

well as enhancing understanding and respect for different cultures. (Chinese text by Chung Hsueh-chen)

■ *2005 ROC Library Yearbook*

The NCL published the *2005 ROC Library Yearbook* in November 2005. The yearbook contains information on library events, activities, conferences and other related news in the Taiwan and Fujian areas, covering the period of January 1 to December 31, 2004. The yearbook is divided into four editorial modules, including reprinted material, special reports, special topics, and an appendix, as detailed below.

1. Special Reports: This section includes articles on the establishment of electronic research libraries in the Taiwan area and analyses of the current status of western periodical collections at academic libraries in Taiwan. These articles also report on the progress and achievements of plans for the establishment of international electronic research libraries and mechanisms for sharing core western language periodicals.
2. Special Topics: This module comprises sections on overall library affairs, the National Central Library, public libraries, university libraries, elementary and middle school libraries, specialized libraries, library automation and digitization, library and information science (LIS) education, R&D trends in knowledge management in the LIS field, library conferences and exchanges, library organizations, photos of library events, library statistics, chronology of major library events,

and library laws and regulations. The sections on library affairs, LIS education, and knowledge management trends are written as essays, while the remaining sections are in entry form. The "Photos" section focuses on achievements in plans to improve public library space as well as major activities in 2004.

3. Appendix: This section includes a "Directory of University and College Libraries" and "Directory of Religious Libraries."

■ *Bibliography of Research on Wei-Jin Xuan Xue Philosophy 1884-2004*

This bibliography is compiled mainly by Professor Li-chen Lin of National Taiwan University Chinese department. It includes 12,077 bibliographic data of Wei Jin Xuan Xue researches from the year 1884 to 2004 of scholars from the Cross Strait, Europe, the USA and other areas.

The contents include individual papers, monographs, dissertations from thesis collection, master thesis, doctoral dissertations and conference papers. These are classified accordingly.

An appendix includes tables of periodicals and thesis collection. and authors' index. This bibliography is the only national collection of Wei Jin Xuan Xue Philosophy. It has a unique significant reference value.

NCL International Exchange Events

October 11: Andrew Wang, executive director of Asia Pacific sales at the U.S.-based OCLC, and his

assistant Ms. Tsai visited with NCL Director General Juang Fang-rung to discuss cataloging cooperation.

October 21: Mr. Jens Boyer, director of the Library and the Information Center at the Goethe Institute Tokyo, met with NCL Director General Juang to discuss cooperation. He was accompanied by Ms. Hui-Mei Wang of the German Cultural Center.



Mr. Jens Boyer (second from right) with NCL staff (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)

November 1: Ms. Hu Shih-gui, director of the Social Science Information Institute at the Vietnamese Academy of Social Science (VASS) in Vietnam, led a delegation of five, accompanied by Liu Chun-ying, director of the Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy Library at Academia Sinica for academic exchanges.

November 2: Ministry of Education Dr. John Makeham or the University of Adelaide, Australia, visited the NCL to collect research material as part of the Ministry of Education's Taiwan Studies Visiting Scholar Program.

November 11: A mainland Chinese delegation of nine people, including Qi Jinwei, director of the Chongwen District Library in Beijing, and Xu Shengde, deputy director of the Xiamen City Cultural Bureau, visited the NCL accompanied by NCL Taiwan Branch Director Li Yu-chin. The delegation was in Taiwan for the Sixth Cross-strait Seminar on Children's, Elementary School and Junior High School Libraries.

November 22: Four columnists of Guatemala's *Diario de Centroamerica*, led by Mr. Jose Eduardo Gomez Rivas, visited the NCL accompanied by Secretary Tao Chih-wei of the Government Information Office. The group was participating in a Taiwan-Guatemala press exchange meeting organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



*Four columnists of Guatemala's *Diario de Centroamerica* with NCL staff (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)*

November 24: A 16-person delegation from the Japan Association of Bibliophiles and Antiquarian Booksellers Association of Japan visited the NCL led by association President Shoichi Watabe. The group inspected the library's rare book collection, including several Song dynasty works.

November 24: Ten Sinologists from Germany, Canada, and mainland China visited the NCL accompanied by Fujen Catholic University's Father Zbigniew Wesolowski. They were in Taiwan to attend the FCU-organized Third Sinological Research Seminar.



Sinologists from Germany, Canada, and mainland China visited the NCL (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)

November 25: Cardinal Librarian of the Holy Roman Church Jean-Louis Tauran met with NCL Director General Juang to discuss programs and methods of preservation and digital conversion of rare books. He was accompanied by Monsigneur Ambrose Madtha, the charge d'affaires of the Vatican Embassy in Taiwan, and Secretary Huang Yun-chung of the Department of European Affairs under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

November 30: Mr. Kazuhiro Ando, director of the Asian Resources Division at the Japan National Diet Library Kansai-kan, inspected digital services at the NCL, including the READncl and Taiwan Memory systems.

December 7: Chen Ze, a deputy researcher at the Science and Technology Information Institute at Shanghai Library, visited the NCL accompanied by Taipei Municipal Library researcher Kuan-Chih Wang.

December 8: Professor David Schak, a Taiwan studies researcher of the Griffith University, Australia visited the NCL.

December 17: American Library Association President Michael Gorman, Chinese American Librarians Association President Diana Wu and Executive Director Sally Tseng visited the NCL while in Taiwan for the Library Association of the Republic of China 2005 Annual Meeting.



American Library Association President Michael Gorman (second from left) inspected Chinese rare books (Photo by Pinery S. Wu)

December 20: A 32-person delegation from mainland China visited the NCL, including Tianjin University Library Deputy Director Li Xiumin, Zhejiang Provincial Library Deputy Director Jia Xiaodong, Fujian Provincial Library Deputy

Director Xie Shuishun, Xiamen University Library Deputy Directors Xiang Yuxuan and Chen Xiaohui, and Xiamen Municipal Library Deputy Director Fu Hong. They were in Taiwan for cross-strait publishing exchange activities.



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