

Wiki to team work: XMUL case study; 5. Academic library reinvention: HKUL; 6. New generation of library OPACs; 7. Leadership and change; 8. Project management; 9. Digital libraries and intellectual property issues; 10. Benchmarking technology; 11. Website analysis; 12. Open Archives Initiative (OAI); 13. Optimizing HR in today's research libraries; and 14. The future of library technology.



Ms. Wang Ming-ling (center) and Mr. Chen Te-han (second from left) of the National Central Library (NCL), institute lecturers Mr. Marshall Breeding (left), University of Hong Kong Libraries director Anthony Ferguson (second from right) and deputy director Peter Sidorko (right) (Photo provided by Wang Ming-ling)

The five-day institute provided an opportunity for exchanges among librarians from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao, Singapore and other countries. In addition to the topics covered during the formal sessions, there were breakout sessions in which groups of participants were presented with case studies requiring them to work out solutions as a team using the skills learned during the institute. Consistent with the institute's focus on the technology level, participants also experienced the HKUL's Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH) and metasearch systems. The institute also emphasized the need for libraries to constantly

evolve and reinvent their approaches and services to keep abreast of the times. (Chinese text by Wang Ming-ling and Chen Te-han)

■ 2007 ALA Annual Conference

The American Library Association (ALA) held its 126th Annual Conference on June 21 to 27, 2007, at the Washington, DC Convention Center. Taiwan's library world was represented by National Central Library (NCL) Director-general Wang Wen-lu and Director Peng Wei, as well as Ms. Hsu Ching-yue of the Parliamentary Library, Director Yang Hsuan-chin and research fellow Liu Shui-pao of the National Taichung Library, Taipei Municipal Library Director Tseng Shu-hsien, Dr. Lin Shan-ju and Hsu Chen-yun of the Department of Library and Information Science at National Taiwan University (NTU), Division Director Chiu Wan-rang and Dr. Tsai Chiung-min of the NTU Library, Dr. Chen Chao-chen and Dr. Wu Mei-mei of the Graduate Institute of Library and Information Studies at National Taiwan Normal University, Director Tu Chin-wan of the library of the Affiliated High School of National Chi Nan University, and Dr. Lin Chih-feng of the Department of Information and Communications at Shih Hsin University. Dr. Chen Chao-chen also presented a paper at the conference.

The Taiwan delegation also enthusiastically participated in the conference poster session. The posters covered the topics of "National Digital Archives Plan" (NCL); "An Eco-building, A Healthy Life, and Good Service: A New Century in Public Library Architecture" (Taipei Public Library); "Turn Trash Into Treasure? How discarded picture books benefit rural schools" (Department of Information and Communications at Shih Hsin University); "Creating a New Collection with a New Way of Thinking: The

Digital Project of Taiwan-Related Archives in Ming and Ching Dynasty" (NTU Library); "Digitalizing Past, Creating Future: Online Archives of Taiwan Heritage (OATH)" (NTU); and "Information in life: Exploring the model of everyday life information behavior of early retired teachers in Taiwan" (Department of Library and Information Science, NTU).



The Taiwan delegation to the ALA Annual Meeting meets with Dr. Deanna Marcum (seventh from right), Dr. Hwa-wei Lee (left), and Dr. Mi Chu Wiens (fifth from right) of the U.S. Library of Congress. (Photo provided by Peng Wei)



Director-General Wang Wen-lu (fourth from right), Director Peng Wei (Second from left), Director Tseng Shu-hsien (far right), and Dr. Wu Mei-mei (second from right) in front of the "National Digital Archives Plan" poster at the IFLA poster exhibition (Photo provided by Peng Wei)

NCL Director-general Wang Wen-lu led the Taiwan delegation and met with librarians at the Library of Congress, including Dr. Deanna Marcum, associate librarian for library services, Hwa-Wei Lee, chief of the Asian Division, and Dr. Bryan Bachner, assistant director of Legal Research at the Law Library. Director-general Wang and Director Peng also met with Dr. John Van Oudenaren, senior advisor for World Digital Library. (Chinese text by Peng Wei)

■ *Donation of Photographs on Rural Life in Taiwan*

Professional photographer He Hui-kuang donated 150 digital files of select photos on rural life in Taiwan during the 1960s and 1970s to the National Central Library (NCL) at a May 31 ceremony presided by library Director-general Wang Wen-lu. Mr. He has also authorized the NCL to digitally convert the photographs for preservation and public access.

Mr. He was born He Hui-tsang in 1929 and studied photography in Japan. In addition to photos of people, Mr. He's work has been featured in many commercial advertisements, as well as in scenic posters and other promotional materials produced by the Taiwan Tourism Bureau. He also has a collection of over 500 antique cameras spanning built up over more than 60 years.

The donated photos present images of early life and society in rural villages of Taiwan. The NCL will add them to the "Taiwan Memory" website for public access and also produce an annotated volume of the photos before the end of this year. (Chinese text by Sung Mei-chen)