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■ *2009 Annual Meeting of University and College Librarians in Taiwan*

Organizer: Ministry of Education (MOE)
Organizer: National Chung Cheng University
Venue: National Chung Cheng University
Date: May 14 to 15, 2009
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■ *Seminar on Compiling Resources for Taiwan Studies*

Advising agency: Ministry of Education (MOE)
Organizer: National Central Library Taiwan Branch
Venue: National Central Library Taiwan Branch
Date: June 21 to 22, 2006
(LIS Seminar chinese text compiled by Jen-mei chang)

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ *MOE Presents the National Outstanding Public Library Award*

The Ministry of Education (MOE) presented the National Outstanding Public Library Award to 20 public libraries in Taiwan at an award-presentation ceremony held on March 18, 2009. Nearly 70 people attended the ceremony, including county, city and township heads and representatives of cultural bureaus and libraries.

The winners were chosen from among 530 township and city public libraries across Taiwan through a process of on-site visits, library self-evaluations, and public surveys. The ministry carried out the selection process in conjunction with the Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in November and December of 2008 as part of the ministry's 2008 program to encourage public library excellence.

The Gold Library Award winners were Puli Township Library in Nantou County, Hualien City



Minister of Education Cheng Jei-cheng (fifth from right) with public library award winners (Photo provided by Peng Wei)

Library in Hualien County, Da-an Township Library in Taichung County, and the Wenshan Branch of the Taipei Public Library, each of which received an award of NT\$100,000. Among the six Silver Library Award winners were the Zuoying Branch of the Kaohsiung Public Library, Sanwan Township Library in Miaoli County, Wandan Township Library in Pingtung County, Luye Township Library in Taitung County, Sanchong City Library in Taipei County, and Xinshi Township Library in Tainan County, with a prize of NT\$80,000 for each. An additional 10 libraries received the "Bronze Library Award" along with NT\$60,000, including the Nan-ao Township Library in Yilan County. Most of the winning libraries were cited for originality in designing reading spaces, embodying local characteristics, integrating with community resources by displaying books at fast food restaurants, inns, train stations and other public areas, promoting the adoption of books, periodicals and library furniture, arranging family reading activities, and encouraging parent and volunteer participation in these events. (Chinese text by Huang Jing-hwa)

■ *NCL Taiwan Branch Reopens Family Resource Center*

The Family Resource Center at the National Central Library (NCL) Taiwan Branch celebrated its reopening in late December of 2008 with a series of family reading activities. The center had been closed