

understanding of the richness of research materials in Taiwan and were happy to have an opportunity to interact with scholars from other countries.



Explaining holdings and services at the NCL



Scholars visiting the rare books room and the manuscript exhibition of celebrities from late Qing and early Republic.



A look at important information systems at the NCL

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ *The National Taiwan Library received the 2014 MOE Government Service Quality Award*

The National Taiwan Library set up a Taiwan Book Hospital to promote book preservation awareness and related repair techniques. In addition, it was also the first to create an orientation and guide system for the visually impaired. Moreover, it improved the “Integrating electronic visual impairment resources and information sharing,” developed an audio-book app for the visually impaired, providing visually impaired patrons a friendly, convenient, and obstacle-free environment. Because of these efforts, it was awarded the MOE’s Government Service Quality Award.

■ *New Taipei Municipal Shuang-xi Elementary School Renovated*

New Taipei Municipal Shuang-xi Elementary School has a 117-year history. On March 26, the school library held the re-opening ceremony after the completion of the renovations, which include a “Fairy Tale Forest Library”. The school’s principle, the Section Chief from the Education Department of the New Taipei City Government, and other representatives dressed up as puppets to celebrate the re-opening ceremony.

■ *Shih Hsin University Library Adds Google “720 View Services”*

Shih Hsin University Library joined “Google Street View”, making it the first university in Taiwan to provide “720 View services”. To experience the enchanting atmosphere at SHU Library, simply go to its

website or search for it on Google Maps.

■ *New Taipei City New Main Library to offer 24-hour services*

New Taipei City's New Main Library will soon be completed. It is currently undergoing lighting tests. Beginning in May it will become the first library in Taiwan to open the whole day, providing a 24-hour non-stop reading services

■ *Hsinchu City Bureau of Cultural Affairs Library Reopens*

The Hsinchu City Bureau of Cultural Affairs Library reopened on the 11th of March, after expanding the area and adding lighting effects to its reading space. It also broadened the children's reading space, increased digital equipment, added a senior citizens newspaper reading area and a youth comic areas. These additions will make it easier for patrons to access the internet, search library holdings, and read e-books.

■ *National Library of Public Information Included in IFLA's "1001 Must See Libraries"*

"1001 Libraries to See before You Die" is a list generated by IFLA. NLPI moved into its new facility in 2012. Its streamlined building design is quite avant-garde, with unique floors and spaces, age-specific services, innovative facilities, and "eReading@your (link sends e-mail) library Program". It is the first and only library in Taiwan to be included in the list.

■ *Chiayi County Library Reopens*

Chiayi County Library was reopened on the 12th of February, with the new space utilizing a partly outdoor area design. It includes a cultural product area, a café, different reading levels, etc. It is the second public library in Chiayi County that combines practicality with creative aesthetics.



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