

Message to attendees of the World Confederation of Institutes and Libraries for Overseas Chinese Studies

I regret that my schedule precludes my attendance at the 6th conference of the World Confederation of Institutes and Libraries for Overseas Chinese Studies.

On behalf of Ohio University I would like to thank Huaqiao University and Xiamen University, our partners in this conference, for all their efforts in organizing what is sure to be a very successful conference.

Ohio University's Vernon R. Alden Library is honored to steward one of the premier collections devoted to the documentation of and research on Chinese overseas. The Dr. Shao You-Bao Center Chinese Documentation and Research Center promotes overseas Chinese research by supporting collection development, preservation and documentation projects, the research and writing of younger scholars, and conferences such as this. The Shao Center is one of Ohio University's most important research collections, and we are pleased to help expand scholarship in this important endeavor.

I am sure that your time together will be very productive. By fostering the exchange of ideas and the examination of issues in Overseas Chinese scholarship, library collection development, access, preservation and resource sharing, this conference has the potential to significantly bolster international collaboration with respect to Overseas Chinese studies.

Thank you for your commitment to this important work!

Cordially,

Roderick J. McDavis
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致世界海外华人研究会议的与会者

由于时间冲突，我对不能参加第六届海外华人研究与文献收藏机构国际会议深感遗憾。

我谨代表俄亥俄大学对我们此次会议的合作单位华侨大学以及厦门大学表达由衷的谢意。感谢他们为筹备会议所付出的努力。我坚信这次会议将取得圆满成功。

俄亥俄大学奥尔登图书馆在海外华人文献和研究方面做出了突出贡献，邵友保博士海外华人文献与研究中心通过发展馆藏、对材料保存和记录、支持年轻学者的研究和写作以及召开此类会议等方式推动了海外华人研究。邵氏中心是俄亥俄大学最重要的研究型收藏之一。我们很高兴能通过这些努力帮助拓展学术交流。

毫无疑问，你们这次的学术交流一定会取得显著的成果。通过交流观点、检验海外华人学术方面的问题、图书馆馆藏发展、获取资源、保存以及资源共享，这次会议将在很大程度上推进海外华人研究的国际合作。

感谢你们的付出！

最诚挚的敬意，

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