The sixteen presenters were teachers, principals and language program coordinators from high schools, heritage Chinese schools and colleges/universities. The topics of the six panels included the establishment/development of Chinese programs, hidden resources of heritage Chinese schools, application of technology and movies, and effective classroom teaching methods applicable to various levels in K-16. The Conference Book Exhibit includes five publishers displaying educational materials related to the Chinese language. See the details and photos of the Conference, please check <u>http://www.clta-texas.org/events.asp</u>.

## **Cooperative Learning Workshops in January 2010**

CLTA-TX will help organize two workshops in January 2010 sponsored by the STARTALK Teacher Workshop Grant from National Foreign Language Center at the University of Maryland. Meng Yeh, Immediate Past President of CLTA-TX, is the Principal Investigator of the Teacher Workshop Project. The focus of the workshops is on Cooperative Learning and the grant will be also used to produce an online version. The Workshop in Dallas will be held on January 16, 2010 and the one in Houston on January 23, 2010. Elsie Chang (Cinco Ranch High School), Fang Ji (Johnston Middle School) and Jiayao

Pang (Awty International) will present in Houston. Hui Ju Lin (Boyd High School), Kelly Long, Murchison Middle School, and Yimiao He, Shepton High School will present in Dallas. The six teachers will present their action researches: the cooperative learning activities designed and implemented by them in their classrooms. Registration form is posted on <u>www.clta-texas.org</u>. Any questions about the workshops, please contact Ardon Chang in Dallas at <u>andress6628@yahoo.com</u> and Francoise Shih in Houston at <u>fshih@mdanderson.org</u>.

## Congratulations to the 2009 CLTA Awards Winners! Winner of the 2009 CLTA Walton Award: Timothy Light, Professor Emeritus of Western Michigan University



Timothy Light accepts the Walton Award from Jerry Packard, President of CLTA.



Mr. Xiaojiang Zhang of Nanhai Company presents Professor Light a woodcut block printing created by *Rongbao Zhai* in 1950s.

## 2009 winner of CLTA Walton Presentation Prize:

Yi-Tzu Huang,University of Iowa Presentation title: Chinese heritage learners' interactive patterns in collaborative discussion



Yi-Tzu Huang accepts the Walton Presentation Prize from Chengzhi Chu, Chair of the CLTA Awards Com-