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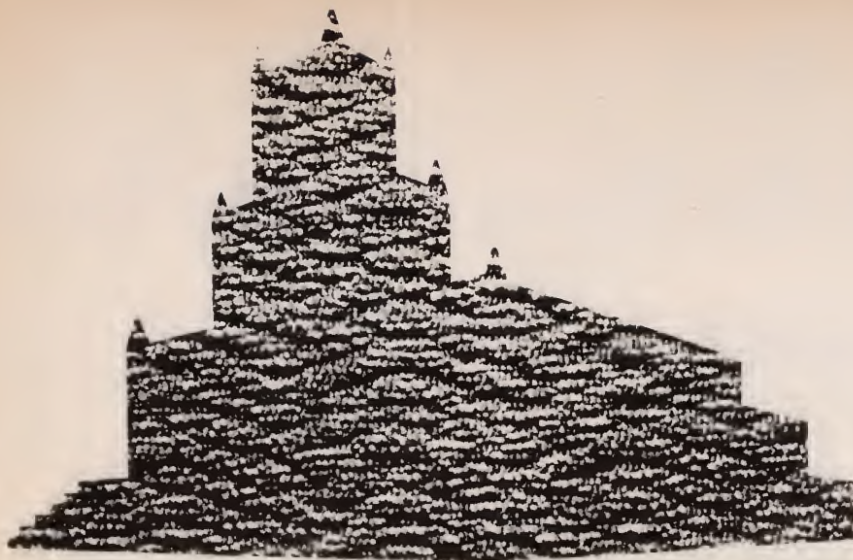
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Abstract: This article reports that the printing of the Book of Mormon in Chinese culminates a long and laborious task of translation by two men who were called to the assignment.



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● Chinese-speaking members, investigators, and friends of the Church now have the Book of Mormon printed in the Chinese language.

This important labor, completed last December, is the result of several years' work and marks the twenty-second language in which the Book of Mormon has been printed. The book will also be printed in Korean later this year.

The major work of translation into Chinese was done in Taiwan by two men especially called to that assignment. During the presidency of Jay A. Quealy, Jr., Elder Gordon B. Hinckley of the Council of the Twelve set apart Elder Larry K. Browning, a former missionary in Hong Kong who had returned to Taiwan under an educational grant from the University of California, and President Hu Wei-I, counselor to the mission president in Taiwan, who had been born and educated on the China mainland.

The first edition of 5,000 copies was printed in Hong Kong.

The printing of the Book of Mormon in Chinese is of more than special interest to President David O. McKay. In the copy given to the President January 9, 1966, Elder Hinckley wrote:

"This copy of the first edition of the Book of Mormon in Chinese was presented to David O. McKay, who 45 years ago, on January 9, 1921, accompanied by Elder Hugh J. Cannon, in the 'Forbidden City' of Peking dedicated and consecrated and set apart 'the Chinese realm for the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as restored in this dispensation through the Prophet Joseph Smith.'

"The Book of Mormon is now available in the language which is the mother tongue of more people than any other on earth. May it go forth among them as a witness of the Son of God, the Savior of the world."

In responding, President McKay noted: "This is a great event in the history of the Chinese people."