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Architecture

Architecture for the New Millennium : Contemporary California Architects and Selected Works / Leon Whiteson (et.al)
Taipei : Garden City Publishing Ltd., c2002
259 p. : ill. ; 26 cm.
957-0406-62-3
Towards a Populist Aesthetics, Transformation, Conflict and Disequilibrium
\$ 40.00

[Southern California has been sacred ground for a number of artists and architects, nurturing them with its fine climate and unrestraint atmosphere. Under the influence of Pop art and assemblage art in the 60's, Frank Gehry has led the avant-garde architecture trend in L.A. since the late 70's and in the process transformed the urban landscape of L.A. Gehry was the laureate of the Pritzker Architecture Prize in 1989. The Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain, considered by many to be the crowing achievement in Gehry's distinguished career, was completed in 1997. His unrestrained and untamed style makes him the spiritual leader of the school of Los Angeles and has won admiration all over the world. Like Gehry, Many young Los Angeles architects find their most pervasive influence in the city's many layers of disconnected images and ideas, rooted in the vibrant, often trashy local populism.

Each of the five contemporary California architects whose work is covered here has explored and developed various, highly individual strands and fusions. Frederick Fisher is noted for deconstructing spaces for art in simple, subtle and often elegant ways, employing a vocabulary of humble materials and finishers, such as plain concrete floors, Sheetrock, and natural woods. The simplicity of his architectural volumes, organized as spatial collages, is truly poetic. In contrast, Koning Eizenberg has achieved vigorous and gritty results in the design of multiple housing, and various communal and educational facilities. Eric Owen Moss has devised a very personal vocabulary for the adaptive reuse of a series of outmoded workshop and warehouses in culver city. With startling imagination, Morphosis has elaborated the deconstruction and reinvention of formal relationship in a wide range of projects, from private houses to public buildings.

The aim of this volume is to show the work of these architects have evolved over the years, and reveal how each one develops particular aesthetic concepts in those selected projects that have been crucial to his or her evolution as a designer. Taken together, the work of the Los Angeles designers presented here offers an array of original responses to the challenges architects confront in the new millennium.]

History

Postage stamp catalogue of the republic of China 1878-1996

Taiwan : Directorate General of Posts, Republic of China

xxviii, 610 p. : ill. ; 29 cm.

957-00-7885-5

\$ 40.00

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Postage Stamp Catalogue

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(1) The Development of Chinese Currency

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(3) Stamp Booklets.]

The Secret of Excellence in Ancient Chinese Silks : Factors Contributing to the Extraordinary Development of Textile Design and Technology Achieved in Ancient China / Maryta M. Laumann, S.SP.S.

Taipei : Southern Materials Center, Inc., c1984

xvii, 179 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

\$ 20.00

[Within the last few years and decades archaeology has brought to the eyes of modern man some of ancient China's most renowned products and gifts to the world: Its precious silks-dating more than 2000 years ago. The sight of these treasures-some so which have been on exhibitions in 1983 in the U.S.A. and Canada-are, to say the least, astonishing. Their excellence and superiority testify to an unparalleled degree of development in textile design and technology. In her book : "The Secret of excellence in ancient Chinese silks", the author takes us on an interesting journey aimed at the discovery of some significant factors uniquely responsible for such remarkable progress. The particular direction this journey takes results in a broad spectrum with insights of value not only to the historian of textile science, technology and design but also to those interested in Chinese philosophy, culture and society.

Regarding the merits of this publication the following deserve special mention:

- the intense concentration on the discovery of factors that are uniquely relevant to the evolution and setting of Chinese culture and civilization;
- the convincing analysis and discussion of the profound relationship between the all-pervasive li principle and Chinese philosophy of textiles and clothing;
- the much desired integrated use of relevant ancient Chinese literature and modern archaeological discoveries resulting in refreshing insights and well-founded conclusions.]

Elegy of Sweet potatoes : Stories of Taiwan's Terror / Tehpen Tsai [Translated by Grace Hatch]

Taiwan : Taiwan Publishing Co., Ltd, c2002

453 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.

957-30457-6-1
\$ 20.00

[The People of Taiwan call themselves "Sweet Potatoes" because the shape of Taiwan resembles a sweet potato Taiwan's history of the recent centuries may be termed a history of successive foreign domination. This book is biographic story of one of the sweet potatoes arrested under foreign regime.]

Small Sea Travel Diaries : Yu Yonghe's Records of Taiwan / Translated From the Literary Chinese and Annotated By Macabe Keliher
Taipei : SMC Publishing Inc., c2004.
xx, 225 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.
Includes Index.
957-638-629-2
\$ 20.00

[Small Sea Travel Diaries : Yu Yonghe's Records of Taiwan is the companion volume to out of China. It is direct translation of the Diaries and essay composed by Chinese litterateur Yu Yon during his travels through Taiwan in the late seventeenth century. When the imperial gunpowder stores exploded in 1696, officials search frantically for a means to replenish the loss supply. Having heard the newly acquired territory of Taiwan was rich in sulfur, they dispatched Yu to search, mine and transport the essential mineral. Throughout his journey across the perilous Taiwan strait and up the miasmal eastern Taiwan coast, Yu kept a diary of all her saw and experienced. Upon his return to China he published this diary, along with several essays on history and culture, as the slim but opulent phai Fiyou, He meant for his writing to inform Chinese officials and literati about a land and a people they had no contact with and hardly knew. Today, when a war of historical conscience rages across the Taiwan a war of historical of the island is still haunted by political ghosts, Yu and his diaries offer a glimpse into a time we know little about, illuminating our contemporary torment form the vantage point of these hundred years prior.]

