

“the American Footprints in Taiwan, 1950-1980” on December 2, 2011 at NCL. AIT Administrator Rajiv Shah personally attended the conference. Media around the globe believe that a member of Obama’s cabinet being in attendance marks progress in relations between the U.S. and Taiwan.

Shah stated in response to questions by conference attendees that one of his reasons for coming to Taiwan was to open up and expand trade relations with Taiwan on foodstuffs and agriculture. He stated further both countries have gone through agricultural and industrial revolutions, and have an urgent need to manage inflation and other global challenges. There are still 960 million people who are starving throughout the world. Shah hopes that this number will be drastically reduced to only 200 million through a doubling of investment and true reforms.



From the left, Director-general Tseng Shu hsien with Administrator Shat, AIT director William Stanton, and head of the Department of North American Affairs Bruce Linghu.

Former President Bush stated, “Taiwan is a lighthouse of democracy to Asia and the world.” In looking back, the U.S. has given military aid to protect Taiwan and ensure its safety; it has given economic aid to Taiwan by providing large amounts of financing and material goods to help in construction of various aspects of society.

■ **Exporting Quality Taiwan Culture; A New Page in International Sinology: NCL Participates in Taiwan Academy Project**

This year NCL has continued to add to the book collection in three Chinese Studies Academies established in 2010 as a way to promote Taiwanese culture. It will also add a new column to its *Newsletter for Research in Chinese Studies* called “Taiwan Academy” to make related news more accessible. In addition, NCL will work with the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) and the Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) to assist with marketing the Chinese Study Academies and finding and training volunteers in New York, Houston, and Los Angeles. News and information about the Taiwan Academy will be periodically sent through their respective news channels. Members of CALA or CEAL will be invited to attend activities at the Taiwan Academies.



“Erudition: An Exhibition on Reading the Ancient Aesthetics of Living.”

NCL will hold an Exhibition on Reading the Ancient Aesthetics of Living in June 2012 at three Taiwan Academies overseas. Copies of ancient works will be on display to encourage the public to enter the world of the classics, experience their beauty, and discover the priceless wisdom therein. In addition, NCL has many digital resources that rank in the top lists of most-visited sites among

Taiwan academic institutions. Through cloud knowledge support and actual displays at Taiwan Academies overseas, these exhibits will help increase the public's educational opportunities. These classical works show Taiwan's status in the Chinese worldwide community and are full of charm and elegance.

In June 2012, lectures and exhibitions are going to be held on more popular themes in conjunction with the Exhibition of Reading and the Ancient Aesthetics of Living. These will be designed to attract a broader audience by providing more diverse content, thus increasing the influence and promulgation of traditional Chinese culture. Other plans are in place to go into university campuses in November and December to increase academic influence by inviting famous Sinologists to lecture on ancient Chinese philosophy and modern thought.

### ■ *An Ode for Generations: Chih-chang Wei Donates Professor Zi-yun Wei's Manuscripts to NCL*

National Central Library received a donation from Professor Zi-yun Wei in 2004 that contained over 100 ancient works and many modern publications. After being cataloged they were made available to researchers. Many people from Taiwan and abroad came to view the material. Last year (2011) marked the sixth anniversary of his death. His oldest son, with full support of family and friends, decided to donate the manuscripts through Professor Shou-ju Lee, as a way to increase research material on Taiwan literature.

The donation ceremony was held on December 27, 2011 at NCL's conference room. Professor Wei's manuscripts were on display at the ceremony, including notes on *Jinpingmei*, several scripts of plays, random notes, scores of archived letters,

several works of calligraphy, and around 100 pictures. The handwriting on each manuscript reflected Professor Wei's quickness in thought and focused energy.



*Director-general Tseng Shu hsien (2nd from left), Professor Zi-yun Wei's family, and Professor Shou-ju Lee (2nd from right).*

Director-general Tseng Shu hsien expressed, in recent years NCL has continued to digitize its ancient works and those of other libraries, as well as actively sought the manuscripts of famous persons in Taiwan. She continued that in 2011 the Library received 2,000 items from Professor Guo-fan Wang, donated by Mr. Shui-zhong Wang, and, then at the year's end, to be the recipient of such a wonderful donation Professor Wei's son is a true honor to the Library.

### **NCL International Exchange Events**

2011.11.23 Mr. Jeong Heeseok, Senior Researcher in the Information Analysis Division of the Korean Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI), and Mr. Kim Junghoon, Senior Administrator in the Administration Division visited National Central Library to better understand information services at NCL. The Library's International Publication Exchange Bureau showed them the E-publication Platform System, National