

10. Hsi Ch'u Yen Chiu T'ung Hsun (戲曲研究通訊)

First published: June 2002

Publisher: Department of Chinese Literature, National Central University

Description: Studies on traditional Chinese drama.

11. Taiwan Economic Forum (臺灣經濟論衡)

First published: January 2003

Type: Monthly

Publisher: Council for Economic Planning and Development, Executive Yuan

Description: Articles on finance, industry, trade, general economic affairs, science and technology, and environmental protection.

13. Taiwan Poetry (臺灣詩學學刊)

First published: May 2003

Type: Semiannual

Publisher: Taiwan Poem Magazine Description: A general poetry magazine with original poems, commentaries, articles on special topics, and columns on poetry writing, modern poetry, poets, and online poetry forums.

By Wu Ya-hui, NCL Readers Dept.

Publishing Events in Taiwan: February to June 2003

Taiwan's first cartoon character goes high-tech

The manuscripts of Yeh Hung-chia, creator of Taiwan's first celebrated cartoon

character, Chu-ke Ssu-lang, were inducted into the Digital Art and Culture Museum of Chiao Tung University, some 20 years after the author's death. The university hopes the move will bring these invaluable and long-neglected resources into the high-tech age.

Oriental Publishing shuts bookstores

Taiwan's first post-war publishing house Oriental Publishing Co. closed its retail bookstores in March in order to focus on the publication of books for children and youths.

Multimedia overthrows traditional reading methods

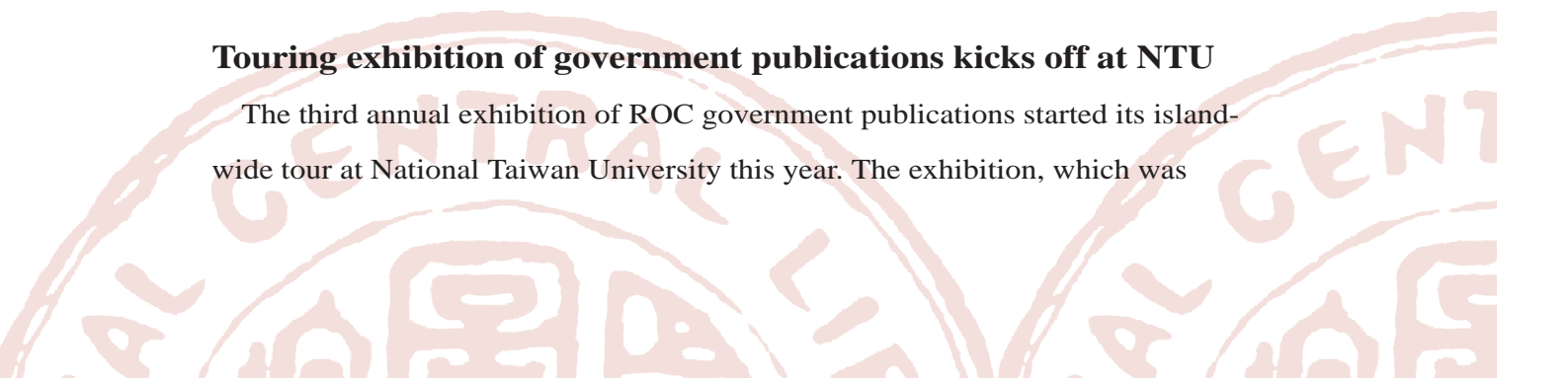
Inventec Tomorrow unveiled an interactive multimedia book combining text and animation, enabling users to enjoy the pleasure of reading anywhere and anytime. The first publication to be released in the new format is Chuangtzu Says. Inventec plans to release other titles on Chinese philosophy and other topics.

Publishers appeal for government to introduce development statute for their industry

On the eve of Publishing Day (March 30), Taiwan publishers made a special appeal to the government to finalize the Statute on the Development of the Publishing Industry as soon as possible to provide a solid legal foundation for national publishing policy. Local publishers hope that the statute can foster an environment beneficial to the development of their industry and enhance the cultural level of Taiwan.

Touring exhibition of government publications kicks off at NTU

The third annual exhibition of ROC government publications started its island-wide tour at National Taiwan University this year. The exhibition, which was



organized by the Research, Development and Evaluation Commission of the Executive Yuan, aims to enhance awareness of government publication services among university faculty and students.

ICDF publishes English version of book on Taiwan's foreign aid achievements

Minister of Foreign Affairs Eugene Chien hosted a reception marking the publication of an English version of a book on Taiwan's foreign aid achievements by the International Cooperation and Development Fund, which is chaired by Chien. The reception was attended by many foreign diplomats.

