
and culture of China in ancient times. In order to develop the collection and promote academic exchange with mainland China, the library invited Liu Yongceng (劉永增), deputy director of the Gansu Provincial Institute of Tunhuang Studies, and Li Hongen (李鴻恩), the institute's assistant director, to speak at a seminar at the NCL on May 26.

The meeting explored three major issues, including: 1) Tunhuang Studies and IT Applications; 2) Cooperative Compilation of Subject Tables for Tunhuang Studies; and 3) Other Related Programs.

Among the attending scholars and experts from Taiwan were Ah-tsai Cheng (鄭阿財), a professor of the Chinese Department at National Chung Cheng University; Chengshang Wu (吳政上), director of the Fu Ssu-nien Library at the Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica; and Hsiu-ching Kao (高秀清), head cataloger of the Special Collections Department at the National Taiwan University Library.

In the days after the meeting, the mainland visitors toured the National Palace Museum, Tamkang University, Academia Sinica's Institute of History and Philology,

and the NTU Library.

Multimedia Database on Dr. Sun Yat-sen

Since the 1990s, libraries on both shores of the Taiwan Strait have steadily formed closer cooperation and exchanges relations. A cross-strait conference on library and information services, held in 1998 by Hong Kong's Lingnan University, led to the formation of a "Regional Cooperation and Information Sharing Group." A resolution was also passed at that time mandating cross-strait cooperation in the compilation of a catalog of rare books, Chinese names of authority, and a database on Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

The NCL followed up these initiatives by organizing a conference in 1999 on the cooperative development of a Chinese-language bibliographic database and establishing a work group to carry out this project. That same year in Hong Kong, the group convened its first meeting, which was attended by 20-some library representatives from Taiwan, mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao, and Singapore. The group resolved to form a coordination committee for the cooperative

compilation and sharing of Chinese-language publications. It also determined the division of tasks, putting the NCL in charge of coordinating the union catalog of rare books; Lingnan University in charge of the database of Chinese names of authority, and Zhongshan University Library in Guangzhou in charge of the database on Dr. Sun. In addition, a conference on the Dr. Sun Yat-sen database was held in Beijing in June 2000.

In preparation for the June conference, Zhongshan University held a workshop. Delegates from Taiwan were Mr. Karl Min Ku (顧敏), director of the Legislative Yuan Library, Ms. Chiang Hsiu-ying (江綉瑛) and Mr. Chuang Chien-kuo (莊健國), editors of the NCL. The meeting was chaired by Professor Tan Xiang-chin (譚祥金). Participants determined the scope, standards, division of tasks, and funding of the database.

The meeting sponsor arranged a daylong tour of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's library, memorial hall, and other sites in Guangzhou. (Chinese text by Ms. Chiang Hsiu-ying. 江綉瑛; Mr. Chuang Chien-kuo. 莊健國)

Seminar of Journal Citation Index

Library and information science specialists from around the world converged at the NCL on June 16 for the Seminar of Journal Citation Index, sponsored by the library in cooperation with the Science Education Division of the National Science Council, Executive Yuan.

Keynote speakers included Prof. Zhou Zhiren (鄒志仁) of Nanjing University, who introduced the development of the Chinese Social Science Citation Index (CSSCI) in mainland China; and National Taiwan University professors Cheng-hung Lin (林正弘) and Kuang-hua Chen (陳光華), who discussed the status and issues of the Humanities Citation Index in Taiwan. Dr. Chung-min Kuan (管中閔), of the Institute of Economics at Academia Sinica, and Prof. Juo-jung Yu (于若蓉) of Tamkang University introduced the status of the CSSCI in Taiwan; and Mr. Mark Wheeler, Manager of Education and Technical Support at ISI, spoke on "Citation Indexes: How They Are Built."