

## ■ *NCL Launches New Classified Service for Digital Collection*

In the process of collecting resources, the NCL has always placed equal emphasis on its physical and digital collections. With the rapid advance of technology, however, the library's digital collection is growing fast, including digitized versions of physical collection resources, CD-ROM material, audio-visual materials publications, e-resources, and website collections.

As part of the library's 2009-2012 mid-term development strategic plan, the NCL is adjusting its collection classification system. Under the new system, the library collection will be classified into three levels: permanent collections, core collections, and special collections. The library also is establishing a work committee to handle management of the classification adjustments and has drafted guidelines for such work. The objective of this project is to help further develop the library's unique collection characteristics and introduce classified added-value services for readers.

The three collection levels to be used by the NCL were formulated based on a survey of the library resources and in reference to the digital archive classification system used by the National Digital Archives Program of the National Science Council. Usage, type, file format and service method for various collection resources was considered in formulating the three-level system, as follows:

Level 1: Public information.

For educational purposes, provided for public access over the internet, open to the view. Data types:

1-1: Publication images (72dpi or higher image files), streaming video (56k or higher audio and video files), data CD-ROMs (pdf files, text files).

1-2: Electronic Resources (text and image files, pdf files), web archives (pages).

Level 2: Library circulation.

Provided for reader access at the library according to copyright law. Available for use within rights restrictions. Data types:

2-1: Publication images (72dpi or higher image files), streaming video (56k or higher audio and video files), data CD-ROMs (pdf files, text files).

2-2: Electronic Resources (text and image files, pdf files).

Level 3: Collection resources.

Permanent collection and value-added use; not provided for public access, in principle. Data types:

3-1: Publication images (300dpi or higher image files), streaming video (6M or higher audio and video files), data CD-ROMs (pdf files, text files).

3-2 Web Archive (web pages).

## Events

### ■ *NCL Discovers Australia: Joint Exhibition with STU*

The National Central Library (NCL) and Southern Taiwan University (STU) jointly organized an exhibition on the theme of Australia. "Australia as a Subject-Cooperative Exhibition of the Libraries' Collection and Resources" opened on August 12 with a ceremony joined by STU President Tai Chein, Representative Alice Cawte of the Australian Commerce and Industry Office, Taipei (ACIO), Ms Cherry Hu of ACIO, STU Library head Emily Yang, Kao Yuan University President Tseng Tsahn-deng, Cheng Shiu University Vice President He Ching-chuan, Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages Library head Wang Yu-wen, and other guests. STU students livened up the ceremony with an Australian music and dance performance.

Speaking at the ceremony, NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku noted that Australia is a lovely and fascinating country. It is 213 times larger than Taiwan, populated relatively recent immigrants, and home to many unique endemic species by merit of its isolation. He further noted that 33 technology university and college libraries in southern Taiwan teamed up to hold the Australia-themed exhibition and jointly share related collection resources.

At the ceremony, STU President Tai Chein said that in December 2009, the NCL teamed up with STU to establish a "Chinese Studies Library" at the STU Library, the first of its kind in Taiwan. The library collection focuses on traditional Sinology, international Sinology, and Taiwanese Sinology, providing a new southern Taiwan center for NCL resources on Chinese studies. From December 2008 to 2009, STU Library held the touring "Exhibition on Australian Nature and Culture" at seven university campuses in southern Taiwan, with each hosting school contributing to the exhibition content, highlighting a trend of collection resource sharing.



NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku (center), STU President Tai Chein (left), and Representative Alice Cawte (right) open the exhibition with a cake cutting.

■ **NCL Organizes Library Forum Series with Hong Kong and Macau**

In order to promote library and information science exchanges and development between Taiwan and Hong Kong and Macau, the National Central Library (NCL) signed a cooperation agreement with the Macau Library and Information Management Association on May 28. Under the agreement, the two parties will jointly hold six "Library Forums" in Macau. At the first forum, held on the afternoon of July 31, NCL Special Collection Division Director Yu Hsiao-ming presented a speech on "Library Acquisition and Collection Development: Inter-library Cooperative Digital Collection Development and Planning a Sustainable Physical Library Collection." At the second session, held on the afternoon of August 28, the NCL's Ms. Sung Mei-chen gave a talk on "Audio-Visual Resource Digitization and Services." For the third session, held on the afternoon of September 25, NCL Deputy Director-general Wu Ying-mei delivered a keynote speech on "Evolution of Modern Cataloging and Library Growth." At the fourth session, held on the afternoon of October 30, the NCL's Ms. Lin Shu-fen gave a keynote speech on "One-person Library Operation Modes." The other two forum sessions will be held on November 27 this year and January 29 next year. The former will focus on "knowledge support reference services" and feature a keynote address by NCL Information Division Director Wang Pei-ying. At the closing session, NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku will give the keynote speech on "Library Development Trends: A Taiwan Perspective."

The forums have attracted nearly 40 participants from library circles in Hong Kong and Macau.



Director Yu Hsiao-ming (second row, fifth from left), Macau Library and Information Management Association President Wong Kwok Keung (second row, sixth from left), and forum participants.

■ **MARC21 and RDA Symposium**

The National Central Library (NCL) invited Dr. Lois Mai Chan of the University of Kentucky Libraries and College of Communications and Information Studies to hold a symposium at the library on the topic of MARC21 and RDA on the morning of October 6. Joined by 37 participants, the symposium aim to deepen understanding of international applications of MARC21 and RDA as well as respond to the internationalization of cataloging work.

During the symposium, NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku noted that the NCL plans to fully convert from the CMARC cataloging system to the MARC21 system within three years, as well as consider mechanisms to unwind the CMARC system. The symposium discussed the corresponding fields for CMARC to MARC21 conversion, revisions to cataloging rules, definition and catalog exchange issues for the 9XX MARC21 field, rules for uniform title use, and the current utilization status of RDA overseas. It was estimated that the direction of RDA usage would be known



Dr. Lois Mai Chan (second from left) with NCL Director-general Karl Min Ku (second from right), NCL Deputy Director-general Wu Ying-mei (right)