

information. The activity was part of the "Bridging the Urban-Rural Digital Divide Plan" directed by the Cabinet-level Council for Cultural Affairs, organized by the National Taichung Library and jointly carried out by county/city cultural bureaus and township libraries.

The activities brought together the public library functions of information searching, education and leisure. The event was directed not only at the general public, but also emphasized enhanced services for people living in remote areas and disadvantaged groups, such as foreign spouses, the elderly, and aboriginals, seeking to expand information access to all. National Taichung Library also launched a website (<http://egogo.ntl.gov.tw>) with information on related activities organized by participating libraries as well as interactive games that provide a fun and informative means to learning about related activities.

■ *NCL Attends 71st IFLA Conference*

The 71st General Conference of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) was held from August 14 to 18 in Oslo Norway. About 3,000 representatives from 133 countries and regions attended the event, whose theme was "Libraries: A Voyage of Discovery." The conference comprised 216 meetings and featured 404 speakers and presenters. Norway's culture minister Valgerd Svarstad Haugland hosted the opening ceremony. The King of Norway Harald V attended the ceremony, during which IFLA president Kay Raseroka and Oslo mayor Per Ditlev-Simonsen also gave

welcome speeches. Francis Li-Chung Tu, of the NCL Reference Department, represented the library at the conference. In addition to attending the opening ceremony and various group lectures, Mr. Tu visited with former ILFA presidents Kay Raseroka and Claudia Lux, current association president Alex Byrne, and association general secretary Peter Lor. He also toured and met with officials at the National Library of Norway, Ministry of Culture and Church Affairs, University of Oslo Library, Oslo Public Library, Norwegian Archive, Library and Museum. (Chinese text by Francis Li-chung Tu)



*Mr. Francis Li-chung Tu of the NCL visits with IFLA President Alex Byrne (left)
(Provided by Francis Li-chung Tu)*

■ *Meeting Held to Assess Taiwan Reference Works*

The "Advisory Meeting for Evaluation of Reference Works Published in Taiwan in 2004"