- Far Eastern Studies, Russia Academy of Science; Research topic: Rural Temple Associations and Popular Religion Research in Republican China; Research period: Six months.
- 15.Natasa Vampelj Suhadolnik: Female; Slovenia; Assistant Professor in Department of Asian and African Studies, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia; Research topic: The Reflection of Traditional Chinese Correlative Cosmology in the Art Tendencies of the Buddhist Iconography in the Six Dynasties Period; Research period: Six months.
- 16.Kai-wing Chow: Male; USA; Professor in Department of History, University of Illinois, USA, Research topic: Religion, Commerce and Law: Public Culture in Qing China; Research period: Three months.
- 17.Xing Hang: Male; USA; Ph.D. Candidate of Department of History, University of California, Berkeley, USA; Research topic: Identity and Commerce in the Seventeenth-Century East Asian Maritime Frontier; Research period: Six months.
- 18.Terry Kleeman: Male; USA; Associate Professor in Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures, University of Colorado at Boulder, USA; Research topic: A Translation and Study of a Third-century Daoist Scripture: The Demon Statutes of Lady Blue; Research period: Four months.
- 19.Peter Sturman: Male; USA; Associate Professor in Department of the History of Art, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA; Research topic: Painters and Historians in Song Dynasty China; Research period: Three months.
- 20.Brigid Vance: Female; USA; Ph.D. Candidate of History Department, Princeton University, USA, Research topic: Translating Dreams: The Visual Representation of Dreams in Late Imperial China; Research period: Three months.

Seven alternates

1.Kwok-Yiu Wong: Male; Canada; Assistant Professor in Department of History, Susquehanna

- University, USA, Research topic: The Significance of Five Dynasties' Literary Activity in the Tang-Song Intellectual Transition; Research period: Three months.
- 2.Maria Franca Sibau: Female; Italy; Ph.D. Candidate of East Asian Languages and Civilization, Harvard University, USA; Research topic: Exemplary Words for the Ming: A Study of the Seventeenth Century Collection Xingshi yan; Research period: Three months.
- 3.Joerg Henning Huesemann: Male; Germany; Ph.D. Candidate of University of Hamburg, Germany; Research topic: Nature and Systematics of the Shuijing zhu; Research period: Three months.
- 4.Marie Bizais: Female; France; Ph.D. Candidate of Institute National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO), Paris, France; Research topic: Dynamic Potential of the Body: The Notion of Proclivity Shi in Early Medieval China with Special Attention Paid to Its Meaning in Aesthetics; Research period: Four months.
- 5.Peter Lavelle: Male; USA; Ph.D. Candidate of Department of History, Cornell University, USA; Research topic: Environment, Agriculture, and Postwar Reconstruction in Zuo Zongtang's Qing Empire; Research period: Four months.
- 6.Hui-shu Lee: Female; USA; Associate Professor in Art History Department, University of California, Los Angeles, USA; Research topic: Paradigm Imagined: The Definitive Female Literati Artist Guan Daosheng (1262-1319) and Gender Construct in Late Imperial China; Research period: Three months.
- 7.Sookhee Bae: Female; Korea; Associate Professor in History Department, Cheju National University, Korea; Research topic: The Life of Yuan Royalty and Descendants of King Liang in Danluo; Research period: Three months.

CCS Visiting Scholars Take Cultural Trip to Yilan

On June 25, 2008, over 20 visiting scholars at the Center for Chinese Studies visited Yilan County for an excursion to the National Center for Traditional Arts and a trip to Jiaosi's Linmei Shihpan Trail and hot spring area.

At the National Center for Traditional Arts, Mr. Hsu Huei-lung led the visitors on a guided tour of the exhibits. The group enjoyed a comedic Taiwanese opera vignette from the story "Generals of the Yang Family" and joined in a fun interactive exchange with the actors. The group was also impressed by the center's Wunchang Temple, where students flock to make offerings to Wunchang Dijyun (the God of Literature) in prayer for success in examinations. At the center's Folk Arts Boulevard, the group watched a festive "creative wedding" procession.

In the afternoon, the visitors continued on to Jiaosi for a healthy forest walk along the Linmei Shihpan Trail. The day wrapped up with a hot spring soak in Jiaosi followed by a scrumptious dinner before the trip home.



Visiting scholars and CCS staff on the Linmei Shihpan Trail (Photo by Caesar Tsai)

Review

■ Subject Gateways on the Web

In June 2008, the NCL published "An Investigation on Subject Gateways on the Web" as the second title in a series of research reports commissioned by the library. The report offered suggestions on how to improve the NCL's "Knowledge Window: An Introduction to Online



Resources" portal, which was launched in March 2002 to help the public more fully use internet resources. In order to find a more effective development strategy and implementation plan for the portal, the NCL invited a team led by National Taiwan Normal University Prof. Pu Hsiao-tieh to conduct a study on subject gateways (SG). For the study, the team analyzed 34 SGs in Taiwan and abroad and organized focus groups to integrate input by domestic experts and scholars. The study will serve as a reference for future SG development at the NCL.

NCL International Exchange Events

April 2: A 21-person delegation from cultural institutions in Fujian province visited Taiwan for exchanges. The group was accompanied on a visit to the NCL by two representatives from Tang Long Cultural Agency, including company president Wang Chen-ya.

May 20: Mr. Marshall Breeding, director for Innovative Technologies and Research at Vanderbilt University Library, visited the NCL to present a lecture on "Analysis of Library Integrated Systems Marketplace."

May 22: An eight-person delegation led by