

Program

New Databases for University Libraries

The National Science Council (NSC) completed the acquisition of five databases on early English literature, economics and other subjects on December 6, 2006. All of the new information has been accessible from university libraries throughout Taiwan since the start of the year.

The council spent over NT\$100 million to acquire the five databases, including the Eighteenth Century Collection Online (ECCO), Early English Books Online (EEBO), Early American in Prints (EAI), The Making of Modern World (MOMW), and Periodicals Index Online (PAO).

The five databases include about 500,000 publications, including 15th to 18th century publications in England, 17th to 19th century American publications, and 18th to 20th century European and U.S. periodicals, and 15th to 19th century works on economics. These resources will be available from 177 universities across Taiwan, as well as from Academia Sinica, the NSC and the Science & Technology Policy Research and Information Center.

The NSC has also purchased bibliographic records for the database materials, enabling users to more easily access information. There are no limits on access, and users can download and print the full text of the publications included in the databases.

Funding for the databases was provided as part of the NSC's NT\$300 million annual subsidy to help university libraries in Taiwan build up their collection resources. The council began offering the subsidy in 2006 and will continue providing it to 2010, enabling universities to acquire an estimated 100,000 to 150,000 research books.

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Special Reports

Bringing Books to Life: NCL Makes a Splash at 2007 TIBE

The NCL hosted a hugely successful booth the 15th Taipei International Book Exhibition (TIBE), which was held in Taiwan's capital city from January 30 to February 4, 2007. The library exhibit attracted over 7,000 visitors inquiring about library information or interested in buying NCL publications. It was also highly effective in connecting with a broad range of readers and raising the library's public profile.



Visitors flocked to the NCL exhibit during the 2007 TIBE (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)

Adopting the theme of "Bring Books to Life," this year's exhibit highlighted the NCL's collection building plans, contribution from the publishing world, book donations to the library, and international publication exchanges. It also promoted the various digital and network resources that the library has