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■ *CCS foreign scholars enjoyed a Cultural banquet*

Three foreign scholars of the Center for Chinese Studies accompanied by CCS' Jane Liao followed the call of TaipeiEYE and enjoyed a night of Chinese and Taiwanese delights for eyes and ears on 23 February 2008. Oded Abt (Israel), Valentin Golovachev (Russia) and his wife Marina, as well as Sigrid Winkler (Austria) could already catch first glimpses of the following show in the entrance hall of TaipeiEYE, when Peking Opera actors put on their elaborate make-up and photos could be taken with other artists. The whole event was in the spirit of the Lantern Festival, red lanterns were given out as presents to the guests, and during the break TaipeiEYE served tang yuan (rice cake with sweet filling in a soup) as it is customary during Spring Festival in Taiwan.

The show itself consisted of traditional Chinese dances, Taiwanese folk songs and dances,



CCS scholar Oded Abt (right) and Sigrid Winkler (left)

and a Peking Opera. The artists did not only impress the audience with stunning choreographies but also with their colorful costumes. Fans and scarves were whirling during the first part of the show. When Taiwanese folk dances were displayed even the audience was invited to join the singing and dancing. As a final highlight TaipeiEYE's artists showed the Peking Opera "Legend of the Eight Celestials Crossing the Sea". Although not every foreigner is able to grasp, let alone enjoy, the melodies of Peking Opera, the impressive costumes and daring acrobatics certainly made the visit more than worthwhile. All in all the evening was a very successful introduction to Taiwanese and Chinese traditional arts. (Sigrid Winkler)

Reviews

■ *2007 ROC Library Yearbook*

The *2007 ROC Library Yearbook* National Central Library Editor was published in December 2007. Edited by the National Central Library, the yearbook chronicles major library events and developments in the Taiwan and Fujian areas, including an overview of library collections, services, and information technology applications. The yearbook also reports on the status of automation and digitization work at public libraries, university and college libraries, elementary and secondary schools libraries, and special libraries. Library-related organization events, conferences and exchanges, education, and research in the library and information studies field are also covered in the yearbook.

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