

Program

■ 2007 Edition of Chinese Book Classification Scheme Completed

The ninth edition of the "Chinese Book Classification Scheme" edited by Lai Yung-hsiang was finalized on June 30, 2007, after a six-year effort involving nearly 200 people. The new edition will first be published on the Standards for Chinese Subject Cataloging System (<http://catbase.ncl.edu.tw>), with a print version to follow by the end of the year.

Apart from revisions to account for academic developments and national publications, the biggest change made to the classification scheme is the upgrading of Taiwan's category level. For example, Taiwan history and geography has been placed under Asian history and geography, Taiwanese literature has been placed under Far Eastern literature, the local Taiwanese dialect has been placed in a separate category under Eastern languages, and Taiwan biographies have been made independent of China biographies. Moreover, Taiwan related entries scattering in different places also have their corresponding classification entries and classification numbers and are not placed under the classification for China. Subdivision tables are simultaneously updated.

The National Central Library began using the subject analysis for the Taiwan classifications under the new scheme in July this year, and it expects to officially begin using the new scheme in entirety from January 2008. Any queries or notifications regarding the new classification scheme will be publicly posted online at: <http://catweb.ncl.edu.tw>. (Chinese text by Wu Ying-mei)

Special Reports

■ NCL Shares "Taiwan Memory" Experience with HKU

The Centre of Asian Studies the University of Hong Kong (HKU) invited the National Central Library (NCL) to share its experience in developing the "Taiwan Memory" system at a seminar on the "Hong Kong Memory" system. Reader Services Division Director Lin Chiao-min and Ms. Sung Mei-chen represented the NCL at the seminar, which was held at the center on May 24 to 27, 2007.

The closed-door seminar was also joined by personnel involved in the "Hong Kong Memory" program and administrators of the special collection and information departments at the HKU Library.



Director Lin Chiao-min (center) and Ms. Sung Mei-chen (second from right) of the NCL with HKU Fung Ping Shan Library Director Y. C. Wan (left), Hong Kong Memory Plan Coordinator Dr. Sinn Yuk-yee (second from left), and HKU Centre of Asian Studies Director Wong Siu-lun (right) (Photo provided by Sung Mei-chen)

On May 25, the NCL representatives presented a briefing on the "Taiwan Memory Project" and fielded

numerous questions from the participants. They also offered suggestions on organizing and classifying information, copyright authorization for online publication, and future content expansion.

On May 26, Dr. Sinn Yuk-yee and research associate Dr. Wong Sau-ngan of the center introduced the "Hong Kong Memory" project and "Hong Kong Oral History Archive Plan," respectively.

The NCL visitors also toured the HKU Library, Hong Kong Central Library, and Hong Kong Museum of History. (Chinese text by Lin Chiao-min and Sung Mei-chen)



The NCL briefs the meeting on the development of the Taiwan Memory system. (Photo provided by Sung Mei-chen)



The HKU Centre of Asian Studies introduces the "Hong Kong Oral History Archive Plan." (Photo provided by Sung Mei-chen)

■ NATSA Annual Conference and Book Exhibition

The North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA) held its 13th annual conference on June 8 to 10, 2007, at the University of Wisconsin (UW) at Madison. Director Keng Li-chun of the Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) represented the National Central Library (NCL) at the conference.

The CCS also organized a special on-site display of 491 publications (527 volumes) and 10 VCDs, with a focus on humanities and social science works published in Taiwan over the past three years. The publications covered seven major categories, including history and geography; religion and customs; society, education and economy; politics, law and diplomacy; language, literature and drama; art, music and architecture, and other. CCS print and CD publications were also presented. After the conference all of the publications were donated to the East Asian Collection of the UW Madison Library. The books were presented by Ms. Hsu Hui-wen, head of Taiwan's economic and cultural office in Chicago, and received by Dr. Mark A Csikszentmihalyi, a professor of the Department of East Asian Languages and Literature at UW Madison, and Ms. Dianna Xu of the East Asian Collection at the university.

NATSA was established in 1994 by a group of researchers and scholars to promote interaction between Taiwan and North America in the field of Taiwan studies. The association's annual conference provides a forum for graduate and postgraduate scholars to present papers on Taiwan studies. The major financial resources for NATSA come from the Taiwan Research Fund chaired by Mr. Huang-hsiung Huang, with additional support from Taiwan's Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,