

Taiwan. The center will also provide an invaluable resource for Taiwan's research community.



*EETO Director Brian McDonald (right) signed an agreement with the NCL Director General Juang Fang-rung (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)*



*EETO Director Brian McDonald (sixth from left), EETO Deputy Director Frederic Laplanche (seventh from right), EETO Personal Assistant Dorothea Leonhardi (second from right), EETO Press Officer Béatrice Lappart (second from left), NCL Director General Juang Fang-rung (seventh from left) and NCL staff pose for a group picture after signing ceremony (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)*

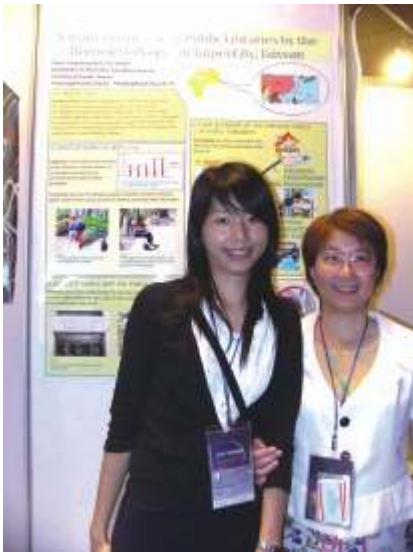
The NCL currently maintains a comprehensive collection of government publications from the U.S. Library of Congress and Japan's National Diet Library, as well as numerous publications of United Nations' agencies, the World Trade Organization, Asian Development Bank and other international organizations. Moreover, through exchange relations, the library has developed an extensive collection of government and non-government publications from around the world. With the designation of the NCL as a library of deposit for EU documents, the library will now be even better poised to serve the needs of readers and researchers in Taiwan. Among the EU documents to be deposited at the NCL are legislative documents, reports, government declarations, statistical materials, records of debate, and promotional publications numbering between 30 and 40-plus volumes each month. After signing the cooperation agreement, the European Commission will first ship backdated publications to the NCL, with newer publications to follow. The library will set a date for inaugurating the "EU i" once the publications have arrived at the NCL and are cataloged. (Chinese text by Katie K.C. Su)

## Special Report

### ■ "Homeless Readers" Poster Wins International Award

Prof. Sheue-Fang Song, head of the Department of Information and Library Science at Tamkang University, and Ms. Hui-Tzu Hung, a graduate student at the department, won the top prize in the Best Poster Session Award 2006 of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). Adopting the theme of "Homeless Readers,"

the poster created by the two was selected from among 85 posters exhibited at the 72nd IFLA annual meeting, representing the first time that Taiwan has been honored with the award.



*Prof. Sheue-Fang Song (far right) and Ms. Hui-Tzu Hung pose in front of their award-winning poster. (Photo provided by Prof. Sheue-Fang Song)*



*Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan) president Prof. Huang Hung-chu (far right), Prof. Sheue-Fang Song (second from left) and Ms. Hui-Tzu Hung (second from right) are pictured with IFLA President Alex Byrne (center) (Photo provided by Prof. Sheue-Fang Song)*

Established 80 years ago, the IFLA is an independent non-governmental organization supported by UNESCO. The association's 72nd annual meeting was held in Seoul, Korea from August 20 to 24, 2006, bringing together about 4,000 participants from over 124 countries. A total of 85 thesis plans from around the world were presented at the meeting in poster form. The best of these posters was selected by a secret vote as the winner of this year's best poster award. Selection criteria included: (1) Originality of theme and humanistic relevance; (2) Excellence of overall thesis structure and research results; and (3) Excellence of layout design. The meeting also provided ample opportunity for productive exchanges between the thesis authors and meeting participants.

In her poster, Ms. Hung proposed that libraries and social organizations cooperate to improve the lives of the homeless by collecting food, providing information, and integrating with service networks for the homeless.

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#### ■ *IASL to Hold 2007 Meeting in Taiwan*

A group of high school library directors in Taiwan emerged successful from a hard campaign to bring the 2007 annual meeting of the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) to Taiwan. About 600 association members from over 30 of the 80 member countries are expected to take part in the 2007 meeting, which will be held in Taiwan from July 16 to 20. Local librarians began bidding for the hosting rights after the 2006 National High School Library Work Conference on October 23 to 24, 2006.