

specialized library with resources on the United Nations (UN), International Labour Organization (ILO), World Health Organization (WHO), World Trade Organization (WTO) and other major international organizations. The collection includes books, periodicals, CDs and microfiche resources.

An especially rare and historically significant part of the collection is the UN meeting minutes from 1947 to 1976, when the Republic of China (ROC) was a UN member. The collection also includes the meeting minutes for six major UN organizations, including the General Assembly and Security Council, from 1971 to the present. Costing over NT\$20 million, this exhaustive record is preserved on 111,271 rolls of microfiche, totaling over 6.65 million pages, presenting an invaluable resource for research. All of the collection resources can be accessed by the general public at the Center for Public Business Administration Education Library.



NCCU Center for Public and Business Administration Education Director Chen Chaoming, NCCU President Wu Sehwa, NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku with NCCU Library Director Liu JyiShane at the ribbon-cutting ceremony (from left to right). (Photo by Caesar Tsai)

Events

■ *Fourth International Conference of Institutes and Libraries for Chinese Overseas Studies*

The Fourth International Conference of Institutes and Libraries for Chinese Overseas Studies was held at Jinan University in Guangzhou on May 8 to 10, 2009. Scholars and experts from related

institutes and libraries delivered 200 papers for the three-day conference, which was held under the theme of "Interaction and Innovation: Multidimensional Perspectives in Chinese Overseas Studies." Over 210 people attended from 23 countries, including the United States, Canada, France, The Netherlands, Germany, the United Kingdom and Taiwan. Mr. Chen Tehan of the NCL presented an "Analysis of the Establishment of the Sino-International Library and Collection." The conference provided an interdisciplinary and multifunctional communication bridge for experts, scholars, librarians, and archive management personnel. (Chinese text by Chen Tehan)

■ *2009 CNKI Forum on Digital Resource Integration and Services*

The 2009 China National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI) Summit Forum was held on May 17 to 23 in Beijing. Representatives from Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao and CNKI presented 13 papers at the forum. The NCL was represented at the event by Luo Chinmei and Lin Wenya. Subjects covered in the forum reports included: resource requirements and security for Chinese digital library development, digital resource integration platforms and service models, user experience sharing and institutional experience in digital library establishment. Each report was followed by a Q&A and discussion session. The organizers also arranged an institutional digital library for on-site demonstration and discussions. The forum concluded with a general discussion during which participants offered input on improving digital library services.

The organizers also arranged for visits to three different types of library, including the National Science Library at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the National Library of China and Tsinghua University Library. The different operational modes of the three libraries presented ample learning opportunities for the visitors. The group was especially impressed by the subject-oriented librarian system and services at the National Science Library. Established in 2004, subject-

oriented librarian services at the library include consultation services provided to users at the library, offices, and institutes. Consulting is also provided by phone, texting, e-mail, forms, and librarian blogs. The system was fully mature by 2009 and has achieved considerable results. (Chinese text by Luo Chinmei and Lin Wenya)



Participants at the 2009 CNKI Summit Forum. (Photo provided by Lin Wenya)

■ ***NCL and National Taipei University Hold Open Thesis Presentation***

The NCL and National Taipei University jointly held a public thesis presentation at the NCL on May 13, 2009. This was National Taipei University's first such presentation open to the general public. A total of 17 post-graduate and graduate students presented papers at the inter-institution activity. At the closing ceremony, NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku presented an "Open Access Thesis Presentation Certificate" praising National Taipei University for its commitment to research and consent to make the



17 post-graduate and graduate students present papers at the first public-access thesis presentation held by National Taipei University. (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)

thesis papers available to the public as part of the permanent collection at the NCL. He also noted that the inter-institutional presentation has positive significance for the dissemination of knowledge.

■ ***First Joint Seminar on Library and Information Science Department Dissertations***

The First Joint Seminar on Library and Information Science Department Dissertations was held at NCL on June 3, 2009. Seventeen graduate and doctoral students presented papers at the event, which was jointly held by NCL, Library Association of the Republic of China and students at the library and information science departments of National Taiwan University, National Chengchi University, National Taiwan Normal University, National Chung Hsing University, Fu Jen Catholic University, Tamkang University and Shih Hsin University.



Participants at the First Joint Seminar on Library and Information Science Department Dissertations. (Photo by Yan Wenying)



NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku (second left) presents certificates to students delivering papers at the seminar. (Photo by Yan Wenying)