

■ *NCL and LAROC Co-host Library Business Development Forum*

The NCL and Library Association of the Republic of China jointly hosted the "2009 Library Business Development Forum" on June 6, 2009. NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku hosted the opening ceremony. The forum was joined by several well-known library and information science bloggers, including Chen Chiliang (XXC blog), Chen Kuanhua (takanula), Chiang Yitai, Chen Chinchí, and Liang Hungsu, along with over 200 young scholars. Among the discussion topics were "Social Services and the Information Gap," "Understanding the Value and Profession of Library and Information Science," "On Reading," "Systemic Issues in the Library and Information Science Field," "New Wave Technology" and "The Next Step in Library and Information Science Education."

■ *NCL and Southern Taiwan University Jointly Hold Open Thesis Presentation*

NCL and Southern Taiwan University jointly held the "2009 Outstanding Post-graduate and Graduate Thesis Presentation" on June 10, 2009. Twenty-nine thesis papers were presented by doctoral and master's students at four colleges of Southern Taiwan University, including the College of Engineering, College of Business, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and College of Digital Design. NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku presented an "Open Access Thesis Presentation Certificate" and signed a cooperation agreement



NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku (right) and Southern Taiwan University President Tai Chien (left) sign the cooperation agreement.

with Southern Taiwan University President Tai Chien. Under the agreement the two sides will jointly promote the "Universal Sinology Lecture." The NCL will provide reference book lists and related books to help Southern Taiwan University Library establish a Chinese studies library as a major center for the development of Chinese studies in southern Taiwan.

■ *Wang Pu Donates Video Biography to NCL*

Photographer Wang Pu donated 127 "writers' video biographies" and over 310 documentaries of ROC artistic and cultural activities to the NCL on June 19, 2009. Nearly 200 people from the arts and cultural community attended the donation ceremony.

During the ceremony, NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku paid tribute to Wang in a speech inspired by a modified quote by Hu Shih, calling Wang a man who has both "shaped the tone of the age and served as a teacher as well." Mr. Wang has photographed writers over a span of 40 years, creating an invaluable historical record of contemporary literature in Taiwan, preserving the moral character and achievements of these writers for future generations. The NCL began to compile resources on local contemporary authors in 1984 and established the Contemporary Taiwan Writers Database (<http://lit.ncl.edu.tw>) in 1985. Mr. Wang's



Wang Pu (left) donates all of his writers' video biographies and other photographic achievements to the NCL permanent collection along with usage authorization. NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku (right) represents the library in receiving the gift. (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)