

Bell Award-winning presenter Prof. Chen Chao-ming, who made some introductory remarks. Honorary president of the Society of Wilderness and environmentalist Li Wei-wen and Rhythms Monthly editor-in-chief Wang Chih-hung also joined Liu Ka-shiang in exchanges touching on literature, travel, and the environment.

Over 200 bibliophiles participated in the event. The NCL Reader Services Division also arranged an exhibit of Liu Ka-shiang's books. Liu also donated copies of two of his out-of-print works, *Peeking at Nature: A New Guide to Outdoor Life* and *Liu Ka-shiang's Ecology Green Paper: Rare Endemic Animals of Taiwan*. At the end of the seminar, several lucky participant picked by a drawing won signed copies of Liu's books. (Chinese text by Liau Jane)

■ **2009 World Book Day Reading Promotion Seminar**

On April 23, the NCL hosted the "2009 World Book Day: Reading Promotion Seminar." The activity was co-sponsored by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Civil Service Protection and Training Commission (CSPTC) and jointly organized by the NCL and National Civil Service Institute. Vice President Vincent Siew presented a speech at the event, which was also joined by CSPTC Director-general Chang Ming-chu and Vice Minister of Education Lin Tsong-ming.

In his speech, Vice President Siew encouraged the participants to jointly promote reading, noting that, "In the face of the financial tsunami today, Taiwan must foster a solid knowledge industry and vigorously develop its knowledge economy to recast the economy. And reading is an important means of acquiring new knowledge."

The first session of the day was the "Summit on Reading Policy: Dialogue among Leading County and City Officials on Concepts and Approaches for Promoting Reading." The summit participants, including Tainan Deputy Mayor Hong Cheng-chung,



Vice President Vincent Siew speaks at the Reading Promotion Seminar during World Book Day. (Photo by Caesar Tsai)

Taipei County Cultural Affairs Bureau Deputy Director Chiu Chien-fa, Sanchong Mayor Li Chien-lung, and from Taichung County, Longjing Township Mayor Lin Yu-yi, introduced reading promotion efforts and approaches at the central and local government levels. The second session, entitled "Reading Dialogue: Philip Kotler on Marketing in the Public Sector," was joined by Examination Yuan Member Huang Jun-ying and Taichung Mayor Jason Hu. Commonwealth Publishing Co. President Lin Tian-lai hosted the third session on "Trust Reading: The Promise of Progress," bringing the activity to a successful close.

■ **NCL Holds May Fourth Movement Seminar and Photo Exhibition**

In 1919, a group of intellectuals and students began to question traditional Chinese culture and introduce new thinking aimed at strengthening the nation. This year marks the 90th anniversary of that movement, which came to known as the "May Fourth Movement." In memory of that turbulent time, the National Central Library (NCL) and literary supplement of the China Times jointly hosted "Ideologies and Problems: Seminar on the 90th Anniversary of the May Fourth Movement" on



Seminar participants (from left): Host Prof. Kao Cheng-shu; professors Lin Yu-sheng, Sun Lung-chi, Chin Kuan-tao, and Chou Chang-lung; and China Times deputy editor-in-chief Yang Ze (Photo by Caesar Tsai)

April 24. The theme "Ideologies and Problems" was taken from Hu Shih's advice to "study problems more and talk about ideologies less." The seminar was hosted by Prof. Kao Cheng-shu of Tunghai University. Speakers included prominent scholars and experts of the May Fourth Movement, including professors Lin Yu-sheng, Chin Kuan-tao, Chou Chang-lung, and Sun Lung-chi, and China Times deputy editor-in-chief Yang Ze. The participants jointly discussed and presented thoughts on the May Fourth Movement.

In addition to the seminar, an exhibition of photographs of May Fourth literary figures was held from May 4 to 31. Adopting the theme of "Rising Youth, Budding Thought," the exhibition was sponsored by the Taipei City Government, Council for Cultural Affairs (CCA) in conjunction with the NCL, with the Taiwan Literature Development Foundation and Wen-Hsun Magazine Publishing Co. in charge of planning and implementation. The opening ceremony for the exhibition was held at the NCL on May 4, presided by Council for Cultural Affairs (CCA) Minister Huang Pi-twan, Taipei City Cultural Affairs Commissioner Lee Yong-ping, NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku, and former CCA Minister Lin Cheng-chi. Over 30 libraries, memorial halls, and collectors in Taiwan and abroad loaned

historical items, books, letters, manuscripts and 150 books and periodicals for display during the exhibition, providing a literary and photographic portrait of the May Fourth Movement.

The NCL also arranged lectures on the May Fourth Movement on every Saturday and Sunday between May 9 and 31 at the NCL Briefing Room. The lectures provided various perspectives on the spirit and thought of literary figures during the May Fourth Movement.



The opening ceremony for the 90th Anniversary May Fourth Movement Photograph Exhibition was jointly hosted by (from second from left) former Council for Cultural Affairs (CCA) ministers Lin Cheng-chi and Leo Ou-fan Lee, current CCA Minister Huang Pi-twan, Taipei City Cultural Affairs Commissioner Lee Yong-ping, and NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku. (Photo by Caesar Tsai)

■ *Youth Forum on Library Development*

Young people majoring in and teaching library and information science will be the cornerstones for the future development of library operations. In order to hear the voices of these future leaders of the library world, the National Central Library commissioned the Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan) (LAROC) to plan a "Youth Forum on Library Development" on the eve of the Fourth National Library Conference.

The forum was held at the NCL, hosted by library Director-general Karl Min Ku. Other participants in the forum will include LAROC