

## **Introduction to Taiwan's Chinese Studies Resources: A Lecture by Prof. Chen Chao-chen 陳昭珍**

As part of its ongoing Chinese Studies Lecture Series, on October 14, 2011, the National Central Library invited Prof. Chen Chao-chen to the Los Angeles TECO Culture Center (the Los Angeles branch of Taiwan Academy) to give a lecture. The lecture she gave was entitled An Introduction to Taiwan's Chinese Studies Resources. Director Chen previously served at NCL, a number of universities, and the National Digital Archives Program. She is currently NTNU library director and a professor at NTNU Graduate Institute of Library and Information Studies. Her field of research includes organization of information, information systems and technology, digital libraries, strategic planning and marketing, knowledge/information retrieval management, and Metadata and semantic webs.

In her talk, Prof. Chen introduced the digital research resources for various fields of research and the digital archives accessible through the Taiwan Digital Archives website (<http://digitalarchives.tw/>), summarizing the features of sinology and Taiwan studies resources. She explained that the culture of greater China has been best preserved in Taiwan, and that the precious collections maintained by Academia Sinica and the National Palace Museum have made Taiwan an essential port of call for the world's sinologists. In addition, she said, Taiwan is an island of technology, which since the turn of the millennium has seen vigorous investment in digital archives. This has allowed valuable relics and documents to be digitized and made freely accessible, providing researchers with further ways to gather information. Besides promoting Taiwan and China Studies research, Prof. Chen Chao-chen's introduction also demonstrated the abundance and variety of Taiwan's digital

resources to those in different fields of research.



Prof. Chen Chao-chen, Director of NTNU library (left), and Kung Chung-chen, Director-General of Los Angeles TECO.