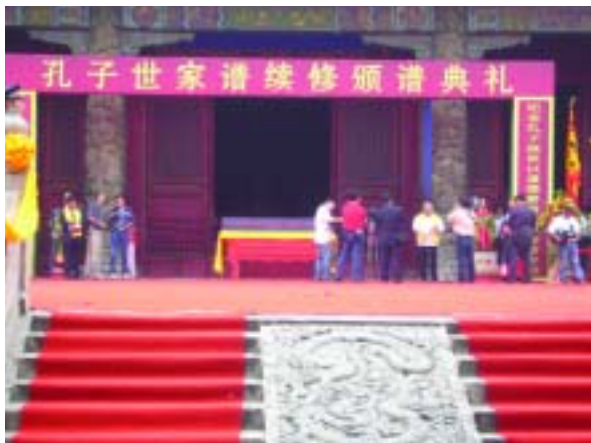


Family Tree has undergone one major revision every 60 years and one minor revision every 30 years since the Ming period. The most recent amendment was carried out in the 1930s and was not published until 1939 as the *National Genealogical Record*. This work has served as the blueprint for the compilation of the current version.

Over RMB12 million was spent in compiling the recent *Confucius Family Tree*. The record added nearly two million new names (an increase of 1.4 million from the 560,000 people recorded in the *National Genealogical Record*), including about 200,000 female family members. The record is published in an 80-volume set measuring 2.4 meters long, weighing 125 kilograms, and consisting of about 43,000 pages and over 50 million Chinese



Ceremony for the completion of Confucius Family Tree. (Photo by Tseng Kunhsien)



Tseng Kunhsien (left) in front of the ceremony. (Photo provided by Tseng Kunhsien)

characters. The National Central Library acquired a copy of the mammoth publication for the library collection. (Chinese text by Tseng Kunhsien)

■ *NCL and Tzu Chi College Co-host Symposium on Jing-Si Aphorisms*

NCL and Tzu Chi College of Humanities and Social Sciences jointly hosted "Life Educator: Symposium on Jing Si Aphorisms by Master Cheng Yen" on September 28. The symposium explored the influence of Jing-Si Aphorisms on education, life, and modern culture over the past 20 years. Related sub-topics included: Jing-Si Aphorisms and Tzu Chi Buddhists, Jing-Si Aphorisms and Buddhism, Jing-Si Aphorisms and Confucianist Thought, Jing-Si Aphorisms in Society and Culture, Jing-Si Aphorisms and School Education.

The opening ceremony began with a speech by Tzu Chi Foundation Vice President Wang Duanjen. The foundation also presented books to the NCL for its permanent collection, including *Jing-Si Aphorisms*, *Living Wisdom of the Jing-Si Aphorisms*, *Learning English with the Jing-Si Aphorisms*, and *Jing-Si Aphorisms (English Edition)*. Since 1989, a total of 20 anthologies of *Jing-Si Aphorisms* has been published. They have also been translated into 11 languages, including English, Japanese, Spanish, German and Indonesian, with over 3.5 million copies issued.

■ *NCL Debuts Integrated Search System*

The National Central Library (NCL) debuted its new Integrated Search of Selected Resources (ISSR) system on September 28. The system integrates Metadata from 19 NCL database systems and provides a single easy-to-use interface for readers to quickly search for bibliography or full-text material. The system website is: <http://issr.ncl.edu.tw>.

19 Databases Accessible from the ISSR System:

- 1.Union Catalog of Chinese Rare Books
- 2.PerioPath: Index to Chinese Periodical Literature
- 3.Taiwan Humanities Indexes