

? *New Opportunities for E-Library Collection  
Building: E-Book Development Trends*

Sponsors: National Kaohsiung First University of Science and Technology; Library Association of China (Taiwan)

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Supporters: Graduate Institute of Library and Information Science, National Chung Hsing

University; Department of Library and Information Science, Fu Jen Catholic University; Department of Information and Communications, Shih Hsin University; Department of Library and Information Science, Hsuan Chuang University

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Place: National Taiwan University

## Exhibitions

? *Special Exhibition of Buddhist Sutras at the  
National Central Library*

The NCL recently treated the public to a rare peek at some of the nearly 400 Buddhist sutras and other Buddhist texts in its Rare Books Collection during the "Special Exhibition of Buddhist Sutras at the National Central Library" from February 27 to April 10, 2007. The exhibition presented a representative selection of Buddhist works, including Sutras, biographies of the Buddha, Buddhist parables, and titles donated by individuals and groups over the centuries as meritorious deeds. Some of the titles on display dated back over a thousand years. The world's first volume printed in both black and red type ink was also on display. Scrolls, accordion-fold and string-bound volumes were represented, as were block-printed, moveable type, and stone rubbing works, presenting a fascinating look at the richness of Chinese printing throughout the ages.

Apart from the book displays, there were also poster exhibits of reproduced texts and illustrations introducing the Buddhist eightfold path to enlightenment; a chart introducing the oral handing down of the words and lessons of the Buddha, and the history of Buddhism's introduction to China and integration with Chinese culture.



Poster of the "Special Exhibition of Buddhist Sutras at the National Central Library"

### *Exhibition of Selections from the NCL Russian Collection*

The NCL organized an exhibition of works from its Russian Collection on January 30 to February 16, 2007. The exhibition was held in conjunction with the Russian National Pavilion exhibit at the 2007 Taipei International Book Exhibition (TIBE), which was held from January 30 to February 4, and the "Three Giants of Russian Literature" exhibition organized by the Council for Cultural Affairs from November 12, 2006, to March 25, 2007. Over 4,000 Russian volumes in the fields of philosophy, literature and art were selected from the library collection for the exhibit, including the works of Russian literary giants Leo Tolstoy, Fyodor Dostoyevsky, Anton Chekhov, Aleksandr Pushkin, and Mikhail Aleksandrovich Sholokhov. The works of Alexander Solzhenitsyn, winner of the 1970 Nobel Prize for literature, were also featured along with about 60 Russian works in translation.

Several distinguished guests attended the

exhibition on the afternoon of February 2. They included Dr. Sergey N. Gubarev, head of the Representative Office in Taipei for the Moscow-Taipei Coordination Commission on Economic and Cultural Cooperation, and Mrs. Gubarev; Representative Chiang Shu-yi of the Department of West Asian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Dr. Vladimir Maliavin, director of the Institute of Russian and Slavic Studies at Tamkang University, along with six graduate students of the institute; Ms. Marsha Lee, a Russian language broadcaster and reporter at Radio Taiwan International; Mr. Andrew Pridvorov, president of Russian publishing house Feoria; and Dr. Alexander Tsverianishvili, Russian language consultant at the Government Information Office. The visitors were all impressed by the size and quality of the library's Russian collection. Dr. Maliavin suggested that the NCL could forge closer ties with major universities in Russia to further enrich resources in Taiwan for Russian studies.



Dr. and Mrs. Sergey N. Gubarev (third and fifth from right), Representative Chiang Shu-yi (third from left), Dr. Vladimir Maliavin (far left), Ms. Marsha Lee (second from left), Mr. Andrew Pridvorov (fifth from left), Dr. Alexander Tsverianishvili (fourth from right), and NCL Director General Juang Fang-rung