

broadcasting databases, digital media and news related legal issues, and user searching, browsing and digital media literacy issues.

■ Seminar on Digital Archives and Education

A Seminar on Digital Archive Applications in Education was held on May 20 to 21 by the National Science Council Digital Archive National Technology Plan: Training Promotion Planning Group at National Taiwan University. The digitization of national archive works has been underway in Taiwan for several years, and such materials have become an important educational resource. As digital information becomes an increasingly integral part of education and the digital learning industry takes shape, a new challenge facing educators is to find ways to use information technology (IT) to enhance their education competitiveness and ability. In facing these challenges, there is a need for deeper study of issues concerning IT application and management. To this end, the seminar addressed several issues related to educational applications of digital archives, including: (1) categories and development strategies; (2) comparison of promotional efforts around the world; (3) strategies for fostering talent in the e-learning industry; (4) educational application modes for digital archives; (5) case studies of digital archive applications in education; (6) academic-corporate cooperation and interaction mechanisms in the digital archive sector; (7) e-learning digital copyright management mechanisms; and (8) e-learning platform technology and standard frameworks.

■ International Conference on Chinese News Digitalization

The Library and Information Science Department at Hsuan Chuang University (HCU) held the "International Conference on the Trend of Chinese News Digitalization" on May

5, 2005, with the following aims:

- Understanding the handling and development trends of news digitalization in Taiwan and abroad
- Facilitating exchange among HCU, the Hsinchu City Government, and local and overseas personnel involved in content markup and news digitalization
- Establishing a channel for HCU and the Hsinchu City Government to take part in international digital news affairs
- Cultivating people with professional ability and international perspectives in the area of news digitalization
- Strengthening cooperation between Taiwan and interdisciplinary research centers involved in digital news in advanced countries
- Providing HCU students an opportunity to take part in international cooperative research so as to broaden their research horizons

The specific topics discussed were: (1) Development Trends of Chinese News in the Digital Era; (2) Chinese News Content Markup; and (3) News Digitalization Technology.

Local and foreign experts and scholars were invited to present keynote addresses at the conference. The speakers and topics included: (1) Prof. Hsieh Ching-chun: Understanding, Meaning and Content Markup ; (2) Prof. Kam-Fai Wong: Empowering E-Business in News Media & Publishing Industry; (3) Prof. W. Wegstein: Converting news into bytes: How important is markup?; (4) Dr. Marcus Bingenheim: XML and TEI in East Asia: Chances and Challenges; (5) Prof. Fu Hsin-chia: Automated Information Mining on Multimedia TV news Archives; (6) Advisor Na Fu-chung: Chinese News Markup: User Interface Design; (7) Prof. Chang Tung-miao: News Release Content Management Systems and Operations; (8) Profs. Lin Jui-sheng and Hsu Chih-cheng: Study of Typhoon Disaster News Markup; (9) Profs. Chen Hsin-yuan, Huang Yi-chun, and Fu Yi-hsi: Chinese News Content Markup: A Case Study on Financial and Economic News; and (9) Profs. Chen Hsin-yuan and Chan Meng-hsia

: Newspaper Supplement Content Markup: Case Study of the United Daily News Supplement.