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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



*Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the reopening of the Family Resource Center*



*A reading area at the center*

for renovations funded by the Ministry of Education (MOE).

The center boasts a collection of about 110,000 Chinese and foreign language children's books and attracts around 28,000 visitors in an average month. In June the library asked children to submit drawings of their perfect library to better understand and respond to the needs of young readers. The favorite themes of the children, including nature, forests, animals, were incorporated into the center design to create a reading environment evoking a fun and imaginative picture book. The periodical, reference and information retrieval areas on the basement level suggest a forest-like setting. "Traveling the World" was the theme of the foreign publication section on the second floor to encourage children to broaden their international horizons and learn about different

cultures through books. On the basement level, there is also a "Happy Classroom" with spaces for parents to read to their kids, family book club meetings, and performance activities.

In 2009, the center also launched a monthly lecture series to guide readers toward deeper appreciation of books. The center has also adopted a new policy allowing readers to borrow books to take home. Readers also have a choice of borrowing books with individual, children's, or family library cards or EasyCards. The NCL Taiwan Branch has also teamed up with Hess Educational Foundation to create a Christmas tree and display cases old newspapers, cardboard boxes and other recycled materials. The displays promote the theme of environmental protection, while also further creating a fun environment for reading at the Family Resource Center. (Chinese text by Lin Chien-hui of the NCL Taiwan Branch)

#### ■ *Hsuan Chuang University Opens RFID Library*

Hsuan Chuang University's (HCU) recently opened two fully automated libraries, with RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) technology replacing librarians in handling book checked out and returned. The Miao-Ran RFID Library and Zi-Li RFID Library were established in different buildings on HCU's campus to carry some of the collection load at the university's space-strapped main library.



*Hsuan Chuang University Library*