■   NCL Hosts Seminar on Online Learning Resources

The NCL's e-Learning Campus established three distance-learning courses held by various cultural bureaus from July 12 to October 27, 2003. They included courses on "Reading Methods", "Elementary and Middle School Library Operations", and "Township Library Operations and Management." All of the courses were offered online and open to the general public. In order to promote the concept of continuing education and introduce librarians and elementary school teachers to available online learning resources, the NCL invited the cultural bureaus of the Taipei County, Taoyuan County, Taichung County, Chiayi County, Tainan County, Kaohsiung County, and Hualien County governments to jointly hold a series of "Seminars on Online Learning Resources" this year. A total of seven seminars were held across Taiwan to facilitate discussion and exchange of experience on the three above mentioned distance-learning courses as well as other related topics.

■   2004 Library and Information Cataloging Standards Seminar

In recent years, the NCL, Library Association of China (LAC) and other organizations have spearheaded efforts to bring together scholars and experts in the library and information science (LIS) field to jointly draft various cataloging standards, including standards for classification tables, subject tables, cataloging rules, MARC, and metadata. They have also established several databases on cataloging standards that have greatly contributed to the building of library collections and information systems. Such resources can be accessed through the NCL's cataloging website "Catweb" at http://datas.ncl.edu.tw/catweb.

With technological advances and the changing needs of libraries, questions have emerged over the suitability, completeness and practicality of current cataloging standards. These questions indicate that there is a pressing need for greater exchanges of views and experience on whether and how current standards should be revised or augmented. To meet