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■ *E-Book Symposium*

The University of Hong Kong Libraries (HKUL) hosted the "E-Book Challenges and Developments 2006: a Global Perspective Symposium" on September 21 to 22, 2006. The event brought together scholars and experts from the United States, Britain, Canada, China, Taiwan, Singapore, Japan and Hong Kong to discuss and share experience on the development of e-book collections around the world. The NCL, which has been vigorously developing its e-collection resources in recent years, was represented by Ms. Lin Chiao-min, head of the Acquisitions Division, at the symposium. The exchanges during the meeting provided useful references for understanding global e-book trends and developing digital collections.

The main discussion topics at the symposium included: 1. From Gutenberg to Google Library; 2. Recent Development of Chinese E-books in Mainland

China; 3. Sharing netLibrary E-books among the Academic Libraries in Taiwan; 4. E-book Development in Singapore; The Copyright Law and Related Regulations and their Impact on the Development of E-books in Mainland China; 5. E-Book Development Regulations in Mainland China; 6. E-books, Library Collection Development and Services; 7. Scholarly Communication and University Libraries in Japan; 8. E-books: Setting New Directions; and 9. Our Millionth E-book: An Account of an Early Embassy to China. (Chinese text by Lin Chiao-min)



NCL Acquisitions Division Head Lin Chiao-min, University Librarian Anthony W. Ferguson of the University of Hong Kong (center), and Ms. Ferguson (left) (Photo provided by Lin Chiao-min)

■ *NCL Joins the 2006 Overseas Korean Librarian Symposium*

The Second Overseas Korean Studies Librarian Symposium was hosted by the National Library of Korea in Seoul from October 30 to November 4, 2006.

Skills development for overseas Korean studies librarians, introductions to Korean studies database