

Taiwan Historical Research: Retrospect and Prospect

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ABSTRACT

This paper offers an overall retrospective review and assessment of Taiwan Historical Research through tracing its founding and development, detailing its organization structure and publication system, as well as exploring the thematic characteristics of different issues. Concrete suggestions on areas for future improvement and directions for prospective expansion are proposed in the conclusion of this paper in the hope of broadening the scope and enhancing the depth of Taiwan Historical Research as a leading journal in research of Taiwan history.

Throughout the 15 years of publication, Taiwan Historical Research has undergone much change and its transformation has constituted a part of the founding of the Institute of Taiwan History, Academia Sinica. This paper highlights to the scholarly circles the insistence of the Institute on quality of academic journal and the rigorous publication system it established. At the same time, it also reveals the trends and evolution of past research focus, which lay the groundwork for and contribute to the study on Taiwan historical research in the domain of historiography. The retrospective review added to the prospective view fosters further exploration of new research themes and help restructure the past development of Taiwan history.

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