

■ *NCL and National Civil Service Institute Team Up to Promote Nonpartisanship*

In order to further provide a high-quality learning environment, promote reading and resource sharing, and upgrade services, the NCL signed a cooperation agreement with the National Civil Service Institute (NCSI) on April 15. NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku and National Civil Service Institute Director Liao Shi-li jointly presided at the signing ceremony. Other VIPs at the ceremony included Deputy Director-general Hsiung Tsung-hua of the Ministry of Education and Deputy Director-general Lin Yang-jey of the Civil Service Protection and Training Commission.



NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku and National Civil Service Institute Director Liao Shi-li (right) signed a cooperation agreement. (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)

In a speech during the ceremony Director-general Ku expressed high hopes for the cooperation between the two sides, describing the alliance as a new milestone in interagency cooperation. Noting that the NCSI's three major missions are national civil service training, nonpartisan training, and continuing education, Director-general Ku said that the partnership would enable the two organizations to work jointly for the goals of civil servant neutrality and knowledge neutrality, with additional benefits for knowledge dissemination.

The agreement covers cooperation between the NCL and NCSI in promoting book utilization and educational courses and holding reading promotion and international exchange activities, as well as NCL

assistance to the NCSI in planning acquisitions and international exchanges for institute reading room collection. The NCL will also provide the NCSI access to its digital collection resources to support education and research at the institute. The two sides also hope to integrate their resources to provide deeper knowledge services to persons in each other's service scope.

In addition, the NCL and NCSI signed a follow-up agreement to cooperate on promoting civil service education in conjunction with World Book Day. The two sides subsequently held a "2009 World Book Day: Reading Promotion Workshop Activity," April 23, marking a positive start to the new alliance.

■ *National Central Library Strategic Plan 2009-2012 (Outline)*

In the dawn of the new era, the fast development of internet technology has had a serious impact on library services. Nations around the world, from England and Australia to neighboring Singapore and Hong Kong, have drafted new development goals and strategies in response to the advancement of knowledge and technology. Such strategies aim to achieve progress in library services and sustainable development. The National Central Library (NCL) drafted this Strategic Plan to lay a national foundation for library development in Taiwan. Formulated in conjunction with the Ministry of Education's policy guidelines for 2009 to 2013, as well as grassroots reading cultivation and spatial reform plans for libraries, the Strategic Plan will serve as a set of guidelines for the development of the NCL from 2009 to 2012.

I. Mission

In pace with the global information society, to preserve national documents, disseminate knowledge, facilitate lifelong learning, and ensure sustainable development of Sinology.

II. Vision

To ensure sustainable development of libraries