

■ *Rare Chinese Books Exhibition at 2006 TIBE*

The 2006 Taipei International Book Exhibition (TIBE) was held from February 7 to 12 at Halls 1, 2 and 3 of the Taipei World Trade Center. It was the first TIBE to feature a special exhibit area for rare books, including 17 volumes from Taiwan, Belgium and Greece.

Among the rare books from Taiwan were six volumes from the collection of antique bookseller Jiaxi Books Co., Ltd., mainly Ching period overseas reports on Taiwan, including Taiwan maps. The Greek volumes were contributed by the National Library of Greece, with a focus on 16th century works on philosophy and Greek mythology. The six Belgian works were provided by the Central library of Université Catholique de Louvain, including Buddhist texts, Mongolian prayer books and Yongcheng imperial decrees. (Chinese text compiled from the Central News Agency, January 25, 2006)

CCS News and Activities

■ *E-Newsletter for Research in Chinese Studies Officially Begins Publication*

The Center for Chinese Studies released the first issue of the E-Newsletter for Research in Chinese Studies in January 2006. Its purpose is to serve as a bridge for information in the field of Chinese studies, bring together news and information regarding the state of domestic and overseas research in Chinese Studies and distributing it electronically. At the beginning of every month, the newsletter will be sent to each

subscriber's e-mail address, allowing scholars all over the world to receive up-to-date information regarding the field of Chinese studies. Subscriptions to the newsletter are entirely free-of-charge. Readers need only to visit the web site for the E-Newsletter for Research in Chinese Studies at <http://www.ccs.ncl.edu.tw/ccsenews/index.asp> or the Center for Chinese Studies at <http://ccs.ncl.edu.tw>, select the link for "E-Newsletter for Research in Chinese Studies," enter your e-mail address, and click on "subscribe."

This E-Newsletter's contents are divided roughly into six major sections, including "Academic Conference News," "Scholarly Activities," "Personnel Status," "Publication Information," "News on the Center for Chinese Studies," and "Other Information." The front page of the newsletter lists the most recent news for each section with an icon, allowing the reader to know the most recent activities for each month. Also, after each section, readers can click on "more information" to read more. By clicking on the icon for "detailed information" with their mouse, the reader can jump directly to the complete article. This type of design allows readers to directly choose the information they are personally interested in, a breakthrough reading format. This cannot be accomplished by traditional printed publications.

The founding purpose of this publication is to provide a platform for information on current events in the field of Chinese studies, and its contents are provided by contacts at various universities and research institutions throughout the world. Readers may also submit information by