

jointly established with other universities. The NDAP will provide union catalog data compiled by eight major museums in Taiwan.

■ *Googling Bibliographic Info on Taiwan*

The world's biggest academic search engine Google Scholar has been making an all-out effort to connect web users and library resources to enable simultaneous searching of bibliographic data. Google has already linked up with the world's biggest academic search engine Google Scholar has been making an all-out effort to connect web users and library resources to enable simultaneous searching of bibliographic data. Google has already linked up with U.S.-based OCLC to allow web users to search WorldCat bibliographic records and collection information, bringing such resources into easier reach of readers. In 2005, Google teamed up with the NCL to make the interlibrary bibliographic database National Bibliographic Information Network (NBINet) available for online searching through Google. NBINet member libraries approved the project on June 28, 2005, and now the two sides are in the process of compiling and testing bibliographic data. Under the agreement, NBINet will not provide the actual bibliographies. Google will link to the search result URL and display the result along with a list of the source collections, thereby protecting the rights and interests of the cooperating libraries. The cooperation will help guide online users to the library resources, benefiting readers, the bibliographic resources of NBINet member libraries and Google Scholar alike.

■ *NBINet and OCLC Join Hands to Internationalize Taiwan Bibliographies*

Mr. Andrew H. Wang, executive director of

OCLC Asia Pacific, and Ms. Shu-En Tsai, director of OCLC Asia Pacific visited the NCL on October 11, 2005, to discuss bibliography-related cooperation with NBINet members. OCLC is the world's largest provider of bibliographic information with a mission to enhance bibliographic information sharing around the world. Taiwan publications have attracted wide interest among overseas libraries and OCLC therefore hopes to form cooperation with bibliographic information providers on the island. Earlier, NBINet had sent out a questionnaire to understand the current status of bibliographic work at the Taiwan members of OCLC. Twenty-one Taiwan local libraries are Governing Member of OCLC. Due to limited cataloging resources at libraries, and in view of the extra work required to upload information to OCLC, such data is currently only provided to OCLC by the libraries of National Taiwan University, National Chengchi University, Tamkang University, Taipei Public Library, and the NCL. This limited participation has hampered efforts to make Taiwan's bibliographic data globally accessible.

Since OCLC accepts bibliographies in the MARC 21 format, the NCL is currently in the process of CMARC-MARC 21 collation. Through the support of cooperating libraries, it is hoped that the Taiwan bibliographic information in NBINet can soon be shared internationally via OCLC's WorldCat system.

Special Report

■ *NCL and CCS Participate in 2006 AAS Annual Meeting and Book Exhibition*

The Association for Asian Studies (AAS) held its 58th Annual Meeting and book fair in San Francisco on April 7, 2006. Association members attended the grand event from across the globe, including