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### ■ *Taiwan Delegation Attends 2005 ALA Meeting*

The American Library Association held its 124th Annual Meeting on June 23 to 29, 2005, in Chicago, Illinois. The Taiwan delegation was organized by the Library Association of China and headed by professor Chao-chen Chen, the association's secretary general. The 23-member delegation brought together university professors, public library personnel, and representatives of the Parliamentary Library under the Legislative Yuan. The NCL's Lin Ya-hui also joined the delegation.

Three Taiwan exhibitors took place in an international poster exhibition held during the annual meeting: National Taiwan Normal University showed posters on the theme "Shaping the Future: A Librarian's First Experiences in e-Learning"; National Taichung Library exhibited posters on "A Large-scale Public Library Renovation in Taiwan"; and the Taipei Public Library's exhibit was entitled "Cultivating the Reading Garden in the Taipei Public Library of Taiwan."

The delegation also visited several major libraries, including the Chicago Public Library's Central Library, the Harold Washington Library, the East Asian Library at the University of Chicago, the University of Washington Library, and the Seattle Public Library to learn about the technology adopted by these libraries. The visitors and hosts also enjoyed productive exchanges of experience. (Chinese text by Yea-Huey Lin)



*Taiwan's delegation to the 2005 ALA Annual Meeting pictured in front of the Harold Washington Library in Chicago. (Photo by Yea-Huey Lin)*

### ■ *Library Association of China Kicks Off Summer Courses*

The Library Association of China (LAC) kicked off its summer workshop series on June 27. The series includes courses on 11 library-related fields, as detailed in the following:

- Library Upper Management
- Legal knowledge
- Agency Archiving and Digital Publishing
- Advanced Information Organization
- E-Learning and Libraries
- Readers and Libraries
- Information Literacy and Reference Services
- Reading Event Planning and Implementation
- Library Marketing and Management
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Digital Content Collection, Management, Publication, and Application