

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,

Government Information Office, Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, and North America Taiwanese Professors' Association, among others.



Ms. Hsu Hui-wen (left) presents the displayed books to the East Asian Collection of the UW Madison Library, represented by Dr. Mark A Csikszentmihalyi (center) and Ms. Dianna Xu. (Photo by Jan Ming-Fong)



Mr. Huang-hsiung Huang (center) and Director Keng Li-chun (second from right) with overseas Chinese visitors at the CCS-organized book display (Photo by Jan Ming-Fong)

This year's conference adopted the theme of "Taiwan in the Nexus of 'Empires'." It comprised 12 sessions, during which 33 papers were delivered.

Participants, including Dr. Joel Campbell of Kansai Gaidai University and Mr. Geoff Sant of New York University, visited the book display during breaks and inquired about academic exchanges with the NCL and about the operations of the library. Many overseas Chinese also visited the exhibition for a welcome view of books from home. (Chinese text by Keng Li-chun)



Visitors inspect publications at the book display. (Photo provided by Keng Li-chun)

■ 2007 IASL Annual Conference

The 36th Annual Conference of the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) was held on July 16-20, 2007, at National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU), attracting over 500 participants from 31 countries.

This year's conference theme was Cyberspace, D-world, E-learning: Giving Libraries and Schools the Cutting Edge. Three keynote speeches were presented during the conference. OCLC President and CEO Jay Jordan spoke on "Digital Libraries and e-Learning"; Dr. Ken Haycock of San Jose State University's School of Library and Information Science spoke. San Jose State University addressed the topic of "New Emerging Information and Communication