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Spotlights

■ NCL Director General Tseng Attends 2014 International Digital Library Conference

The 2014 International Digital Library Conference (IDLC) was held on April 8-10 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. It was co-hosted by the National Library of Malaysia, the Librarians Association of Malaysia, Multimedia Development Cooperation, and Petroliam NasionalBerhad.



Director General Tseng (far right, front row) with distinguished attendees at the venue.

The theme of the conference was “Preserving and Sharing Digital Resources through Cooperation and Collaboration.” Since the National Central Library (NCL) has vast experience in producing and archiving digital works, as well as in participating in many international cooperative endeavors, adding value and making better use of digital content, and setting an example in preserving and sharing resources, NCL Director General Tseng has been invited to attend many important international meetings to discuss NCL’s efforts in preserving cultural assets.

This time Director General Tseng was invited to be the keynote speaker, talking on the “National Central Library’s Efforts to Archive, Manage, and Provide Services for Digital Resources in Taiwan.” She reported on the developmental history of the NCL’s digital archives, methods of preserving digital content, innovations in digital services, the promotion of digitized ancient and rare works, and local and international projects to share resources.



Director General Tseng presents the keynote speech

Attendees of the conference included scholars and experts from library, information, scholarly, and publishing circles. The directors and representatives from almost 20 national libraries (including the Philippines, Korea, Hong Kong, the U.S., Australia, Myanmar, New Zealand, and Thailand), and nearly 300 local attendees, exchanged ideas on the digitizing of library holdings in the digital age and cooperative efforts in digital services.

■ ***NCL and National Library of Malaysia Sign Cooperation Agreement***

April 9, 2014, was an important day for cultural exchanges between Taiwan and Malaysia. On that day, NCL Director General Tseng and National Library of Malaysia (NLM) Director General Dato’ Raslin Bin Abu Bakar signed an interlibrary cooperation agreement witnessed by

more than 300 participants at the 2014 International Digital Library Conference.

Numerous immigrants, businesspeople, students and workers from Southeast Asian countries live in Taiwan. Many of the island’s public libraries place special emphasis on publications from Southeast Asia to help these communities follow developments and changes in their home countries. Last year, the NCL actively promoted the “Public Library Resource Integration Development Plan,” under which the library aims, within four years, to establish four regional resource centers and eight district resource centers in northern, central, southern and eastern Taiwan to support and enhance cultural and educational functions.

Under the cooperation agreement signed between the NCL and NLM, the two sides will jointly upgrade science, technology, cultural and information exchanges. They will also launch concrete cooperation in the areas of international exchange of publications, collection of special documents (such as publications on Malaysian studies and Malaysian Chinese literature), bibliographic information sharing, personnel exchanges and joint organization of activities.



Director General Dato’ Raslin Bin Abu Bakar (left) and Director General Tseng sign the cooperation agreement.