

This year's conference was comprised of three sessions, with a total of nine presentations by China, Hong Kong, Macau, the U.S. and three organizations from Taiwan—National Taiwan University Library, Taiwan Music Center, and National Central Library. There were three presentations given on the afternoon of the first day, and six presentations given on the morning of the following day. NCL's representative, Deputy Director-general Wu, spoke on the morning of the second day. She spoke of NCL's recent developments and entitled her remarks "Catalog Management and Value-added Services of Digital Resources: Taiwan's Experience." She spoke of a one-stop service catalog management system (from searching to personalization of catalog services) and linked together NCL's aggregate experience in producing a vast amount of digital resources, as well as its management and use in shouldering the social responsibility to meet readers' knowledge access rights.



*NCL's Deputy Director-general Wu speaking at the conference*

■ ***"The 100th Year of the Republic, the Reading Enjoyment of the Classics," the Poster Received the Great and Ardent Response in the IFLA Poster Session***

The 2012 Annual International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) General Conference and Council was held from August 11-17 in Helsinki, the capital of Finland. Among other activities, IFLA's poster session took place from August 13-14, which has attracted more than 300 conference participants. There were a total 195 pieces of posters presented and displayed from the countries of successful promotion of library and information services in five continents of the world.



*Visitors read in details the contents of posters and took picture for further reference*

Finland, the hosting country of this year's IFLA conference, presented 46 pieces, the most posters of all, followed by 29 pieces from the United States, 16 pieces from the Germany, 6 pieces each from Canada, United Kingdom, and Norway, 5 pieces each from France, Denmark, and the Republic of China (Taiwan). Other countries from Asia include 4 pieces displayed from Japan, 3 pieces from Singapore, 2 pieces from China, as well as 1 piece each from Korea and Thailand.

In 2011 NCL and 108 various organizations in Taiwan jointly hosted more than 200 sessions

of activity to promote the Chinese classics reading program. As a result, the planned activities not only achieved the expected benefits of enhancing reading atmosphere and developing reading ability, but also received the affirmation from this year's IFLA Conference Planning Committee, and herewith, NCL was invited to take part in the poster session in Helsinki.

NCL's poster theme is "The 100th Year of the Republic, a Classic Time for Reading—108 Organizations Promoted Reading Chinese Ancient Classics." To assist with the posters display, NCL sent Armande Liao, the Director of its International Exchange of Publications and Pan Kao, the Director of Readers' Guidance to attend the IFLA conference as well as its poster session for introducing visitors to the NCL's creative reading programs.

All visitors their interests in the NCL's strategic planning of multi-format reading activities. In addition to looking closely at the contents of NCL's posters (see the pictures 2 to 4) and taking pictures for further reference, visitors also asked the two Directors questions about the strategies of preparing and successfully managing such large-scale reading activities. However such efforts had the rewards of attaining the purpose of international exchange and the observation of library and information services, as well as promoting the international awareness of our efforts to develop reading specialty and capabilities.

## Events

### ■ *National Central Library Attends Activities at 21<sup>st</sup> Taipei International Book Exhibition in 2013*

2013 Taipei International Book Exhibition will be held from January 30 to February 4. The theme country is Belgium. Belgium will bring their splendor in a variety of cultural and artistic fields to TIBE. It will deeply introduce current condition of books market, delicate publications in various fields, and best-selling books in Belgium. More than 800 reading activities will take place, and will encourage people's enthusiasm for reading. This annual event is unmissable.

The main theme for the National Central Library to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> Taipei International Book Exhibition is "Going Strong Beyond 80th: Preserving the Past, Pioneering the Future". NCL's stall is modernly designed, and located at C847 in the general books section in the Taipei World Trade Center. The content of exhibition includes:

1. NCL's publication: recent 5 years and best-selling publication are selected.
2. Duplicates of old books: more than 60 duplicates will be displayed.
3. Writers' manuscripts: NCL chooses newly donated manuscripts to illustrate to patrons.
4. Digital outcome: NCL chooses important digital systems to demonstrate, and promote the use of Apps.

In order to improve people's understanding