

Chinese Catalog CD-ROM Symposium

On May 29, the NCL and Flysheet Enterprises kicked off a series of symposiums on Chinese cataloging CD-ROMs and the OCLC system. The event attracted strong turnouts at its stops around the island, including Taipei, Taichung, and Kaohsiung.

The meeting agenda focused on the development and current status of the three CD-ROM titles comprising the NCL's Chinese cataloguing system: SinoCat, SinoCip, and SinoBook.

SinoCat is a database with 542,580 bibliographies on general books, government publications, academic reports, serial publications (periodicals and newspapers), audio-visual resources, musical scores, and computer files. About 25,000 records are added to new editions, which are released every four months. The system is used primarily as a cataloging and acquisition tool.

Like SinoCat, NewBooks facilitates cataloging and acquisition work. It currently contains 167,383 bibliographies for new ISBN- and CIP-registered books published in Taiwan. Some 6,000 new records are added to each of the biannually updated editions.

Compared with the other two titles, SinoBooks is more research and reader oriented. It now has 420,343 bibliographies and is growing by 50,000 with each new annual edition.