



Director-general Karl Min Ku (left) receives a copy of the documentary "Hakka Journey" presented by Director Peng Chi-yuan (right) for the NCL collection.

■ **NCL Launches Improved Dissertation System**

The National Central Library (NCL) officially launched the "National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations in Taiwan," on June 10, marking the third generation of its Electronic Theses and Dissertations System, one of Taiwan's leading online academic resources. National Taipei University (NTPU) contributed to the new site the full-text content of all NTPU theses papers freely available to the NCL in perpetuity under a non-exclusive arrangement. The move was made under the leadership of NTPU President Charles Hou, a leading proponent of making theses freely open to the public, to improve the research environment in Taiwan and heighten the international visibility of the university's research achievements.

Under the agreement with the NCL, NTPU has authorized the library to reproduce the thesis content by any means, including print, microfiche or digital formats. The content can be delivered online for users to search, read, print or download.

At the launch ceremony, NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku emphasized that the new site offers improved functions and more comprehensive service support, making it an even more valuable resource for knowledge building. The new system brings together the PerioPath Index to Taiwan Periodical Literature System, Government Information System, E-Learning Campus, and other

resources. All of the content is freely available to the public in the spirit of openness.

The NCL also announced the "White Paper on Cooperative Development of Academic Resources and Knowledge Services by the National Central Library and University Libraries" at the launch ceremony. The white paper outlines plans for the NCL and university libraries to jointly create a cooperation mechanism and national academic resource and knowledge promotion service, promote academic openness and exchange, and promote Taiwan's research achievements to the world.



Director-general Karl Min Ku (right) and National Taipei University President Charles Hou (left) sign the "Full-text Theses Authorization Cooperation Agreement."



Director-general Ku (third from right) and President Hou (third from left) pose together after signing the agreement.