## **Research Methods Symposium**

Scholars converged at the NCL on May 17 for the Symposium on Research Methods, sponsored by the Ministry of Education and NCL. Participants at the daylong meeting discussed various theories on research methods outlined in papers by three prominent authorities in this field.

The morning session kicked off with a discussion of "Qualified and Quantified Research Methods," by Professor Kuo Liang-wen (郭良文) of the Institute of Broadcasting at Shih Hsin University. He was followed by Professor Chen Chao-chen (陳昭珍), an associate professor of library and information science at National Taiwan Normal University, who spoke on "Exploring and Using Research Resources."

Associate Professor Wang Mei-ling (王梅玲) of the Institute of Library and Information Science at National Chengchi University led the afternoon session with a speech on "Focus Group Research Methods: Theory and Application," which was followed by a closing general discussion.

Other papers contributed in conjunction with the symposium included "Research Methods and Thesis Writing Bibliography," by Mr. Chen You-min (陳友民) of the NCL Cataloging Department; and "A Classified Selection of Publications on Research Methods," prepared by Ms. Lin Shan-ju (林 珊如) of the NCL Readers Services Department.