

Programs

■ *Guide to National Central Library's READncl Service*

The National Central Library (NCL) developed the Remote Electronic Access/Delivery (READncl; <http://www.read.com.tw>) System to provide people in remote areas with instant Internet access to all sorts of publications and periodical literature. The website of READncl is

1. READncl System Description

READncl includes the following online databases: Image System of Index to Chinese Periodical Literature, Published Periodical Guide System, PerioTOC: Current Contents of Chinese Periodicals, Contents of ROC Official Gazettes Image System, Current Contents of ROC Official Gazette and Statistic Report System, Catalog of ROC Government Publications Access System, EXECroa: Reports on Overseas Assignments by Agency Officials of the Executive Yuan on CD-ROM Image System, and Full-text Image System of Contemporary Chinese Literature.

2. Description of Interlibrary Cooperation Services

- (1) Free access to all the databases in the READncl system.
- (2) Member libraries will be given an account and an access code to apply for full-text services.
 - a. Authorized publications can be accessed online and printed; unauthorized publications can only be delivered by fax or mail.

- b. Publications that are yet to be processed by READncl will be prepared and delivered as requested three work days after member's request. (Not including weekends and national holidays)

- (3) The request of document delivery is not limited to the publications published in the last six months.
- (4) Account Maintenance: READncl members can create sub-accounts under their main account for staff use.

3. Customized Services for READncl Members:

- (1) Access to the index of periodical literature dating back to 1970
- (2) Periodical index delivery service
- (3) Selections of specific topics
- (4) Information bookmarks

4. System Requirements:

Win98/2000/Me/XP/NT; Internet browser (Netscape/IE). Documents can also be printed to a fax machine or printer attached to a computer; authorized publications can be printed online or faxed.

5. READncl Membership Application

- (1) Membership Requirements: The applicant's organization must be
 - a. A member of the Chinese Interlibrary Cooperation Association
 - b. A public library, a school library, or a private library
 - c. A foreign partner library of interlibrary cooperation

(2) Application Procedure

- a. A printed READncl application form (available online at: <http://www.read.com.tw/new/2005ILLApplication.doc>) must be filled out and sent to READncl.

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- b. Upon the approval of membership, an e-mail with member account, access code, date account is effective, and payment method, will be sent to the applicant.

■ *Online Book Donation Drive for Disadvantaged Kids*

The Ministry of Education (MOE) kicked off an online book drive called "You Buy, I Donate" on June 13, 2005, to collect books for disadvantaged children living in remote areas. The activity aims to narrow the urban-rural reading gap and promote reading interest among young people by encouraging the public to purchase books online from a recommended list for donation. The ministry hopes to collect 50,000 to 100,000 books.

The Department of Elementary Education under the MOE said that the activity is being held in cooperation with online bookseller Books.com,

which has designated a special section on its website (<http://www.books.com.tw/>) for people to purchase discounted books for donation. The MOE will distribute the donated volumes to children living in remote areas. As part of the activity, 50 volunteers, including several well-known local authors and celebrities, will give public readings for kids in remote rural areas. (Chinese text complied from Merit Times Daily News June 14, 2005)

Special Report

■ *Professor Tsuen-hsuei Tsien Honored on His 95th Birthday**

In 2005, Professor Tsuen-hsuei Tsien turned 95 years old. He is a living witness to the history of the Republic of China. He was born in the year before the birth of the republic and grew up during a tumultuous period through warlord rivalry and the Sino-Japanese War. It was not until later in life that he was able to continue his advanced studies in America, earning his master's and doctoral degrees in library science at the University of Chicago in 1952 and 1957, respectively. Prof. Tsien devoted 50-plus years of his life to teaching library science and promoting international cultural exchange, and researching the history of Chinese Books and Printing. His contributions to the library world have earned him international academic distinction, and many of his students have become distinguished figures in the library, educational, and research fields around the world.