Central Daily News Digital Archive


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One of the world's oldest Chinese language newspapers

Central Daily News（中央日報) was founded in Shanghai in February 1928. After relocating several times, the newspaper's headquarters moved to Taiwan in 1949, where it continued publishing until its closure in 2006.

During its years of publication in Mainland China, the newspaper was the official mouthpiece of the Kuomintang (KMT) government and provided comprehensive coverage on politics, the economy, military matters, culture, foreign relations, law, and society. It served as an important historical record of China's changing landscape in the early 20th century, documenting critical events like the lead-up to World War II, the Chinese civil war, and the interactions between China and foreign powers. This makes the Central Daily News Digital Archive a crucial resource for academic research and China studies, offering valuable insights into the socio-political developments of the time.

The newspaper's coverage also reflected the shifting dynamics within Chinese society, acting as a bridge between the government and the people, and capturing the pulse of different social strata. Its reports provide a detailed view of the Republic of China's international relations, particularly in the 1930s and 1940s, and are invaluable for understanding the historical context of modern China.

After relocating to Taiwan, *Central Daily News* continued to play an influential role in the media landscape. It became a leading newspaper in Taiwan, benefiting from the integration of party and government, and often ranked as the top newspaper in terms of circulation. Over the years, it chronicled Taiwan's political, economic, military, and cultural developments, offering in-depth coverage of the nation's modernization efforts. The newspaper's extensive coverage of these issues makes it a key historical resource for understanding Taiwan's post-World War II development.

However, as Taiwan's political landscape evolved and media diversification grew, *Central Daily News* struggled to adapt. Its strong ties to the KMT and its early role as a government mouthpiece became less relevant in a society demanding more diverse media options. Despite its historical significance, the newspaper ceased publication on May 31, 2006, after issuing a total of 28,356 editions.

Key Stats

- **Archive:** 1928–2006
- **Language:** Traditional Chinese
- **City:** Taipei
- **Producer:** TBMC
- **Platform:** TBMC

About Central Daily News

Key Features of *Central Daily News*:

- **Central Supplement:** This page was one of the most popular during the 1970s and 1980s and also served as an important literary platform. Renowned writers such as Xi Murong, Zhong Meiyin, Lin Haiyin, and Zheng Chouyu all contributed works to the Central Supplement.
- **Map Weekly:** Known for its in-depth analysis of current affairs, Map Weekly was an essential resource for studying international issues and geopolitics.
- **Children's Weekly:** *Central Daily News* was the first major newspaper in Taiwan to feature a dedicated children's column. The fairy tale poet Yang Huan, writing under the pen name "Golden Horse," was a notable contributor to this section.

Central Daily News played a pivotal role in documenting and shaping the history of modern China and Taiwan. Its historical records, political reporting, and cultural contributions continue to serve as an important resource for scholars and researchers interested in Chinese and Taiwanese history.

The Central Daily News database is hosted by Transmission Books & Microinfo Co., Ltd. (TBMC), a well-known online content producer from Taiwan.

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