

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Samson Soong, librarian at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Library. The National Central Library (NCL) was represented at the meeting this year by Ms. Cheng Yu-ling and Ms. Hsu Ching-fen. Representatives from the National Library of China, China Academic Library & Information System (CALIS) and Joint University Libraries Advisory Committee (JULAC) also attended.

This year's meeting agenda included a review of the major resolutions of the CCCNA and their implementation status. Committee members reported on progress in the creation of name authority resources over the past year and exchanged experience on problems faced in compiling such resources. The focal issue of discussion this year was the provision of authority records by committee members for the establishment of a database for sharing substantive authority records. The main objective of the database is to promote resource sharing among Taiwan, Hong Kong and mainland China. Due to the complexities involved in establishing the database, the committee members agreed to continue their liaison and discussions on this issue. (Chinese text provided by Hsu Ching-fen)



Ms. Hsu Ching-fen (second from left) and Ms. Cheng Yu-ling (second from right) represent the NCL at the meeting. (Photo provided by the Chinese University of Hong Kong Library)

■ *Fourth Cross-Strait Book Fair Held in Taiwan*

The Fourth Cross-Strait Book Fair was held in Taiwan on September 18 to 27, 2008. Nearly 2,000 publishers and publication-related enterprises from the two sides of the Taiwan Strait participated in the fair, including a record-large delegation from mainland China.

This year's fair marks the twentieth anniversary of publication exchanges across the Taiwan Strait. In addition to commercial displays, exhibitions of fine mainland books, cross-strait genealogies, and photos of cross-strait economic development were arranged. There were also seminars introducing key publications, copyright trade events, book signings by well-known authors of the two sides, contract signing events for publishers and related enterprises, a student presentation content, and cultural tours.

In addition to the main fair venue at the Taipei World Trade Center, events were arranged at the Taichung Cultural Affairs Bureau from September 20 to 27. The exhibitions were divided into two pavilions focusing on mainland Chinese and Taiwan publications, respectively. The former displayed over 12,000 titles (30,000 volumes) from 265 mainland publishers, including works of literature, history, philosophy, art, social sciences, natural science and technical books. Displays at the Taiwan pavilion included bestsellers, new books and other high-quality publications issued by Taiwan publishers in 2007 and 2008, including over 5,000 titles or about 20,000 volumes.

■ *National Taichung Library Placed Under the MOE*

On July 30, 2008, the Ministry of Education (MOE) introduced the "Reading Cultivation and Spatial Transformation: Public Library Revivification Plan." Under the plan, the ministry will spend NT\$3.70 billion between 2009 and 2012

to invigorate public libraries throughout Taiwan.

In order to consolidate authority over library affairs, the MOE assumed jurisdiction over the National Taichung Library (NTL) from the Council for Cultural Affairs (CCA) on August 1, 2008. The ministry also handed over jurisdiction for cultural centers in Hsinchu, Changhua, Tainan and Taitung and the GuoGuang Opera Company to the CCA.

The NTL was established in 1923 during the Japanese occupation period as the "Taichung Prefectural Library." In 1946, it was renamed as the "Taiwan Provincial Taichung Library"; and in 1947, the library came under the administration of the Department of Education of the Taiwan Provincial Government, at which time it was the only provincial-level public library in Taiwan. In 1997, the library was brought under the jurisdiction of the Cultural Affairs Department of the provincial government. As part of a provincial government streamlining program, the library became part of the CCA in 1999 and was renamed as the National Taichung Library.

The National Central Library (NCL) and National Taiwan Library have always been under the jurisdiction of the MOE. The inclusion of the NTL under the ministry creates a more comprehensive library assistance and guidance system to provide professional leadership for the country's 547 townships libraries and effectively integrate library resources.

■ *Mobile Library Brings Books to the Kids of Taijiang*

Tainan's first bookmobile hit the road on September 3, 2008, bringing more than 1,000 books to readers in the city's historic Annan District. Known as the "Taijiang 1," the bookmobile was funded with an NT\$1 million donation from the Haiwei Chaohuang Temple Committee. The bookmobile was donated by the temple to the Tainan Municipal Library and will be used to promote

reading in 27 neighborhoods of Annan District.

Haiwei Chaohuang Temple and the Taijiang Branch of Tainan Community University have teamed up to arrange various community learning and cultural activities. At the start of the year, they established the Taijiang Youth Learning Center and a reading room to encourage reading in the community.

■ *Kun Shan University Library Brings Launches RFID System*

Kun Shan University (KSU) Library pioneered new ground with the launch of Taiwan's first RFID (radio frequency identification) book return and classification system. The system applies information technology to the library's collection development, reader services, and academic production and dissemination operations. The system enhances educational services for information facilities and reader access and further automates collection circulation and management with RFID technology. KSU Library is also the first library in Taiwan to adopt the open source DSpace platform for collection management. It has also teamed up with the Ministry of Education (MOE) and National Taiwan University to promote the IR30 plan. Over the past two months, the library has held two IR seminars and five training courses at for dozens of colleges and universities in southern Taiwan.

■ *Stadtbücherei Würzburg Librarian Shares Experience on Promoting Reading*

The German Cultural Center Taipei, Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages and Informations und Lernzentrum Deutsche Kooperationsprojekt in jointly held a seminar on "Lifelong Reading and Continuing Education" at Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages on September 11, 2008. Dr. Hannelore Vogt, head librarian of the Stadtbücherei Würzburg