

food fair. Post-movie discussions were also arranged to further introduce Vietnamese culture and clear up misperceptions about Vietnam. Displays of traditional Vietnamese clothing and dance were also among the week's activities.

### ■ *Kaohsiung Public Library Promotes Early Reading*

The Kaohsiung Public Library (KPL) kicked off a "Loving Libraries" activity on March 29, 2008, to encourage reading by preschool-age children. As part of the activity, the library will provide 1,000 "good fortune bags" to families with young children.

With support from Aichih Books, a total of 1,000 sets of children's books will be given away each year to 200 low-income households and aboriginal families with three-year olds. The KPL will train 50 volunteers and cooperate with the Council of Indigenous Peoples to distribute the books to families and provide service support to help bridge the learning divide in Taiwan.

### ■ *Kaohsiung County Government and NPUE Launch Mobile Library*

At the end of March 2007, National Pingtung University of Education (NPUE) established a book mobile service in collaboration with the Kaohsiung County Government to give elementary school children in remote areas of Taiwan access to a broader range of reading materials. Under the service, called the "Cultivating Childhood Reading Mobile Library," NPUE Library delivers a set of books to schools every two months on a revolving basis. The library categorizes books and has established a digital system to make it easier for schools to borrow and return books. It has also established a website for readers to share their thoughts.

The mobile library program kicked off its second period on March 24 with a ceremony held at Cishan Elementary School. A total of 40 schools are participating in the second-period service, up from 20 in the first period, including 20 schools each in Kaohsiung County and Pingtung County. The service has also grown in terms of books available, from 7,000 volumes initially to over 8,500 volumes in the second phase. Funding for the books is provided by NPUE's educational fund and revolving subsidies.

## Seminars

### ■ *2008 E-Publishing Action Year Forum*

Session 1: Digitization Cooperation Projects: Digital Archives, E-Publishing, and Mobile Reading

Organizer: Chinese Book Marketing Development Association

Date: April 21, 2008

Venue: Taipei Pompidou International Convention Center

### ■ *Scholarly Communication and National Competitiveness Forum (Third of Series)*

Organizers: Commercial Times; Graduate Institute of Library & Information Studies and Library, National Taiwan Normal University; Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan)

Date: April 21, 2008

Venue: National Taiwan Normal University Library Conference Room

### ■ *Collaboration—New Cooperation Visions in the World of Border-less Knowledge*

Organizer: Taipei Public Library

Date: April 25, 2008

Venue: Taipei Public Library

### ■ *Librarian Professional Certification Research*

Organizers: National Central Library; Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan)

Date: April 25, 2008

Venue: National Central Library

### ■ *Symposium on Integrated Retrieval and Utilization of Book Resources*

Date: May 2, 2008

Organizer: Library and Information Center, National Kaohsiung First University of Science and Technology (NKFUST)

Venue: Library and Information Center, NKFUST

### ■ *Seminar on Library Bibliotherapy Services*

Organizer: Ching Yun University Library and General Education Center

Date: May 5, 2008

Venue: Ching Yun University Library

### ■ *From Library Science to Library & Information Science—Crossing Two Centuries)*

Organizer: Department of Library and Information Science, Fu Jen Catholic University

Date: May 15 to 16, 2008

Venue: Fu Jen Catholic University

### ■ *2007 Joint Conference of National Public and Private University Library Directors*

Organizer: Ministry of Education

Date: May 15 to 16, 2008

Venue: National Chung Hsing University Library

### ■ *International Symposium on Webometrics and Web Mining*

Organizer: Graduate Institute of Library, Information & Archival Studies, National Chengchi University

Date: May 23, 2008

Venue: National Chengchi University

### ■ *Symposium on Academic Journal Review and Publishing Industry Development*

Organizer: Information Management Department, Tamkang University

Date: June 23 to 24, 2008

Venue: Tamkang University

## Exhibitions

### ■ *Rescuing National Documents—An Exhibition of Rare Books Acquired by the NCL between 1940 and 1941*

The National Central Library (NCL) collection of rare books and documents, comprises a large number of high-quality volumes from the Song, Yuan, and Ming periods, was built up through considerable effort. During the years of 1940 and 1941, when China was engaged in the fight against Japan, the library sought and acquired rare books in private collections in war-torn Shanghai.

This highly ambitious and significant effort aimed to prevent important books and documents from falling into foreign hands. Chiang Fu-tsung, then the director-general of the NCL, led a Document Preservation League comprised of



NCL Director General, Dr. Huang Kuan-chung speaks at the opening ceremony for the "Rescuing National Documents" exhibition. (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)