



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)