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## Review

### ■ *Understanding Taiwan's Historical Contracts*

The NCL published a two-volume book entitled *Historical Contracts in Taiwan* in February 2007. Compiled by the NCL Special Collection Division

and edited by Dr. Wen Chen-hua of the Graduate Institute of Taiwan History at National Taiwan Normal University, the book introduces historical contracts in Taiwan with the first volume providing an overview and the second volume presenting illustrative examples. A total of 82 contracts are covered, including official and private documents. The official contracts are issued by government agencies and encompass official letters, instructions, survey slips, and receipt of tax payment. The private documents include contracts for transactions, land transfers, loans, pawned items, land parceling, additional payment and adoption contracts.

Private contracts were frequently used in Han Chinese societies during the Ming and Qing periods, and they remained in use in Taiwan through the early part of the Japanese occupation era. They provide an invaluable resource for understanding daily life in earlier times, as well as historical, social and economic developments in Taiwan.



Front cover of *Historical Contracts in Taiwan*