

Events

■ *NCL Hosts Meeting for Ministry of Education Heads*

The NCL hosted the "18th Meeting of Department Heads under the Ministry of Education" on May 3-4, 2007, at the Jhongshan Hall in Taipei. Sponsored by the Ministry of Education (MOE), the meeting was attended by about 60 directors of ministry departments and 26 cultural centers. The theme of the meeting was "Approaches for Integrated Marketing of Creative Added Value at Community Centers." Two keynote speeches were delivered at the meeting. Dr. Liu Wei-kung spoke on "Cultural Tourism Development and Challenges"; and Dr. Chang Yu-shan addressed the topic of "Creative Organization Management." The cultural center directors also briefed the meeting on the key work areas at their organizations. After the briefing, Minister of Education Tu Cheng-sheng offered input on the reports. The participants also had a chance to unwind from their busy schedules with a relaxing hike to the scenic Juansih Waterfall on the second day of the meeting.



Minister of Education Tu Cheng-sheng addresses the meeting. (Photo by Yen Wen-ing)

The meeting was a big success in facilitating exchanges, strengthening cooperation and exchanges among MOE departments and other subordinate units.



NCL Director General Wang Wen-lu (fifth from left) with colleagues in front of the meeting room (Photo by Yen Wen-ing)

■ *New Books Monthly Marks 100th Issue*

The NCL has published the monthly magazine *New Books Monthly: Recent and Forthcoming Publications in Taiwan, ROC* since January 1999. Over the past eight years, the magazine has earned enthusiastic reader support by providing comprehensive and up-to-date information on recent publications and publishing industry trends in Taiwan, with industry reports, new book introductions, and in-depth articles on publishing issues. To mark the publication of the 100th issue of *New Books Monthly*, the NCL held a special seminar and library, reader and book review reception on May 15, 2007. Several leading figures from Taiwan's literary and educational circles attended the event and provided input on the magazine's future editorial direction. The seminar was chaired by NCL Director General Wang Wen-lu and joined by such notables as Prof. Wang Mei-ling of the Graduate Institute of Library, Information and

Archival Studies at National Chengchi University; Prof. Chen Hsin-yuan of the Department of Literature at Fo Guang University; Mr. Han Kuo-tung, editor of the culture and education section at the China Times; Mr. Feng Teh-ping, editor of Wen-Hsun magazine; Ms. Chou Hui-chu, chief editor of the readers' section of the Merit Times, and columnist Mr. Wang Hsiu.

Proposals presented at the seminar included enhancing book review and bibliography reports and focusing on special reporting in these areas as a distinguishing trait of the magazine. It was also suggested that special bibliographies based on publishing industry trends be included in the magazine and that a committee composed of experts from various fields be formed to select recommended books; and that proletarian positions, originality of opinion and specialization be considered in book reviews. It was further proposed that every year the magazine include at least four special research reports, and that in addition to introducing new books the magazine could recommend outstanding publications for joint promotion with private groups, such as the National Teachers' Association of the ROC.



Library, reader and book review meeting (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)

■ *Web Archives and Services Lecture*

The NCL hosted a lecture on "Web Archives and Services" on February 5, 2007. The keynote speakers were Dr. Chen Chao-chen of the Graduate Institute of Library & Information Studies at National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) and Mr. Chen Ya-ning of the Computing Centre, Academia Sinica. They addressed topics related to the hot issue of web archives. In conjunction with the launch of the "Humanities Web Archive Project" this year, the lectures looked at the experience of other countries in web archiving. NTNU's Dr. Chen introduced Australia's Pandora Web Archive project, including project progress, objectives, history, cooperative organizations, archiving strategies, policies and guidelines, web cataloging, system architecture, and work flow. Academic Sinica's Mr. Chen spoke on the "Development Status of Web Archiving, introducing such related issues as terminology, current status, principles, responsibility, selection, collecting, description, rights management, and bit-level preservation.

Web archiving has become a central topic in digital archiving in recent years. The NCL has also been exerting considerable effort in the archiving of national publications. In addition to collecting domestically published books, periodicals and audio-visual resources, the library is formulating strategies for archiving web resources, with an initial emphasis on humanities-related resources. The library aims to archive the information of 300 websites this year. (Chinese text by Tsai Pei-ling)

■ *World Book Day Activities*

Taiwan celebrated UN-established World Book