

REVIEW

■ 2004 ROC Library Yearbook

The NCL's *2004 ROC Library Yearbook* hit the presses in February 2005, chronicling the major affairs, events and information of Taiwan's library world in 2003. The yearbook is divided into four sections, including reprinted material, special reports, special topics, and an appendix, as detailed below. There is also an index at the end of the yearbook to help readers find information of interest.

1. Reprinted Material: This section includes speeches presented by President Chen Shui-bian on the 70th anniversary of the NCL and the launch ceremony for the Taiwan Memory and Taiwan Info websites.
2. Special Reports: This section focuses on the "Public Library Development Plan," including the implementation status and results of the five sub-plans under the program, namely the Public Library Space and Operations Improvement Plan; Public Library Automation and Network Establishment Plan; Network Content Resource Center; Public Library Online Procurement Mechanism Plan; and Public Library Collection Development Plan.
3. Special Topics: This section contains categorized columns on various topics, including an overview of library operations in the Taiwan area, as well as developments in collection resources, services, and applications of information technology at libraries of various levels. Also covered are automation and digitalization at public libraries at the city/county level or higher and university/college libraries; a chronology of major library and information organization events; library conferences and exchanges; library and information (LIS) education and results of related research on archival studies over the past five years; photos of library participation in the National Digital Archive Program and annual activities; and library statistics and regulations/laws.

4. Appendix: Includes a directory of libraries and LIS programs in Taiwan, and a directory of commercial and law libraries.

NCL INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE EVENTS

- Jan. 19: University of Kansas' Brenton Sullivan and Princeton University's Bong Seok Joo toured the NCL and learned about the libraries research resources. The two U.S. professors were attending a Northwestern University joint Chinese language camp organized by the Ministry of Education.
- Feb. 17: Assistant Director of Library Support Services Law Lin Mui, Librarian Doris NEO, Reference Librarian Wun- Han Chow of Singapore's National Library Board toured the NCL to learn about the library's collection and services.
- Feb. 18: Bernard de Freminville, founder of Dilicom, Europe's biggest online bookseller, and Le Pigeonnier CEO Francoise Zylberberg met with NCL Director Juang and learned about the library services and acquisition affairs. (Photo 2)
- Mar. 3: Social Science Academic Press, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Publisher Xie Shouguang, Editor-in-Chief Yang Qun, and Director Wang Fei visited the NCL from mainland China for exchanges on academic book publishing and to inspect the library's rare book collection. (Photo 3)
- Mar. 10: A group of 14 Japanese students led by their teacher Yoshiro Matsuda visited the NCL to learn more about the library's Taiwan studies resources.
- Mar. 18: Li Hua-wei, Director of the Asian Division of the U.S. Library of Congress, along with Chief of the Chinese Section Dr. Chu Mi, Chief of the Geography and Map Division Dr. John Hebert met with NCL Director Juang and toured the library. The two sides also discussed cooperation between the LC and NCL on the digitization of rare books. (Photo 4)