

## **Government Recognizes Publishing Service Excellence**

The Executive Yuan held the first awards ceremony for government publishing services on August 28, 2002. The ceremony was presided by Premier Yu Shyi-kun (游錫堃), who expressed hope that the research results and policy achievements of government agencies can be made more publicly accessible in published form. He also urged agencies to improve the quality of their publications and strengthen cooperation with the private sector to promote the development of the publishing industry in Taiwan.

Awards for “Publishing Service” and “Outstanding Government Publications” were presented at the ceremony. Eligible recipients included all central and local government agencies.

The first place winners of the Publishing Service Award were the Cabinet-level Council of Agriculture, the National Museum of History, and Taipei City Government; second place winners were the Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Institute of Transport of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, and the Control Yuan; and third place awards went to the Government Information Office of the Executive Yuan, the National Central Library, and Taipei County Government. In addition, 30 awards were presented for Outstanding Government Publications.

The selection process emphasized not only publishing services and management, but also the content and quality of publications. Award categories included books, periodicals and electronic publications.

The NCL was recognized both for the excellence of its publishing services, as well as its monthly periodical, “New Books: Recent and Forthcoming Books in Taiwan, ROC.” NCL director Juang Fang-rung (莊芳榮) accepted the awards on behalf of the library.