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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

collection of books on mainland China, including years of source material on the Communist Party of China (CPC). The library has over 50,000 volumes categorized according to the Chinese Classification Scheme into general, philosophy, religion, natural science, applied science, social science, history and geography, language, and art books. The collection encompasses both works published in the mainland (including Hong Kong), as well as research materials on China published domestically and abroad.

The library collection also includes 50 periodical titles, including 36 from mainland China, 10 from Hong Kong, and four from Taiwan. In future, the library will further expand the collection scope with monthly journals on various military issues. The library also provides access to 10 e-papers, including four from Hong Kong and six from mainland China.

■ *Nantou County Library Holds Sports Themed Book Fair*

In conjunction with the 2008 National Middle School Athletic Games in mid-April, the library of the Nantou County Cultural Affairs Bureau Library organized a two-month sports-themed book fair through the end of April. The activity aimed to help county residents learn more about sports and generate enthusiasm for the athletic games.

The bureau library noted that it holds monthly book fairs on different themes to present cultural diversity. Over the years it has held such activities on the themes of children's books, France, travel, the benefits of reading, and family reading.

■ *Mobile Library Brings Books to Remote Communities in Changhua County*

The Changhua County Cultural Affairs Bureau and Mingdao University officially

inaugurated a mobile library service on March 19, 2008, making it easier for people living in remote areas of Changhua County to access good books. This is the first such service in Taiwan to provide books on loan from a university library collection. In addition to making fuller use of the library's collection, the service helps to promote reading at a grassroots community level. Library staff drive the bookmobile to township libraries in Changhua every Wednesday afternoon for book lending and other related cultural and artistic activities.

■ *Book Sharing Program Gives Students Access to Bestsellers*

Chienkuo Technology University organized a best-selling book fair at Yuanlin Vocational High School on March 13, 2008, as part of program to promote resource sharing among general and occupational high schools in Taichung, Changhua, and Nantou counties. The students were excited to be able to access popular books unavailable from the school library. Lugang Township Library set up a special section at the fair with nearly 200 books about Lugang to help students writing papers about the township. The touring exhibition will continue to May 22 this year.

Resource sharing is a good way to give budget-strapped high schools access to the new books so their students can keep abreast of the latest information.

■ *Cheng Kung University Holds Vietnam Culture Week*

The Vietnamese Students Union at National Cheng Kung University organized its annual "Vietnam Culture Week" activity from March 18 to 23, 2008, at the university library. The event included an exhibition of Vietnamese artifact, showings of Vietnamese movies, and a Vietnamese