

National Central Library

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Spotlights

NCL Director General Tseng Leads a Delegation to Attend the 2014 ALA Annual Meeting and Presents a Keynote Speech at the **CALA Annual Meeting**

The 2014 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Meeting was held on June 26 to July 1 in Las Vegas. A seminar, library and information exhibition, poster exhibition and other activities were simultaneously held with the event.



NCL Director General Shu-hsien Tseng (right) with ALA President Barbara Stripling.

Led by National Central Library (NCL) Director General Shu-hsien Tseng, the 15-member library delegation from Taiwan was joined by representatives of the Parliamentary Library of Legislative Yuan, Taiwan (R.O.C.), National Library of Public Information, National Taiwan Library, National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) Library, and the Graduate Institute of Library and Information Studies at NTNU.

The delegation attended the ALA conference and poster exhibition, as well as participated in the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) Annual General Meeting.



The Taiwan delegation at the event opening

ALA member organization CALA also held its annual meeting on June 29 under the theme of "Exploring the World: Librarian Leadership and Global Outreach." The meeting is the most highly respected annual event for professional exchanges in the Chinese library community. The NCL, which is in charge of professional library development in Taiwan, has earned respect and attention among its peers in the international community.

NCL Director General Shu-hsien Tseng was therefore invited to present a keynote speech at the CALA annual meeting entitled "Gathering Knowledge, Striving for Excellence, Promoting Culture, Creating Sinology Ripple World-wide: Experiences of the NCL on Library Leadership and Global Outreach."

The speech shared the NCL's achievements and leadership experience in the areas of

knowledge services, pursuit of excellence, enhancing culture and fostering global sinology exchanges.



Director General Tseng presents a keynote speech at the meeting.

Donation Ceremony of Hungarian Heritage Music Collection & Presentation of UNESCO World Heritage - Hungarian Dance House

On July 28, the NCL held a donation ceremony and a presentation of Táncház, traditional Hungarian dancing, in the International Conference Hall.

Director General Tseng said that the donation of a set of 50 CDs (Heritage of Our Future XX→ XXI) from the Hungarian Trade Office represents classic traditional Hungarian folk music collection for a century. The 20th century was a great time for folk songs in Europe as it experienced a large production of records and other recordings.

Due to the advent of the digital age, and in light of the fact that traditional Hungarian cultural identity is not at odds with their integration in the European Union (Hungarian folk songs are a part