

■ *TECO Canada Donates Chinese Books to Ottawa Public Library*

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO), Canada donated Chinese language books, Taiwan movies on DVD, and CD musical recordings published in Taiwan to the Ottawa Public Library (OPL). Statistics Canada recently announced that Chinese is the third most widely spoken language in Canada after English and French, creating a large demand for Chinese-language books and information.

The donation was presented to the library at a ceremony hosted by TECO on December 7, 2007. TECO Canada Representative Dr. David Tawei Lee presented the donation to OPL, which was represented by OPL City Librarian and CEO Barbara Clubb. The donation included C\$3,000 (over NT\$96,000) to the library for book acquisition, as well as 148 books and DVDs on Taiwan movies. Overseas Taiwanese living in Ottawa also added 133 books and CDs of Chinese music and folk songs. TECO Canada also donated 28 DVDs and animated films introducing Taiwan. The OPL said that the library's collection is rotated among branches to provide broader better public access to reading materials. It said the newly donated materials would enable the library to expand services to Chinese speakers.

■ *Republic of Panama and Chen Feng-tian Memorial Library Donation*

The National Central Library (NCL) signed a cooperation and exchange agreement with the ROC-Panama Cultural Center Chen Feng-tian Memorial Library on January 13, 2006, to promote

exchange and cooperation between the two sides. In addition to working together on cooperation plans and activities in the field of library and information science, the two sides will also develop book exchange relations to provide Taiwan publications for the overseas Chinese community in Panama, which accounts for about 5% of the country's population. The ROC-Panama Cultural Center will also provide publications with academic reference value to the NCL.

Under the cooperation agreement, the NCL will begin to send publications for selection by the Chen Feng-tian Memorial Library at the ROC-Panama Cultural Center to augment the library's Chinese-language collection. On December 5, 2007, ROC-Panama Cultural Center President Fermin Tomas Chan entrusted Panama's ambassador to Taiwan Julio Mock C. to donate to the NCL books on Panama and other publications



Panamanian Ambassador to Taiwan Julio Mock C. (second from the left) represented the ROC-Panama Cultural Center at the book donation ceremony. NCL Director General Dr. Huang Kuan-Chung (second from the right) accepted the books on behalf of the library.