

and foreign librarians expand their knowledge of Chinese studies resources, as well as provided a forum for mutual exchange and learning.



Librarians visit Sun Moon Lake at the end of the workshop. (Photo by Wang Yuching)

■ ***Tzu Chi Donates DaAi TV Programs to NCL***

Tzu Chi Culture and Communication Foundation generously donated DaAi Television programs to the NCL at a ceremony on September 1. Foundation CEO Wang Duanzheng and NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku signed a "Document Material Archive Cooperation Agreement" at the ceremony. The donation included over 10,000 DaAi TV programs for free public access, including world news, world documentaries, biographical documentaries, and classic TV programs.



Director-general Karl Min Ku (right) and Wang Duanzheng (left) sign the cooperation agreement. (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)

In order to meet anticipated growing demand for a national digital archive of television and radio programs, the NCL established a "National Digital Library Integrated Service," providing a wealth of information for academic, government, and general reader use.



Wang Duanzheng (fourth from left), Director-general Karl Min Ku (fifth from left) and other participants at the ceremony. (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)

■ ***NCL and Dharma Drum Buddhist College Jointly Promote Buddhist Studies***

The NCL and Dharma Drum Buddhist College (DDBC) signed an academic cooperation agreement at a ceremony on October 8, with NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku and DDBC President Shi Huimin representing the two sides. Under the agreement, the NCL and DDBC will jointly promote Buddhist studies collections and resource sharing to provide a high-quality study environment and support academic research.

After the signing ceremony, the two sides held their first meeting which was joined by five DDBC professors and executives. Subjects discussed at the meeting include: inviting Prof. Lubsanvandan Manaljav of the Mongolian Humanity University to visit the DDBC and arranging a lecture on the "joint promotion of Sinology and Buddhist studies", holding a joint exhibition of Mongolian Buddhist scriptures in summer 2010 to give the public a chance to see 17th and 18th century editions of Buddhist scriptures, scripture printing plates, and

selected works, photos and other related cultural items from the Mongolian collection.



Director-general Karl Min Ku (right) and DDBC President Shi Huimin (left) jointly sign the academic cooperation agreement. (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)



DDBC Vice President Aming Tu (fourth from the left), DDBC President Shi Huimin (fifth from the left), Director-general Karl Min Ku (sixth from the left), and other participants at the ceremony. (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)

Events

■ *NCL Joins Dalian Symposium on Colonialism in Taiwan*

The Symposium on the History of the Colonialism in Taiwan was held in Dalian, China on August 20 to August 23. The symposium was sponsored by the Institute of Taiwan Studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in association with the international relations institute of the Dalian University of Foreign Languages and the research

department of the All China Taiwanese Association. The symposium was held to further promote and coordinate the establishment of the field of Taiwanese historical studies in Taiwan, China and other countries through research and academic exchanges. The symposium also analyzed trends on the historical studies of colonialism in Taiwan from historical perspectives and in context of the historical development of Taiwan.

The symposium was joined by 77 participants, including 38 scholars from China, 26 scholars from Taiwan, and 13 experts and scholars from Japan. Among the 60 papers submitted were studies on Taiwanese politics, economy, military affairs, diplomacy, society, culture, and local historical figures.

After the symposium, the participants were invited on a tour of historic and scenic sites in Lushun and Dalian, including visits to Baiyu Hill, the Lushun Museum, the site of the Lushun Japan-Russia Prison, 203 Highland, and Dongjiguan Fort (site of a major battle during the Russo-Japanese War). (Chinese text by Chang Weitung)



Participants in the Symposium on the History of the Colonialism in Taiwan. (Photo provided by Chang Weitung)

■ *8th World Conference on Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning*

The 8th World Conference on Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning, a satellite conference prior to the 75th International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) General Conference, was held on August 18