



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