President and Vice President publish book on third anniversary in office

ROC President Chen Shui-bian and Vice President Annette Lu published a book on their first three years in office on May 20. The book touches on economic, cultural, agricultural and other topics illustrated with photos.

Hualien library rolls out school delivery service

How can a literary society be nurtured? Jian Library in Hualien County has come up with the innovative approach of delivering children's books to schools so students don't have to trudge all the way to the library for their favorite books.

Hakka publications spotlighted at Tokyo International Book Fair

A total of 559 publishers from 27 countries turned out for the 2003 Tokyo International Book Fair on April 24-27 at the Big Sight International Exhibition Center. There were 27 exhibitors from Taiwan at the fair, including the Council for Hakka Affairs, Publisher's Association of the ROC, and National Palace Museum. The display of publications by first-time fair exhibitor the Council for

Hakka Affairs attracted much attention from Japanese and Mainland Chinese scholars, helping to promote Taiwan's Hakka culture to the world.

U.S. fan of Taiwan write book introducing local night market

Dan Bloom, an American that has fallen in love with Taiwan during his 10 years living on the island, has written a book introducing the local night markets. He has been flogging the book at a night market in Chiayi, drawing the notice of potential customers with his accented Taiwanese.

NTU Medical Center doctor shares tips on fighting SARS

Dr. Li Ping-ying, director of the Pediatric Infections Dept. at the National Taiwan University Medical Center published a book on May 12 detailing 28 ways to fight SARS. Dr. Li published the book disseminate accurate information on the disease and calm public fears.

Actor/director Chin Shih-chieh publishes first interdisciplinary book

Long-time actor, director and founder of the Lan Ling Theatre Workshop Chin Shih-chieh published his first interdisciplinary book on May 16. The work includes seven plays and provides insight into the development of the theater business in Taiwan.

ITIS publishes book on nanotech development

The Industrial Technology Information Services (ITIS) Office of the Ministry of Economic Affairs published a book on nanotechnology, which is fast emerging as the next wave on the high-tech frontier. Japan, the U.S. and Europe are racing to set nanotech development strategies and carry out R&D in this field.

Bookman Books publishes Amadeus as part of play series (CNA June 15,

2003)

Bookman Books introduced a series of mostly English-language plays in June. The series includes a Chinese-English bilingual version of Peter Schaffer's *Amadeus*, which describes the story of the legendary composer Amadeus Mozart.

Local publishers see business rebound as SARS retreats

The SARS epidemic was almost as damaging for local publishers as it was for public health, as shop-shy consumers dragged book sales sharply lower. However, with the disease now effectively under control, book buyers are once again turning out in force. Bookshops have helped the rebound along by holding activities to attract customers.

National Taichung Library debuts monthly on books and reading

National Taichung Library in June released the first edition of a monthly newsletter combining the contents of three former library periodicals on community education, book reviews, and book information. The three titles were combined to make better use of limited funding and human resources.

Chinese version of new Potter book due out by Christmas

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, the fifth installment in the popular series by J.K. Rowling, has sold an estimated 13 million copies in the English version since its worldwide release on June 21. Local bookstores Eslite and Kingstone and online bookseller books.com.tw pre-sold 8,000 copies of the book, the Chinese version of which is expected to come out in time for the Christmas holidays.

Film Library reopens with Scandinavian film festival

The Kaohsiung City Film Library reopened on June 30 after a temporary clo-

sure due to the SARS outbreak. The library marked its reopening with a Scandinavian film festival.

Organizer to put zest into TIBE 2004

Cite Publishing Ltd. on June 24 announced its initial vision for the 2004 Taipei International Book Exhibition (TIBE). The company plans to liven up the annual exhibition next year in the fashion of the Ilan International Children's Folklore and Folkgame Festival and the Pingtung Blue Fin Tuna Festival. The 2004 show will feature broader aisles and more exhibition stalls than the 2003 event, as well as a two-day package tour for exhibition visitors.

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Visiting Scholars:

- ◆ Spanish scholar Percival Santos on Jan. 7 arrived in Taiwan to conduct a nine-month study on "Globalized Mass Media and Religious Faith in Matsu". Mr. Santos is a Ph.D. candidate at the London School of Economics.
- ◆ U.K. scholar Olivia Milburn, a Ph.D. candidate at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, on Jan. 9 began a three-month study on well-known figures of the Eastern Chou period.
- ◆ Latvian scholar Kaepars Eihmanis, of the University of Latvia, arrived in Taiwan on Feb. 8 for a six-month study of the influence of modern neo-Confucianism on Chinese philosophy.
- ◆ Japanese scholar Tatsuro Arabu, an assistant professor of the University of Tokushima, arrived in Taiwan on Feb. 15 to conduct a three-month study on