



An instruction from the Ministry of Education indicating approval by the Executive Yuan for the allotment of one million yuan to search for and acquire rare books.

several learned people from Shanghai and Hong Kong in conducting the exhaustive search. All of the correspondences, official documents and work reports from the effort have been preserved to the present day.

On the occasion of its 75th anniversary, the NCL is holding a special exhibition of rare books and documents acquired during the search of 1940 to 1941. The exhibition (from April 21 to May 25, 2008) opens a window to the difficulties faced in building the rare book collections and the NCL's leading role in preserving national publications.

CCS News and Activities

■ *CCS Symposium*

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) invited visiting scholar Valentin Golovachev to present papers at a symposium held on April 11, 2008. Vladmir Maliavin, director of the Institute of Russian and Slavic Studies at Tamkang University, chaired the symposium.

Mr. Golovachev, a CCS scholarship recipient and researcher at the Institute of Oriental Studies under the Russian Academy of Science, delivered a paper in Chinese on the topic of "Taiwan in the New Century: Symbolism, Ceremony and

Prejudice in Transformation." The paper analyzed recent political changes in Taiwan.

Mr. Golovachev studies the history of the Wei, Jin and Northern and Southern Dynasties periods. He has also served as a presenter for the Russian language broadcasts of Radio Taiwan International. Mr. Golovachev is also a long-time follower of the progress of ethnic policy and identification in Taiwan, as well as election change in Taiwan. In his paper he noted that in 2000, the Republic of China achieved its first peaceful transition of ruling political party. After the Democratic Progressive Party came into power, many social symbols, national labels, and government agency names changed; national holidays were adjusted; textbooks were revised; new agencies such as the Council for Hakka Affairs and Council of Indigenous Peoples were established; and a "rectification of names" ("Taiwanization") campaign was carried out. These developments altered the collective ceremonies and concepts of society. After the March 2008 election, a series of new policy slogans, objectives and courses appeared in Taiwan's democracy. Regardless of this, Mr. Golovachev stressed that Taiwan must still build consensus to resolve the major social issues facing it, including the ethnic issues that will provide a foundation for building a "Taiwan identity." (Chinese text by Tsai Chia-chiu)



Mr. Valentin Golovachev (front row center) and symposium chair Mr. Vladmir Maliavin (front row right)