

■ *National Central Library Receives 2nd Place in Government E-Services Survey*

In Business Next's 2013 Excellent Enterprise Survey of Digital Service, the NCL was the only library in Taiwan recognized. Results from the online voting and selection rated the NCL 2nd in the government e-services website category, reflecting the effectiveness and functionality of the library's e-service websites, which exhibit the characteristics of a true "e-library."

In today's digital information service age, the NCL is actively creating various databases, in addition to basic library and information services, to provide comprehensive web services for patrons' lives, work, learning, and research needs. To cite an example, the NCL's thesis and dissertation database searched over one million time per day and its Index to Taiwan Periodical Literature database over four million, showing that the NCL's websites are highly influential in scholarly research in Taiwan.



Director of Digital Knowledge System Division, NCL, is given the trophy by the organizer.

■ *First held in Taiwan: The Annual Library Leadership Institute*

The 11th Annual Library Leadership Institute was held in Taipei from May 10 to 14, 2013. The Institute was organized by the University of Hong Kong Libraries and the NCL. The workshop theme: "Repositioning Libraries and Librarians for the Next Generation" was presented by well-known experts and scholars from Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Taiwan, and the United States. A total of 43 participants came from Hong Kong, Mainland China, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan, and other countries.

At the opening ceremony on the 11th of May, the NCL's Director General, Tseng Shu-hsien, was invited to give the welcome speech. Besides welcoming representatives from the neighboring countries to the Beautiful Island, she expressed her joy in having the honor and privilege to co-host for the first time here in Taiwan the Leadership Institute with HKU Libraries.



A group photo of the 11th Annual Library Leadership Institute.

Under the guidance of competent, experienced and seasoned facilitators and presenters, participants were able to learn how to become more efficient managers and leaders in this time of rapid changes and discoveries. Leadership training and formation are basic skills and necessary attitudes for library workers, and by having these foundations libraries are more equipped to meet the ongoing tide of challenges and demands.

■ *NCL Attends the American Library Association's 2013 Poster Session*

The American Library Association's (ALA) 137th Annual Conference was held on June 27 to July 2 at ALA's headquarters in Chicago. The theme of the meeting was "Transforming Our Libraries, Ourselves." For the poster session, a total of 325 entries were submitted from across the world, with only 37% being accepted. The NCL was an active participant in this year's conference, with its "Know, Promote, Share, Spread Chinese Culture" proposal being accepted for the Global Solutions section of the poster session.

The Library's poster highlighted its efforts to promote Chinese culture, including establishing Taiwan Academies and Taiwan Chinese Studies Resource Centers, exchanging publications with international libraries, sharing Chinese catalog resources, holding professional training for library professionals abroad, and co-creating and sharing digitized copies of ancient books.



NCL's poster entitled "Know, Promote, Share, Spread Chinese Culture."

In conjunction with the poster theme, copies of Selections of Digital Chinese Studies Resources in Taiwan compiled by the Taiwan Academy, as well as information on the Center for Chinese Studies' Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Taiwan Fellowship, were passed out to visitors to promote Taiwan and Chinese studies. The booth enjoyed a large number of visitors and inquiries from other libraries in the short 90 minutes of exhibition. ALA's judging committee also came to the booth and highly praised the active participation and creativity of libraries in Asia.

Events

■ *Director General of the Cologne Public Library Speaks at NCL*

Goethe-Institut, Taipei's German Culture Center, and the NCL hosted a lecture at the NCL by Hannelore Vogt, the Director General of the Cologne Public Library. She spoke on "Insights into Opportunities, Leading the Trends," citing the Cologne Public Library as an example.

Director General Vogt is not only an expert in the library and information field, but also in