

## Events

### *NCL Director Juang Fang-rung Retires*

On February 26, 2007, the NCL held a retirement reception for Director General Juang Fang-rung, who completed his service at the library on March 1. Dozens of VIPs from the library, literary and scholastic worlds took part in the reception to give the retiring director general a warm sending off. Participants conveyed their gratitude and respects to Dr. Juang for his considerable accomplishments at the NCL during his nine-year tenure. Among the entire library staff there was a palpable mood of reluctance at the director's departure mixed with the warm memories of Dr. Juang's tenure. At the reception, the library staff also presented Dr. Juang with a memorial photo album.

Dr. Juang was appointed as the ninth-term NCL director general by the minister of education in April 1998. He brought to the position extensive academic expertise and experience. Over the years he led the way on numerous library development projects. He oversaw the introduction of innovative new reader services and, drawing on his specialized practical experience, developed new types of assistance to promote the development of libraries in Taiwan. He also secured funding for a three-year library development program, enabling the public to enjoy greater opportunities for reading and learning. Dr. Juang also spearheaded several international cooperation plans that have raised the global visibility of the NCL. These and other achievements by Dr. Juang will have a wide and lasting influence on the NCL, marking new milestones in the history of the library's development.



*Director General Juang with reception guests and NCL colleagues (Photo by Caesar Tsai)*



Secretary Chen You-min presents a memorial photo album to Director General Juang on behalf of the library staff. (Photo by Caesar Tsai)

### *Mongolian Library Directors Visit Taiwan*

National Library of Mongolia Director Akim Gotov and Book Palace Children's Director Oyunbileg Damdinsuren visited the NCL on February 1 to 8 to promote international cultural and book exchanges. The visitors learned more about the NCL's digital conversion work, attended the 15th Taipei International Book Exhibition, and visited the main branch and Beitou branch of the Taipei Public Library, Lin Yu-tang Memorial Library, Mongolian and Tibetan Culture Center, and National Palace Museum.

NCL Director Juang previously visited the National Library of Mongolia from August 22 to 30, 2006, at the invitation of Director Akim. At that time, the two sides discussed plans to establish book exchanges and cooperation on digital resources. Exchange relations were successfully formed between the two sides with assistance from the Ministry of Education and its overseas units.



National Library of Mongolia Director Akim Hatagin Gotov (fourth from right), Book Palace Children's Director Oyunbileg Damdinsuren (fifth from left), NCL Director Juang Fang-rung, and NCL staff (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)



National Library of Mongolia Director Akim Hatagin Gotov (third from right), Book Palace Children's Director Oyunbileg Damdinsuren (center) at the Beitou branch of the Taipei Public Library with branch directors Ms. Lu Pao-kui (third from left) and Mr. Poh Yun-feng (far right). (Photo provided by Cheng Bao Mei)

### *Connecting the Genealogical Dots Across the Taiwan Strait*

Taiwan and the southeast coastal area of mainland China are closely connected both by