

and leading domestic companies.

Since its establishment, the NAA has been forging closer ties between government archives and the people to affirm the value of archives and the importance of archivists. With the passage of the Information Disclosure Law, government archives will be gradually made accessible to the public as an important resource in determining the truth of major historical events. The opening of the Virtual Archives represents an important development in bringing Taiwan's archiving industry onto the international stage. The new system also enables the public to access government documents conveniently from their home.

Local scholars and experts of the archive field were invited to the seminar to exchange experience and discuss issues aimed at promoting the development of electronic archives management in Taiwan, including archiving technology, applications, and administration; strategies for electronic document security applications and management; and long-term electronic data storage.

Electronic document archive management work has become an unavoidable trend. Although electronic documents currently account for only a small share of all archived documents, the growing volume of documents originally in electronic form is tasking countries to quickly draft solutions for managing such materials.

■ *Seminar on Digital Archiving Technology*

A seminar on digital archiving technology

will be held by the Technology Research and Development Division under Taiwan's National Digital Archives Program on September 1 to 2, 2005 at the Institute of Information Science, Academia Sinica. The objectives of the seminar are to: provide researchers with opportunities for joint discussion and exchanges in related technological fields so as to upgrade domestic research and strengthen interaction in the research community. The seminar is also a bridge for interaction among the related academic, research and business sectors under the national program. Archive organizations will also be able to identify suitable technological partners in the academic, research and industrial sectors through the seminar. It is also hoped that the seminar will serve as a channel to involve the private sector in national archiving work and jointly create opportunities for cooperation between businesses and schools.

Discussions will cover both academic and practical topics. Papers on digital archiving systems and key technologies discussed: (1) Multimedia content search technology; (2) Virtual reality technology; (3) Digital property right management technology; (4) Language processing technology; (5) Space-time information integration technology; (6) Digital archive database systems; (7) Electronic audio-visual resource database technology; and (8) Data mining technology. There will also be papers on practical issues in order to encourage domestic R&D units to present the current status of planning, R&D experience, and systems, and reports on the operations and experience of systems not treated above.