

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 from 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:



Ms. Wang Yu-chin and CCS scholars Dr. Halvor Eifring (left) and Prof. Mihwa Choi (center)

1. Heightening visibility through the joint exhibition:

The joint exhibition introduced Taiwan publications and digital information systems to heighten visibility among scholars and experts worldwide of Taiwan's developments in the areas of literature, history, philosophy and social science research.

2. Book diplomacy:

The NCL has long represented Taiwan in forging close publication exchange relations with overseas libraries and with East Asian libraries in particular. The interest in Taiwan government publications and support for the NCL display at the AAS book fair underscored the significance of such "book diplomacy." Furthermore, the NCL was widely praised by librarians attending the AAS meeting for the high quality Chinese bibliographic material the library uploaded to the OCLC last year.

3. CCA accomplishments:

Many of the scholars attending the AAS meeting had received support from the CCS to conduct research in Taiwan. When they saw the NCL display, one could feel their sense of homecoming and excitement. They also enthusiastically praised the CCS publications on display, including the periodicals *Chinese Studies*

and *Newsletter for Research in Chinese Studies*.

In addition to heightening awareness of Taiwan publications and knowledge databases, the Taiwan delegation strengthened ties with the scholars and East Asian librarians of North American. The generous support of the MOFA and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta further contributed to a very successful outcome. (Chinese text by Katie Su)

■ 2008 Library Leadership Institute

Organized by University of Hong Kong Libraries, the 2008 Library Leadership Institute was held at the Shantou University Exchange Centre from April 18 to 22, 2008. This year's institute was the biggest ever, attracting 51 participants from research libraries and information organizations in Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, mainland China, Taiwan and Thailand. Participants from Taiwan included Fu Jen Catholic University Library Director Dr. Wu Cheng-Juei and NCL editor Ms. Hsu Ching-fen.

"Virtual and Physical Libraries in the 21st Century: Challenges for Library Leaders" was the theme of the institute this year. Keynote speakers included Mr. Jeffrey Trzeciak, university librarian



Ms. Hsu Ching-fen of the NCL (third from left) with team members and University of Hong Kong Librarian Dr. Tony Ferguson (far right) and Deputy Librarian Peter Sidorko (far left)