

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