



(From left to right, front row) Academia Sinica Research Fellow, Dr. Chin-chuan Cheng, Dr. David McCraw, Director of the Institute of Linguistics, Dr. Dah-an Ho, and Dr. Hoyt C. Tillman of the History Department of Arizona State University. (Photo by Caesar Tsai)



Dr. Fu-shan Huang of the Institute of Taiwan History (front left), Dr. Shu-hui Wu (front center), Vice President of National Taiwan University, Dr. Tzong-ho Bau (front right). (Photo by Caesar Tsai)

Dr. Wu's lecture on August 1 was on "Lien Heng's Travels to China and His Compilation of the *General History of Taiwan*." The lecture was hosted by Dr. Fu-shan Huang of the Institute of Taiwan History of the Academia Sinica. Lien Heng was born in 1878 and died in 1936. His *General History of Taiwan* was written in aspiration for self-consciousness and tradition as a Taiwanese. He believed Taiwanese culture is one of the mainstream

Central Plains cultures rather than just an extension of southern Fukien culture. The *General History of Taiwan* is not just merely a narrative of Taiwan's past, but also a history of the Taiwanese people. Lien Heng spent his life preserving, propagating, and glorifying the search and affirmation of self-consciousness of the Taiwanese people. It is this firm faith that makes Lien Heng a great Taiwanese elite. (Chinese text by Caesar Tsai and Lin Pei-ni)

■ CCS 2007 Cultural Activities for Visiting Scholars

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) organized a fieldtrip for visiting scholars on June 1 to introduce the local culture of Taiwan. The group visited the Sanyi Wood Sculpture Museum and Hwataoyao Botanical Garden, Ceramic Studio and Wood Kilns in Miaoli County.

At the museum, the visitors learned about the rise, fall and artistic transformation of Sanyi's wood industry, aided by an English-speaking guide.



CCS visiting scholars visit the Sanyi Wood Sculpture Museum. (Photo by Caesar Tsai)

At Hwataoyao, the group was treated to a detailed introduction to the seasonal plant and animal

life of the area and also inspected the wood-fired kilns and landscaped gardens. After lunch, an instructor showed them how to make ceramic pieces. On the return trip, the visitors enjoyed a traditional Hakka-style meal in Miaoli's Tongluo Township. (Chinese text by Caesar Tsai)

Reviews

■ *Selected Digital Resources in International Chinese Studies 2007*

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) published the *Selected Digital Resources in International Chinese Studies 2007*, a directory of 251 websites with searchable databases on Chinese studies. The websites are organized under 12 categories, including: General, Rare Books, Academic Thought and Philosophy, Religion, Technological History, Social Sciences, History, Taiwan Documents, Genealogies and Biographies, Archeology and Cultural Relics, Language and Arts. Each entry includes the website name, address, publisher, content introduction, and homepage image. Each category is arranged by region, with each regional group further ordered by website name; and indexes of websites and website publishers are included at the end of the directory. The disk version of publication has links that can be directly clicked to access each of the websites. All of the information can also be accessed from the NCL website.

The NCL and CCS jointly held the "International Seminar on Chinese Studies Resources in the Digital Age" on December 7 to 9, 2004, with participants joining from Taiwan, mainland China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany and Russia. The CCS published the first

Selected Digital Resources in International Chinese Studies for the seminar and provided it to scholars and institutions, winning favorable reviews.



Front cover of *Selected Digital Resources in International Chinese Studies 2007*

■ *Librarianship in Taiwan*

Librarianship in Taiwan was edited by the Publication Committee of the LAROC and the NCL for publication., highlighting the significant development and remarkable achievements of the various types of libraries in Taiwan during the past two decades.

The main topics included in the text are the recently development and current status of education and the publishing industry, the state-of-art of libraries in Taiwan, library automation and information services, library/information science education, on-the-job training, continuing education, interlibrary cooperation, the research results of the library and information science, and the library professional organizations.