Readers test out Taiwan's first UV book sterilizer at National Taichung Library.
(Provided by National Taichung Library)

■ *Taipei Public Library Introduces "Smart" Management System*

The Taipei Public Library (TPL) inaugurated a "Smart Library Management System" at its main branch on September 27. At the inauguration ceremony the library introduced the new online system and officially launched an automated book lending and return system at the main branch. The system is the result of a comprehensive automation program initiated last year to enhance the quality and efficiency of library management and service operations. In order to make the system internationally compatible, the TPL has adopted Unicorn automation systems from Sirsi of the U.S., as well as RFID (radio frequency identification) technology and automated book lending and return equipment from Singapore Technologies. The library will eventually make the entire collection at the main branch RFID-compatible, enabling readers to conveniently borrow and return books without librarian assistance. The new system takes library automation in Taiwan past a new milestone.

■ *NCL Attends Workshop on Chinese Name Authority Control in Beijing*

At the invitation of the National Library of China (NLC) in Beijing, the NCL attended the Workshop on Chinese Name Authority Control held on October 12 to 13, 2005, in mainland China's capital city. Twelve representatives from Taiwan, Hong Kong and Beijing participated in the workshop, which provided a forum for exchanges on authority control operations and cataloging standards in the three represented areas. participants also discussed international trends in authority control standards.

Ms. Cheng Yu-ling from the NCL Cataloging Department presented a report on "Rules for Entries of Chinese Authority Data" at the meeting. The report analyzed standards for headings for personal names, headings for corporate bodies, and geographical names under the Chinese Cataloging Rules. She also introduced the NCL's description rules, principles in compiling Chinese name authority reference files, authority operation procedures, system functions and progress. A representative from the Chinese University of Hong Kong reported on "FRBR and AACR3-RDA". The representative attending from Baptist University Library Hong Kong spoke on "Authority Control: from Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules (AACR) to Resource Description and Access (RDA), and also introduced upcoming publication of the AACR 3, Statement of International Cataloguing Principles (Draft), FRBR (Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records), FRAR (Functional

Requirements for Authority Records), ISADN (International Standard Authority Data Number), and international authority cooperation models. The representative from the China Academic Library & Information System (CALIS) reported on "Chinese Headings for Corporate Bodies—Principles and Structure," detailing the main basis, selection principles, heading structure, and text descriptions adopted by CALIS in compiling corporate name authority heading. The NLC representative spoke on "The Selection of Additions to Chinese name heading" and studies on introducing the concepts of bibliometrics to the authority control field.

Taiwan, Hong Kong and Beijing representatives attending the Workshop on Chinese Name Authority Control in Beijing pictured at the National Library of China (NLC). NCL representative Ms. Cheng Yu-ling on the far left front row.(provided by cheng yu-ling)

The workshop followed up on the resolutions reached at the 2004 "Conference on Rules for Chinese Authority Data." Based on the consensus that, "adopting the same standards is the basic condition for successful cooperation," the representatives of the three sides enthusiastically engaged in discussions. In addition to facilitating the exchange of experience, the workshop is certain to be a big benefit to the research and development of Chinese name authority control in the Chinese speaking world. (Chinese text by Cheng Yu-ling)

■ *NCL Attends PNC Annual Meeting*

The Pacific Neighborhood Consortium (PNC) held its 2005 Annual Meeting at the East West Center, University of Hawaii in Honolulu from October 31 to November 3. The meeting was organized by the consortium in conjunction with the University of Hawaii and with assistance from the Pacific Rim Digital Library Alliance. "E-Culture and Intellectual Property in the Global Community" was the theme of this year's meeting. keynote speeches and research presentations, were featured at the event, which also offered ample opportunity for exchanges. Ms. Cheng Pao-mei represented the NCL at the meeting. She presented a paper on "Cultural Heritage without Boundaries: International Digital Cooperation at the National Central Library." Her presentation included a report on the cooperative projects launched this year between the NCL and the Library of Congress, and the Genealogical Society of Utah.

■ *NCL Holds Annual Course on Information Utilization*

The NCL Reference Department kicked off its annual course on information utilization on November 4 this year. The course has been organized by the department since 2002 to enhance