

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)

Seminars

■ *2007 Seminar on Advances in Library, Information and Broadcasting Studies*

Sponsor: American Society for Information Science &

Technology (Taipei Chapter)

Supporter: Department of Information and Communications, Shih Hsin University

Date: June 16, 2007

Venue: College of Management, Shih Hsin University

■ *Seminar on the Academic Resource Doubling
Action Plan Alliance-Retrospective and Outlook*

Sponsor: Feng Chia University

Date: July 25, 2007

Venue: Feng Chia University Library

■ *Library 2.0: Challenges for Libraries and
Publishers in the Digital Age*

Sponsors: Chinese Book Marketing Development Association; udn.com

Date: August 10, 2007

Venue: Pompidou Convention Center

■ *Seminar on Development Trends in E-Resource
Integrated Search Systems and the Annual
Meeting of the Kaohsiung Area University
Library Alliance*

Sponsors: Kaohsiung Area University Library Alliance; National Kaohsiung University of Applied Sciences

Supporter: Transtech Co., Ltd.

Date: August 16, 2007

Venue: National Kaohsiung University of Applied Sciences

■ *29th Medical Library Personnel Seminar*

Sponsors: Medical Library Committee of the Library Association of the ROC (Taiwan); National Yang Ming University Library

Date: August 30-31, 2007

Venue: National Yang Ming University

■ *Seminar on Taiwan Institutional Repository*

Sponsor: National Taiwan University Library

Date: August 31, 2007

Venue: Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering, National Taiwan University

■ *Workshop on Information Research
Methodologies*

Sponsor: Library Association of the ROC (Taiwan)

Date: October 27, 2007

Venue: Shih Hsin University

■ *Seminar on Digital Archive Quality Control*

Sponsor: Content Development Division, National Digital Archives Program

Date: November 21-22, 2007

Venue: Museum of the Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica

Exhibitions

■ *Exhibition on Rare Medical Books*

The library of the National Taiwan University (NTU) College of Medicine is holding an exhibition on rare medical books from the Japanese occupation period to early post-war period (1895~1950) from April 12, 2007 to March 31, 2008, to celebrate the college's 110th anniversary. The works on display include books, periodicals and digitized materials that highlight the long history and abundant resources of the college.

Taiwan's modern medical system was heavily influenced by Japan's medical education and treatment systems during the period of Japanese administration (1895~1945). The medical publications from this time therefore represent an