

## **Cross-strait Seminar on Public Libraries**

The third Cross-strait Seminar on Public Library Affairs was held by National Taichung Library and the Library and Information Science graduate school of National Chung Hsing University (NCHU) from December 12 to 14, 2002 at the International Conference Hall of the NCHU Chemical Engineering Building. The seminar was sponsored by the Council for Cultural Affairs (CCA), which also held the first incarnation of the seminar in conjunction with National Taichung Library in Taiwan in 2000. The second seminar was held in 2001 by the Ministry of Culture and Shanghai Library in mainland China.

About 150 people took part in the seminar, including scholars, experts and librarians from both sides of the Taiwan Strait. Department head Zhang Xiaoping (張小平) of the Ministry of Culture and Prof. Wang Chen-ku (王振鵠) of National Taiwan Normal University delivered speeches on the development of public library operations. Other topics discussed during the three-day event were: integration of public library and community resources, public libraries and community economic development, public libraries and the formation of cultural environments, public libraries and community building, public libraries and reading activities, and public libraries and strategies and methods for lifelong education. CCA vice chairman Wu Mi-cha (吳密察) gave a keynote speech on the future of cultural resources and digitalization.