The visit of Professor Sun Yunchou

Based on contacts established during the LAA China Library Study Tour of 1983, the China Sub-Committee of the International Relations Committee of the Association invited Professor Sun Yunchou to visit Australia for the joint IFLA/LAA Conference and a subsequent study tour. Professor Sun, a senior library educator in the Department of Library and Information Science, East China Normal University (Shanghai) is also Director of the Library Science Education Research Sub-Committee of the China Society of Library Science.



Professor Sun Yunchou and Dr John Barclay at the LAA/IFLA reception.

Educated in China and the United States Professor Sun commenced Master's studies in librarianship at Columbia University in the late 1940s. Since returning to China in the early 1950s he has served in various capacities as a library administrator and educator. In league with the reforms of the last decade Professor Sun has helped re-establish Chinese library education nationally and at his home university. The library school at Shanghai is one of the principal centres of library education in the People's Republic. Professor Sun's visit to Australia marks his first visit outside China in nearly forty years.

During his visit Professor Sun stayed with Australian families in Sydney and Canberra where he visited the following institutions: Fisher Library, the University of Sydney; the Library Technician Program in the Division of Library Practice, Sydney Technical College; NSW TAFE Library Services; the State Library of NSW; Willoughby Public Library; Teaching Resources Centre, NSW Department of Education; the School of Librarianship, Librarianship, University of NSW; CLANN; and the LAA Head

In Canberra, he visited the National Library of Australia; the Library of the Australian National University; the Department of the Parliamentary Library; Richardson Primary School Library; and the library school at the Canberra CAE. In addition and as the guest of the China Sub-committee, Professor Sun attended the LAA and IFLA Conferences, the Meeting on Research International in Information Studies and assisted with an informal evening for senior Australian librarians and the Chinese delegates to LAA/IFLA Conference.

The visit marks the first direct exchange Chinese and between the Australian professional bodies. It strengthened the links established by the LAA through its study tours in 1978 and 1983 of Chinese libraries and related information services. Professor Sun and the Director of the China Society of Library Science, Mrs Zhang Yonghua, who attended IFLA, are to report to their society with a view to further stimulating international exchange between the profession in both countries.

We look forward to further development of this important relationship.



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