

Association of China and Gaya Mountain Foundation and organized by the Luminary Buddhist Institute Library.

Religious libraries have gained greater attention in Taiwan with the recent rise in religious followers and academic programs. These libraries play an important role in the collection, organization, and dissemination of religious publications and information. The 2005 Religious Library Operation and Management Seminar was held to understand the current status and development of religious library management and operations in the Taiwan area. The seminar also discussed such issues as the sharing and exchange of religious publications and information among religious libraries and religious studies departments, and the establishment of standards for libraries of religious institutes. The seminar promoted exchanges on the development of religious libraries and ways to jointly create an environment supportive of religious institutes and religious exchange, so as to provide rich and diverse resources for religious studies.

At the seminar, a keynote speech was delivered by Taipei Public Library director Tseng Shu-hsien on "Library Volunteer Utilization, Management, Education and Training"

■ Seminar on Chinese Digital Media Database and News Markup Language

A seminar on "Chinese Digital Media Database and News Markup Language: Development and Opportunities" was jointly held by the National Digital Archives Program: Content Development Division and Journalism & Mass Media, the Department of Communication and Technology and Institute of Communication Studies at National Chiao Tung University, and the Department of Information and Communications at Shih Hsin University on May 11 and 12 at the NCL. Scholars, experts, and media representatives from Taiwan, mainland China, Hong Kong, and Singapore participated in the seminar discussions. Focal topics included development trends of news markup language standards around the world, Chinese news content development technology, value-added applications of Chinese

broadcasting databases, digital media and news related legal issues, and user searching, browsing and digital media literacy issues.

■ Seminar on Digital Archives and Education

A Seminar on Digital Archive Applications in Education was held on May 20 to 21 by the National Science Council Digital Archive National Technology Plan: Training Promotion Planning Group at National Taiwan University. The digitization of national archive works has been underway in Taiwan for several years, and such materials have become an important educational resource. As digital information becomes an increasingly integral part of education and the digital learning industry takes shape, a new challenge facing educators is to find ways to use information technology (IT) to enhance their education competitiveness and ability. In facing these challenges, there is a need for deeper study of issues concerning IT application and management. To this end, the seminar addressed several issues related to educational applications of digital archives, including: (1) categories and development strategies; (2) comparison of promotional efforts around the world; (3) strategies for fostering talent in the e-learning industry; (4) educational application modes for digital archives; (5) case studies of digital archive applications in education; (6) academic-corporate cooperation and interaction mechanisms in the digital archive sector; (7) e-learning digital copyright management mechanisms; and (8) e-learning platform technology and standard frameworks.

■ International Conference on Chinese News Digitalization

The Library and Information Science Department at Hsuan Chuang University (HCU) held the "International Conference on the Trend of Chinese News Digitalization" on May