

## Reviews

### *Illustrated Catalog of the Exhibition "In the Forefront of Change: Periodical First Issues"*

From October 6 to November 10, 2007, the NCL hosted an exhibition of over 200 first issue periodicals published in Taiwan between 1945 and 1987.

As the legal deposit agency for publications in Taiwan, the NCL has an extensive collection of periodicals. The library has previously displayed these publications at national periodical exhibitions in 1968, 1970 and 1986. For the current exhibition, the library also produced an exhibition catalog introducing the characteristics and development of each of the exhibited titles in four sections: humanities and thought, political commentary, local documents, and culture and arts, with each section chronologically arranged.



Front cover of the Illustrated Catalog of the Exhibition "In the Forefront of Change: Periodical First Issues"

### *A Study on International Academic Digital Libraries*

The NCL closely follows international development trends in library and information science in order to introduce new concepts, knowledge techniques and practical methods to facilitate library development in Taiwan and enhance Taiwan's global competitiveness. One channel by which it does this is the publication of a series of special studies on library-related topics.



Front cover of the A Study on International Academic Digital Libraries

The first publication of this series was A Study on International Academic Digital Libraries. Originally produced for the NCL in 2004 by Ms. Hong-chu Huang, director of the Chueh-Sheng Memorial Library at Tamkang University and current president of the Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan), it has recently been updated by the author for republication. The study presents a new model for the establishment of academic digital

libraries in Taiwan, including suggestions on theoretical foundations, member types, development principles, organization, work areas and sustainable operations. Presenting specific information that can be turned into feasible plans, it offers a new resource in keeping Taiwan abreast of recent international trends in the library world.

## NCL International Exchange Events

July 3 Mr. Masake Baba and Mr. Ryoji Takagaki, directors of the Cultural Section and General Affairs Department, respectively, of the Taipei Office of the Interchange Association (Japan) visit the library.

July 16 OCLC President Jay Jordan and Vice President Andrew H. Wang visit the library.



*President Jay Jordan (center), Vice President Andrew H. Wang (second from right) and NCL Director General, Wang Wen-lu (second from left) (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)*

July 19 A group of 16 people attending the International Association of School Librarianship Annual Conference visit the library accompanied by the director of the Taipei Municipal Jianguo High School Library and six others.

July 23 National Library of Vietnam Director Pham The Khang, General Sciences Library, Ho-chi-Minh City Director Nguyen Thi Bac, Vietnam National University of Hanoi Library Director Nguyen Huy Chuong, Institute of Han-Nom Studies Library Director Chu Tuyet Lan, and Prof. Ching-chih Chen of Simmons College in Boston, U.S.A., visit the library.

July 27 Ms. Farah Ratna Dewi, Mr. Kasi Baijuri, and Mr. Staf Yoseph of the Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM) in Jakarta visit the NCL, accompanied by BKPM assistant Ms. Irene Pan.

Aug. 02 Mr. Shuji Kamitsuna, assistant director of the Information Systems Division at the National Diet Library of Japan visits the library.

Aug. 21 A delegation of 24 Chinese librarians, including the director of Dongguan Library visit the library, accompanied by Mr. Chang Tian-hsiang, director of the International Department at Linking Books.