

director Tsai Ming-liang presented a talk on “Memory/Taipei Main Station,” Tsai spoke about the motivation and inspiration behind the creation of his movie, “The Skywalk Is Gone,” and the story of the existence and disappearance of the Taipei Main Station overpass.

### ■2015 Spring Poetry Reading Day Symposium Series

The NCL has invited six poets and poetry critics, experts and scholars to speak at seminars to be held on Saturdays from March 7 to April 25. The speakers will share and recommend their favorite poetry (classical, modern, other types), as well as share with readers how to appreciate poetry. The series aims to encourage more people to read and appreciate poetry.



Remarks by Director General Tseng

### ■NCL “Exhibition of Manuscripts by Republican Intellectuals in the Late Qing Period”

In the 19th to 20th century, China ushered in an unprecedented change in social, political, and education systems in the history of over a millennium. Facing domestic

revolution and the impact of Western civilization, intellectuals of the period proposed different ways to transform society. From March 10 to September 5, the NCL will be holding an exhibition of manuscripts by 25 intellectuals in the late Qing and early Republican China period. These works present the positions and thoughts of these major figures in the field of politics, arts, culture, and academia.



Former President Shih-chang’s Hsu original manuscript.

### ■NCL Book Day Event

Since 2011, the NCL has partnered with other organizations to arrange reading promotion activities on World Book Day, observed annually on April 23. This year the

library held activities in cooperation with the Hsin-Yi Foundation, public libraries, and elementary and junior high schools. It invited public library directors, the director of the Hungarian Trade Office, Taipei, well-known writers and poets, Italian and US scholars and others to read the poetry and prose of their respective countries. The day's events also included performances in chanting poetry, music and drama.

In addition, the NCL encouraged elementary and junior high schools across Taiwan to integrate poetry reading in teaching with the hope that students will introduce poetry at home and encourage more people to read.



*Group photo*



*Poetry Chanting and Singing*

## ■ *NCL Attends AAS Book Exhibition*

The NCL, together with the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, attended the Association for Asian Studies (AAS)' 67th Annual Meeting held in Chicago on March 26-29. They displayed books and CDs (474 titles, 524 volumes) on Chinese and Taiwanese studies published in the last three years to help scholars throughout Asia better understand the achievements and current publications of scholars in Taiwan. The Exhibition also aims to increase international scholarly cooperation and improve cultural exchange and recognition. Academia Sinica's Institute of History and Philology, as well as its Digital Center, and the Tang Prize Foundation also participated in the Book Exhibition.

Books displayed by the NCL this time were available for the more than 1000 scholars in attendance to peruse and order. After the exhibition, they were donated to the East Asian Library of the University of Chicago to enrich their Chinese studies resources. Books displayed by Academia Sinica's Institute of History and Philology and the Tang Prize Foundation were also included in the donation. Executive Director Chu Yun-han represented the NCL in donating the books to Donald Harper, director of the East Asian Research Center, University of Chicago.

It is worth mentioning that beginning in 2014, the AAS has added an AAS-in-Asia annual meeting held during the summer. This year it will be held on June 22-24 in Taiwan.