

NCL Launches Online Newspaper and Periodical Services

Readers can now enjoy convenient online access to ROC newspapers and other periodical information thanks to the debut of the “ROC Newspaper Web” and “NCL E-Journal.” The two digital resources, compiled by the NCL Periodicals Center since 2000 as part of a national science and technology plan, aim to preserve periodical material published in the ROC and make it more widely accessible to the public.

1) ROC Newspaper Web (http://192.192.58.101/cgi/ncl9/m_ncl9_news)

The NCL no longer provides access to printed versions of newspapers published before 1981.

While these publications have previously been available in microfiche form, the relative inconvenience of this format prompted the library to make them available online. The ROC Newspaper Web not only delivers real-time news from major newspapers in the ROC, it also enables people to search for newspapers in the library collection. A headline search function, available only over the NCL’s local network, draws together resources from six databases, including: 1) full-text headlines (1996 to present, including full-text images); 2) full-text images of the *China Times* from 1950-1999; 3) *Central Daily News* CD-ROM database (full-text, 1928-1949); 4) United Knowledge Bank; 5) Index of Chinese Newspapers (catalog only); and 6) WiseNews (major news stories on Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao and mainland China). Readers can also browse scanned images of newspapers by publication name, date or version from library terminals. The website also contains categorized reports as well as links, search engines and other online newspaper resources.

2) NCL E-Journal (<http://readopac.ncl.edu.tw/>)

This database, accessible from computer terminals at the NCL Periodicals Room, includes the

scanned images of more than 1,000 periodicals. It is searchable by title, edition, table of contents and page number.

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