

# Digital textiles on display at int'l design exhibition

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The International Digital Textile Designs display at the Hsinchuang Art and Cultural Center in Taipei County will run till July 18, organizers said yesterday.

The display is based on an international project, "Inspiration Chinese Designs: East & West Interpretation" that started in 2001.

The project involved three renowned textile artists from the United States, China and Taiwan. They are Elaine Polvinen, an associate professor of the fabric department in State University of New York at Buffalo; Shon Li, professor of Central Academy of Fine Art in Beijing and Wang Yimeei, associate professor with Taipei's Fu Jen Catholic University.

The display, sponsored by the National Cultural and Arts Foundation, came to Taiwan after its circuit exhibitions in Beijing and New York.

Polvinen made an image library on the Internet, gathering copious totems such as Chinese ancient symbols for users to download for free, creating new meanings for



Courtesy of Yimeei Wang

The colorful digital textile work entitled "Lantern" is on display.

the Chinese symbols through international exchanges.

The project integrates traditional textile techniques with computer science, enriching the art form with the 16 million colors available in the computer.

The technology creates amazing

pieces of art in textiles and clothing, and the project has been supported by the government in an effort to promote Taiwan's creative arts and cultural industry, said Wang. She hopes the textile art may combine with modern art in general in some way.