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2007 IFLA General Conference: Members of the Genealogy and Local History Section (Photo provided by Cheng Pao-mei)

European Library Visit and Book Exhibition

The NCL sent a delegation to Europe for a book exhibition and library visit tour this September with support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The delegation included Bibliographic Information Center and ISBN Center Director Ku Li-jen, Acquisitions Division Director Yu Hsiao-ming, International Publication Exchange Department Director Katie Su, and Special Collection Division Director Peng Wei.

Dr. Ku represented the library at the 27th Annual Conference of the European Association for Sinological Librarians in Sweden, while Director Yu, Dr. Su and Director Peng held a book exhibition in Rome and visited other European libraries.

The book exhibition was held on September 17, 2007, at Vatican's Freinademetz Center. After the exhibition, the books on display were donated to the newly established Chinese Information Center of the Societas Verbi Divini as references for cultural research by members and scholars of the church. ROC Ambassador to the Holy See Tou Chou-seng invited over 50 guests to attend the exhibition and donation ceremony, including the Australian and Philippine ambassadors to Italy. Fr. Robert Kisala represented



the Societas Verbi Divini in receiving the donation.

ROC Ambassador to the Holy See Tou Chou-seng (third from right) represents the NCL in donating books to the Vatican's Societas Verbi Divini, represented by Fr. Robert Kisala (second from right). Also attending were Freinademetz Center Director Paulino Belamide (far right), NCL International Publication Exchange Department Director Katie Su (third from left), NCL Acquisitions Division Director Yu Hsiao-ming (second from left), and NCL Special Collection Division Director Peng Wei.

The 27th Annual Conference of the European Association for Sinological Librarians was attended by more than 40 directors of European libraries. During the conference, Dr. Ku introduced the "National Digital Archives in Taiwan and Digital Content Services of the National Central Library," and Transmission Books & Microinfo Co., Inc. President Luo Chih-cheng gave a presentation on Taiwan-related database products.



Mr. Cho Ming-fong, director of the Cultural Division of the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium (far left) and Ms. Roberta Persichelli Scola, head of the Central Library of the European Commission (center) pictured at the EC Central Library (Photo provided by Katie Su, Peng Wei)

Between September 15 and 22, Director Yu, Dr. Su and Director Peng visited the National Central Library of Rome; the National Library, National Archives and the Main Library and Sinological Institute & Documentation Centre for Modern China at Leiden University in the Netherlands; and the European Commission's Central Library and the Main Library, Eastern Library, and Technology Library at the University of Leuven in Belgium. The visitors learned about the collections and services of the host

libraries and discussed cooperation in the areas of digital collections, online collections, union catalogs for rare books, and publication exchanges. (Chinese text by Katie Su)



NCL representatives exchange views with librarians of the National Library of the Netherlands. (Photo provided by Katie Su)

NCL Attends UNESCO "World Digital Library" Exhibition

Dr. Katie Su, director of the International Publication Exchange Department represented the NCL at the "World Digital Library" exhibition held in Paris on October 17, 2007, with support from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The "World Digital Library" was initiated by U.S. Librarian of Congress James H. Billington. At present the National Library of Russia, Russian State Library, Bibliotheca Alexandrina (Egypt), National Library and Archives of Egypt, National Library of Brazil, International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA), and UNESCO. The National Library of Korea and the NCL are also in talks to become members.