

Dear Distinguished Scholars, Researchers, Library Professionals, and Participants:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this sixth WCILCOS international conference held at the beautiful campus of Huaqiao University. If not for my age and health condition, I would have liked to be with you just as the same as I was at the previous five conferences held in Athens (Ohio, USA), Hong Kong, Singapore, Guangzhou, and Vancouver between 2000 and 2012.

Ever since the founding of the Dr. You Bao-Shao Overseas Chinese Research and Documentation Center at Ohio University in 1993 and the convening of the first WCILCOS conference in 2000, greater achievements have been made worldwide in the research and documentation work on Overseas Chinese.

Owing to the close cooperation of Huaqiao University, Xiamen University, and Ohio University under the outstanding leadership of Scott Seaman, Dean of Ohio University Libraries; Prof. Yudong Zhang, Vice President of Huaqiao University and Prof. Guotu Zhuang, Dean of School of International Relations & Research School for Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University, Prof. Jingxi Chen, Director, Documentation Center for Overseas Chinese Studies, Huaqiao University; Prof. Xueqin Shi, Vice Dean, School of International Relations/Research School for Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University; and Dr. Yan He, Curator of the Shao Center and Executive Secretary of WCILCOS, this conference will be undoubtedly a very successful one.

The overwhelming responses by submitting your research papers and your travelling to Xiamen to participate in this conference are of great significance and much appreciated.

I am deeply honored to express my profound gratitude to all of you for the contributions each of you has made.

Respectfully,

Hwa-Wei Lee
Dean of Libraries Emeritus
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President, WCILCOS

亲爱的专家学者、研究者、图书馆员和其他参会者：

我非常荣幸地欢迎您来到美丽的华侨大学参加“第六届海外华人研究与文献收藏机构国际会议”。从2000年到2012年，我分别在俄亥俄的雅典城、香港、新加坡、广州和温哥华参加了以往五届会议，若不是由于年龄和身体的原因，我也多么希望像过去一样，与你们共同参会。

自从1993年俄亥俄大学的邵友保博士海外华人文献研究中心成立以及2000年世界海外华人研究与文献收藏机构联合会的建立，有关海外华人的研究与文献收藏工作在世界范围内取得了巨大成就。

在俄亥俄大学图书馆馆长 **Scott Seaman** 先生、华侨大学副校长张禹东教授、厦门大学国际关系学院 / 南洋研究院院长庄国土教授以及华侨大学华侨华人文献中心主任陈景熙教授、厦门大学国际关系学院 / 南洋研究院的施雪琴副院长和俄亥俄大学邵友保博士海外华人文献研究中心主任、WCILCOS 执行秘书何妍博士的领导下，华侨大学、厦门大学和俄亥俄大学紧密合作，毫无疑问，将使会议取得圆满成功。

您踊跃提交论文并亲自来厦门参会，意义重大，我们深表感谢！

请允许我对您的贡献表达我诚挚的谢意！

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