

visiting the NCL and CCS booths were impressed by the materials on display, with many remarking on their beneficial addition to the field of Taiwan studies. (Chinese text by Katie K.C. Su)



Director Katie Su with Dr. Dongfang Shao (left), director of the East Asian Library at Stanford University

Events

■ Professors from University of Jean Moulin Lyon 3 Visit the NCL

Prof. Guy Lavorel, President of University of Jean Moulin Lyon 3, and Prof. Gregory Lee, Director for Programs with Asia at the university, visited the NCL on March 24, 2006. The visitors toured the library's Rare Books Room and listened to a briefing on the NCL 3T systems (Taiwan Memory, Taiwan Info, and Window on Taiwan). During their stay in Taiwan from March 19 to 24, Professors Lavorel and Lee also visited several other academic institutions for exchanges on Taiwan studies courses as a reference in the planning of courses for the Chinese department at University of Jean Moulin Lyon 3. Visited institutions included National Central

University, National Taiwan University, and National Tsinghua University. Prof. Lee said that Chinese majors should learn not only about China, but about Taiwan as well. At National Central University, French Department Prof. Liu Kuang-neng noted that much of French understanding of Taiwan comes from movies, adding that the French Encyclopaedia Universalis lists Hou Hsiao-hsien as one of the world's top-10 directors. Taiwanese movies often contain dialogue in the Southern Fukienese dialect that is widely spoken in Taiwan, and study of this dialect therefore is valuable to fully appreciating Taiwanese cinema. He said that with advocacy of "Cultural Diversity" included in the EU constitution in May 2005, there is an opportunity to promote the inclusion of Taiwanese in the Chinese language curriculums of European universities. Jean Moulin Lyon 3 is the first European university to offer such courses. It was proposed that related classes in Taiwanese cinema and history could be offered as well.

Jean Moulin Lyon 3 and the cultural department of Taiwan's representative office in France jointly organized a "Taiwanese Culture Week" in Lyons from April 17, 2006. The activity displayed satellite telemetry maps and historical maps of Taiwan for educational and research use. The NCL provided 16 volumes of satellite images of Taiwan, bird's-eye maps of Taiwan, and historic maps for display. It also donated 83 materials on Taiwan studies to the collection of the Jean Moulin Lyon 3 Library. (Parts of the Chinese text were excerpted from Liberty Times, March 20, 2006)