

Events

■ *Seventh Cooperative Committee for Chinese Name Authority Meeting*

To promote Chinese bibliographic sharing, National Central Library (NCL), the National Library of China, China Academic Library & Information System (CALIS), and Joint University Librarians Advisory Committee in Hong Kong set up the "Cooperative Committee for Chinese Name Authority (CCCNA)" in 2003 to study issues related to cooperative development and sharing of Chinese resources.

The 7th meeting was held in the National Library of China in Beijing on November 5, 2009. NCL Yan Dingzhong attended the meeting and reported annual performance, including CMARC to MARC 21 Bibliographic Format Conversion Chart, CNMARC and CMARC Authority Record Conversion Chart, as well as provided 30000 bibliographic records (Big5 Chinese ISO2709, CMARC) to CALIS, to help build the "Chinese Name Authority Joint Database". The Chinese University of Hong Kong will draft the database requirement and then discussed by the four libraries. CALIS will be responsible for system development.

Conclusions reached in the 7th meeting include: 1. the four libraries will upload name authority records of people born from 1881 to 1930 to the CALIS; 2. test the conversion of a variety



Director Ding-jong Yan (second from left). Deputy Director General of University Library of CUHK (third from left) and participants.

of formats and provide feedbacks to CALIS by January 31; 3. install and use the system in the Chinese University of Hong Kong in June-July 2010; 4. the 8th meeting will be held in Taipei in November 2010 on Conference on Cooperative Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources.

■ *Conference on Cooperative Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources*

The 3rd Session of the Council of Conference on Cooperative Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources was held in Beijing on November 6, 2009. The National Central Library (NCL) was represented at the conference by Ku Lijen and Yan Diingjong. The conference was first organized in Beijing in 2000 by libraries on both sides of the Taiwan Strait, and was hosted and promoted by the National Library of China (NLC). The second session was held in Taipei in 2001. The conference promotes the cooperative development and sharing of Chinese resources across regions, as well as carrying out specialized cooperation projects.



Participants at the conference. (Photo provided by Ku Li-jen)

During the conference, the NCL was in charge of convening meetings on the "Chinese Rare Book Catalog" and also participated in discussions on "Chinese Name Authority Control." The conference discussed *The Statute of Conference on Cooperative Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources*, project applications, and project

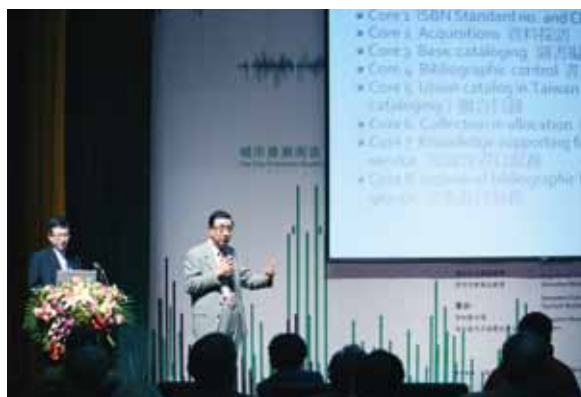
closing and handling methods. The NCL reported on the planned content of the 8th Conference on Cooperative Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources, which will be held in Taipei on November 2 to 5, 2010, entitled "Conference on Digital Archives of Chinese Library Resources." Representatives from Taiwan, mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Europe, and the U.S. will present eight papers at the 2010 conference. A poster and system exhibition were also arranged. About 200 persons from Asia and other countries will attend the conference.

■ **2009 International Summit Forum on Public Libraries in Shenzhen**

NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku and Wang Hung-te attended the International Summit Forum on Public Libraries in Shenzhen, China, on November 16 to 19, 2009. On November 16, Director-general Ku attended the opening ceremony for the Public Library Institute in Shenzhen and discussed public library development affairs with scholars and experts. He also shared his views on the future of personal virtual libraries in an interview with reporters from the *Shenzhen Special Zone Daily*.

On November 17, Director-general Ku attended the International Summit Forum on Public Libraries, during which he delivered a lecture on "Moving Toward 2015: New Librarianship in Taiwan." Also attending the forum were library and information science experts and scholars from Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, as well as the president of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), Ms. Ellen Remona Tise; president-elect of the American Library Association, Ms. Roberta Stevens; chair of the International Relations Committee of the American Library Association, Ms. Beverly P. Lynch; and U.S. Public Library Association president, Ms. Sari Feldman.

On November 18, Director-general Ku attended a joint annual meeting of 10 provincial



Director-general Ku delivers a lecture on "Moving Toward 2015: New Librarianship in Taiwan."

and city libraries. During the meeting, Director-general Ku delivered a lecture on "Development of the Metalibrary in the 21st Century." On November 19, Director-general Ku visited the Shenzhen Library, University Town Library of Shenzhen and other sites to have a first-hand look at recent developments and applications of city library operations in Shenzhen.

■ **9th International Conference on Electronic Commerce**

The 9th International Conference on Electronic Commerce was held in Macau on November 30 to December 3, 2009. The theme of this year's conference is "Ubiquitous e-Services in Digital Society." NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku and Huang Qiongyu presented a paper on "The Basic Characteristics of Interactive TV Service" at the conference. This paper showed how the interactive



NCL Dr. Huang Chiungyu (left) at the Symposium