



主辦：北美洲台灣婦女會 “舊書價值再生,回饋鄉里”，計畫小組 North America Taiwanese Women’s Association “Turn Trash Into Treasure Recycling Children’s books Team;”



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Recycling Children’s books Team;” Q&A
By: Book project team
Date: 7/29/09**

No	Questions	Answers	Note	
1	<p>The cost for shipping the used books from USA to Taiwan is US\$600/pallet.</p> <p>Why don’t you use the same amount of money \$600 to buy new books?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average new children’s books costs \$10/per book in USA. With US\$600, we can buy only 60 books regardless of shipping cost to Taiwan. . • Averagely book project ships 1,000 -1,500 books per \$600 shipping fees, delivery to the Taiwan recipients’ door.. • The Books are free donated by American schools or libraries. • The books, we collected have been already selected and screened, by professional - American librarians/schools. • The books, we collected , include very large varieties of subjects.. • Purchasing new books would require a professional team to select, screen, and decide and it involves with budget and purchasing department in both parties. 	<p>Rating No#1; high frequency; high percentage ; also being challenged in NATWA conference in public and in private.</p>	
2	<p>How much for the total cost?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$600/shipping fees, per book shipment, per pallet, from NJ/USA to Taiwan 	<p>In the past we ask</p>	<p>Option alitem</p>

		<p>library/school door.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About 1,000 – 1,500 books in one book shipment. • Books contents - in different sizes, subjects, fields, hard cover and paper back, fiction and non fiction, mostly children and junior books.. • \$100 for sticker to be put on each books; poster to be displayed in the public area. • Labors – priceless. Pick up books from donation places, put them in the staging warehouse, packing, sorting, boxing them well, counting, delivering them to seaport warehouse are all done and donated by our NATWA book project volunteers. 	<p>recipients to cooperate with us to order stickers and poster and it did not work out well.</p>	<p>s: \$10 for the book project t-shirt. 2 for \$1: book mark</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Do the recipients in Taiwan make good use of books?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the limited resources, Book Project is only responsible for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Approaching American libraries’ children’s departments, elementary schools. 2 Basic screening and collecting appropriate books, doing another round of sorting and screening at packing time. 3 Used books as it is. 4 delivering the books to the recipients’ door in Taiwan. 5. Follow up if the recipients have received the books. 6. Follow up if the recipients have received the stickers we have provided. • To reinforce the well-used of the books would involve with : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Taiwan schools/libraries’ internal programs, policies, resources, budgets. 2 Most importantly, the principal/teachers/librarians with big heart and big efforts to go extra miles. <p>** We, book project, so far has not been involved with the above due to our limited resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional programs – volunteer story tellers, volunteer mothers.....etc., all are very local and have been mentioned occasionally. However, book project has 		

		not been involved in implementing such programs, as it takes another professional crews, to initiate a brand new system.		
4	<p>How do books go to Taiwan from USA?</p> <p>How would that work? How would that happen?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It involves with import and export process. All has to follow USA/Taiwan custom law. • All the basic labor jobs has been donated by our volunteers. • Import and export professional service are handled by USA and Taiwan Freight Forwarder, and this is where \$600 is spent. • Special note - At the early stage, some libraries/schools asked to do import and inland transportation by themselves to save money..... but did not succeed. 	Respect the professional!	!
5	<p>How do you get volunteers for this project?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a non profit volunteer organization. • Unless people are fully committed to come forward, we, book project, are not able to count anyone in. We did not pay a penny to volunteers. • We share the love for Taiwan. We have the same concept and goals. We want to make it happen. This is something an ordinary person can do. No racket science skill is needed. We make it simple, transparent, and a everyone's project. • Among volunteers, we share information and care for each other, just like a big book project family. 		
6	<p>Can we do the same in our area?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sure. All you need is a committed team lead, who has import/export experience. A frequent and committed volunteer team of 20 persons. The rest of the routines are handled systematically. • When you are ready, call Amy. 		
7	<p>Can we be included in Taiwan? Can we do something in Taiwan?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sure. You can help by providing storage facility or by distributing books in Taiwan particularly in the South, East of Taiwan, such as Kaoshung, Pington, Taitong area.... Currently kaoshung volunteer team has been doing a great job, and is a very good and successful example. Recently Pington team has been established and catching up well..... • When you are ready, call Amy. 		
8	<p>How can we help to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can make cash donation to book 		

<p>book project?</p>	<p>project. Any amount is warmly welcomed. Please make check payable to “NATWA” and mail it to Amy. 20 Robin Hood Road, Morris Plains, NJ 07950.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can donate your children’s books to book project. Please contact Monica or Agnes for details. • You can buy our t-shirt to support us. (\$10 per T shirt.). • If you are in New Jersey, USA, you can come forward to loan us your warm bodies, warm hands, to help out picking up books or to join us for packing. Please contact Agnes or Monica for details. • You can show up in our events to support us. Check out our event notice in our web www.natwa.com click “book project”. • Persons to contact: • Agnes - agnescwu@gmail.com, • Monica - monica_hsieh_525@comcast.net, Amy – jlin214@aol.com 		
<p>What is NATWA book project?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NATWA is North America Taiwanese Women’s Association. • Book project is “Turn Trash Into Treasure” Recycling Children’s team. Book project was established in 2004 and as of today, 8/2009, 160,000 books have been distributed and benefit to the remote area children in Taiwan. 		
<p>What is the book project goal?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay back to Taiwan and America. • Create a win-win, two ways, with all parties involved. • To given remote area children wide vision. • Go Green. • Promote Literacy. • Books can change a person’s life. 		
<p>What do NATWA book project do to achieve the goal?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsor events (Cultural, arts and crafts classes, musical, displays.....) jointly together with American libraries and schools. • Ship approximately 5000 books/monthly to Taiwan. • Share experience with Americans and Taiwanese. 		

