Eifring, Halvor: Male; Norway; Professor, Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo, Norway ; Research topic: Psychological Structures in the Red Chamber Dream; Research period: Three months.
5. Hosne, Ana Carolina: Female; Argentine; Doctoral candidate, Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA), Argentina; Research topic: Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism in Late Ming China; Research period: Three months.

Reviews

■ Photographic Memories: Historic Photos of Taiwan (Vol. 1)

A picture, they say, speaks a thousand words and nowhere is this truer than in pictures capturing the historical moments in a nation's development.

The National Central Library has been actively building its collection of historical photos through various channels over recent years. Such photos offer a compelling look at the society, culture, people and events of Taiwan over the past century or so of rapid changes and development.

Images in the library collection include nineteenth century photos taken in Taiwan by westerners and over 4,000 photographic postcards from the Japanese occupation period.

In order to build on this extensive collection, the NCL organized an activity from June 27 to July 28, 2006, requesting public submissions of scenic and artistic postcards from the Japanese era and photos mainly from the 1920s to 1960s. Over one thousand photos and postcards were submitted by 38 people during the activity. The NCL invited scholars and experts to assess the historical value and rarity of each submission, resulting in 88 selected images. The public can now enjoy these fascinating images in the book "Photographic Memories: Historic Photos of Taiwan," published by the NCL.

The photos and postcards in this book are arranged by subject matter into seven sections on "Life," "Culture," "Politics," "Industry," "Transportation," "Street Scenes," and "Architecture & Parks." Each photo is annotated with a title, name of the person providing the photo, year and size of the photo, and an introduction to the historical

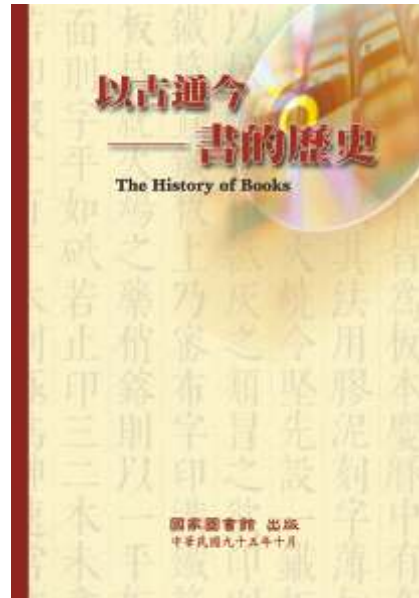
background and significance of the photo.



Cover photo of Photographic Memories: Historic Photos of Taiwan (Vol. 1)

■ The History of Books

The NCL published a color catalog of works exhibited during the "The History of Books" exhibition, which kicked off at the library on October 31, 2006. The catalog, titled *The History of Books*, consists of six sections introducing the origins of books, book materials, printing technology, book binding and layout, book formats, and the future of books. There is also an appendix with a glossary of book terminology, a chronological chart of major book-related events, and a table introducing the development of printing technology.



Cover photo of The History of Books

NCL International Exchange Events

July 19: Prof. Ching-chih Chen of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College, Boston visited the NCL to discuss cooperation on the GM NET system.

July 20: Ms. Naran Sarnai and Ms. Dyun-Erdene Darjaa of the State Central Library of Mongolia visited the NCL accompanied by Director Hai Chung-hsiung and Mr. Huang Ching-chih of the Mongolian Affairs Department under the Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission.

July 28: A delegation of 15 experts from mainland China's Chinese Book Import and Export Company (Shanghai) visited the library at the invitation of the