

■ *Co-hosting the “2011 Health through Reading” Activity with the National Health Bureau*

The National Health Bureau’s Books on Health Writing Competition was first started in 2002 and is based on the concept “treasure life, promote health.” This year marks the fifth time the event was held. In all, 67 publishers submitted 500 entries, from which scholars and experts selected 88 books. These were then recommended to the general public.



Books were separated into three categories based on intended readers. Recommendations include 31 books in “Children and Youth Health,” 12 books in “Women’s Health,” and 45 books in “Middle Aged and Elderly Health.” To encourage reading good books and to increase information on health, an awards ceremony was held on September 2, 2011 in NCL’s International Auditorium.

On September 22, a lecture was held in the National Central Library on books on health. Two authors were invited to speak and discuss with readers how to find “happiness.” In conjunction with this lecture, NCL also had a display of those books that were given awards this year. NCL hopes to effectively promote public health and reading

about health by bringing together the awards ceremony, the lecture, and the book exhibition. More importantly, NCL hopes that through recommending good books, the public will adopt a healthier attitude and lifestyle.

■ *The Taiwan Academy Sets Up Resource Points and Hosts Chinese Studies Lecture Series*

The Taiwan government has, in recent years, begun promoting Taiwan’s Chinese culture by setting up Taiwan Academies throughout the world. These academies draw on Taiwan’s uniqueness and strengths, utilized its advanced communications and digital technology, and synthesized Chinese language education with traditional characters, Taiwan and Chinese studies, and Taiwan’s diverse culture to create an integrated information platform that represents the best of Chinese culture. Taiwan Academies have been set up in certain locations overseas as important mediums for interaction between Taiwan culture and the international community.



The National Central Library has long been an international promoter of Chinese studies. As such it played an active role in the planning and