

Document Delivery System (NDDS).

■ ***NCL to Make Digital Resources Freely Available to the Public***

In 2010, NCL will make digital resources under the READncl Service System (<http://www.read.com.tw>) fully available to the public free of charge through the library website. Among the resources included will be the "Index to Chinese Periodical Literature," "NCL Gazette Online" and "Contemporary Taiwan Writers Database."

The READncl system is currently a fee-based service, and users can only view scanned materials online or request printed copies by post. The change in usage basis from 2010 is aimed at improving access to academic resources. In addition to free online browsing, users will be able to print resources with copyright authorization. Copyrighted materials will be made accessible from the library within an allowable scope, and copyright-expired academic documents will gradually be made available. Readers can also browse or print resources through the interlibrary cooperation system or apply for NCL document delivery services through the Nationwide Document Delivery Service (NDDS).

NCL International Exchange Events

April 15: Caryn Crump leads a five-person group study exchange visit from Rotary International District 7850 (Canada and Eastern United States) to the NCL, accompanied by 40 other people, including Rotary Southern Banqiao District President Chang Yifeng.



Caryn Crump (fourth from left) and other members of Rotary International District 7850. (Photo by Pinery S.Wu)

May 18: Dr. Richard W. Meyer, retired head librarian at the Georgia Institute of Technology Library, presents a lecture on "The Convergence Transformation of Library."



Dr. Richard W. Meyer (front left) with NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku (front right). (Photo by Pinery S.Wu)

May 26: Michael Meng of the University of Washington participates in a "Library East-West Exchange Forum" about the Chinese Collection of the East Asia Library at the U.W and the results of the NCL's digitization work.



Michael Meng (right) with NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku (left). (Photo by Pinery S.Wu)

June 12: A group of 28 mainland Chinese specialists visits the NCL, including Nanjing University Library Vice Director and Department of Information Management professor Bo Shao, Tsinghua University Library Vice Director Yang Yi, and Northeast Normal University Library Vice Director Liu Fangguo.

June 17: Bù Xuân Dúc and Dúóng Thi Hoàng Thú, director and vice director, respectively, of the General Sciences Library of Ho Chi Minh City Vietnam, visits the NCL.



Bùi Xuân Đức (third from left), Dương Thị Hoàng Thù (second from right) with NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku (third from right). (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)

June 23: Shao Tungfang, head librarian at Stanford University's East Asia Library, presents a lecture at the NCL on the topic, "Overview of International Academic Research on the Bamboo Annals."



Shao Tungfang (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)

June 29: Liang Yingbin, representative of the Taipei Representative Office in Vietnam, visits NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku for discussions on establishing academic cooperation between the two sides.



Liang Yingbin (left) with NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku (right).

Chinese Studies Symposium

■ May 26-27

A two-day seminar was jointly held by the Center for Chinese Studies and the Department of History of National Chi Nan University on the latter campus in Puli, featuring three inspiring talks given by the visiting scholars of the Center for Chinese Studies and chaired by Professor Lee Kwongkien.

1. Brigid Vance (PhD candidate, Princeton University), "Dreams in *An Explication of the Profundities in the Forest of Dreams*".
2. Xing Hang (PhD candidate, UC Berkeley): "Hair and Clothing: On the 17th Century East Asian Maritime Identity and legitimacy in the Zheng-Qing Peace Treaty Negotiation".
3. Natasa Vampelj Suhadolnik (Assistant Professor, University of Ljubljana) "The Reformation of Slovenia's University System and My Sinology Journey".

Based on *An Explication of the Profundities in the Forest of Dreams* and books related to dreams, such as Chen Shiyuan's *Thoughts on Dream and Dream Divination*, Ms. Vance proposed that the author had attempted to connect dreams to reality and further categorized dreams into astronomy, geography, figures (characters), appearances, politics, objects, food and beverage, curiosa etc. Dreams were differentiated into two-level divination and signs. Dreams were also been functionalized to correlate with the reality. Mr. Hang examined the peace negotiation between Qing Court in Mainland and the Zheng regime in Taiwan from 1667 to 1669. He pointed out that Qing proposed various terms and conditions, however, above all, Taiwanese had to alternate to Qing clothing and shave their hair. Mr. Hang proposed that we cannot restore the historical status of the Zheng regime only until we separate it from the political movement of opposing Qing and attempt to revive Ming. Finally, Dr. Vampelj introduced Slovenia's history of independence and nation-building, and four universities, University of Ljubljana, University of Maribor, University of Primorska, and University of Nova Gorica. She further explained the Slovenia's system and its