

■ *NCL and Youth Envision the Future of Libraries*

In 2009, the NCL jointly organized the "Library Career Development Youth Forum" in conjunction with major library and information science (LIS) organizations and eight LIS university departments and institutes. The forum provided a discussion platform for young people concerned about library development and attracted an enthusiastic response among the participants. On May 5, the NCL held the "2010 Library Career Development Youth Forum," focusing this time on the three major themes of youth values, core abilities, and career planning. The forum addressed the issue of social services through informal discussion exchanges. Ten student-teacher teams from various schools participated, including the Lanyu service team of the Department of Library and Information Science at National Taiwan University. The participants shared their experience on reading promotion and community practice, including discussion of successful case studies. A poster exhibition also was arranged during the event. Through these exchanges, the forum participants jointly outlined a future course for LIS services and drafted a library development blueprint for young people in the LIS industry.

■ *Scientists Popularize Science at NCL Lecture*

Scientific technology is advancing daily, improving our quality of life and meeting our material needs. But it also has piqued public curiosity and consideration of the infinite possibilities. In order to make scientific knowledge more accessible to the public, the National Central Library (NCL) arranged the "Science in Society" lecture series with support from the National Science Council and in conjunction with the Science Monthly 40th Anniversary Planning Committee, Wu Ta-You Foundation, Center for the Advancement of Science Education at National Taiwan University. Physicist Dr. Chih-Yung Chien, Academia Sinica fellows Dr. Chang Hsiang and



NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku (third from right) jointed photo with Dr. Wei-Hsin Sun, Cheng-Wen Wu, academician of Taiwan Academia Sinica, Dr. Chen Ta-yuan, Director of Beijing Science Times Honghai Liu, the chef editor of Reading weekly Mr. Xiao-dung, Ma and Prof. Cheng-gong Zhou (from left to right) after the lecture.

Dr. Chung-I Wu, and Dr. Chen Ta-yuan (winner of the 4th Wu Ta-You Golden Slip Award for Popular Science), and Dr. Chi-Chang Kao, director of the National Synchrotron Light Source (NSLS) at Brookhaven National Laboratory, introduced difficult scientific topics in simple language for the general public.

During the lecture, NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku presented a speech, in which he noted that the development of human civilization is closely related to scientific research and progress. Science is not just a branch of knowledge, but a kind of spirit that guides people in approaching the matter of life more rationally. In the present age of information explosion, people today should look at information with a scientific spirit and methodical approach. The NCL deeply appreciates the importance of scientific education and therefore strongly supports activities to popularize science.

Last year, the library arranged a major exhibition on rare works on astronomy and calendar systems in the NCL collection to mark the 40th anniversary of the first lunar landing. In April this year, the library held an exhibition of its collection of Chinese medicine rare books. These events presented the historical achievements of