

"International Progress of Libraries: Global Knowledge Sharing." A total of 15 papers was presented during the symposium.

There were also two exhibitions held during the centennial celebration, including the "Exhibition of the History of the National Library of China" (September 8 to October 7) and the "Exhibition of the Special and Rare Collections of the NLC" (September 1 to October 7).



Director-general Karl Min Ku (left) presents a gift to Director Zhan Furui (right) of National Library of China (NLC). (Photo provided by Keng Lichun)



Keng Lichun presents a paper at the symposium. (Photo provided by Keng Lichun)

■ **Exhibition of Watercolor Paintings by Chen Yangchun**

The 134th Exhibition of Watercolor Paintings by Chen Yangchun was hosted at the NCL Arts and

Audiovisual Center from September 21 to November 8. At the opening day ceremony, Mr. Chen presented his watercolor painting "Carefree and Content" to the NCL permanent collection. NCL Deputy Director-general Wu Yingmei represented the library in receiving the gift. Mr. Chen has been painting for over 40 years. He is considered a master of the watercolor genre, paragon of Confucianism, and a cultural ambassador. Mr. Chen has exhibited his paintings in 41 cities around the world, promoting cultural exchange with other countries. His works are also widely collected and admired for their dream-like quality and grace.



Mr. Chen Yangchun (right) donates his painting "Carefree and Content" to the NCL represented by Deputy Director-general Wu Yingmei (left) to receive the painting. (Photo by Yan Wenying)

■ **NCL Attends Ceremony for the Completion of Confucius Family Tree**

ISBN Center Director Tseng Kunhsien attended a ceremony for the completion of the *Confucius Family Tree* on September 24 at the Confucius Temple in Qufu, Shandong China.

The *Confucius Family Tree* is a comprehensive genealogical record of the descendants of Confucius and is listed as the "world's longest family tree" in the Guinness World Records. According to Kong Detang, president of the Association of Compilation Work for Confucius' Genealogy, the *Confucius*