

and a more vibrant development as a platform for Chinese studies both in Taiwan and abroad.

Events

■ *Fifth Council Meeting on the Conference on Cooperative Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources Comes to a Successful Close*

The Fifth Council Meeting on the Conference on Cooperative Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources was held on November 3 at National Central Library. More than ten representatives were in attendance from Macao, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and China. During the meeting, the council secretariat reported on activities during 2010 and 2011, as well as reviewed minutes from the previous meeting.

Discussion then moved to planning the 9th Conference on Cooperative Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources in 2012, including assigning a host and selecting a time and location. In addition, Taiwan proposed two new projects this year, namely the construction of a Collective Archive Site for Chinese Academic Institutions proposed by National Taiwan University, and Chinese Music Repository Project proposed by the Taiwan Music Center, Center for Chinese Studies, National Taiwan Normal University's Music Digital Archives Center, and the Shanghai Conservatory of Music's library.

Both proposals were met with welcome and support by the council. After the meeting, council members were given a tour of the new environmentally-friendly Beitou Branch Library and the Solar Library and Energy-optimized House. They also got to see traditional Taiwanese culture and customs at the Center for Traditional Arts.

The Conference on Cooperative Development

and Sharing of Chinese Resources is an international meeting held every two years for the purpose of promoting the development and sharing of Chinese resources worldwide. Related issues and policies are discussed, reports are given on the status of various projects, new cooperative endeavors are proposed as a way to increase sharing and exchange of resources. In 2007 a governing council was established. That year the first council meeting was held in Macao, and from then on it has focused on cooperative creation and use of library resources. It has also actively promoted new projects to preserve Chinese culture. Currently, 12 projects are underway with three of them already completed: the General Catalog to Chinese Genealogy, Chinese Standardized Name Database, and the Sun Yat-sen Digital Library. The first stage of the Worldwide Chinese Ancestry Web has also been completed.

■ *“100 Years of R.O.C.: Enjoying the Classics Exhibition” -108 organizations promoted reading Chinese ancient classics*

Chinese classics have a long history and are imbued with the timeless wisdom of sages and reflect their refined writing skills. They are beneficial to readers in order to broaden their horizon and improve their reading literacy. For this reason, the National Central Library together with 108 cultural and educational institutions organized a series of activities from September to December 2011 on the theme of “100 Years of R.O.C.: Enjoying the Classics Exhibition” to promote the reading of Chinese classics and an appreciation of the aesthetic life style of the ancients.

The activity successfully attracted more than sixty thousand persons around the country to participate in more than two hundred multi-field