

New Classification Scheme for Chinese Libraries

The NCL was officially authorized to use the ninth edition of the *Classification Scheme for Chinese Libraries* at a ceremony held at the library on September 21. The latest edition was produced by Lai Yung-hsiang (賴永祥), a former professor of National Taiwan University and director of the school's Library and Information Science Department.

Prof. Lai produced the first edition of the classification scheme in 1964. Since that time, this scheme has been widely used in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao, Singapore, and other regions with Chinese communities. It has served as an important reference in the classification work of domestic libraries and is widely used as the basis for cataloging in publication (CIP). Moreover, cataloging and query of information on the NBINet are organized according to the classification scheme.

To ensure that the classification scheme continues to develop in the years ahead, Prof. Lai has agreed to donate this invaluable reference to the government of Taiwan beginning with the ninth edition. He also authorized the NCL to use, modify, interpret, and promote the classification scheme in the future.