

reference value for Sinological research in Taiwan and abroad. Accessing these materials, however, has been hindered by the lack of a comprehensive index and database information service for such resources not only in Taiwan but in Hong Kong and China as well.



"Taiwan Humanities Indexes" website:
<http://memory.ncl.edu.tw/tm-sd/index.jsp>

To address this shortcoming, the NCL invited professors Wang Kuo-liang and Liu Ning-huei of the Institute of Chinese Bibliography and Textual Criticism at National Taipei University to carry out a cooperative plan in 2005 to compile, enter and collate information for a database index of resources related to Chinese humanities. The NCL took charge of establishing and maintaining a database for such information, with convenient online search and classified browsing functions available to users around the world. The Taiwan Humanities Indexes service and the NCL's "Index to Chinese Periodical Literature (PerioPath)" will also be linked to mutually complement the resources of each system.

The system includes the following scope of information: 1. Period: Publications from 1945 to the first half of 2005; 2. Region: Taiwan publications, mainly from the NCL collection; 3. Type: Mainly

books, including regularly or irregularly published collections of academic papers or essays, proceedings of academic seminars, collected thesis papers by individual authors, and collected honorary birthday and memorial essays (excluding academic journals, degree thesis papers and daily newspapers); 3. Topics: Mainly research related to Chinese culture, literature, history, thought, academics, and other humanities fields; 4. Indexing principles: The entire table of contents of each publication is included. Any publication with content on western research or content in the fields of society, natural science, etc. is not included.

Two types of format were adopted for the indexed information-book indexes and single article indexes. Materials can be queried for by basic and advanced search functions. Integrated and linked searches can be conducted across three major systems, including the NCL collection catalog, National Bibliographic Information Network (NBINet), and PerioPath: Index to Chinese Periodical Literature. Users can also browse resources by category. (Chinese text by Chung Hsueh-chen)

■ *PIID—Bringing Taiwanese Publications to the World*

The International Standard Book Number (ISBN) system is based on the ISO 2108 standard officially implemented by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in 1972. The ISBN Management Agency was in charge of the ISBN system until 1985, when the International ISBN Agency was established in Berlin to assume this responsibility. In April 2006, the operations of the agency were taken over by EDItEUR in London, which has the principal function of assisting countries

and regions in the establishment of ISBN centers, supervising and providing guidance in the usage of the ISBN system worldwide, and compiling and managing the Registration Group Element. At present Taiwanese publications are identified with the country codes "957" and "986".

The *Publishers International ISBN Directory* (PIID) is published annually by the International ISBN Agency in conjunction with publishers K.G. Saur and R.R. Bowker. It includes a country/region index, ISBN index and publisher name index in three large volumes. Since 1996, this publication has been simultaneously issued in print and CD editions, providing a valuable reference for book acquisition and management, classification, sale, and storage operations and functions. In 2007, when the International ISBN Agency introduced a 13-digit ISBN system, work was started on a web version of the PIID with a scheduled release date of April 2007. This new resource will enable directory information to be promptly updated and strengthen reporting functions.

The NCL ISBN Center annually compiles a directory of over 2,000 domestic publishers that have applied for ISBN numbers in the previous year. It provides this information to the International ISBN Agency for inclusion in PIID, including information on the name, address, telephone and fax numbers, website address, email, publication type, and related ISBN codes. The online directory has also added the "978" code to listings, as well as information on registration type, business status, country code, persons in charge, and trade names, all presented in a CSV (comma separated variable) format. It is hoped that the online directory will enable faster updating, streamline editing and management work, improve economic efficiency, and upgrade the reliability of the

directory information. It is also anticipated to enhance the global visibility and competitiveness of Taiwanese publications. (International ISBN Agency website: <http://www.isbn-international.org/en/index.html>) (Chinese text by Wan Lin-ling)

■ *Journal of Educational Media and Library Sciences Featured in Serials Review Column*

The highly authoritative and SSCI-listed Serials Review featured an article on "Perceptions of Open Access Publishing among Academic Journal Editors in China" in "The Balance Point" column of its most recent issue this year. Allan Scherlen was the column editor and Dr. Xiaorong Shao was a contributor for the article. The report identified only six open access periodicals in Taiwan, mainland China and Hong Kong. Tamkang University's *Journal of Educational Media and Library Sciences* (JoEMLS) was the only open access periodical from Taiwan on the list. The report provided detailed introductions to the six periodicals and the process by which they became Open Access publications. The views of JoEMLS Chief editor Dr. Jeong-yeou Chiu on the development trends of Chinese academic journals were also included in the main body and conclusion of the report. The extensive report on JoEMLS has greatly elevated the journal's academic standing.

Open Access marks a major milestone in academic dissemination and publishing. Such publications are listed in the *Directory Open Access Journal* (DOAJ), making it a major resource of information on Open Source periodicals. (Chinese text by Chang Yu-lun)