

■ *NCL Book Exhibition and Book Donation at the National Library of Vietnam*

The National Central Library (NCL) held a book donation ceremony and book exhibition at the National Library of Vietnam (NLV) on December 3, 2008. The two events aimed to strengthen exchanges and cooperation with Vietnamese libraries and expand access to Chinese language books for the general public and researchers in Vietnam.

The NCL was represented at the book donation ceremony by Ms. Yu Hsiao-ming and Dr. Armande Liao. The ceremony was attended by about 50 people, including officials of Vietnam's Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism and Ms. Chu Tuyet Lan, director of the Han Nom Studies Library under the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences. The local news media was also on hand to report the event. The books were presented on behalf of the NCL by Mr. Liang Ying-pin of Taiwan's representative office in Vietnam and received by NLV Director-general Pham The Khang. The 481 donated works (490 volumes) included government and private sector publications on philosophy, religion, natural science, social sciences, economy and trade, business management, technology, and library and information science. In a speech during the ceremony, Representative Liang said that books are



The front entrance of the National Library of Vietnam (Photo provided by National Library of Vietnam)



The NCL book donation was presented by Mr. Liang Ying-pin (left) of Taiwan's representative office in Vietnam to the NLV, represented by NLV Director Pham The Khang. (Photo provided by National Library of Vietnam)

the most precious assets of mankind. The book donation, he added, represents Taiwan's wish to share its knowledge, experience and friendship with Vietnam. In recent years, Taiwan and Vietnam have developed closer trade and investment ties. Cooperation between the two sides has moved steadily forward in education, technology, tourism, academic and cultural affairs. Publication exchanges not only help libraries to build their collections, but also provide an invaluable resource for promoting mutual understanding of the society, history and customs of a country.

After the book donation ceremony, Director Khang accompanied Representative Liang, Ms. Yu and Dr. Liao on a tour of the NLV's reader services facilities. The visitors learned about the use of modern information technology by the library to preserve and digitally convert special collection materials at the NLV, as well as cooperation between the NLV and private sector to improve the library facilities.

■ *Asia National Book Donation Plan Picks NCL Recipient Library*

The National Central Library (NCL) was selected as a recipient library under Korea's "Asia National Book Donation Plan." Also known as "Window to Korea," the plan was created by Korea's National Assembly Library to promote cooperation