

21st century Chinese literature and Hong Kong literature; and the Beijing center will be in charge of literature from the Han to Qing periods. The types of literature to be compiled in the database will include poetry, novels, dramas, essays, and biographies. The database will be made available for free public access and have English and simplified and traditional Chinese language versions. The English website will adopt the Hanyu Pinyin phoneticization system, except in cases where specific English titles or author names are in common usage.

The program was launched in late 2007. Each center is expected to provide 50 to 100 data files to the CUHK Library by November 15 to test the unified file format. It is anticipated that the database will be completed by mid-2008. (Chinese text by Chuang Chien-kuo)



Director Chuang Chien-kuo of the NCL (far left), Beijing Foreign Languages Press consultant Mr. Lin Wusun (fourth from left), conference host Dr. Bonnie McDougall (fifth from left), Prof. Peng Ching-hsi of National Taiwan University (seventh from left), and Ms. Rita Wong, senior sub-librarian of CUHK Library (third from right) (Photo by Chuang Chien-kuo)

NCL Participates in the 2007 Frankfurt Book Fair

Taiwanese publications grabbed the spotlight at the 2007 Frankfurt Book Fair, with over 677 volumes on display by 64 publishers. The Taiwan Pavilion at this year's show, which ran from October 10 to 14, was sponsored by the Government Information Office and organized by the Taipei Book Fair Foundation. The pavilion display was arranged into 10 categories, including titles presenting the rich history and culture of Taiwan. The exhibit also highlighted the diversity of Taiwan's publishing industry and opened up new channels for publishing right deals. One section of the pavilion was devoted to recommended books which exhibition staff introduced to potential buyers of publishing rights.



NCL publications on display at the "Recommended Taiwan Books" section

The NCL, which actively participates in major international book fairs, displayed eight publications at the Frankfurt fair, including: Selected Digital Resources on International Chinese Studies (2007), Photographic Memories: Historic Photos of Taiwan

(Vol. 1), *Librarianship in Taiwan, Introduction to Rare Books and Historic Contracts in Taiwan*, Taipei during the Japanese Occupation Period, *Seeing the Present through the Past: A History of Books, Chinese Studies and Newsletter for Research in Chinese Studies*. The library also distributed brochures in Chinese and English introducing the books, all of which were included in the section for recommended books.



Visitors crowded into the Taiwan Pavilion.

2007 E-Learning Resources Workshop

The NCL annex Information and Computing Library hosted the 2007 E-Learning Resources Workshop on October 15. The workshop introduced librarians and the general public to the newest e-learning courses and resources available through the NCL's E-Learning Campus website, hoping to encourage broader use of these resources, enhance professional knowledge and improve the quality of library information services. A total of 75 people attended the seminar.

During the workshop, Prof. Chen He-chin of the Information Management Department at Tamkang University spoke on the "Current Status and

Development of Subject Analysis"; and Ms. Cheng Pao-mei of the NCL delivered a presentation on "New Courses and Services at the E-Learning Campus."

Since its establishment, the E-Learning Campus has provided 129 free courses for librarians and the general public. The NCL holds workshops to promote the E-Learning Campus and help people fully benefit from the abundant learning resources available through the service. (Chinese text by Chen Cheng-jiu)



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C. V. Starr East Asian Library Inaugurated at UC Berkeley

A delegation of about 30 people from Taiwan attended the opening ceremony for the inauguration of the C. V. Starr East Asian Library under the Chang-Ling Tien Center for East Asian Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, on the morning of October 18, 2007. The delegation was led by Dr. Liu Chao-han, director of the National Science and Technology Program for e-Learning Taiwan and vice president of Academia Sinica. The visitors also attended the PNC and ECAI 2007 Annual Conference