

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



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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