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Dear CALA Board members:

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly report what a wonderful experience again I had at CALA's Twenty-first Century Librarian Seminar Series held from 11/7-11/10 2008 at Taiwan National Normal University. This was the second time that I, representing CALA, participated and presented in such seminar series.

I presented on five topics:

1. Library assessment - Libqual and other measurements
2. Academic library management: an overview and case study
3. Library consortia in US: Consortia of academic and research libraries in Illinois a case study
4. Librarians professional development: evaluation and promotion
5. Challenges in the digital era, how can we serve better

I have learned and advanced through these seminars and my views in the areas have been broadened and elevated. I learned through the research and preparation process as that required a good amount of time and a thorough study. I also learned through the presentation process as that helped me see if my materials and the level of my professional knowledge and skills have met the needs of the attendees and the areas need to be improved. Participation in the seminars has also built my confidence; I was commented and surrounded by many attendees for questions and answers and feed backs of other related issues. From the discussions with the presenters and attendees, I believe that I had prepared well, and my materials met the needs of both the attendees and other presenters and they benefitted from what I delivered. Personally, I feel that I was well welcomed as a colleagues and a new friend and I was deeply touched by the hospitality of our Taiwan counterparts.

I am very proud to represent CALA for this seminar. Throughout the seminar, I feel the appreciation from the hosting institution as well as the attendees towards CALA and its efforts in promoting information literacy and library informance science. Through the seminars I feel that CALA has broadly expanded its name and reputation not only in US but also overseas in both mainland China and Taiwan and has earned respect as a professional organization. As a librarian and member of CALA, I am honored and truly grateful to have such opportunities from which not only our own members but also colleagues elsewhere are benefitting from them.

I am proud to be part of CALA and this seminar group, and I felt the passion and pride of our member. I believe that presenting at seminars one of the best activities for professional development for our members. Not only will I look forward to participating more in presenting in future seminars, I will also assist to explore more opportunities to expand the seminars to other areas and regions. As we used to say, the road is difficult but the future is bright!

Thank you!