



Mr. He Hui-kuang (left) and NCL Director-General Wang Wen-lu at the signing ceremony for the photograph donation. (Photo provided by Sung Mei-chen)



Harvest season (Photo by He Hui-kuang)

### ■ National Taichung Library Hosts Local Film Exhibition

The National Taichung Library presented the "2007 Taiwan Local Film Exhibition" on July 7 to 8 in conjunction with the Council for Cultural Affairs, Government Information Office, and Taipei County Culture and History Society, highlighting the best of the works submitted by local filmmakers.

This year's exhibition attracted many high quality submissions representing a wide variety of subject matters and perspectives. Some of the main themes

were local culture, historical chance, cultural assets, and community development. After extensive deliberation, the jury selected five documentaries by Kuo Hsiao-yun.

The National Taichung Library presented all five documentaries for free public viewing at its 10th floor AV room.

### ■ Kaohsiung International Book Show

The 2007 Kaohsiung International Book Show kicked off on August 8 at the Kaohsiung Business Exhibition Center. Over 200 well-known publishers from around the world, including over 100 from Taiwan, exhibited tens of thousands of publications at the 12-day fair, which wrapped up August 19. There were also theme pavilions highlighting government publications, children's books, comic books, and mainland Chinese publications with simplified Chinese text. Pearson, McGraw-Hill Harcourt and other major U.S. publishers also attended the show this year.

Since August 8 is Father's Day in Taiwan, the show organizer planned several Father's Day activities for the opening day. There were also English learning activities to help the city residents hone up their language skills for the upcoming 2009 World Games, which will be hosted in Kaohsiung. (Chinese text adapted from report by Lin Hsien-yuan)

### ■ Japanese Books Preserved at Jhutian Township Library

The little township of Jhutian in Taiwan's southern county of Pingtung is home to one of Taiwan's few libraries devoted entirely to Japanese publications. The Dr. Ichiro Ikegami Library, housed

in the renovated old Jhutian Train Station, has a collection of over 6,000 books donated by Dr. Ikegami, including books and magazines on society, history, language and other topics.



*The Dr. Ichiro Ikegami Library has a comfortable rest area  
(Photo by Wang Yi-chin)*



*All of the library books were donated from Japan. (Photo by Wang Yi-chin)*

Dr. Ikegami was a Japanese national who lived in Jhutian from 1943 to 1945, before returning to Japan after the war. He returned to inaugurate the library

with his wife at a ceremony on January 16, 2001, marking his 91st birthday. Dr. Ikegami passed away only two months after visiting Taiwan, but he lives on in the memory of the people of Jhutian. (Chinese text adapted from the report by Wang Yi-chin)

### ■ *National Taiwan Library Opens "Book Hospital"*

The National Taiwan Library (NTL) opened Asia's first "book hospital" with facilities to restore acid and pest damaged books. Books are treated with a book acid removal system imported from Germany, extending their life by about a hundred years.

The 90-plus-year-old NTL has many precious works from the Japanese occupation period and Southeast Asian resources with considerable research value. The library is preserving these works with an array of advance equipment at the "book hospital," including the acid removal system, refrigeration device to remove pests, and instruments to test paper moisture, pH value, and paper thickness. Acidity removal is a particular benefit in book preservation, since acid makes it easy for pages to break and fall out. The library will first restore Taiwan documents in its collection, and later may provide commissioned restoration services for the National Palace Museum, Office of the President, and National Museum of History. (Chinese text excerpted from a June 27, 2007, report by Chen Ying-chu on the Broadcasting Corporation of China website)

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