



Title: Window on Taiwan //
 Category: Local Records //
 ISBN: 957-678-407-1 // US\$9.5
 Abstract: This brief encyclopedia
 provides an overview of cultural affairs

in Taiwan's 87 townships, with sections on the history, historical figures, historical sites, scenic sites, special products, plant and animal ecology, geology, and community education agencies in each township.



Title: 2004 Excellent Public Libraries
 of Taiwan, R.O.C. // Category: Library
 Science // ISBN: 957-678-415-8 //
 US\$6

Abstract: As part of a three-year library
 development plan launched in 2002, the
 NCL formed a committee comprised of
 experts, scholars and experienced
 librarians to evaluate the performance of public libraries
 throughout Taiwan. The 89 libraries receiving outstanding
 scores in the 2004 evaluation are introduced in this publication,
 including the basic information, operation methods, services,
 and collection characteristics of each library.



Title: 2003 Publishers' Directory in
 Taiwan // Category: Reference //
 ISBN: 957-678-385-2 // US\$3.5

Abstract: This directory provides a list of
 8,240 publishers, government agencies, and
 academic organizations in Taiwan that have submitted ISBN
 applications between July 1989 to September 2003. Additional
 up-to-date information on publishing organizations in Taiwan
 can also be accessed online at: <http://www.ncl.edu.tw/isbn>.



Title: Proceeding of Library and
 Reading Activities Seminar // Category:
 Library Science //
 ISBN: 957-678-395-X // US\$5

Abstract: This work brings together 20
 papers delivered at the Library and Reading
 Activities Seminar held in conjunction with
 the 70th anniversary of the NCL. Topics include the sharing of
 experience in reading activities, selection of reading materials,
 reading club administration, integrating reading in topical
 studies, publishing and reading, and the planning and holding of
 national reading activities.

Events

■ *CCA Chairman Chen Chi-nan Inspects Township Libraries*

Council for Cultural Affairs (CCA) Chairman
 Chen Chi-nan made inspection visits to township
 libraries in Changjhih, Jhutian, Jiadong, and
 Linbian on August 7 to understand the status of
 their operations. He was joined by Pingtung
 County Cultural Bureau Director Hsu Fen-chun
 and National Taichung Library Director Hsueh
 Mao-sung. The group also met with township and
 city mayors in Pingtung County to jointly map out
 a new course for library development in the
 county.

Chen emphasized the importance of
 developing township libraries as centers for
 continuing education and cultural and art
 exchanges. In these capacities, he said, libraries
 can play an important role in fostering a literary
 and cultural climate in local communities. He also
 said that in future library facilities would be
 designed as artworks and landmarks in their own
 right. He urged local communities to submit plans
 for achieving these objectives, promising strong
 support from the CCA for competitive proposals.

■ *Public Libraries Promote Internet and Information Services*

Over 200 public libraries across Taiwan
 organized more than 800 events between August 9
 and October 9 this year to promote public library
 Internet and information services. The "E Go Go!"
 event highlighted the convenience of public
 libraries as places for people to access online