

## **YANG HSIANG-CHUN AND GU RU-JUN WON MASTER THESIS AWARDS**

2003 Master Thesis Awards held by the National Science Council went to two of TKU' s students among 16 participants from Tamkang: Yang Hsiang Chun from the Graduate Institute of Information and Library Science and Go Ru-jun from the Graduate Institute of American Studies.

The Master Thesis Awards have been run for three years consecutively. The council provides a maximum two years scholarship so should Yang and Gu decide to continue their doctoral studies, they will receive an NT\$ 28,000 stipend per month up to two years.

Yang, who is in the military service at the moment, won with his thesis titled: "XML and CMARC catalog-based WebOPAC/WAPOPAC" . His thesis aims to achieve a 'mobile library' that is accessible anywhere, anytime via one' s mobile telephone. His thesis supervisor, Associate Professor Lin Hsin-cheng indicates that a thesis such as Yang' s is extremely challenging, particularly for a student from a liberal arts background.

Gu, the other winner, is preparing for an entrance exam to a doctoral program at the moment. She won with her thesis that deals with the research on the development of Nixon' s one China policy. She reveals that her thesis once met some criticism by a scholar that nearly discouraged her from pursuing it. However, she decided to persist and with the strict guidance of Professor Chen, Edward, Yi-hsin, she finally completed her thesis. With the achievement of winning the award, she feels vindicated.

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