

■ 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

this need, the NCL commissioned the LAC's Classification and Cataloging Committee to plan a series of cataloging standards seminars for August 9 at Fujen University Library, August 27 at National Taichung Library, and September 10 at Kaohsiung Municipal Library. About 50 attendees will take part in each event, including personnel from various types of library and LIS teachers and students. Participation is free and the NCL will even pay for instruction materials and lunch.

Topics to be addressed at the seminars include the formulation of Chinese book classification methods, Chinese subject word tables, and Chinese cataloging standards. In addition to providing practical cataloging knowledge, the seminars will introduce the current status and development of LIS standards; attract input from LIS scholars and experts with regards to the formulation of various standards; and the sharing of experience on the application of LIS standards.

■ Prof. Wang Chen-ku remembered at Seminar on Library Development

The NCL hosted a seminar on July 16, 2004, on the thought and influence of Prof. Wang Chen-ku on library development in Taiwan. The 80-year-old Prof. Wang is an early pioneer in Taiwan's library field and a former director of the NCL. The seminar was organized by the Graduate Institute of Library and Information Studies and Department of Adult and Continuing Education at National Taiwan Normal University, and the Library Association of China.

The seminar included discussion of Wang's academic thought and contribution to library education and development in Taiwan.

