

Report on Mackay Fan Club Taiwan Visit

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Through the initiative of the Canadian Trade Office in Taipei (CTOT), Michael Stainton, Alwyn Austin and Hamish Ion went to Taiwan to give 4 lectures on GL Mackay and his legacy. The lectures were at the Academia Sinica Institute of Taiwan History, Tam Kang Middle School in Tamsui, National Museum of Science and Technology in Kaohsiung, and Tainan Theological Seminary. We also met with various actors in the several Mackay Centenary activities planned in Taiwan. After we arrived we also received tremendous help from Liao Pi-ying, Executive Secretary of the National Youth Commission, in arranging visits to the National Archives, Cultural Affairs Commission, and Premier Chang Chun-hsiung. On our way to Taiwan Michael and Alwyn also met with Taiwanese church and community leaders in Vancouver to discuss organizing some Mackay activities there. In every respect I believe that we can say this expedition was an unqualified success, For this much thanks is due to James Mitchell of CTOT, Liao Pi-ying in Taiwan and Rev. Wong Chinchai in Vancouver, and to the CTOT which initiated and financed it.

Without writing a narrative of the entire visit, I shall list points for future action or issues to note as they arose at various points through the trip.

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* There are now two books on Mackay published in Chinese, available at the Church Press in paperback with many photographs (same new to me):

1) George L. Mackay D.D. in Taiwan (馬偕博士在台灣. 陳宏文). 主日學協會 1982 (revised edition 1997).

2) Rediscovering the Biographies of Dr. G.L. Mackay of Formosa (重新發現馬偕傳. 陳俊宏). 前衛 2000)

From Far Formosa is also reprinted in an elegant hardcover with fine reproductions of the original pictures, by Southern Materials Centre (南天) for NT\$500.

Should CMC ask the Presbyterian Bookstore to order on our behalf several dozen copies of these 3 books , along with the Mackay Postcards, for sale by the PCT, CMC, ROM, and Taiwanese churches between now and November?