Oral History of Dr. David Landsborough IV / Text Compiled by Liu Shi-Yung and Liu Ts'ui-Jung (Translated into Chinese by Liu Ts'ui-jung and Liu Shi-yung)
Taiwan : Institute of Taiwan History
xxxix, 309 p. ; 23 cm.
957-671-909-7
In English and Chinese
\$ 20.00

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Chapter 4: At Hui-se Hospital, Chuanchow (1940-1951)

Chapter 5: At Changhua Christian hospital (1952-1980)

Chapter 6: After retirement (1980)

Appendix

1. A list of SOAS archival materials related to Dr. David landsborough III and IV

2. A letter from Dr. Landborough IV to Liu Ts'ui-jung (July 25, 2001)

3. Two Chuan Lyu Lectures by Dr. David Landsborough IV in 1998
4. A Chronology of Dr. David Landsborough IV.]

Culinary Arts In Late Ming China : Refinement, Secularization and Nourishment : A Study on Gao Lian's Discourse on Food and Drink / Su Heng-an

Taipei : SMC Publishing Inc., 2004
xii, 247. : ill. ; 21 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
957-638-642-x
\$ 29.50

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Out of China or Yu Yonghe Tales of Formosa : A History of Seventeenth-Century-Taiwan / Macabe keliher

Taipei : SMC Publishing Inc., c2003
xx, 241 p. : Ill. ; 21 cm.
Includes Index.
957-638-609-8
\$ 24.50

Linguistics

Hakka LAU Constructions: A Semantic Analysis / Huei-Ling Lai

Taiwan. : Crane Publishing Co. Ltd, 2002

xiv, 231 p. ; 21 cm.

Includes Bibliography

986-7971-66-3

\$ 19.50

[Pervasively found both at the lexical level and at the constructional level, polysemy, a strategy manipulated by speakers to organize linguistic knowledge, reflects their tendency not only to probe for systematic patterns but also to reduce their effort for the establishment of the cognitive structure. Taking the cognitive semantic approach, this book investigates the structural and the semantic complexity exhibited by a constructional polysemy in Hakka- the LAU construction. Major issues include the emergence of each of the various senses associated with the construction, the account of the meaning relatedness, and the examination of the semantic division of labor of LAU, BUN, and TUNG in various Hakka sub-dialects.]

Official Publications

Statistical Abstract of Transportation and Communications 2004 Republic of China
Taiwan : Department of Statistics, Ministry of Transportation and Communications,
2003

523 p. ; 26 cm.

ISSN: 1016-7358-3

\$ 29.50

Judicial Statistics Yearbook 2004

Taiwan : Department of Statistics, Judicial Yuan Republic of China

v. ill. ; 31 cm.

986-00-1125-7

Includes CD

\$ 30.00

Social Indicators the Republic of China - 2004

Taiwan : Directorate General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics Executive Yuan,
Republic of China, 2004

Xii, 280 p. ; 25 cm.

ISSN : 0257-5736

\$ 20.00

Important Documents on the Government's Mainland Policy : Spirit of Goodwill
Active Cooperation Permanent Peace – May 2005

3rd Edition

Taipei : Mainland Affairs Council, The Executive Yuan, The Republic of China, 2005

ii, 108 p. ; 29 cm.

986-00-1272-5

\$ 15.00

Important Documents on the Government's Mainland Policy : Spirit of Goodwill
Active Cooperation Permanent Peace – October 2004

Taipei : Mainland Affairs Council, The Executive Yuan, The Republic of China, 2004

ii, 69 p. ; 29 cm.

957-01-8628-3

\$ 15.00

Important Documents on the Government's Mainland Policy : Spirit of Goodwill
Active Cooperation Permanent Peace – January 2005

Second Edition

Taipei : Mainland Affairs Council, The Executive Yuan, The Republic of China, 2005

ii, 83 p. ; 29 cm.

957-01-9112-0

\$ 15.00

Act Governing Relations Between Peoples of the Taiwan Area and the Mainland Area
and its Enforcement Rules

Taipei : Mainland Affairs Council, Executive Yuan, Republic of China, 2004

v. ; 29 cm.

957-01-8069-2

\$ 15.00

National Health Insurance Annual Statistical Report 2003

Taiwan : Bureau of National Health Insurance, 2004

348 p.; 26 cm.

ISSN : 1680-5496

\$ 25.00

2004 National Defense Report – Republic of China

Taiwan : Ministry of National Defense, ROC, c2004

xxii, 318 p.; 26 cm.

957-01-8984-3

\$ 50.00

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Part 7 : Major National Defense policy implementation (III) – Safety and Services

Part 8 : Major National Defence Policy Implementation (IV) – Relations between the military and the Public.]

2004 Taiwan Public Health Report

Taiwan R.O.C. : Department of Health, c2004

125 p.; 30 cm.

ISSN : 1680-8576

\$ 30.00

Philosophy

L'anneau Immobile : Regards croises sur Maitre Eckhart - Avant-propos de Pierre-Jean Labarriere / Secondo Bongiovanni ; Gwendoline et Pierre-Jean Labarriere, Benoit Vermander

Paris : Editions Facultes Jesuites de Paris, c2005

135 p. ; 25 cm.

Includes Bibliography

Husserl – Hegel – Laozi

In French

2-84847-005-4

\$ 25.00
