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■ *Hong Kong Sun Yat-sen Library Donates Books to Chi Nan University*

The Hong Kong Sun Yat-sen Library of Hong Kong's Chinese Cultural Association donated original text books to National Chi Nan University (NCNU) at a ceremony held on April 17, 2008. The gift was presented by Chinese Association for Relief and Ensuing Services (CARES) President Ko Yu-chin. In gratitude, NCNU President Chang Jin-fu presented an appreciation plaque to Sun Yat-sen Library. In October 2007, Sun Yat-sen Library agreed to donate 15,000 rare western books to NCNU, mainly volumes in the fields of social sciences, literature, history and geography. The donated works will significantly augment the library collection at NCNU, which was established in 1995. Mr. Ko said that NCNU was an ideal place for the humanities and social science books donated by the Chinese Culture Association and that he hopes the university faculty and students will make full use of them. (Military News ROC, April, 18, 2008)

■ *Chinese Dietary Culture Library*

Since opening in 1989, the Chinese Dietary Culture Library of the Foundation of Chinese Dietary Culture has been the only library in the world dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Chinese food culture.

This petite library, located on Jianguo North Road in Taipei City, has accumulated a collection of over 20,000 publications on Chinese and international dietary culture. These resources



Chinese Dietary Culture Library Reading Room

include books, periodicals, audio-visual materials, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, thesis collections, periodicals thesis papers, menus and other materials related to food in Taiwan, Japan, China and other countries. Subjects covered by the collection range from food studies, historical allusions to food, essays, medicinal food, food therapy, nutrition, cooking ingredients, recipes, cooking utensils, local cuisine, eating customs, serving vessels, tea, alcohol and more. In recent years, the library has also been collecting menus from Chinese restaurants in Europe and the United States.

Library staff members scoured old book shops and antique stores in Japan, China, Korea, and Vietnam to find books to build the library collection. Several lost works related to food were discovered in the process, including several rare Yuan, Ming and Cing volumes and Japanese titles dating back to the 18th century and Meiji period (1868~1912).

The library collection is open to the public for free in-library reading only. There is also a reference and information counter with staff to assist readers.

■ *Defense Ministry Opens Psy-War Library*

The Ministry of National Defense recently converted an information center into a Psychological Warfare Library stocked with a large