

made the donation out of its concern and care for the township. He said that he hoped this gift would yield fruitful returns by encouraging more people in Puli to engage in cultural and educational pursuits. The venerable monk noted that since children are the future masters and social pillars of our country, the education of the next generation will affect the stability and development of the country and society, and thus requires special attention. Promotion of the mobile library project, he said, can help enhance the educational level of Puli, adding that with the concern and hard work of the public, the township can enjoy a new and better future.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the mobile library donation was held on August 29 at the small outdoor book plaza of the Puli Public Library. During the ceremony, Master Wei Chueh handed a large symbolic key for the mobile library to the town mayor, who in turn presented an appreciation plaque to Master Wei Chueh in recognition of the kind donation.

Sun Yat-sen Memorial Library

On November 12, the eve of the anniversary of the birthday of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT) announced the planning results for the world's first Sun Yat-sen Memorial Library. The library will be located at the former site of the KMT Central Committee, and construction is scheduled to begin in March next year. The library will consist of several sections, including a study service center, reference service center, and reader service center on the second basement level; an exhibition area in the main floor lobby; a Taiwan studies information center on the sixth floor; an ROC and KMT historical records center on the seventh floor; and a rare books center on the ninth floor. The library will store the KMT's vast collection of rare books, feature exhibits, and provide comprehensive services to the public. It will also cooperate with various foundations to pro-

mote cultural and educational activities.

When announcing the news of the library project, KMT Cultural Propaganda Committee director Alex Tsai said that Dr. Sun was not only the founder of the ROC and the KMT, but also a pioneer of the values of government of, by and for the people. He noted that the values Dr. Sun espoused throughout his life are not only suited to China and Taiwan, but are universal values of humanity, human rights and democracy. Tsai added that the new library would serve as a memorial to the life and thought of Dr. Sun.

Chiayi County Introduces E-Services at Public Libraries

With the help of strenuous efforts by its chief, the Chiayi County Government received additional subsidies this year from the central government to automate library services and convert artworks into digital format. The measures are aimed at making publication and art resources more accessible to the public as part of its policy to promote the preservation and effective utilization of cultural resources. In October 2003, all of the 19 public libraries in the county launched automation systems that enable county residents to easily access the books and other resources they need from their neighborhood library. County residents can borrow up to 30 books from any public library in the county with a single library card. Each library also offers broadband network access to let readers tap into a wealth of online information.

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