

CHINESE LIBRARIANSHIP SEMINAR 中文圖書館事業的國際展望

A Post-IFLA Seminar entitled Chinese Librarianship - A global view was held in Canberra at the Australian National University Library from 6 to 8th September this year.

The Seminar was organised by the Asian Studies Division of the ANU Library. It took place in Canberra immediately following the LAA/IFLA Conference in Sydney. The themes of the Seminar were: Chinese Publishing; Library Automation; Library Education; and International Co-operation. It was attended by delegates from both sides of China, together with librarians and library educators within Australia.

The opening speech was delivered by Professor William Jenner, Professor of Chinese at ANU, who emphasised the importance of library resources to support academic research. It was followed by a presentation to the ANU Library of a set of a deluxe edition of the Analects of Confucius in Chinese as well as translations into English, French, Italian and Portuguese, by Dr David Ride on behalf of Mr Wai-lun Cheung, a Chinese entrepreneur in Hong Kong. The two day seminar was conducted in a cordial manner with papers delivered by invited speakers from Taiwan, Mainland China, and Australia.

The most interesting part of the Seminar was on the comparison of library education in Taiwan and Mainland China. Delegates from Taiwan made valuable suggestions to Mainland counterparts about ways and means of improving the education system in China. The Seminar was completed by a presentation of a set of slides of the new building of the National Library of China (NLC) by the Deputy Director of NLC, Mr Shao Wenjie, to his counterpart, Mrs Nancy Hu Chou of the National Central Library in Taipei.

A frank and friendly discussion of Chinese librarianship by delegates from both sides of China is believed to be the first ever held in the world, and all participants regarded it as a great success. It is the hope of the participants that similar seminars will be held more regularly in the future.

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