

# Yearbook Studies in China

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## **Study on the Narrative Standard and Sense Requirements of Local Comprehensive**

**Yearbooks** ..... *Liu Shanyong*(19)

Local comprehensive yearbooks compiled from administrative regions of China have a long tradition of historical records and particularly place emphasis on narrative. Since real-time and on-the-spot are the features of yearbook compiling, it requires authenticity of narrative and sense of reality which is full of vivid details and is similar in both externality and internality. However, following the local chronicle style of classified narration of compilation, the narration of the local comprehensive yearbooks has the problems of extensiveness and fragmentation, and it is interdependent with a style of official document like summary and report, which leads to the lack of realism and the weakening of the annual and local features, and then lower the yearbook quality. To construct a narrative system of yearbook that meets the requirements of real sense, we can start by expanding the proportion of single entries, and learn from existing experience to continuously improve the quality of entry narration. Furthermore, we should open up more space for the narration through columns such as establishment of topics and special notes, and take advantage of the real scene and reality of pictures to provide readers with a more direct experience of reality. With a long-term view, to achieve the optimization of narrative, a more systematic plan should be made at the macro level, and exploration should be carried out in terms of structure, style, and drafting mechanism.

## **Practices in the Compilation of Rural Townships Yearbooks**

——Based on the Example of Yearbook Compilation with a Complete Coverage of 11 Townships of Kunshan City ..... *Xu Qiuming, Xu Lin, Xu Lan*(26)

Kunshan is located in the hinterland of Yangtze River Delta, and has been the first place for 15 years among the top – 100 counties in comprehensive strength of China. The 11 rural townships of Kunshan have their own features in social and economic development. Although KunShan Yearbook compiled annually gave a brief rundown of 11 rural townships, it is difficult to give a comprehensive

and faithful account of social and economic changes and characteristics during development as well as their achievements of the reform and opening-up. Kunshan local Chronicles Office has been among the first counties to start with rural townships yearbook compiling, so the history and experience of rural townships could be well preserved and documented. A program has been made to ensure the work with high quality, that is “launch a pilot project in the first year, carry out in the second year, and bring about a universal coverage in the third year”. They intend to carry out scientific and reasonable design of compiling entry, give professional training in compiling, invite experts for face-to-face guidance and strengthen the examination of manuscripts. After three years, the compilation of the has achieved complete coverage in all the Kunshan rural townships, and successfully created the “Kunshan brand”.

**Study on Framework Settings of the Ecological Categories of Local Comprehensive Yearbooks ..... Cui Zhen(34)**

In setting framework of the ecological categories of local comprehensive yearbooks, the main cause of the problems, such as unclear positioning, inaccurate category names and improper arrangements are the unclear of related concepts and overlapping responsibilities of related government functional departments. Therefore, to ensure a comprehensive consideration of the framework design of the ecological categories, it is the foundation to sort out related concepts and responsibilities of government functional departments, and then combine the principles of framework design of the general yearbooks, the feasibility of soliciting contributions and the completeness of the content of ecological civilization construction. First of all the situation of ecological civilization construction should be fully reflected in the ecological categories which are set in reasonable place, focusing on the relevant situation of the ecological environment. It is unsuitable for categories to have excessive concepts such as ecology, or to merge the scope of responsibilities of the non-ecological environment department and the content related to ecology into the ecological environment category, which might destroy the integrity of other categories.

**How to Highlight the Local features in Ecological Categories of Yearbooks**

——Based on the example of the Compilation of Ecological Categories of *Hainan Yearbook* ..... Lan Biru, Zhang Dong’an, Zheng Xin(42)

The contents of the local comprehensive yearbooks include many aspects, such as nature,

politics, economy, culture, society, etc. In recent years, our country has placed emphasis on the ecological civilization construction, and all walks of life have strengthened the implementation of this issue, and the ecological civilization construction has become an extremely important part of the progress of social development. There are a lot of contents related to ecological construction in the yearbook, which have important economic and social value. According to the description of ecological construction in the *Hainan Yearbook*, it can be seen that the development of Hainan is closely related to ecological construction which has become the business card and logo for the construction and development of Hainan. Accordingly, the records involving ecological construction have become the features of the *Hainan Yearbook*. Hainan continues to promote the experimental zone construction of the ecological civilization. As a provincial-level comprehensive yearbook, there is still room for expansion and innovation in the contents, application methods and functional transformation on the theme of the ecological civilization construction in the new era.

## **Exploring the Ecological Construction Categories of Yearbooks In the New Era**

——Based on the Example of Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture Yearbook

..... *Li Mei*(52)

The ecological civilization construction is a long-term plan that concerns the well-being of the people and the future of the nation. Recording the relevant conditions of the ecological civilization construction in the administrative area can not only fully reflect the overall picture of the local economic and social development, but also serve the real society. Through the study of the relevant record and the compiling experience of Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture Yearbook in ecological construction in recent years, it has been found that we'd better integrate centralized ways with decentralized ways in the recording of the relevant contents of ecological civilization construction in the local comprehensive yearbooks. We need to solicit the contributions thematically, broaden the access to it with high quality, and make the relevant contents of ecological construction more comprehensive, systematic, scientific, accurate and distinctive. It is hoped that the exploration and practice of the local comprehensive yearbooks will help improve the description of relevant contents of ecological construction in the new era.

## **Compiling Patterns, Features and the Influence of the Chinese Archaeology Almanac ..... *Qin Cunyu*(59)**

The Chinese Archaeology Almanac is a yearbook for reference that records the latest archaeological discoveries of China and compiles the latest research results and discipline trends. Through the analysis of 36 volumes of Chinese Archaeology Almanac, the author found that it offers nine columns generally. Under the macro-guidance of the highest academic group in Chinese archaeology, it is implemented by the highest-level scientific institution, with the active cooperation of cultural relics and archaeological institutions and archeological colleges of all provinces, autonomous regions, and municipalities directly under the Central Government, with the participation of most domestic archaeologists. The Chinese Archaeology Almanac has an important historical position in exploring the development and changes of Chinese Archaeology and promoting academic exchanges at home and abroad. Its publication has promoted the Chinese archaeology development with the vision expansion and level improvement of archaeologists, and also has a certain impact on other related disciplines.

## **Exploring New Path to Recording the Cause of Strengthening the Military for the New Era**

——The case of compiling plan of China Military Yearbook ..... *Huang Xuejue*(68)

The compilation of Chinese Military Yearbook exerts an important effect on developing the cause of the military yearbooks, it has filled the gaps in the national comprehensive military yearbooks of China. To ensure the smooth start and orderly progress of the Chinese Military Yearbook compilation, a top-level design, an overall ideas, basic approaches, and adequate preparation are needed. Therefore, it is necessary to verify scientifically, fully understand the importance of the compilation, scientifically established the guiding principle, correctly define the basic principles and identify the right direction of the yearbook compilation. It should be scientifically designed with reasonable compiling scale and binding form, scientifically set the framework. And the scope of recording content should be within a strict limit, so as to ensure the content is systematically standardized. We should organize the compilation carefully, clarify the responsibilities and tasks at all level, assemble and sort out information and materials, pay attention to the construction of the compilers to promote the orderly development of the compilation.