

Library; and on October 21 they toured the Ningbo Library and Tianyi Pavilion Museum in Ningbo. The group sought to learn more about the status of local documents and rare book preservation work in mainland China, as well as to promote exchanges with mainland libraries to help the NCL improve its operations and services. (Chinese text by Sun Hsiu-ling)



NCL staff members with Zhejiang Library Main Branch Director Cheng Xiaolan (second from left), and department directors Yuan Yi (far right) and Tong Zhenglun (back row, far left).

■ *NCL Attends the Pacific Neighborhood Consortium 2005 Annual Conference*

The Pacific Neighborhood Consortium (PNC) 2005 Annual Conference was held on November 1 to 3 at the East and West Center of the University of Hawaii. The conference was sponsored by the University of Hawaii library, East West Center, Academia Sinica, and the PNC. It was supported

by the Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative (ECAI) and Pacific Rim Digital Library Alliance (PRDLA), with additional assistance provided by Taiwan's Cabinet-level National Science Council and the Computer Center of the Ministry of Education. The theme of the conference was "e-Culture and Intellectual Property in the Global Community." A total of 150 experts and scholars from 15 countries attended.

In recent years, the NCL has actively participated in the PNC both by jointly organizing and participating in various international consortium events, including the group's annual conference. Ms. Cheng Pao-mei represented the library at the 2005 PNC Annual Conference and briefed the conference on two international digitization cooperation projects now underway at the NCL, including projects with the U.S. Library of Congress and the Genealogical Society of Utah. These two prominent organizations are over a century old and have rich collections of rare Chinese books and genealogical records on Taiwan, respectively. The library is working with the LOC and GSU to digitize these important historical documents to facilitate cultural preservation and research work. The projects also give LOC and GSU access to the NCL's extensive experience and technology in the digital conversion of Chinese resources, and achieve the objective of information sharing. They also represent a new chapter in the NCL's international cooperation in the digital field. (Chinese text by Cheng Pao-mei)