

## CCS News and Activities

### ■ *2014 Visiting Scholars' Dragon Boat Festival Feast*

The CCS held the Visiting Scholars' Dragon Boat Festival Feast for recipients of the CCS Research Grants for Visiting Foreign Scholars and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) Taiwan Fellowship on May 26. A total of 57 visiting scholars from 22 countries joined the feast with their families on the eve of the Dragon Boat Festival.



*The NCL and MOFA colleagues with visiting scholars*

The participating scholars were invited to give a performance during the banquet. Prof. LászlóKakai, from Hungary, led a recitation of the Hungarian poem “Kétvilág” exploring reality and dreams in life. Next, Ms. Tarryn Li-Min Chun, of the United States, transformed into the lead character of the well-known animated film “Frozen” and gave a powerful rendition of the movie’s theme song “Let it Go.”

Prof. Lisa Susana Rojas Benitez, from Paraguay, sang the folk song “Recuerdos de Ypacarai” from her home country. The program wrapped up with a comic dialogue by U.S. Prof. E. Perry Link and his son Samuel Link.



*Prof. E. Perry Link performs a comic dialogue with his son Samuel Link.*

## News from Taiwan Libraries

### ■ *Open the Refrigerator and Grab a Book: Giving Life to Rural Reading*

The refrigerator door opens and inside is books. Hsin Kang Foundation of Culture & Education has recently teamed up with Eslite Bookstore for their “Down the Road Reading” program. In Hsin Kang township, there’s a breakfast shop, a photo studio, a beauty salon, and 13 other stores that have bookshelves in them.

Each location has 30 books of different genres so that the public can “read and return anywhere.” Later, the owner of A-Yi’s General Store was worried that the bookshelves would get ruined in the weather, so he started using old refrigerators instead.

### ■ *Let Books Travel: Taitung Mini-library and Reading Station*

The Taitung County Government set up a “Let Books Travel: Taitung Mini-library and Reading Station” on June 1 at the Taitung train station. Books were donated from several large publishers, amounting to 12,000 volumes. These are free for passengers to read while they are waiting for the train. The books can also be taken on the train

without having to formally borrow the book or exchange identification. When passengers are done, they can simply place the book in a return drop on the train, or mail it back to the reading station.

### ■ *Promoting Reading: Taking Tour Buses to the Library*

The Wanrong Township in Hualien County is a long skinny strip of land, measuring 42 km from north to south. As such, many elementary students there don't know where the library is, resulting in a much underused library. To remedy the problem, the library arranged for tour buses to take the 104 students at Wanrong Elementary to the library every Wednesday afternoon. It has also sent 360 books on a circuit tour to the schools in the area so that they can see more use and students can develop better reading habits.

### ■ *Solar Power, Smart Library*

The first solar-powered library in Taiwan is also a fully automated smart library with no librarians there to staff. It stays an average 23 degrees Celsius,

compared to 32 degrees outside. This 9 degree difference results in energy savings of up to 80%. The solar power panels and the great lighting in the library are also accompanied by an air circulation unit that pumps in fresh air every two hours and low conducting windows. The outer walls are built of concrete, with another layer of wooden lattices 15 cm thick that help block the sun.

### ■ *E.Sun Libraries Now Opens in Tamsui and Luchu*

E.Sun Volunteer Foundation established the 71st and 72nd E.Sun Libraries on May 29 in New Taipei and Taoyuan County. The E.Sun Golden Seeds Project brings together the power of social participation. Donations from E.Sun employees, the E.Sun Volunteer Foundation, and E.Sun World Card Holders Association have enabled E.Sun libraries to be built in remote elementary schools that lack proper resources. This has opened many opportunities for students in these regions and planted many golden seeds of knowledge.



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