

# Yearbook Studies in China

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## **On the Quality Control of Military Content in the Local Comprehensive Yearbook: Taking the Fifth Evaluation of Excellent Achievements of National Local Chronicles (Yearbook Category) as an Example**

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As an organic part of the local comprehensive yearbook, the quality of military content directly affects the vitality and role of the whole yearbook. However, due to its particularity, the quality of military content has not been improved for a long time, which has become the bottleneck of the sustainable and healthy development of the local comprehensive yearbook. With the deepening of national defense and military reform, and the comprehensive implementation of the national civil-military integration development strategy, it is urgent to strengthen the quality control of the military content of the local comprehensive yearbook. In the course of combing and analyzing the 5<sup>th</sup> evaluation results of the excellent achievements (yearbooks) of the national local chronicles, it is found that there are four kinds of problems in the present military content of the local comprehensive yearbook, such as the irregular structure of the military framework, the looseness of the narrative content, the inconsistent style of the layout and language, and the noticeable problem of secrecy.

## **Exploration and Thinking on the Sustainable Development of Military Yearbook**

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The study of military yearbook has gained fruitful achievements after more than 30 years' development. The military yearbook's compilation has developed from self-compiling to be in comprehensive deployment. As the basic form of recording historical data synchronously, the military yearbook has gradually formed a specific yearbook system, and has become an important component of the research on the history of CPC (Communist Party of China) and CPLA (the Chinese People's Liberation Army). It has become urgent to study the characteristics of development of military yearbook and to explore how to adapt to the new system and organization after the military reform. With the purpose of ensuring the sustainable development of military yearbook, this study can make it clear that how to innovate the compiling system so as to achieve transformation and upgrading.

## **Research on the Information Management in Beijing Local Comprehensive Yearbook Work** .....

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The local comprehensive yearbook is the cultural product provided by the government for the public to consult for the geographical information and of public culture functions. The information management in the work of local comprehensive yearbooks is the basis of the effectiveness of the service yearbooks could offer. At present, the information management of local comprehensive yearbooks generally faces difficulties and problems in collection, organization and utilization. Taking Beijing local comprehensive yearbook as an example, there are some problems. Therefore, it is necessary to strengthen the information management foundation of the local comprehensive

yearbooks, strengthen the rule of law, ensure the establishment of institutions and arrangement of personnel, expand the channels of information acquisition, increase the strength of information supplement and self-collection ability, absorb social organizations, experts and scholars, other individuals as well as professional institutions to participate in the compilation, expanding the ability of organizing information. Participating in social services, developing network platforms for compiling and utilizing yearbooks, organizing and operating information more efficiently, speeding up the integration and sharing of yearbook information resources; at the same time, introducing some market mechanisms, adjusting the allocation of yearbook information resources by appropriate market means, innovating supply, thus improving the management level of local comprehensive yearbooks is what should be done to promote the value of yearbook information.

**Ritual and Discourse-Yearbook’s Social Memory Function Research**

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Yearbook is published continuously every year with the results characterized by rich information and wide use. The compilation lasts for a long time and there are many participants, having certain social impacts. From the perspective of both results and compilation progress, the yearbook has a major responsibility in shaping social collective memory. Since the reform and opening up, China’s yearbook enterprise has accumulated a set of effective working methods of certain ceremonial nature, keeping social memory in emotional understanding, belief cultivation, cultural identity, and social integration. On the other hand, China’s yearbook has formed a discourse feature which is authoritative, stable, positive, achievement-oriented, developed, and harmonious and it is being fixed in a legislation progress. This study attempts to explore how the yearbook shapes social memory and what kind of collective memory from the perspective of “ritual” and “discourse”, and conducts a preliminary discussion on the deep social and cultural functions of the current yearbook in constructing collective memory and shaping identity.

**Brief Discussion of the Expansion of the Social Service Function of Annals in the New Era** .....

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One of the core functions of the yearbook lies in providing social services. Socialism with Chinese characteristics now has entered a new era, giving the yearbook more important tasks and functions. Based on the practices of enlarging the information capacity of yearbooks, extending the scope of services and building an interactive platform, this paper explores how the yearbooks expand the function of providing social services in the new era from the perspective of breaking through “one-book doctrine”, sharing resources and improving the quality of yearbooks.

**Classification, Titles and Description Scope of Social Category Contents**

——Take the Draft Contents of Candidate Yearbooks Applying for 2018 Chinese High-quality Yearbook Project as Examples .....

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Social departments provide security and services for people’s survival and development. The social category of yearbook is rich in content and has a wide range. It is one of the five category contents of the local comprehensive yearbook, and its quality directly affects the quality of the yearbook. However, at present, there are some problems like a lack of consensus, diversity in classification, confusion in content, and no unified cognition and basic norms. We should control the corresponding relationship between the title words in the social category and the extension of the

words in a relatively reasonable range, reflect the reality of the social divisions scientifically, and form the title word system and its corresponding content, which can both summarize the main content and reveal the content theme. The social category should classify, define the title and scope of the description in accordance with this principle.

**Highlight the Subjectivity and Focus on Competitive Products**

——Some Thoughts on the Classification, Characteristics and Compilation Rules of Yearbooks of Enterprises and Public Institutions

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The yearbook with enterprises and public institutions as the object of description is often regarded as a special category in the local professional yearbook, which includes mainly the internal information of the insitutions. Since the 1980s, with the development of economic system reform, compared with government departments, enterprises and public institutions have weakened their political functions and strengthened their professional functions in a certain independence. Therefore, compared with other yearbooks, the yearbooks of enterprises and public institutions have a stronger color of “civilian-oriented official document”. This paper discusses the relations and differences among various yearbooks, and sums up the attributes and functions of the yearbooks of enterprises and public institutions. On this basis, some suggestions are put forward for the development of high-quality yearbook compilation in enterprises and public institutions.

**The Analysis of the Basic Attributes of Local Comprehensive Yearbook and the Skills of Compiling the Yearbook** ..... *Chen Hongyi*(64)

There are certain differences between the interpretation of the fundamental attributes of the yearbook in the *Regulations on Local Records Work* and that in the *Encyclopedia of China (Second Edition)* , that is, the different claims of “tool book” and “documents”. The “Tool Book Perspective” advocates the three essential characteristics of the yearbook are tool book, repertoire materials, and the continuous annual publication; the “Documents Views” claim that the three essential characteristics of the yearbook are reference materials, systematic description of various aspects, annual information. There are certain differences between the two viewpoints in terms of yearbook format, annual time requirements, and normative writing style. The yearbook has its unique nature and characteristics. Today’s social life is constantly changing. The innovation and development of the yearbook should also follow the trend.

**Use and Comparison of International Statistical Yearbook on Africa Study**

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International statistical yearbook is an essential material in Africa study. With the attention on Africa issues, more Chinese scholars begin to use it. Except the yearbook *Africa south of the Sahara*, some yearbooks or reports are often used such as *African Statistical Yearbook*, *Economic Development in Africa Report*, *African Development Report*, *Economic Report on Africa*. These different forms of yearbooks own their unique features about basic data or core issues. So, we are supposed to definite which are suited to be used.