

Chinese Resource Sharing

Librarians from the greater China region, the U.S., and other countries met at the Beijing Library from June 7 to 9 for the First Meeting on Chinese Resource Sharing. Some 62 representatives of 42 organizations with Chinese document collections attended, including Juang Fang-rung (莊芳榮), director of the NCL. Director Juang and Li Min-sung (黎民頌), director of the Chinese University of Hong Kong Library, co-hosted the first seminar of the meeting.

At the opening ceremony, Mr. Zhou Heping (周和平), deputy director of the Beijing Library, reminded the delegates that resource sharing could not be achieved overnight and that it would require the continued efforts of participating libraries to formulate specific content of the areas of cooperation.

Eight areas of cooperation were discussed during the meeting. These included: 1) a union catalog database on rare books (hosted by Lu Chin-tang, 盧錦堂); 2) a Chinese authority database (presided by Lily Li-huan Hui, 洗麗環); 3) Sun Yat-sen Digital Library (Zhao Yanqun, 趙燕群); 4) database of Chinese rubbings (Huang Runhua, 黃潤華 and Huang Kuanzhong, 黃寬重); 5) database of library science terminology and standards (Xu Yinchu, 徐引箴); 6) general catalog of Chinese family registers (Wang Heming, 王鶴鳴); 7) Chinese block print records (Li Zhizhong, 李致忠); and 8) digital library of Chinese technological history (Liu Guilin, 劉桂林). The first three items are ongoing projects, and the latter five projects are new additions. Meeting participants also decided to form a work group on Chinese Metadata Standards and Formats, to be spearheaded by the Beijing Library.

The duties of the Executive Committee on Chinese Resource Sharing were also announced at the meeting. The committee, whose members are appointed for one-year terms, will hold its second meeting in Taipei in 2001.