

### ■ *Exemplary Letters by Eminent Ming Scholars*

On 5 March, NCL opened an exhibit entitled “Exemplary Letters by Eminent Ming Scholars.” The exhibit was a special collection of several hundred handwritten letters (*Chi du*) written by a number of illustrious scholars of the Ming dynasty, such as Yan-Wu Ku, Zong-Xi Huang, Yang-Ming Wang, Zheng-Ming Wen, Guang-Dou Zuo, and many others. *Chi du* is a type of literary correspondence form between private individuals. These *chi du* are of exceptional literary and scholarly value, because written by illustrious scholars. By seeing the historical materials in their original expressive handwritten form, viewers of the exhibit are able to more fully experience and recreate the aesthetic sensibilities and philosophy of the Ming era.



*Venue for the “Exemplary Letters by Eminent Ming Scholars” exhibit.*

### ■ *NCL Exhibition of Traditional Chinese Medicine Rare Books*

On 6 April, NCL opened an exhibit on rare books of traditional Chinese medical texts. The texts were separated into ten topics: medical classics; medical cases; acupuncture and moxibustion; herbology (materia medica); gynecology; pediatrics; smallpox; incantations and exorcism; sexual health; and East-West medical exchange. By looking at this feast of medical knowledge and its extension through the ages, one



can clearly see the value placed on human life, the deep humanistic devotion, and love for mankind exhibited by medical practitioners of centuries past.

- Exhibit Location: National Central Library Fourth Floor Rare Books Room
- Online Exhibit: [http://rarebook.ncl.edu.tw/rbookod/exhibition/hypage.cgi?HYPAGE=exhibit/exhibition\\_detail.htm&sysid=00000014](http://rarebook.ncl.edu.tw/rbookod/exhibition/hypage.cgi?HYPAGE=exhibit/exhibition_detail.htm&sysid=00000014)

### **NCL International Exchange Events**

2010.01.11: A group of 15 cultural professionals from the Gansu Province Culture Department led by Deputy Director Wen-Quan Wang visited NCL to discuss possible cooperation projects.



*Gansu Province Culture Department officers and Deputy Director Wen-Quan Wang (front row fourth from left), NCL’s Director Hsiao-Ming Yu (front row fifth from right) and Director Li-Jen Ku (right).*

2010.01.22: Sinology Professor Roger Greatrex of Sweden’s Lund University came to visit Director-