

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

Director Park Dong-Soo of the Suwon City Library in Gyeonggi Province, Korea visited the NCL.

May 27: Kim Sung-Won, an investigator of the Prime Minister's Office Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Republic of Korea, led a six-person delegation to the NCL for a fact-finding visit.

June 2: Stanford University East Asia Library Director Dr. Shao Dongfang visited the NCL to deliver a lecture on "Research Libraries in Transition: Planning and Implementation at Stanford University Library."



Dr. Shao Dongfang (third from right) with Prof. Chao-chen Chen (third from left), and Acting NCL Director General Sung Chien-cheng (second from right) (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)

June 4: Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, former chief of the Asian Division at the US Library of Congress, visited the NCL to deliver a lecture on "Down Memory Lane: Major Milestones in Library Automation in the U.S. Since the 1960s."

June 5: Director Hsi-chu Bolick of the East Asian Collection at the University of North Carolina visited the NCL for exchange meetings.

June 10: Chi-wah Chan, Chinese Collection Librarian at Yale University Sterling Memorial Library visited the NCL to inspect collection resources.



Director Hsi-chu Bolick (front row, fourth from left) with NCL staff (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)

June 17: Wen-ling Diana Liu, Librarian for East Asian Studies at Indiana University Libraries visited the NCL to introduce the "Establishment and Development of North America East Asia Libraries" and hold exchanges with library personnel.

June 25: A seven-person journal evaluation group from the mainland China visited the NCL accompanied by Director Sung Hsueh-fang and Associate Prof. Lin Hsin-cheng of Tamkang University and Mr. Huang Kuan-sheng of Chin Shan Information Service.



Journal evaluation group, Director Sung Hsueh-fang (third from right), Associate Prof. Lin Hsin-cheng (fourth from right) and NCL staff (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)