



*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

President Chen Chao-chen, the heads of eight library and information science (LIS) departments and graduate institutes in Taiwan (see list below for details), the presidents of the Chinese Association of Library and Information Science Education (CALISE), Interlibrary Cooperation Association (ILCA), and American Society for Information Science and Technology (Taipei Chapter), and bloggers in the LIS field.

Before the forum, each of the participating schools will first hold a touring symposium on their respective campuses (supervised by LIS teachers): Bloggers (XXC, Ted, Debra, takanula) assisted in hosting the symposiums, which was open to participation by LIS majors. Each school could determine its own symposium topics and carry out discussions in sections or groups. An online youth forum called "Taiwan LIS Forum: LIS ShareLand" was also arranged. The symposiums concluded with a summary report stating the focal issues and topics of interest to young people in the LIS community, as well as suggestions for the most feasible approach to holding the Youth Forum on Library Development. The symposium schedule and discussion topics are outlined below:

- Graduate Institute of Library & Information Studies, National Taiwan Normal University: February 26 / 14:00~17:00; Discussion topics: On Reading: Views on the Definition of Reading; Reading Promotion and Student Literacy at Elementary and Secondary Schools; and Information on Demand.
- Graduate Institute of Library and Information Science, National Chung Hsing University: March 4 / 19:00~21:00; Discussion topics: Townships Libraries, LIS Professional Certification; and Appraisal of University Library Collections.
- Department and Graduate Institute of Library and Information Science, National Taiwan University: March 5 / 12:00~13:30; Discussion topics: Libraries 10 Years Later; Is OPAC Still Hard to Use?; and Core Capabilities of Young People in

the LIS Community.

- Graduate Institute of Library, Information and Archival Studies, National Chengchi University: March 9 / 10:00~13:00; Discussion topics: Librarian Specialization and Capabilities: What Are Librarians Doing?; and Professional Protections for Librarians.
- Department of Library and Information Science, Hsuan Chuang University: March 10 / 13:00~15:00; Discussion topics: Whispering Aloud: How Will Libraries Evolve in the Next Decade?; and How Can Librarians Inform Family and Friends about the Library Profession?
- Department and Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Fu Jen Catholic University: March 11 / 13:30~15:30; Discussion topics: The Future of the LIS Community; and Young People in the LIS Community and Social Service.
- Department and Graduate Institute of Information and Communications, Shih Hsin University: March 12 / 12:00~14:00; Discussion topics: Thinking in the Stay-at-home Economy: Selling through Online Auctions; How to Apply Learning; and Required Capabilities.
- Department and Graduate Institute of Information and Library Science, Tamkang University: March 13 / 15:00~17:00; Discussion topics: The Future from Our Eyes: Librarian Professional Ability; and The Future Role of Libraries.

For the "Taiwan LIS Forum: LIS ShareLand"



*Teachers and students sound off at Fu Jen Catholic University*



*Debra of the Sound of Fall blog speaks at National Chengchi University.*

online symposium, students of the participating schools were able to freely express their views on various related subjects, as well as take part in discussions on topics proposed by the hosting bloggers. The forum currently has 12 threads and 121 replies.

Staff from the NCL's Guidance Division attended each of the symposiums as observers and distributed copies of the "National Central Library Strategy Plan (2009~2012)" to symposium participants. (Chinese text by Huang Ching-hua)

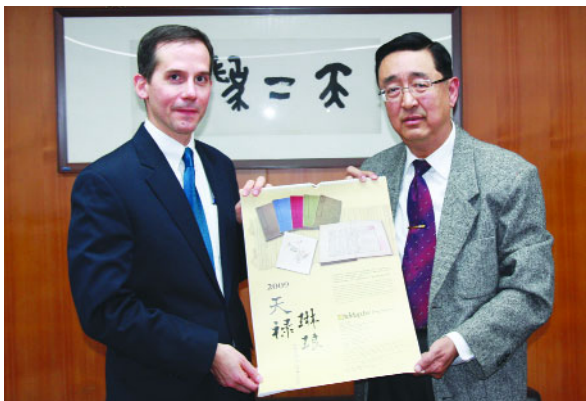
## NCL International Exchange Events

Jan. 8: Taiwan Foundation for Asia Pacific Development president Lin Tien-kuei visited NCL Director Karl Min Ku for exchanges of views on cooperation affairs.



*President Lin Tien-kuei (left) with NCL Director General Karl Min Ku (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)*

Jan. 9: Mr. Thomas Hodges, head and spokesperson of the Public Affairs Section at the Taipei Office of the American Institute in Taiwan visited the NCL accompanied by Ms. Wang Pei-chi, director of the American Cultural Center Resources Service, Public Affairs Section.



*Mr. Thomas Hodges (left) with NCL Director General Karl Min Ku (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)*

Jan. 13: Mr. Andrew H. Wang, director of OCLC Asia Pacific services, and Ms. Shu-en Tsai, OCLC Asia Pacific marketing executive visited Director-general Karl Min Ku for discussions on cooperation affairs.



*Mr. Andrew H. Wang (third from left) with NCL Director General Karl Min Ku (fourth from left) (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)*

Feb 2: Ms. Diana Liu Wen-ling, librarian for East Asian Studies at Indiana University, East Asian Collection visited the NCL for talks on strengthening publications exchanges.