collection. These digital resources will be published as CD/DVD products for public use. The library will also cooperate with producers of creative products to publish value-added products.

4) Digitizing Taiwan periodicals:

On the basis of the digital content established in the first phase, the NCL will complete within five years the digital conversion of about 500 types of periodical and about 20 types of newspaper published in the Taiwan area.

3. Anticipated Benefits

The anticipated benefits of the program are as follows:

1) Academic Benefit
   1. Producing a catalog on Taiwan studies resources
   2. Providing an important source material for local studies instruction
   3. Providing online access to resources in the NCL Special Collection
   4. Increasing awareness of Taiwan in conjunction with government policies; enhancing technical and experience sharing and exchange related to various digital archive plans and fostering talent in digital archiving
   5. Significantly reducing use of original materials to enhance collection preservation
   6. Enhancing the preservation of heavily used periodicals and newspapers and providing major libraries with wider access to these materials
2) Economic Benefits
   1. Promote business investment, create substantive business opportunities, and create job opportunities
   2. Digitization collection results can provide a foundation for the development of

Taiwan's knowledge economy.

3) Social Influence
   1. Enable integrated searches of NCL databases and other databases and extend the scope of digital services
   2. Promote an integrated platform for periodical delivery services to facilitate and increase public access to these resources
   3. Provide digital image resources on Taiwan local documents, provide source material for local studies, and reduce the urban-rural digital divide.

Special Report

■ *National Central Library Web Archive Taiwan Project*

Network resources have become an important channel of information in our present day. Its richness and diversities can provide the general public with their need to search for information and for the academic world, research and references. It is therefore necessary to carry out the preservation of website content from the point of view of resource conservation and assistance to scholarly research. Today, "web archive" has become a task undertaken by national libraries of countries in documents conservation. In the process of carrying out national documents conservation, "web archive" is an important responsibility that cannot be ignored. Considering the above-mentioned reasons, the National Central Library, in the year 2007, started to establish the National Central Library Web Archive Pilot System.

The System regularly collects website materials and according to the time of collection establishes specific conservation edition saving it

in a server. This allows readers to proceed in data search and related applications. The present system automatically collect web materials and establish specific conservation edition according to the time of selection. Through the WayBack Machine, the reader can browse into particular editions. At the same time, the system collects domestic and foreign internet archive connections such as PANDORA, Internet Archive, Library of Congress Web Capture etc., gathering them into related website.

In accordance with the stipulation of the Library Law No. 15, the National Central Library is the legal depository of publications nation-wide. However, with regards to website resources, there are still some doubts whether they are within the scope of publications deposit. Besides, the copyright authority of website resources is very complicated. Therefore, the storage of digital resources in the present plan still takes a rather cautious attitude with regards to accessing. At present, the complete authorization of the copyright person is obtained before the digital data are open for public use.

In the year 2007, the National Central Library was already involved in the development of the Pilot System and has already achieved some initial results. It has preserved more than 300 websites selected from the central government institutions, educational units and significant social subjects. It allowed readers usage depending on the degree of authorization. In the future, when the system is more stabilized, the scope of websites will gradually increase.

Events

■ *2008 AAS Book Exhibition*

The 2008 (60th) Annual Meeting and Book

Director Katie Su (fourth form right), Deputy Director Lin Shu-fen (second from left), Ms.Wang Yu-chin (third from left) and representatives of information technology companies

Fair of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) was held from April 3 to 6, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia. Representing Taiwan, the NCL, Linking Publishing Company, Tudor Tech System Company, Hyweb Technology Company, and Transmission Books & Microinfo Company organized displays at the book fair with support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan)(LAROC). The displays introduced new books and information services in Taiwan, strengthened Taiwan's "book diplomacy," and promoted Taiwanese culture among scholars and librarians attending the meeting.

The NCL was represented at the AAS annual meeting by Director Katie Su of the International Publication Exchange Department, Deputy Director Lin Shu-fen of the National Periodical Center, and Ms. Wang Yu-chin of the Center for Chinese Studies (CCS). Support was provided from the International Collaboration and Promotion Project of the National Digital Archives Program and the LAROC. The Taiwan delegation made significant accomplishments during the meeting, including the following: