

Organizer: Library and Information Services Office, Yuan Ze University; Taiwan University Library

Date: October 24, 2008

Venue: Yuan Ze University

■ *International Symposium on Buddhist Documents and Literature*

Organizer: Department of Literature, Nanhua University

Date: October 24 to 25, 2008

Venue: Literature Department, Nanhua University

■ *2008 CONCERT Electronic Resources and Consortia*

Date: November 12 to 13, 2008

Venue: Institute of Applied Mechanics, National Taiwan University

■ *2008 Library Summit—Libraries of the Future*

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

Date: November 14, 2008

Venue: National Taiwan University Hospital

■ *International Conference on Information Capital, Property, and Ethics—2008 SHU Taipei (ICPE)*

Organizer: Department of Information and Communications, Shih Hsin University

Date: November 21, 2008

Venue: Shih Hsin University

■ *Library Services in the Age of E-Learning*

Organizer: Jinwen University of Science and Technology Library

Date: November 26, 2008

Venue: Jinwen University of Science and Technology

■ *2008 Symposium on Buddhist Studies Methodologies and Online Resources*

Organizer: Buddhist Digital Library and Museum Project, National Taiwan University Library; Center for Buddhist Studies, National Taiwan University

Date: December 13, 2008

Venue: Taiwan University Library Conference Hall

■ *2009 Digital Archives and E-learning Conference*

Organizer: International Collaboration and Promotion of Taiwan E-learning and Digital Archives Program

Date: February 23 to 25, 2009

Venue: Joint Library of Humanities and Social Sciences, Academia Sinica Conference Hall

CCS News and Activities

■ *CCS Visiting Scholars Attend National Day Banquet*

The ROC Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) held a banquet at the Taipei Guest House in celebration of the 2008 National Day. In order to strengthen international academic and cultural exchanges, the National Central Library made arrangements with MOFA to invite visiting scholars at the Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) to join the grand event. The invitation also gave the visitors a rare chance to see the Taipei Guest House, a grade one historic site normally closed to the public.

The visiting scholars attending the banquet were Prof. David Holm of the Asia Institute at the University of Melbourne, Australia; Prof. Jon



From left: Director Keng Li-chun, Ms. Sigrid Winkler, Prof. Martin Svensson Ekstrom, Associate Professor David Holm, Prof. Jon Eugene von Kowallis, and Asst. Editor Liao Jane

Eugene von Kowallis, head of the Department of Chinese and Indonesian Studies at the University of New South Wales; Associate Professor Martin Svensson Ekstrom of the Department of Oriental Languages at Stockholm University, Sweden; and Ms. Sigrid Winkler, a Ph.D. candidate at the Institute for European Studies in Brussels, Belgium. The visitors were accompanied by Ms. Keng Li-chun, director of the Liaison Division at the CCS, and CCS Assistant Editor Liao Jane. The CCS group joined over 3,000 other VIPs in the baroque guest house and garden to enjoy a presentation of the opera "Legend of the White Snake," as well as acrobatics displays and other performances. There were also displays showing calligraphy, aboriginal woven textiles, sticky rice cake making, dough figure making, and other traditional arts. The banquet cuisine was equally colorful, with steamed buns from DinTaiFung, Tainan-style dan-zih noodles, and bakery goods from Children Are Us Bakery, among other treats. (Chinese text by Liao Jane)

■ *CCS Seminars*

Visiting scholars were invited to present papers at three seminars held by the Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) on August 20, September 23, October 29 and November 27, 2008.

August 20, 2008 (Four Seminars)

The first lecture on August 20 was presented by Prof. Youngseo Baik of the Department of History at Yonsei University, Korean. Prof. Baik presented a paper on the topic of "Historical Studies as an Institution and a Social Movement: Comparative Research on Taiwan and Korean Historiography during 1970-80." The seminar was chaired by Prof. Chen Fang-ming of the Graduate Institute of Taiwanese Literature at National Chengchi University. Prof. Baik analyzed the production of historical knowledge in the Taiwan and Korean university systems, and the historical knowledge rejected by these university systems. He compared differences in the handling of local history, regional history (East Asian history), and world history by historians in the two countries. Although the academic activities within and outside the university systems of the two sides have developed independently, common historical threads are evident in the efforts of the two sides to explore their national identities in the post-colonial, post Cold War era.

The second lecture was given by Dr. Wook Yoon of the Department of History at Yale University, U. S.A., which was also chaired by Prof. Chen. Dr. Yoon presented a paper on the topic of "Development of the Transmission Systems of Memorials in the Late Qing Period." Dr. Yoon believes that the modern postal service of the late Qing period could not replace the traditional courier post system, and this was the main reason that local governments oppose it. Since revenue from the traditional post system provided a major source of funds for local governments and officials, the local officials found innumerable reasons to oppose the