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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends of CEAL:

This past summer was one of the busiest times in CEAL history. Many CEAL members traveled to Asia or Europe participating in professional activities. Those who stayed in the States devoted their valuable time to projects and training programs. The most significant events include:

Luce Summer Institute: a number of CEAL members enrolled in or participated in the Institute at the University of Pittsburgh as trainees or trainers. The well organized program, which prepared to equip future leaders in the East Asian Library profession, was very impressive.

CEAL Directory Online: representatives from each institution as well as the designated member from the Membership Committee were engaged in updating the important directory online.
Back issues of JEAL: through the efforts of our JEAL Editor, back issues of JEAL are accessible from the CEAL Home Page.

Cataloging workshops: the CEAL Committee on Technical Processing, Task Force for 2005 Cataloging Workshops Logistics Arrangements, successfully developed and posted workshop information in electronic format. The workshop topics include "Electronic Serials Cataloging" and "Integrating Resources Cataloging." They will benefit East Asian catalogers tremendously.

Special Committee to Study Proposal for Comprehensive Review of LCSH/NAR/SAR Entries for East Asian Studies Materials worked extremely hard for the project.

Special Committee on JEAL conducted the "Survey on JEAL as a Peer-Reviewed Journal." The survey results were reviewed and discussed by the CEAL Executive Board. It was suggested that further discussions are needed before making JEAL a peer-reviewed journal.

This issue of our journal includes a bibliography of dissertations on library and information science and publishing in East Asia 1999-2004, articles on bibliographic control of a backlog and information literacy instruction at Zhejiang University, and minutes of the NCC from the January 2004 meeting.

As the CEAL 2005 meeting in Chicago approaches, the Nominating Committee may contact you to run for various positions. I strongly encourage you to take the opportunity to serve as committee chair, member-at-large, or committee member for a three-year term, 2005-2008.

Sincerely,



Abraham J. Yu, President
Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL)

