Symposium guests tour "Images of Taiwan: Exhibition of Selected Taiwan Documents"

Symposium guests visit the "Taiwan Archaic Documents Exhibition at the National Central Library"Director Hwa-Wei Lee (center), NCL Director Juang Fang-rung (right) and Director Peng, Special Collection Division.

■ *NCL Kicks Off 2006 Information Utilization Course*

The NCL Reference Department held the first of two information utilization courses this year on April 26, with the second slated for November 10. The classes, aimed mainly at readers, public library personnel, and university library personnel, provide guidance on the content, functions, traits and utilization methods of various information databases. The courses aim to upgrade the quality of library information services and enable more efficient and full utilization of information resources.

A guiding principle in designing the courses was to impart participants with a comprehensive understanding of information utilization. The courses are arranged by resource subjects and languages, with priority given to the most widely used database systems.

The April 26 course covered databases in three subjects: (1) General (Western Periodicals and Newspapers): Introduction to the EBSCOhost; (2) Science and Technology (Chinese and English): 1. Advisory & Intelligence Service Program (AISP) database; 2. Defense Technology Monthly database; 3. WDIENG database (engineering); 4. Scopus database (science); (3) Business Administration (Chinese): Introduction to three major business administration databases, including: 1. Mergent Events Data; 2. IBIS World; and 3. China Credit Information Service's online search system.

The November 10 course will introduce databases in four subjects: (1) Art and Humanities: 1. Grove Art Online; 2. Grove Music Online; 3. Naxos Spoken Word Library; 4. Naxos Music Library; 5. Oxford Journals Online 1996- ; (2) Standard/General (western languages): 1. European Sources Online; 2. International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) standard newspaper news; (3) Periodical Analysis (western languages): Ulrich's Serials Analysis System; (4) Periodicals (Chinese): Introductions to widely used mainland Chinese databases, including: 1. China Journal Net; 2. Conference proceedings; 3. Chinese masters and doctoral papers; and 4. Chinese newspapers. (Chinese text by Chung Hsueh-chen)