臺灣歷史數位圖書館與歷史研究的實際應用
－以「淡新檔案」爲例

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摘要

由於目前臺灣史學界對於各類資料庫的實際介紹甚少，雖有許多介紹史料的專文，但對於如何實際操作上線上資料庫的說明，則十分缺乏。這對於有興趣利用歷史資料的學生或剛入門的研究人員來說，要如何從資料庫中找到自己要的材料，就成爲第一個需要跨越的關卡。所以本文即以筆者實際操作由臺大數位典藏研究發展中心建置的《淡新檔案》資料庫爲例，向使用者說明這個資料庫提供哪些功能，可以如何幫助我們搜尋、整理史料。同時，筆者再以實際案例的分析與應用，說明我們如何透過整理史料內容的人工作業，更進一步找尋其他相關的關鍵字，讓資料庫的功能發揮到極限。本文預期，透過實際範例的說明，使用者不僅可以對資料庫的應用有更清楚的了解，也會因此對於史料有更深層的觀察與思考。

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Actual Application of Taiwan History Digital Library and History Study─ A Case Study on Tan-Hsin Archives

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Abstract

Digitization of historical data in Taiwan has been in booming development. All related organizations are promoting the establishment of digital collections and databases, making the application of such data more convenient than before. During the development of the digitization, the first task historians have to cope with is to be familiar with the methods of searching and applying the data from the Internet. The paper thus focuses on the use of THDL established by National Taiwan University, with the example of Tan-Hsin Archive from the database, and explains how we utilize the database to conduct historical research.

Introduction to various kinds of databases in science of history is rare in Taiwan. Take Soptokufu for example, though introduction manual on the process and cataloguing of the digitization of historical data is available, no detailed explanation on the actual operation is provided. This has become the first obstacle for students who are interested in historical data and beginners in conducting research. The paper aims to, with the example of actual operation, explain the functions of the database to users in hopes to facilitate the use of the database for users. The explanation with actual example will also enable users to better understand the application of the database and have more profound observations and thoughts on historical materials.

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