

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

