

to April 3 in Honolulu. Approximately 5,000 Asian studies professionals were in attendance, coming from countries all across the world. The Center for Chinese Studies displayed some 430 volumes of recent scholarly works from Taiwan at the conference's book exhibition. The books on display were then donated to the University of Hawaii as a way to strengthen relations with the university library and enrich their Chinese studies collection. A ceremony was held on April 1st for the donation at CCS's stall. Director of TECO in Honolulu Paul Chang was in attendance. NCL Director-general Tseng presented the lot of books to Yao Kuang-tien, the head of the Asian Collection at UH. The NCL delegation also visited Hawaii State Library on March 31 and visited with its Director Diane Eddy. During the visit, NCL donated books related to Chinese studies and exchanged many ideas about e-books and digitalized works.



Director-general Tseng (3rd from left) and Director of NCL Special Collection Division Yu Hsiao-ming (3rd from right) visited Hawaii State Library. Director Diane Eddy (middle) received a book donation from Director-general Tseng.

■ **Visiting Scholars Tour ROC's Diplomatic Archives Exhibition**

Foreign scholars participating in the Center for Chinese Studies' research grant and the Taiwan Fellowship attended a preview of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' "A Century of Resilient Tradition: Exhibition of the Republic of China's Diplomatic Archives" at the Taipei Guest House on March 15. Philip Wang, head of MFA's Department of Archives and Information, gave a guided tour.

The exhibition displayed firsthand historical documents on the Republic of China's diplomatic activities in modern times, covering the following four topics: "A Look Back," "Fighting for Equality," "Control of Taiwan Sovereignty," and "A

Way Out." The displays gave the foreign scholars a deeper understanding of the founding of the Republic of China, the process of mediation in Taiwan's foreign affairs, historical developments, Taiwan's preservation efforts of modern historical documents, and the tradition of "protect national sovereignty" that Taiwan diplomats have upheld. The exhibition helped the foreign scholars gain a greater understanding of the efforts MFA has expended in preserving these important diplomatic documents, as well as developments in Taiwan's diplomatic history and struggles for international recognition.

NCL Publications

■ ***People and Times in Formosa: Illustration of Aboriginal Life in Taiwan***



National Central Library & Shiao-Lu Publishing Company

Published in February 2011

ISBN: 9789576785320

More than 200 years ago, a Chinese official named "Seventy-six" was sent to Taiwan. From 1744-1747 he served as the Taiwanese Imperial Censor, during which he commissioned an artist to paint the customs and practices of the aboriginal people. This was then made into a book that illustrated the basic aspects of aboriginal life, including food, clothing, shelter, and transportation. Its simple yet lively style and delightful portrayals have been a source of inspiration to artists and scholars for the last hundred years. Several editions are still in existence as a result. The names of these illustrations vary, from *Illustrations of Taiwan Aborigines* to *A Collection of Aboriginal Culture to the All about the Aborigines in Taiwan (Formosa)* edition in the U.S. Library of Congress. This last version was once in the collection of a western sinologist, and then a Japanese steel enterprise before making its way into the Library of Congress' collection. The book portrays fishing, deer hunting,

catching wild oxen, tree climbing, planting taro, travel, weeding, harvesting, house raising, guarding mountain passes, guarding rice paddies, bathing, traffic, wading rivers, and school. It is an extremely valuable resource for researching early aboriginal culture.

To make Taiwanese historical culture more accessible to the public, the U.S. Library of Congress and National Central Library digitalized these historical illustrations and authorized Shiao-Lu Publishing Company to use them in publishing a new book. *All About the Aborigines in Taiwan (Formosa)* was used as a basis for the new publication. In it, a girl named Laya from the ancient aboriginal tribe takes modern-day boy Zizi in a journey through time to experience the harmony and cultural wisdom of these early people. This book not only captures the beauty of traditional illustrations, there is also an animated e-book version. In addition, worksheets are added to the end of the book, and Dr. Mi Chu, head of scholarly services in the Asian division of the Library of Congress, provides a penetrating introduction the amazing culture of the early Taiwanese aboriginals.

LIS Seminars

■ *2011 Symposium on Regional Cooperation of Information Service Professionals*

Host Organization: Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan), Chinese Association of Library and Information Science Education, National Central Library, IFLA Regional Standing Committee of Asia & Oceania, ALA Committee on Education.

Date: 24th February, 2011

Venue: Presentation Room, National Central Library.

Theme: Collaboration and Promotion of Information Services in the Region – Viewpoints of LIS Education.

■ *The International Conference of the 40th Anniversary of Journal of Educational Media & Library Sciences.*

Host Organization: TU Department of Information and Library Science, Committee of Journal of Educational Media & Library Sciences, Tamkang University Chueh Sheng Memorial Library.

Date: 7th & 8th March, 2011

Venue: Ching-Sheng International Conference Hall, Tamkang University.

Theme: When LIS Meets the Digital World & Scholarly Publishing.

■ *2011 TELDAP International Conference*

Host Organization: International Collaboration and Promotion Division of Taiwan e-Learning & Digital Archives Program.

Co-organizers: Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiatives, Museum Computer Network Taiwan.

Date: 16th – 19th March, 2011

Venue: Building for Humanities & Social Sciences and Center of Academic Activities, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan.

Conference Topics: Content and Innovative Application, Digital Archives Technology Development and Innovations, Scientific Data & Biodiversity Collections, User Participation, Spatial Technology – community deposit of maps and remote sensing images, e-Learning, Digital Preservation, Sustainability.

■ *Public Libraries Forum for IFLA President Ellen Tise's Visit*

Host Organization: National Central Library.

Co-organizers: Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan), National Taiwan Library.

Date: 25th April, 2011

Venue: Meeting Room 188, National Central Library.

Theme: How public libraries encourage and increase public reading ability?

Topics:

1. Roles libraries should play in encouraging and improving the reading literacy of public.
2. Experiences and difficulties in public library reading promotions.
3. How public libraries can improve reading environment.

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ *Taoyuan County Integrates Public Library Resources*

Taoyuan County's Cultural Affairs Bureau recently completed a project entitled "Interlibrary Loan Services for Taoyuan County Public