

■ *NCL and TMUE Sign Cooperation Agreement*

On 19 April, NCL signed a cooperative agreement with Taipei Municipal University of Education (TMUE), actualizing the two institutions' shared ideals of cooperation and forming a new partnership.

The dissemination of knowledge is the universal value of the library, and in line with its spirit of service, NCL expands and diversifies resources by engaging in cooperation, so as to put the greatest power at the service of library users. The cooperation between NCL and TMUE will bring a new array of academic support services.



Director-general Ku (right) and the president of TMUE Dr. Lin (left) signed a cooperative agreement.

Events

■ *Participation in the 2010 AAS Meeting*

The 2010 sixty-second annual meeting of the US Association for Asian Studies (AAS) and its associated book exhibition took place on 25-28 March in Philadelphia. The meeting attracted over 3000 scholars and professionals in the field of Asian Studies from all over the world. There were 133 booths from 93 different academic institutions, organizations, and publishing companies, including NCL, which participated in both the conference and book exhibition as usual. At the book exhibition, NCL primarily presented government-published materials related to Chinese studies in the fields



NCL librarians and News Bureau diplomats stationed in New York with students (from left, student Po-Jun Yang, Editor Armande Liao, Secretary Li-chun Sun, Editor Ching-hua Huang, and Mr. Wei).

of the humanities and social sciences from the last three years. The NCL's booth displayed over 352 titles of books and CD/DVD disks, totalling 404 volumes, bringing quality publications from Taiwan to the world stage and placing them in the hands of avid readers. Over the course of the meeting, NCL representatives also made a visit to the historical Philadelphia Public Library and the oldest library organization in the United States, The Library Company.

■ *2010 NBINet Library Partner Meeting*

On 31 March, two important annual cataloguing cooperation meetings, the "National Bibliographic Information Network (NBINet) Policy Committee" and the "NBINet Meeting of Collaborating Library Directors" were held at NCL.

This year's meetings awarded certificates of appreciation to the sixty-two cooperating libraries that have shared information with the NBINet over the past three years, and letters were sent to their mother organizations of all NBINet participants be encouraged for their cooperative efforts.

In addition to reports from bibliographic centers, the meeting also invited Soochow University Library Director-general Yuan-Chi Ting to report on the state and operation of her library's "Library Resource Service Platform."

At this year's meeting, Academia Sinica Library was approved to join the NBI Net partnership; the library will continually transfer bibliographic data to the NBI Net database to become part of the mutually shared data.

Furthermore, during the meeting, a resolution was reached allowing NBI net partners to apply to switch from NCL's CMARC3 to the MARC21 system, aiding libraries to process bibliographic format changes in batches and upload data to OCLC Worldcat.



Director-general Karl Min Ku (third from the left) confers the certificates of appreciation for NBI Net cooperative partner libraries.

■ *NCL Celebrates 77th Anniversary with "Meta-Bibliographic Systems"*

On 21 April 2010, NCL celebrated its seventy-seventh year of operation by hosting the "2010 Conference on the Librarianship in the Modern Age" subtitled "Meta-Bibliographic Systems: The foundation of library civilization." The conference was an academic activity focused on research results in the field of "Meta-Bibliographic Systems."

Meta-bibliographic systems are not merely wide-area collections of knowledge media, they also encompass search functions and knowledge navigation; they undertake multimodal functions vis-à-vis social memory, dissemination of information, and comprehensive knowledge management; they ultimately constitute a complete knowledge service system. It is hoped



Director-general Karl Min Ku explains the main concepts behind meta-bibliographic systems.

that the conference can do thorough justice to the fundamental value of bibliography in a library context, so as to encourage the library, digital publishing, information, and communication worlds to emphasize academic studies of meta-bibliographic systems.

■ *NCL Receives the Confucius Family Tree*

The director of NCL's ISBN Agency, Kunhsien Tseng went to Qufu in 2009 to attend the "Confucius Family Tree Completion and Publication Ceremony," and in January 2010, NCL was given a donated copy of the completed "Confucius Family Tree" (*Kong Zi Shi Jia Pu*). This genealogy is separated into five collections numbering eighty volumes in total, compiled in accordance with the 1938 edition. The new revised "Confucius Family Tree" is not only a way for descendants of Confucius to trace back their

