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■ *Taipei Public Library Opens First MRT Branch*

The Taipei Public Library (TPL) opened its first branch on Taipei's mass rapid transit (MRT) system on May 12, bringing new convenience to the city's readers. The branch is located in the underground mall connected to the Ximen Station. The move follows the July 2005 opening of TPL's first "Open Book Smart Library," a highly successful and popular branch at the Carrefour store in Taipei's Neihs District.



Opening ceremony of the Taipei Public Library MRT branch

The nearly 200-square-meter MRT branch is stocked with 15,000 volumes, including titles popular with the young people that frequent the mall area. The library hopes the new branch will encourage an interest in reading among young people. TPL director Tseng Shu-hsien said that the age group from 15 to 19 has the lowest interest in reading. In addition to general titles, the abundant collection of the MRT branch includes "network literature," comics, detective and mystery novels, martial arts novels, popular science titles, Chinese and Japanese periodicals, and other titles of interest to young people.

The library is fully automated with an RFID book loan and return system. Books can be checked out and returned with the swipe of a card, making it easy to grab a book on the go. The library is open during MRT operating hours (daily from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.).



Exterior design of the Taipei Public Library MRT branch



The reading room at the Taipei Public Library MRT branch

■ *National Digital Archives Program Showcases Achievements in 2005*

The National Digital Archives Program (NDAP) announced its development achievements and a union catalog on May 13, 2006, at Eslite's flagship bookstore in Taipei. The event also included an exhibition of photographs highlighting the natural

and cultural diversity of Taiwan under the theme "Digital Island"; as well as video presentations introducing the program and the animals, plants, people and archives of Taiwan. The NDAP also has published an online newspaper called "Cyber Island, Taiwan" at: <http://content.ndap.org.tw/main/epaper.php>.

Seminars

■ *Integrated Searching of Heterogeneous Library Resources: Current Status and Future Seminar*

Sponsor: Transtech

Supported by: Tunghai University Library

Date: March 13, 2006

Place: Tunghai University

■ *Web 2.0, Library 2.0 & Librarian 2.0 Seminar*

Sponsor: Library Association of the ROC (Taiwan)

Date: April 9, 2006

Place: NCL

Keynote speaker: Stephen Abram, Chairman, Special Libraries Association (USA)

■ *Citation Analysis Seminar*

Sponsor: National Institute of Technology at

Kaohsiung, Kaohsiung University Library Alliance

Supported by: Library Association of the ROC

(Taiwan), Southern Technical University Library

Alliance, Chin Shan Information Service Co.

Date: April 14, 2006

Place: National Institute of Technology at Kaohsiung

■ *Discovering Excellence: Citation Analysis Seminar*

Sponsor: Luking Library, Providence University

Date: April 24, 2006