

the quality of information services and foster ability to more efficiently use information resources at libraries. The course provides lessons on the content, functions, characteristics and usage of library database systems for public library and university library personnel and readers. This year's course also introduced ways to make the best use of library collection resources, such as Chinese and western language encyclopedias, newspaper reports, yearbooks, periodicals and academic papers.

■ *Pingtung County Opens Travel Literature Library*

With more and more visitors coming to Pingtung to enjoy the county's abundant natural attractions and world-class aquarium, the county government's Cultural Affairs Bureau is to refashioning the second floor of its Jieshou Library as a space for travel literature and local authors. The new library is expected to be completed this December. The bureau will also offer a "Travel Literature Blog" for visitors to share information and views. In addition to opening the new travel section, the bureau is planning a complete outside makeover of Jieshou Library.

■ *LAC to Hold 2005 Annual Meeting in December*

The Library Association of the Republic of China (LAC) will hold its 2005 Annual Meeting on December 17 at the NCL. The association will appoint its new councilors at the meeting. Other activities during the meeting include all Seminar

on Library Globalization, Digitization, and Localization and Development Trends in Library and Information Science"; an "Information System Exhibition"; the "2005 Thesis Presentation Forum for Research Students of Library and Information Science"; and the "2005 LAC Poster Exhibition."

The Information System Exhibition aims to enhance the promotion and application of information system and database technology and products, which are playing an increasingly important role in the development of library knowledge services.

Seminars

■ *The Fourth Digital Archive Technology Seminar*

Sponsor: Research & Development of Technology Division, National Digital Archives Program

Date: September 1~2, 2005

Place: Institute of Information Science, Academia Sinica

Topics:

- Multimedia content search technology
- VR technology
- Digital property right management technology
- Language processing technology
- Integrated geospatial information system (IGIS) technology
- Digital archive database systems
- Multimedia database technology
- Data mining technology

■ *Seminar on the Preservation and Management of Printed Books*