

REVIEWS

■ 2003 ROC Library Yearbook

Since 1981, the National Central Library has published the ROC Library Yearbook to chronicle the major affairs, events and information of Taiwan's library world. With the exceptions of the 1981, 1988, and 1999 cross-year editions, each volume contains information from the previous year. To date, seven volumes have been published.

The most recently published yearbook is the 2003 edition, which contains information on library events, activities, conferences and other information from the period of January 1 to December 31, 2002. In order to ensure the completeness and coherency of the content, some of the articles contain information from before January 1 and after December 31.

The yearbook is divided into four editorial modules, including reprinted material, special reports, special topics, and general information, as detailed below. There is also an index at the end of the yearbook to help readers find information of interest.

4.1 Reprinted Material: Policy papers, announcements, resolutions, white papers and other articles by government leaders and library and information organizations

4.2 Special Reports: The 2003 yearbook contains articles written by experts and scholars on technology standards for the digitalization of library collections, the current status of digitalization of news video and audio materials in library collections, and the arrangement of rare books and application of information technology.

4.3 Special Topics: This section contains categorized columns on various topics, including library operations overview, the National Central Library, public libraries, university libraries, school libraries, elementary and middle school libraries, specialized libraries and information centers, medical libraries, digital libraries, library and information science (LIS) education, LIS institutes, and library conferences and exchanges. With the exception of the stand-alone articles in the overview, education and research sections, the other information is arranged as topical entries.

4.4 General Information: This section contains information on library organizations, major events, event photos, statistics, and library laws and regulations. The main subjects of the photos are public library guidance visits and technical and vocational school library activities.

4.5 Index: Material in the yearbook is fully indexed, with foreign language index items placed at the front and Chinese material arranged by number of character strokes. There is also an index of Chinese characters to facilitate index searches.

International Exchange

1. Aug. 20: The International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) held its 70th annual meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina. NCL Director Juang and Reader Services Dept. Director Yu Hsiao-ming represented the library at the meeting.(photo1)
2. Aug. 22: The two-day 2004 Cross-strait Library, Information Science and Educational Development Seminar was held at the Dalian University of Technology. NCL Deputy Director Sung represented the library at the event. After the seminar, he visited the city libraries of Qingdao and Yantai in Shandong Province.
3. Aug. 2: Nanjing University of Economics Library Director Zhu Qinhua, Dept. Director Tian Wei, and Deputy Dept. Director An Yanjie were accompanied by National Taiwan University (NTU) Library editors Chang An-ming and Chen Feng-ju on a tour of the NCL facilities. mainland China visited the NCL, led by the vice president of Yangzhi Publishing Co.
4. Aug. 4: Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) Chairman Karen Wei visited the NCL to invite library representatives to attend the CEAL CCM meeting and book exhibition in spring 2005.