

'Flaw in the Word': Reading *Shih-ching* with Aristotle, Xunzi and Mr. Lü." The lecture was chaired by Professor Tseng Chen-chen from National Dong Hwa University's English department. In his lecture, Professor Ekström quoted the following lines from the *Shijing*: "A flaw in a white jade tablet / can still be ground away / But for a flaw in these words / Nothing can be done." He discussed possible interpretations for the third sentence. Specifically, he used Aristotle's and Heidegger's theories on metaphors as a foil in discussing traditional Chinese understanding of reality.



Prof. Martin Svensson Ekström (left) and Prof. Tseng Chen-chen (Photo by Caesar Tsai)

The second lecture was given by Wong Wun-bin, an assistant professor of Chinese at Tunku Abdul Rahman University in Malaysia. It was chaired by Professor Wu Chan-liang of the Department of History, National Taiwan University. Professor Wong's topic was "Qian Mu and His Views of History." He analyzed the historical views of Qian Mu and other schools of thought from the end of the Qing dynasty through the 1930s. He concluded that Qian Mu's view of Chinese history is replete with empathy and adoration.



Prof. Wong Wun-bin (left) and Prof. Wu Chan-liang (Photo by Caesar Tsai)

## LIS Seminars

### ■ 2009 Annual Meeting of the Taiwan Academic E-Book Consortium

Date: January 9, 2009

Venue: Taiwan Normal University Library

### ■ Taiwan Digital Publishing Summit

Organizers: Taiwan Digital Publishing Forum; National Central Library

Date: January 14, 2009

Venue: National Central Library

### ■ 2009 Symposium on Institutional Repository Affairs in Taiwan

Organizers: National Taiwan University Library; Tsing Hua University Library

Date: January 14, 2009

Venue: Tsing Hua University

### ■ Library Road Home: Communities, Blogs, and Libraries Symposium

Organizers: National Central Library; Shih Chien University Library

Date: January 16, 2009

Venue: National Central Library

### ■ 17th Taipei International Book Exhibition "Thoughts on Reading Policy" Forum

Main Sponsor: Government Information Office, Executive Yuan

Co-sponsor: Taipei Book Fair Foundation

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

Co-organizers: Taiwan Normal University Library; Graduate Institute of Library & Information Studies, Taiwan Normal University

Date: February 4, 2009

Venue: Taipei World Trade Center

### ■ 2009 TELDAP International Conference

Organizer: International Collaboration and Promotion of Taiwan e-Learning and Digital

Archives Program

Date: February 23-27, 2009

Venue: Academia Sinica

■ *Symposium on Sharing "New Resources and New Knowledge"*

Organizer: Meiho Institute of Technology Library

Co-organizers: National Kaohsiung University of Applied Sciences Library; Southern Taiwan University of Technology Library; Tzu Hui Institute of Technology Library

Date: March 6, 2009

Venue: Meiho Institute of Technology

■ *Library Information Promotion Workshop: Building Innovation in the E-generation*

Organizer: Soochow University Library

Co-organizer: National Taipei University Library; Interlibrary Cooperation Association

Date: March 13, 2009

Venue: Soochow University

■ *2009 Interlibrary Cooperation Association 2nd Meeting*

Organizer: Interlibrary Cooperation Association

Co-organizer: Chang Jung Christian University Library

Date: March 27, 2009

Venue: Chang Jung Christian University

■ *2009 Seminar on "Libraries and the Information Society"*

Organizer: Department of Library and Information Science, Fu Jen Catholic University; Fu Jen Catholic University Library

Date: May 7-8, 2009

Venue: Fu Jen Catholic University

## News from Taiwan Libraries

■ *CCU Library Takes VOD into the YouTube Age*

Chinese Culture University (CCU) Library is

the first library in Taiwan to bring audio-visual library resources into the YouTube age. The library has anted up about NT\$10 million to distribute nearly 1,000 videos from its "One Class a Week" symposiums to the public through the popular video-sharing service. The video's became accessible around-the-clock from October 2, 2008, with classes on everything from music to literature. In addition to expanding access to these educational resources, the YouTube-distributed videos will increase traffic flow through YouTube, representing a win-win situation for CCU, YouTube, and Google.

■ *Zhongnan Market to Open E-Library*

Zhongnan Market in Taipei City plans to open an e-library, creating a new and comfortable reading space for the public. Located on the market's third floor, the 541-square-meter library will provide digital reading facilities and multipurpose reading areas for children. There are currently two fully automated e-libraries in Taipei City, including one at the Ximen MRT Station and the other at the Carrefour in Neihu. The Carrefour e-library is stocked mainly with books for women and children to match the customer demographics of the store.

■ *Food Culture in Focus at New Liuhe Branch of the Taipei Public Library*

The Taipei Public Library (TPL) inaugurated its Liuhe Branch Library at an opening ceremony on November 22, 2008. The nearly 1,650-square-meter library houses a collection of some 40,000 books. Since the area around the library is a magnet for snack shops and restaurants, the collection includes over 200 volumes on food culture. The Liuhe Branch was originally planned in 1995 and construction started in 1998. The library was completed in November 2008, making it the 41st branch in the TPL system.