

Yearbook Studies in China

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“Governance of China” in Yearbook Compilation Zhou Rijing (29)

By the end of 2020, with the achievement of “full coverage of provincial, municipal and county in comprehensive yearbooks”, the yearbook work is facing new tasks, opportunities and challenges. In the new era, firstly, the local yearbooks at all levels should be guided by the spirit of the fourth and fifth plenary sessions of the 19th CPC Central Committee, uphold the “China’s system” and highlight the “governance of China”, show the local governance system and efficiency at all levels and move with the times in compilation ideas. Secondly, on the basis of grasping institutional advantages of “China’s system”, in the period of the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021 – 2025) and in moving forward on the path of achieving the second of the Two Centenary Goals, the local yearbooks should focus on the Four-Pronged Strategy and overall plan of seeking economic, political, cultural, social and ecological progress, put forth effort on showing the outstanding effectiveness of “governance of China” and carry out innovation in the style, content, framework and contents of the yearbook. The third, the local yearbook should carry on the tradition and open the future, be ready to take on responsibilities, blaze new trails in compilation of yearbook, compile the quality yearbook which can highlight the effectiveness of “governance of China”.

Compilation Ideas of Yearbook under the Influence of Information Pool of Local Chronicle Jia Dongyu (38)

Despite their many difference, local yearbook and local chronicle share several defining characteristics. The similar orientation, data collection, compilation norm and compilers are characteristics of both local chronicle and local yearbook, and together supplement the information pool of local chronicle. Despite its unique value, from the role of information pool of local chronicle, the compilation of local comprehensive yearbook needs further optimization. Through discussion of

compilation ideas of local yearbook from the perspective of information pool of local chronicle, we can proceed from basic norm, forward-thinking vision, yearbook function, broadening content and the value of historical materials preservation, to explore the innovative way of local comprehensive yearbook compilation, broaden the fields and highlight the characteristics of “fine, wide and deep” in the local comprehensive yearbook.

A Study of Urban Comprehensive Yearbook from the Perspective of Cited Data

——Take the Guangdong municipal comprehensive yearbook as an example

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Based on the CNKI’s statistical analysis of the citation from 2009 to 2019, in all the urban comprehensive yearbooks, Guangzhou Yearbook, Shenzhen Yearbook and Dongguan Yearbook ranked the top three in the comprehensive influence, and Guangzhou Yearbook ranked second in nationwide urban comprehensive yearbooks. The statistical analysis also revealed that cited frequency of urban comprehensive show a downward trend and the city’s cultural popularity is in inverse proportion to the yearbook’s citation from other places. It shows that the local comprehensive yearbook was booming in its compilation and publication and wane in its availability under the new media environment in the past decade. It also shows that less well known cities in culture are more dependent on un-local cultural forces in using yearbook and spreading local information. So there is an urgent need for the yearbooks of less well known cities to adopt a much more proactive approach to using large literature database and retrieval platform.

Evolution and Prospect of China Military Yearbook *Li Tao*(55)

The evolution of China’s military yearbook compilation can be divided into four stages: starting with exploration, growing in strength, developing rapidly, transforming into innovation. From providing information for local yearbooks to independent publication, from a few isolated publication to widespread participation, from compiling spontaneously to managing comprehensively, military yearbook has experienced a long process and has made outstanding achievements and successful

experience in strengthening the guidance, dealing with compilation in accordance with law, expanding the scope of compilation, promoting theory research, team building and making excellent yearbook. Compared with local yearbooks, military yearbooks have distinct characteristics, and different types of military yearbooks also show differences. Facing problems of unbalanced items compilation, nonstandard content compilation, unstable compilation team and the insufficiency of function in military yearbook compilation, for the aim of seeking balance between standardization and flexibility of yearbook compilation, this article looks forward to the innovation of the yearbook compilation, points out compilation ideas in renewing the concept, building a new working mechanism quickly, reflecting era characteristics, using high and new technology, highlighting the great practice of strengthening the army through reform and underlining utilization.

Analysis of the Characteristics of Foreign Yearbooks and Enlightenment

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Yearbook has existed for hundreds of years in foreign countries, and has outstanding characteristics in publishing, framework structure, material selection, content compilation and so on. We should assimilate the experience of foreign yearbooks analytically, selectively and critically. The foreign yearbooks have the following characteristics: they are varied in compilers and publishers, mostly non-governmental organizations, with short publishing cycle and strict time-bound, and aim at profit; they are complete in frame setting with clear level, free column sorting and unique characteristics; they select data widely, have a wide vision, lay stress on culture and region, focus on social life information, collect data crisscross; some of them are flowery in writing style, they are not bound by time limit in narration, communicate with readers frequently and make illustration to fit yearbook style. We should take advantages of China's yearbooks first, and assimilate the useful elements of foreign yearbooks discriminatingly, optimize the ideas of yearbook compilation, respect the needs of readers, improve the service function of yearbook and balance the standardization and flexibility of yearbook compilation.