

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ *New Publications at the National Taiwan Library*

Now Online: Research Analysis of Educational Resources on Taiwan Literary History

The National Taiwan Library opened the Taiwan Study Research Center in 2007 to make its extensive collection of Taiwan studies resources more widely available to the public and support research in this field. To this end, the center commissioned the "Research Analysis of Educational Resources on Taiwan Literary History", creating a much-needed exchange platform for educational resources on Taiwanese literary history. The study provides an important reference for teaching materials, student supplementary reading, and research resources. It also aims to promote domestic and international cooperation and exchanges on Taiwan studies. The research report can be viewed online in Chinese at: http://www.ntl.edu.tw/taiwan.tw/content.php?MainPageID=151&SubPageID=214&Keyword_Search=.

Catalog of the 2008 Exhibition of Taiwan Studies Books Selected for the National Publication Award

The *Catalog of the 2008 Exhibition of Taiwan Studies Books* (ISBN: 9789860166637) was selected for the National Publication Award. Edited by the National Central Library, the catalog is divided into seven subject categories: Taiwan branch, education, architecture, indigenous people, natural sciences, art and design, medicine and health, and historical photographs. Each section presents the historical development and influence of its subject with 16 subtopics based on the exhibited publications or items, including books, magazines, newspapers, photographs, and survey reports.

■ *German Information Center Opens in Tainan*

The Tainan Municipal Library (TML) and the German Cultural Center Taipei jointly opened the

"German Information and Self-study Center" at the library's An-Ping Branch in Tainan City. The center collection comprises about 2,000 donated German-language books, newspapers, magazines and multimedia materials. Additional resources will be added with support of an annual budget of about 4,500 euros. The new center is a welcome addition for people in Taiwan interested in learning about the German culture and language and those planning to study or travel in Germany.

The TML and German Cultural Center Taipei signed the cooperation agreement at a ceremony on May 19, with Tainan Mayor Hsu Taintsair and German Cultural Center Taipei director Jürgen Gerbig representing the two sides. The cooperation project represents a major stride forward in exchange relations between Tainan City and Germany.

Established in 1963 under the Goethe-Institut, the German Cultural Center Taipei has promoted language education, art and cultural activities, and library and information exchanges in Taiwan for over 40 years. It is also the oldest European institution of its kind in Taiwan.

■ *Top-50 Government Publications Highlighted at Exhibition*

The Research, Development and Evaluation Commission (RDEC) of the Executive Yuan, National Taichung Library and cultural affairs bureaus of five counties jointly held the "2009 Top 50 Government Publications Book Exhibition" on July 1 to August 2. The exhibition aimed to promote sales of government publications as well as highlight for the public that government publications are more than just dry statistics, laws and regulations. The books on display included a broad range of topics, from art, travel literature and language to audio-visual resources and books on local customs. The exhibition was held at the National Taichung Library and the cultural affairs bureaus of Taoyuan County, Nantou County, Kaohsiung City, Yilan County and Taitung County.