



Prof. Ching-chih Chen (left), signs the memorandum of cooperation with Director Yu Hsiao-ming, representing NCL Director-General Juang. (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)

## Special Report

### ■ NCL Hosts Seminar on East Asian Libraries in the U.S.

In order to further understand the characteristics of East Asian libraries in the U.S. and strengthen exchanges and cooperation with such libraries, the NCL hosted a "Seminar on U.S. East Asian Library Characteristics and Exchanges" on July 13, 2006. Mr. Michael Meng, director of the Asia Library at the University of Michigan; and Ms. Wen-ling Diana Liu, a librarian at the East Asian Library, Indiana University presented reports and shared their experience with NCL staff during the seminar. Mr. Meng spoke on the situation at his library and the status and challenges of the Michigan-Google Project. Ms. Liu introduced the characteristics of the Chinese language materials in the Indiana University collection. The event was organized by the NCL's

Bureau of International Exchange of Publications to facilitate exchange.

The NCL also presented two reports at the seminar. Editor Sung Mei-chen introduced the NCL's 3T characteristics and development status; and Director Peng Wei spoke on the collection



The "Seminar on U.S. East Asian Library Characteristics and Exchanges" was joined by Michael Meng (third from right), Wen-ling Diana Liu (second from right) and NCL Deputy Director General Sung Chien-cheng (third from left). (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)



The Seminar on U.S. East Asian Library Characteristics and Exchanges (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)

traits and exchange activities of the NCL. The briefings gave the visiting librarians a better understanding of the progress made by the NCL in recent years in terms of collection building and information systems, hopefully making these resources more widely used by researchers abroad.

## Events

### ■ LAC Kicks Off 2006 Summer Program

The Library Association of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) is holding its 2006 summer workshop series from July 17 to September 1. The 11-session series includes courses on senior library management, library collection development in the digital age, introductory and advanced courses on information organization, cataloging standards, library operations and marketing, reading and libraries, library quality management, digital content collection, management, publication and utilization, library operations and local resource utilization, book information laws and regulations, and library e-learning space sharing planning and practical issues.

### ■ NCL Organizes Summer Workshop on Online Data Searching

The NCL and National Institute for Compilation and Translation (NICT) jointly organized the "Learning Online, Soaring High" education and training course from July 4 to 12 at Taipei Municipal University of Education, National Taichung Library, Kaohsiung Municipal



NCL Deputy Director-General Sung Chien-cheng (far right), National Taichung Library Director Hsueh Mao-sung (left, standing) welcome summer workshop participants at National Taichung Library.

High School, and Tzu Chi University in Hualien. The courses were attended by senior high school, vocational high school, middle school and elementary school teachers. The main online systems covered were: 1. READncl (produced by the NCL): Introduction to Periodical, Government, and Literary Information; 2. E-Publication Web (NICT): Online Browsing of over 2,000 Illustrated Books; and 3. Taiwan Genealogy Online (National Digital Archives Program): Introduction to Clan Histories, Family Migration Charts, and Genealogical Charts.

### ■ Lecture on "Archaic Land Deeds and Clan Relations in Taiwan"

In conjunction with the Taiwan Archaic Documents Exhibition at the National Central Library, held from April 21 to June 20, 2006, the NCL invited Professor Wen Chen-hua of the Graduate Institute of Taiwan History at National