■ *Taiwan Maritime Postcard Exhibition*

The National Central Library (NCL) held an exhibition of Japanese-era postcards from the library collection focusing on the theme of Taiwan's shipping industry in Taiwan during the Japanese era. The exhibition was held on October 24 to 30 at National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU) in conjunction with the "Valuing the Culture of the Sea: Symposium on Maritime Culture" held by the university's College of Liberal Arts at NSYSU.

Over 170 postcards were displayed at the exhibition, featuring two themes: 1) postcards with images of Taiwan during the 19th-century, and 2) postcards in Taiwan during the Japanese occupation period. The display was further divided into four theme sections: 1) Ming and Cheng Chengkung Period, 2) Coastal Scenes, 3) Harbor Scenes, and 4) Shipping.

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■ *OCLC Asia Pacific Regional Council Membership Conference*

The Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) held its Asia Pacific Regional Council Membership Conference on September 7 to 8 in Beijing. About 100 representatives attended from Asia-Pacific countries, including Australia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand, China, Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan. Representatives from the OCLC headquarters (including the CEO) also attended and listened to the views of the Asia-Pacific region members. The Taiwan OCLC Governing Members Consortium formed a delegation to participate in the conference, with Cheng Yuling representing the National Central Library (NCL).

During the two-day conference, the delegates presented reports on the progress of OCLC bibliography cooperation and developments with digital archiving and e-book plans in their respective countries. The OCLC also presented a report on the NetLibrary e-book service, WorldCat Local resource integrated search interface, CONTENTdm digital collection management search system and other new services. At the end of the conference, the members presented several suggestions for the OCLC. Suggestions included resolving issues with Unicode character code handling; removing exchange barriers in the uploading of bibliographies to the WorldCat system, and accepting bibliographic material in other formats besides MARC21. It was also noted that member libraries should have sufficient time to test out new products before their release; that member libraries should provide ample training opportunities; that more economical and flexible pricing be adopted based on regions and actual usage conditions; and that the OCLC change its public image from that of a company to one of a library cooperation partner. (Chinese text by Cheng Yuling)