

reference for future strategic planning. National Central Library Director-general Karl Min Ku and National Taipei University president Wang Yixin gave talks on “library development and evaluation”. Professor Chen Xuehua from National Taiwan University, Wang Yixin from National Taipei University, and NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku discussed and exchange opinions on three topics, “the trend of library development”, “library evaluation”, and “cases of library evaluation”.

### ■ *2009 Library Association of the Republic of China annual meeting and 51th general meeting*

2009 Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan) (LAROC) annual meeting was held on December 11 to December 13, 2009, at the National Central Library. A conference for library and information science thesis award was held on December 11. The 51th general meeting of members of the LAROC was held on December 12. A conference on library and information science was held on December 13. President Zhan Hongzhi of PChome Online Inc. and Dr. Ko Hwawei of National Central University gave lectures at the conference. 21 companies participated in the exhibition and more than 500 people attended the conference.

Five round-table groups, university library, specialized library, public library, high school library, elementary school library, were built to discuss problems and development of different types of libraries to understand the current situations of various libraries. The results of the discussion will be provided to Ministry of Education, National Central Library, etc., as the reference for improving and developing library business. (Chinese text by Peng Wei)

### ■ *Conference on Digital Publications and Digital Reading*

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Association of Library and Information Science Education (CALISE), ROC Interlibrary Cooperation Association, and Information Technology Management Association jointly held a conference on digital publications and digital reading on January 13, 2010, at NCL. Library and information sector, digital publishing industry, government agencies, students and teachers attended the conference. NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku gave a lecture on, “e Promotion: establishing national digital archives and building the world-level digital service”. Other lecture topics include: development strategy of digital publishing industry and action plan, permanent collection program of digital publication, current situation and development trend of digital publishing, and index to Taiwan periodical literature system. Participants discussed topics on e-books ISBN, e-books format, e-books reading, dissemination of e-books and so on. This conference aims to introduce the current situation of digital publication, promote digital learning, and encourage the interaction among government agencies, digital publishing industry, and the library and information sectors.

### ■ *Forum: When Libraries Meet E-Books*

National Central Library, Government Information Office (Taiwan), Library Association of the Republic of China, American Institute in Taiwan, National Taiwan University Library, National Taiwan Normal University Library jointly held a forum, “when libraries meet e-books” during the 2010 Taipei International Book Exhibition on January 27, 2010. Issues discussed in the forum include, library e-book services provided by the U.S. publishing industry (Tom Allen, President/CEO of the Association of American Publishers, Inc), challenges of e-book services to libraries (Susan Hildreth, City Librarian, Seattle Public Library), e-book services in libraries (Tsai Peiling from National Central Library, Zhan Liping from National Chung Hsing University, Lai Zhongqin from National Taichung Library, Ye Junchao from

Taiwan Digital Publishing Forum). Dr. Chen Xuehua (president of the Library Association of the Republic of China), Dr. Ovid Tzeng (Academia Sinica), and Chen Chaochen (director of the National Taiwan Normal University) were moderators of the forum.



Professor Chen Zhaozhen (center) hosting the Forum

### ■ *Professor Li Zhonghe Memorial and Donation Ceremony*

The National Central Library (NCL) held a memorial and donation ceremony for Professor Li Zhonghe at NCL on December 11, 2009. Professor Xiao Huyin, Professor Li's wife, donated composition manuscripts, books, CDs, and music scores on behalf of Professor Li Zhonghe to the NCL permanent collection.

Professor Li has more than 2000 music works, covering opera, art, patriotic songs, music theory, religion, and ritual songs. His music works are commonly recognized by professional musicians and are well-known internationally.



Professor Xiao Huyin (left) donating music scores and manuscripts of Professor Li Zhonghe to the National Central Library

### ■ *Third International Antiquarian Bookfair in Hong Kong*

NCL Qian Yuelian and Tu Jinghui attended the third International Antiquarian Bookfair held in Hong Kong from December 4 to December 6, 2009. More than 30 well-known booksellers participated in the fair and displayed a wide range of collections, including ancient maps, pictures, photo albums, posters, postcards, author signatures, manuscripts, and so on. Some special collections on display were:

1. The first universe map drawn by Ambrosius Schevenhuysen in 1600. It is full of religious consciousness and provides a glimpse of how people in the 16th century understood their place in the universe.
2. The first Chinese-English Dictionary edited by Robert Morrison and published six times in Macau from 1815 to 1823.
3. Marx's autographed manuscript, the last page of the second volume of Marx's 24 notes written in 1850.
4. The first edition of "China: The results of "My Travels" and the Studies Based Thereon" written by Ferdinand von Richthofen and published in 1877; "China in the sixteenth century: the journals of Mathew Ricci" written by Matteo Ricci and published in 1615; "A fasciculus of the Birds of China" written by George Robert Gray and published in 1871. (Chinese text provided by Qian Yuelian and Tu Jinghui)



Antiquarian Bookfair in Hong Kong. (Photo provided by Qian Yuelian and Tu Jinghui)