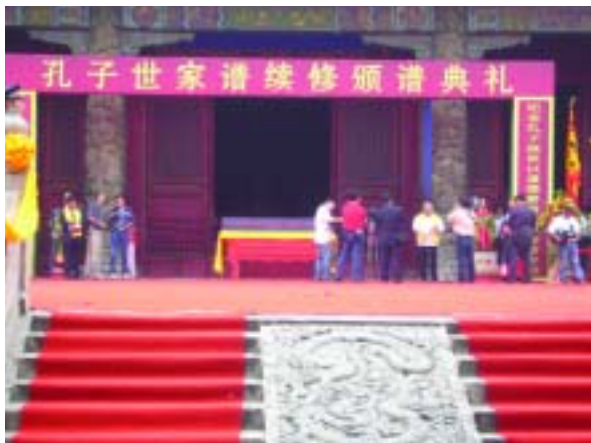


Family Tree has undergone one major revision every 60 years and one minor revision every 30 years since the Ming period. The most recent amendment was carried out in the 1930s and was not published until 1939 as the *National Genealogical Record*. This work has served as the blueprint for the compilation of the current version.

Over RMB12 million was spent in compiling the recent *Confucius Family Tree*. The record added nearly two million new names (an increase of 1.4 million from the 560,000 people recorded in the *National Genealogical Record*), including about 200,000 female family members. The record is published in an 80-volume set measuring 2.4 meters long, weighing 125 kilograms, and consisting of about 43,000 pages and over 50 million Chinese



Ceremony for the completion of Confucius Family Tree. (Photo by Tseng Kunhsien)



Tseng Kunhsien (left) in front of the ceremony. (Photo provided by Tseng Kunhsien)

characters. The National Central Library acquired a copy of the mammoth publication for the library collection. (Chinese text by Tseng Kunhsien)

■ *NCL and Tzu Chi College Co-host Symposium on Jing-Si Aphorisms*

NCL and Tzu Chi College of Humanities and Social Sciences jointly hosted "Life Educator: Symposium on Jing Si Aphorisms by Master Cheng Yen" on September 28. The symposium explored the influence of Jing-Si Aphorisms on education, life, and modern culture over the past 20 years. Related sub-topics included: Jing-Si Aphorisms and Tzu Chi Buddhists, Jing-Si Aphorisms and Buddhism, Jing-Si Aphorisms and Confucianist Thought, Jing-Si Aphorisms in Society and Culture, Jing-Si Aphorisms and School Education.

The opening ceremony began with a speech by Tzu Chi Foundation Vice President Wang Duanjen. The foundation also presented books to the NCL for its permanent collection, including *Jing-Si Aphorisms*, *Living Wisdom of the Jing-Si Aphorisms*, *Learning English with the Jing-Si Aphorisms*, and *Jing-Si Aphorisms* (English Edition). Since 1989, a total of 20 anthologies of *Jing-Si Aphorisms* has been published. They have also been translated into 11 languages, including English, Japanese, Spanish, German and Indonesian, with over 3.5 million copies issued.

■ *NCL Debuts Integrated Search System*

The National Central Library (NCL) debuted its new Integrated Search of Selected Resources (ISSR) system on September 28. The system integrates Metadata from 19 NCL database systems and provides a single easy-to-use interface for readers to quickly search for bibliography or full-text material. The system website is: <http://issr.ncl.edu.tw>.

19 Databases Accessible from the ISSR System:

1. Union Catalog of Chinese Rare Books
2. PerioPath: Index to Chinese Periodical Literature
3. Taiwan Humanities Indexes

4. Rare Books Image Search System
5. Union Catalogue of Genealogical Materials in Taiwan
6. Taiwan Memory
7. Taiwan Info
8. Current Contents of Foreign Periodicals in Chinese Studies
9. Bibliography of Research on Han Philosophy
10. Database of Mainland Chinese Periodicals
11. Contents of the Combined Collections of Ming Authors
12. Bronze and Stone Rubbings
13. Foreign Sinologists Dissertation Abstract Database
14. Electronic Theses and Dissertations System
15. Bibliography of Tun-huang Studies
16. Guide to Periodicals Published in R.O.C.
17. Contemporary Literature and Historical Resources Full-text Search System
18. Bibliography of Research on the Classics
19. Bibliography of Research on Wei-Jin Xuan Xue Philosophy

■ ***2009 Pacific Neighborhood Consortium Annual Meeting***

The Pacific Neighborhood Consortium (PNC) held its 2009 annual meeting on October 6 to 8 at Academia Sinica. At PNC, NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku spoke on the topic of "Developing Knowledge Support Services with iNCL",



2009 PNC Annual Meeting at Academia Sinica.

introducing how the NCL is transforming its digital services based on a user-centric knowledge support service model. The NCL has been a member of the PNC and enthusiastically participated in the annual meetings over the years. This year, Huang Chiungyu, Chung Hsuechen, Caroline Liu, and Armande Liao represented the NCL to attend PNC. In addition, in order to strengthen cultural and educational exchanges with Mongolia, the NCL received PNC financial support to invite Mongolia scholar Mr. B. Munkhbayar of United Solution International Inc. to attend the meeting.

■ ***Taiwan-Hong Kong Library Association Forum***

The NCL and Library Association of the Republic of China (LAC) invited 23 members of the Hong Kong Library Association to participate in a Taiwan-Hong Kong Library Association Forum at the NCL on October 23 to 26. Topics discussed at the forum included: the "Role and Function of the NCL," "NCL Collection Characteristics and Digitization Work," "Role and Function of the LAC," "Cooperation between the NCL, LAC and Other Taiwan Libraries," and "Overview of Library and Information Science Education in Taiwan." At the end of the forum, the participants visited Academia Sinica, the National Palace Museum, and Taipei Public Library.



Participants at the forum. (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)