

Library, University of Munich Library, and Institute of Sinology, University of Munich. She visited the Seattle Public Library, the National library of the Netherlands, the Amsterdam Public Library, the Delft University of Technology Library, Netherlands, ASCR, the Municipal Library of Prague and the National Library of the Czech Republic.



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■ PNC 2014 Annual Conference And Joint Meetings Turns Spotlight on the Digital Library Session

This year's Pacific Neighborhood Consortium (PNC) annual conference and joint meetings was held on October 21-23 at Taiwan's National Palace Museum. The theme of the meeting was "Museum Computing: An Approach to Bridging Cultures, Communities and Sciences." More than 200 experts and scholars from ten countries and regions attended.

The NCL was primarily in charge of the session on Digital Libraries held on October 22. This year, the NCL adopted the theme "Discovering Cultural Heritage: Museumification Transforms Image of Libraries" to explore the importance of how the museumification of libraries can recreate human cultural assets. This is a milestone in libraries' function in knowledge preservation, transmission, and sharing. It also has imbued them with a new image.

For the session, University Librarian Roxanne Missingham from Australia National University, Director-general Nafisah Ahmad from the National Library of Malaysia, and the NCL's Editor Dr. Chiang Chia-ning were invited to speak on "Creating Digital Content - Initiatives in the Parliament, Libraries and Museums," "The Malaysian Ubiquitous Library Pilot Project: Bridging the Digital Divide," and "Taiwan Citation Index in Humanities & Social Sciences." A rich discussion with attendees followed their presentations, leading to deep exchange and interaction.

After the session, Director-general Tseng took a photo with the moderator of University Librarian, Professor Chen Hsueh-hua from the National Taiwan University and the speakers, bringing a perfect end to the session.

University Librarian Missingham and Director-general Ahmad also visited the NCL a day before the PNC annual meeting. After touring the NCL, Mingling Yang the Director-general of the Ministry of Education's International and Cross-Strait Education Department invited the two directors, along with Director-general Tseng, to have lunch with the former Minister of Education Wei-fan Guo. Discussion centered on many current issues and topics in education and culture.

In addition, the NCL arranged for the two directors to visit Taiwan's first green library, the Beitou branch of the Taipei Public Library, as well as the technological-advanced Library of National Tsing Hua University, National Taiwan University Library's abundant special collections, and the Koo Chen-Fu Memorial Library, designed by the 2013 Pritzker Architecture Prize winner Tōyo Ito. Not only were they able to experience the variety of libraries in Taiwan, they also were deeply impressed by the Hakka culture in Hsin-chu, the bustling city of Taipei, and Taiwan's unique sense of hospitality.



At the technological-advanced Library of National Tsing Hua University

■ **NCL Director-general Tseng Attends the WDL 2014 General Partner Meeting**

The World Digital Library (WDL) 2014 General Partner Meeting was held in the Risorgimento Museum in Rome, Italy on October 29-30, 2014. A total of 43 representatives from 31 countries were in attendance. Taiwan was represented by the NCL Director-general Tseng.

The meeting was held by the U.S. Library of Congress (the force behind WDL) and Central Institute for the Union Catalogue of Italian Libraries (ICCU). WDL members are all from important libraries throughout the world, making it a platform to share many different cultural heritages. The NCL has been a partner library of the WDL since 2008. From then on to 2013, the NCL has upload seven different types of materials, including 101 Chinese rare books. In 2014 it added another 30 items.



A group photo after the PNC Digital Library session



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NCL Director-general Tseng with the chairman of the meeting Ismail Serageldin and WDL Director John Van Oudenaren.