

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)



Mr. He Hui-kuang (left) and NCL Director-General Wang Wen-lu at the signing ceremony for the photograph donation. (Photo provided by Sung Mei-chen)



Harvest season (Photo by He Hui-kuang)

■ National Taichung Library Hosts Local Film Exhibition

The National Taichung Library presented the "2007 Taiwan Local Film Exhibition" on July 7 to 8 in conjunction with the Council for Cultural Affairs, Government Information Office, and Taipei County Culture and History Society, highlighting the best of the works submitted by local filmmakers.

This year's exhibition attracted many high quality submissions representing a wide variety of subject matters and perspectives. Some of the main themes

were local culture, historical chance, cultural assets, and community development. After extensive deliberation, the jury selected five documentaries by Kuo Hsiao-yun.

The National Taichung Library presented all five documentaries for free public viewing at its 10th floor AV room.

■ Kaohsiung International Book Show

The 2007 Kaohsiung International Book Show kicked off on August 8 at the Kaohsiung Business Exhibition Center. Over 200 well-known publishers from around the world, including over 100 from Taiwan, exhibited tens of thousands of publications at the 12-day fair, which wrapped up August 19. There were also theme pavilions highlighting government publications, children's books, comic books, and mainland Chinese publications with simplified Chinese text. Pearson, McGraw-Hill Harcourt and other major U.S. publishers also attended the show this year.

Since August 8 is Father's Day in Taiwan, the show organizer planned several Father's Day activities for the opening day. There were also English learning activities to help the city residents hone up their language skills for the upcoming 2009 World Games, which will be hosted in Kaohsiung. (Chinese text adapted from report by Lin Hsien-yuan)

■ Japanese Books Preserved at Jhutian Township Library

The little township of Jhutian in Taiwan's southern county of Pingtung is home to one of Taiwan's few libraries devoted entirely to Japanese publications. The Dr. Ichiro Ikegami Library, housed