

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)

National Central Library



Ms. Hsu (third from right) and institute participants from Hong Kong, mainland China, and Malaysia

of McMaster University in Canada; Mr. Keith Webster, university librarian of the University of Queensland in Australia; Ms Diana Lai Ha Chan, associate librarian at City University of Hong Kong; Dr Anthony Ferguson, librarian of the University of Hong Kong; Mr. Peter Sidorko, deputy librarian of the University of Hong Kong Library.

Among the sub-themes addressed by the institute were: Exponential Change in Traditional Organizations; Planning and Project Management; Library Learning Spaces; Promoting and Supporting Web 2.0 Services on Campus; Putting Web 2.0 into Practice; eResearch and the Future of Research Libraries; Inspiring Innovation: Creating a Discovery Culture; and Future of Libraries: International Trends.

The institute format comprised lectures followed by 20 to 30-minute break-out sessions, during which teams would hold discussions and present reports using their leadership and cooperation skills. Each team was also assigned a case study topic that required the team members to join heads to work out solutions. The institute concluded with each team providing a presentation on their findings.

In addition to exchanging experience on various research topics, the institute provided an opportunity for participants to establish contacts and friendships with each other, further contributing to the fruitful results of the institute. (Chinese text by Hsu Ching-fen)

NCL Shares "Taiwan Memory" Experience with Macao

The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) launched the "Memory of the World" program in 1992 to preserve the valuable archive holdings and library collections around the globe. Under this program, participating countries have been converting material and non-material cultural assets into digital form to facilitate preservation and dissemination of these resources. The "Macao Memory" project was initiated by the Macao Foundation in 2008. On April 28 to 29 this year, the foundation held a "Macao Memory Advisory Meeting" at the UNESCO Centre of Macau. The meeting was attended by memory program experts from Beijing, Taiwan and Hong Kong along with representatives from the library, information and education fields for discussions and consultations on development of memory programs.



Member of the Board of Directors of the Macao Foundation Dr. Wu Zhiliang (fourth from left) hosts the opening ceremony of the "Macao Memory Advisory Meeting," which was attended by 30 experts of memory programs and scholars of Macao history.