

50 organizations in Inner Mongolia, among them the Inner Mongolia Library, Inner Mongolia University Library, Inner Mongolia Normal University Library, Inner Mongolia Museum, Inner Mongolia Agricultural University Library, and Inner Mongolia Medical College Library. Within each of these collections there is no shortage of precious Ming and Qing period texts and manuscripts. There are also abundant resources on Yuan history, the histories of northern minority people, local records of Inner Mongolia, and anthologies by Yuan writers. (Chinese text by Juan Ching-ling)

Events

■ *NCL Joins International Conference on Confucianism in Vietnam*

The International Conference on Confucianism in Vietnam was jointly held by the Vietnam Research Institute of Han-Nom (VRIHN) and Harvard-Yenching Institute on November 9 to 10, 2007, at the VRIHN in Hanoi, Vietnam. About 140 scholars came from the United States, France, Australia, Japan, China, Singapore, the Russian Federation, Taiwan and Vietnam. Taiwan was represented at the conference by Prof. Wang San-ching and Prof. Chen Yi-yuan of National Cheng Kung University, Prof. Keng Hui-ling of Chaoyang University of Technology, and Director Ophelia Liu Chun-yin of the Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy Library at Academia Sinica

Director Peng Wei of the NCL Special Collections Division also went to Hanoi to attend the conference, promote cooperation and exchanges with libraries in Vietnam, and understand the status of Chinese book preservation



Taiwan representatives at the conference with National Library of Vietnam Director Pham The Khang (third from the right) and colleagues (far right and far left) (Photo provided by Peng Wei)

in Vietnam. He visited the National Library of Vietnam, Social Sciences Library at the Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences, and SK Telecom Library at the Vietnam National University. He learned that the National Library of Vietnam pays much attention to collection maintenance and preservation. With funding support from the French embassy, the library has installed several facilities for collection maintenance but it lacks personnel skilled in the preservation of Han-Nom ancient books and



Ms. Chu Tuyet Lan, director of the Han-Nom Library Institute of Sino-Nom Studies at the Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences (second from the right), Harvard-Yenching Institute Executive Director Peter Kelley (far right), and Director Ophelia Liu Chun-yin of the Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy Library at Academia Sinica (second from the left) at the conference (Photo provided by Peng Wei)

documents. It therefore hopes to send staff to Taiwan for short-term in-service training. On the morning of November 10, Mr. Peng visited the Social Sciences Library of the Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences to discuss with the library staff assistance on arranging the library's precious catalogs of Chinese, Vietnamese and French rare books and modern books and documents catalog. On the afternoon of the same day, he visited the SK Telecom Library of the Library and Information Center for discussions with library Director General Dr. Nguyen Huy Chuong on the feasibility of developing book exchanges and cooperative publishing projects. (Chinese text by Peng Wei)



Director Peng Wei of the Special Collections Division (center) and Dr. Nguyen Huy Chuong (left), director general of the Library and Information Center at Vietnam National University. (Photo provided by Peng Wei)

■ LAC Annual Conference

The Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan) (LAC) held its 2007 annual conference on December 15, 2007, at the National Central Library (NCL) Conference Hall. In addition to electing the association's new president, the meeting activities included a Symposium on the Social Concerns of Libraries, 2007 Information System Exhibition, 2007 Thesis Presentation by



ROC Vice President Annette Lu delivers a speech at the annual meeting

Library and Information Study Scholarship Winners, and 2007 Conference Poster Exhibition.

Several awards were also presented during the conference to encourage librarian excellence. Dr. Jhuang Fang-rung received an award in recognition of his special contribution to the promotion of library development and transformation in Taiwan during his tenure as NCL director-general. Scholarships were also awarded to outstanding students in the library and information science field.

ROC Vice President Annette Lu was invited to speak at the annual meeting; and NCL Director-general Dr. Huang Kuan-Chung delivered a speech on "Library Development and Talent Training—An Outsider's Perspective."



NCL Director-general Dr. Huang Kuan-Chung (right) delivers a speech at the annual meeting, presided by Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan) President Huang Hong-chu (left).