

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

TV services are applied at NCL, including flashback querying of digital content, multichannel meaning comparison searching, video on-demand, and so on.

■ *Visit of libraries in Shenzhen and Hong Kong*

NCL Arts and Audiovisual Center will open “comics museum” on February 23, 2010. Deputy Director-general Wu Yingmei and Yan Wenying visited Shenzhen library (the first library in China to adopt DILAS system and RFID technology), Shenzhen Library of Science and Technology, Shenzhen Children’s Library, Run Run Shaw Library at City University of Hong Kong (adopts selfcheck system), Hong Kong Central Library from December 20 to December 24, 2009, to exchange experiences with librarians, understand RFID technology and possible difficulties Arts and Audiovisual Center might encounter in the future. Through field observations and interviews with library professionals, NCL learns library-related technology and collects useful information to promote the museum and improve its operations.



Shenzhen Children's Library

■ *Symposium on Digital Archiving and Digital Publishing*

The National Taichung Library and Digital Knowledge Economic Association of Taichung jointly held two symposiums on innovative application services for digital libraries in the new century on December 3 and December 10,

2009. Other co-organizers of the event included the Industrial Support Division of the Institute for Information Industry, the Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan), and the Taiwan Digital Publishing Forum. The symposiums were attended by an estimated 100 librarians and representatives of information service providers, IT hardware companies, digital publishers, digital content providers, and faculty and students of library and information science departments and schools.

The main topics presented at the symposiums were: Innovative Applications and Added-value Collection Business Opportunities for Digital Libraries; Innovative E-Reading Service; and A Study of User-oriented and Knowledge-based E-books Functions: Popular Faith and Local Culture E-Books in Taiwan, Technological Developments in the E-book Industry, the Current Status and Future of reading.udn.com, and the Business Model and Outlook for Chunghwa Telecom's Hami Bookstore service.

■ *Conference on Library Development and Evaluation*

The National Central Library (NCL) and National Taipei University held a conference on library development and evaluation on December 8, 2009, at the NCL. This conference discusses the applications of balanced scorecard in library evaluation to find a set of evaluation tools as the



Director-general Karl Min Ku (second from left) and main speaker, Director Wang Yixin (first from left), Professor Chen Zhaozhen (first from right), Professor Chen Xuehua (second from right)