

Director General Tseng further indicated that, based on types of books borrowed, reading preferences in Taiwan continue to lean towards popular literature. Translated works were among the most popular children's books. The MOE and NCL therefore invited scholars and experts to compile bibliographies of books under the four themes of "Books for Youth" (8,298 vols.), "Books for Knowledge" (8,965 vols.), "Books on Culture and Creativity" (8,761 vols.), and "Books on Multiculturalism" (5,449 vols.).

The bibliographies have been provided to public libraries nationwide as references for book purchasing. The NCL is also expanding cooperation ties with the publishing industry, cultural and educational organizations, and libraries at all levels to build momentum for universal literacy.



Honored guests, participants and NCL's staff taking a photo in the event venue.

### ■ **Prof. Pai Hsien-yung Donates Manuscripts and Speaks on the 228 Incident**

Progressing from understanding to forgiveness: On March 30, 2014 in NCL's international conference room, Professor Pai spoke on General Pai Chong-xi's experience and influence in coming to Taiwan, as well as the most harrowing time in Taiwan history—the 228 Incident of 1947. Prof.

Pai donated seven of his manuscripts to the NCL, which had combined total 150,000 characters. These included parts of *Father and the Republic*, as well as "Teach for Two" and "Danny Boy" from his short story collection *The New Yorker*. Director General Tseng stated, the donation ceremony brought awareness to the fact that one's manuscripts and letters are better cared for in the hands of an institution equipped to archive and preserve them, rather than keeping them in one's own possession.

The NCL has established the Contemporary Celebrities' Manuscript System, where it is systematically adding full-text images of manuscripts in its possession to increase their use in social education.



Director General Tseng gives the trophy to Prof. Pai Hsien-yung.

### ■ **Harvard Prof. Peter K. Bol Speaks at NCL**

Harvard University Prof. Peter Bol, Chen Shih-pei and Yu Wen (a doctoral candidate at the History Department of Harvard University) were invited to speak at the NCL on March 11, 2014.

The China Biographical Database (CBDB) of the University currently comprises about 330,000 records on people from the Tang Dynasty to the