

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

Technologies"; and Dr. Wu Mei-mei of the Graduate Institute of Library and Information Studies at NTNU spoke on the topic "About Teachers' Personal Knowledge Management and the Use of Global Digital Learning Objects Repositories." The conference also focused on the five major topics of New Communication Technologies and School Libraries, Collaborative Teaching and School Libraries, e-Learning and School Libraries, Interaction between the Digital Library and e-Learning, and New Reading Behavior and Information Literacy for Teachers and Students. More information about the conference is available from the IASL website at: <http://www.iasl2007.org.tw>

The IASL provides an international forum for those people interested in promoting effective school library media programs as viable instruments in the educational process. It currently comprises over 80 member countries.

An exhibition of Taiwan senior high school library posters was held during the conference on the theme of "Library Management of Taiwan Senior High Schools." Domestic providers of information systems also joined the event.

A total of 15 personnel from the NCL took part in the conference as well to promote specialized and culture exchanges with their counterparts in other countries. Five NCL staff members also assisted with the conference registration on the open day of July 17.

The conference gave participants a chance to learn more about the operations and services of various types of libraries in the Taiwan area. Participants were invited on library tours, and 23 conference attendees visited the NCL on July 19. The NCL arranged a briefing for the visitors and also presented them with library brochures and a souvenir. (Chinese text by Liao Shiow-man)



Participants listen carefully during Session F of the conference.



Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan) President Huang Hong-chu (front row, fourth from the right) and NCL Director-General Wang Wen-lu (front row, fourth from the left) with conference participants (Photo provided by Peng Wei)

■ **NTU's Jieh Hsiang Tapped as OCLC Asia-Pacific Representative**

National Taiwan University (NTU) Library Director Jieh Hsiang was elected on June 26 as the Asia-Pacific regional service provider for the Members council of the OCLC (Online Computer Library Center), positioning him to promote library information and experience sharing between Taiwan