

## Events

### ■ *Seventh Conference of Chinese Resources Cooperation and Development*

About 80 librarians from mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the United States, United Kingdom and Macao attended the Seventh Conference of Chinese Resources Cooperation and Development, held at the University of Macau on November 8 to 9, 2008.

After the opening ceremony, the conference kicked off with a conference report, speeches on conference subjects, new topics and special subjects. A total of eight special reports were delivered on the topics of rare books and Republican period documents. During the rare book session, NCL Special Collection Division Director Ku Li-jen and Dr. Chang Wei-tung presented papers on the "Current Status and Outlook of Rare Book Digitization in Taiwan." The NCL also entrusted Prof. Hsueh Li-kui of National Chengchi University to present a paper on the "Establishment and Digitization of Republican Period Documents in Taiwan." Towards the end of the conference, NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku delivered a conference summary in his dual capacities of conference director and delegate. Among the other attendees from Taiwan were NCL Cataloging Division Director Lin Chiao-min; NCL International Publication Exchange Department Director Katie Su; National Taichung Library Director-general Su



*Taiwan delegates at the Seventh Conference of Chinese Resources Cooperation and Development*

Chung; Legislative Yuan Parliamentary Library Librarian Wang Shou-rong; Director Chen Hung-sen and Ms. Lin Miao-hua of the Fu Ssu-nien Library at the Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica; Director Yeh Fei-hung and Ms. Yeh Mei-jue of Academia Historica; Mr. Po Kuang-sen and Ms. Huang Shu-hui of Taiwan Historica; Dr. Hsu Yuan-ting, head of the Department of Rare Books and Documents at the National Palace Museum; and President Chen Chao-chen and Secretary-general Peng Wei of the Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

After the meeting, the participants also visited the Macao Central Library, Macao Historical Archives, and the Bajiaoting Library to further understand the progress made by Macao in library development.

One of the top events in the Chinese library world, the Conference of Chinese Resources Cooperation and Development was first held in 2000 in Beijing. In the years since then, the conference has been hosted in Taipei, Macao, Nanjing, Hong Kong, and Dunhuang. (Chinese text by Katie Su)

### ■ *50th Anniversary Conference of the HKLA*

NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku attended an international conference arranged for the 50th anniversary of the Hong Kong Library Association (HKLA) on November 4 to 6, 2008. During his stay, the Director-general Ku also visited the Hong Kong Central Library, University of Hong Kong Library, Chinese University of Hong Kong and City University of Hong Kong Library. He also called on the Kwang Hwa Information and Culture Center under Taiwan's Government Information Office. Accompanying the Director-general were International Publication Exchange Department Director Katie Su, Research Division Director Li Yi-jung, Acquisition Division Assistant Editor Chiu Chao-min, and Reference Service Division Assistant Editor Tu Li-chung.

Under the theme of "Looking Back, Moving



*Plaque to the Hong Kong Library Association*

Forward: Asian Libraries in the World of Information," the conference discussions focused on the issues of library professional development in Asia, the function of libraries in promoting learning, challenges for library services in the digital age, and library buildings and learning spaces in Asia. There were a total of 45 sessions at three venues. Director-general Ku gave a keynote lecture on "Moving Towards 2015: New Librarianship in Taiwan." The lecture offered new perspectives for experts and scholars attending from Europe and the US, while also broadening understanding of library operations and professional training in Taiwan.

During his visit to the Hong Kong Central Library, Director-general Ku learned about the function of the library as a central system and information center for Hong Kong's 66 district libraries and 10 mobile libraries, with assistance from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Director-general Ku also called on three university libraries, where he reviewed advances made in the areas of e-book collections, special collection management and RFID systems, Learning Commons, initiatives to facilitate book lending and bring libraries and readers closer together, and knowledge sharing among readers, professors and peers, providing a useful reference for Taiwan's library community. At the visited libraries, Director-general Ku also discussed the feasibility of establishing Taiwan studies collections. The proposal generated considerable support and consensus on further exploring the possibility of signing cooperation agreements. (Chinese text by Dr. Katie Su)

### ■ 2008 PNC Annual Conference and Joint Conference

The Pacific Neighborhood Consortium (PNC) held its 2008 Annual Conference and Joint International Conference on December 4 to 6, 2008, at the Ta Quang Buu Library, Hanoi University of Technology (HUT) in Hanoi, Vietnam. Ms. Yu Hsiao-ming, director of the NCL Director-general's Office, represented Director-general Karl Min Ku at the conference. The theme of the 2008 conference was "Information Technology for a Creative and Sustainable Humanosphere." The discussion content at the various conference sessions covered a broad range of topics, from climate change and global warming to the Human Development Index, from Taiwan's digital archive plan and Vietnam's digitization work to Japan's Digital Silk Road project. The keynote speakers and participants brought a wealth of expertise and experience to the exchange during the sessions, resulting in a highly productive outcome.

Over 160 representatives from 20 countries in Asia, Europe and the Americas attended the conference. Hosted in the culturally and historically rich city of Hanoi, the event also raised the visibility of assistance to developing countries and laid a foundation for further cooperation between Taiwan and Vietnam.

The NCL planned the e-library session on "Cooperation and Digitization of Libraries in Taiwan and Vietnam on Southeast Asia Collection." In 2007, the NCL invited representatives of the National Library of Vietnam (NLV) and three other Vietnam libraries to Taiwan to hold seminars and build consensus on exchange relations. In order to further strengthen cooperation ties with Vietnam's library world, the NCL invited Chu Tuyet Lan, director general of the Institute of Han Nom Studies Library under the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, to chair the NCL-arranged session. Keynote speakers during the session included NLV Director Pham The