



Prof. Yung Sik Kim (second from left), Director of the Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies at Seoul National University with NCL Director General Juang Fang-rung (third from left) and staff members (Photo provided by Peng Wei)



NCL Director General Juang Fang-rung (third from right, front row) and staff members, meeting with Superintendent Yoo Wang Joon of the Jeongdok Public Library (center, front row) (Photo provided by Peng Wei)

■ *Center for Chinese Studies Joined the 2006 EACS Conference*

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) held a book exhibit at the 16th Biennial Conference of the European Association of Chinese Studies in

Ljubljana, Slovenia from August 30 to September 3, 2006. The display focused on works published in Taiwan during the past three years in the areas of the humanities and the social sciences. Dr. Katie Su, director of the NCL's Bureau of International Exchange of Publications, represented the library at the conference and introduced the current status of Taiwan's library and publishing worlds. The NCL's participation was supported by the Foundation for European Cultural Exchange.

The CCS displayed 601 titles (641 volumes) in the six categories of: philosophy, thought, and classics; history and geography; religion, ritual, and ethnology; sociology, education, economics, politics, law, and diplomacy; linguistics, literature and drama; art, music, architecture and archaeology. There was also a special display of select publications on Taiwan studies in five major categories. All materials on display were listed in a catalogue, with each entry listing the title, author, place of publication, publisher, number of pages, date of publication, and price. All of the books displayed were donated to the University of Ljubljana after the exhibition, adding to the university's Chinese and Taiwan studies collection. The book donation ceremony was on September 3. Representative Hwang Cheun-yen of Taiwan's representative office in Austria hosted the presentation ceremony, which was also attended by Board member Kuo Wei-fan of the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, Ambassador to the Holy See Tou Chou-seng and their wives.

The mission of the European Association of Chinese Studies is to provide opportunities for the sharing of research achievements among Sinologists in Europe and other regions. At present, the association has several hundred members. The CCS

previously exhibited publications at the association's 1992 conference in Paris, and this year returned again after a long absence. The CCS display this year was extensive in content and the publications were distinguished by their creative cover designs and high-quality binding and printing, amply showing the care and development of Taiwan's publishing world, as well as the efforts of Taiwan's academic community.

In recent years, Taiwan has been expanding its presence on the international stage through the vigorous promotion of cultural and educational exchange. The NCL and CCS hope that the book exhibition will open a window to the state of Taiwan's publishing world today, as well as facilitate cultural exchange and learning. Such exchanges with Europe have taken a new step forward thanks to the generous support of the Foundation for European Cultural Exchange.



Representative Hwang Cheun-yen (left) of Taiwan's representative office in Austria, Professor Dr Bo idar Jezernik (right), Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana



Tou, Chou-seng, ambassadr to the Holy See (left) and his wife (center) visited the CCS booth with Dr. Katie Su, director of the NCL's Bureau of International Exchange of Publications

■ *International Symposium on the Centennial Birthday of Chu Wan-li*

On September 15 to 16, 2006, the NCL, Department of Chinese Literature at National Taiwan University, and Institute of History and Philology at Academia Sinica jointly held the "International Symposium on the Centennial Birthday of Chu Wan-li." A total of 26 papers were presented at the NCL-hosted symposium, which was attended by about 130 persons. Mr. Chu Wan-li was the second term director general of the NCL from September 1966 to February 1968. During his tenure, he promoted the compilation of the Chinese Rare Book Union Catalog, Union Catalog of Chinese Humanities and Social Science Official Books, Union Catalog of Chinese Humanities and Social Science Periodicals, Union Catalog of Chinese General Thread-bound Books, and Catalog of Republic of China Publications. Since their publication, these works have made a considerable contribution to Taiwan's library world. (Chinese text by Caesar Tsai)