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Republic of China Modern Newspapers Database

1. Introduction

Republic of China Modern Newspapers Database is developed by Taiwan Dehong information Co.; WeDiscovery Education Services is proud to be the agent of marketing and sales in North America.

The database includes modern newspapers published in both mainland China and Taiwan before 1949, such as Shun Pao, Central Daily, Taiwan Daily News, Taiwan Min Bao, Taiwan Times. The database is the most complete modern newspapers database on the market; it reflects entire history of the Republic of China. Moreover, to add more value to the database, the publisher cooperates with National Chengchi University on analyses of subject news, in order to help readers and researchers locate precious materials they really need.

2. Features

- 1) The database enables quick search across the platform; complete search results present relevant materials from both mainland China and Taiwan for readers.
- 2) Unlike design of ancient books digital platform, the design of this database is according to concepts of usage pertinent to news and media. This database is an innovation creating database of historical newspapers.
- 3) The contents cover mainland China, Taiwan, and Hongkong; the database reflects entire history of the Republic of China before 1949.
- 4) The database is user-friendly. The contents can be used by teachers for supplement material or research purpose; also, can be used by students who are interested in history of the Republic of China.

3. Introduction of Sub-databases

1) Shun Pao

Shun Pao published in Shanghai, was the newspaper with longest lifespan and largest impact during the Republic of China. Shun Pao was established by a British merchant on April 30th, 1872; it was taken over by Xi Zipei in 1907, and taken over again by Shi Liangcai in 1912. During Sino-Japanese War, Shun Pao was controlled by the Japanese. The final day of Shun Pao was May 27th, 1949.

The database collects text and image contents of Shun Pao completely, and presents original appearances to readers in PDF format. Thanks to full-text retrieval, readers can search conveniently what they need.

2) **Central Daily**

Central Daily was established in February 1928 in Shanghai; with several moves, the publisher finally moved to Taiwan in 1949. Central Daily served as official and authoritative media for 22 years (1928-1949) at that time, and the publication was continued in Taiwan. It is one of the Chinese newspapers with longest history.

Contents of Central Daily cover politics, economics, military, culture, foreign affairs, laws, and social news of the Republic of China with significant academic value. Through all these contents, readers can study social classes at that time, understand interactions between the Republic of China and rest of the world in 1930-1940, and view historical documents of the Second World War and Civil War. Central Daily is valuable for academic, education, and research institutes.

3) **Taiwan Min Bao**

Taiwan Min Bao was originated in 1920 as a monthly magazine "Taiwan Youth" by Taiwan students in Japan; Taiwan Min Bao was established on April 15th, 1923 by Mr. Jiang Weishui. The objectives of Taiwan Min Bao are to spread culture of Taiwan, inspire spirits of Chinese, and achieve prosperity of Taiwan. It was the newspaper with largest impact during the period Taiwan was controlled by Japan.

In 1925 Taiwan Min Bao was published weekly, volume exceeding 10,000 copies. The publisher moved from Tokyo, Japan to Taipei in August 1927. Since then Taiwan Min Bao was published in both Chinese and Japanese languages. In March 1930, Taiwan Min Bao was restructured to be Taiwan New Min Bao. Since April 15th, 1932, it was approved to be a daily newspaper. Taiwan Min Bao was widely accepted and welcomed by citizens.

4) **Taiwan Daily News**

Taiwan News established in 1896 and Taiwan Daily established in 1897 restructured to be Taiwan Daily News in 1898. Taiwan Daily News had both Japanese and Chinese versions; it was the largest official newspaper in Taiwan during the period Taiwan was controlled by Japan.

In July 1905, its Chinese version was expanded to be Taiwan Daily News Chinese version which was published independently. In November 1911, the previous Japanese and Chinese versions format was restored until April 1937. Taiwan Daily News reflected characters of that age; readers can study Taiwan society, culture, and classes migration during the period Taiwan was controlled by Japan.

5) Taiwan Times

At the beginning of Japanese control over Taiwan, “Taiwan Association” was established at Tokyo, Japan in 1898. The objective of the association was to organize study on colony in order to assist Japanese control over Taiwan. The association published in 1898 Taiwan Association Journal, which was the predecessor of Taiwan Times. Later “Taiwan Association” was restructured to be “Toyo Association”, and Taiwan Association Journal was changed to be Toyo Times accordingly. Located in Taipei, “Toyo Association” Taiwan branch was also preparing its own publications. Taiwan Times was established in Taipei on January 20th, 1909.

In July 1919, publication of Taiwan Times was put under Taiwan governor’s administration. As the internal journal published under Taiwan governor’s administration from 1898 to 1945, Taiwan Times was the journal with the largest impact in Taiwan during the period Taiwan was controlled by Japan. Taiwan Times covered news and reviews on politics, agriculture, trades, military, education, and statistics of Taiwan, with focuses on local administration as well as Southeast Asia situation.