



Front row from left: Director Yu, Prof. Lin and Dr. Fell in the University of London.

■ *Director General Tseng Delivers a Speech at the TK Forum 2014*

The Thailand Knowledge Park (TK Park) 2014 Forum (TK Forum) was held in Bangkok on June 19, 2014. This year's theme was "Learning in the Digital Era." The focus of the forum was to explore the impact of changes in information technology on education and learning and the behavior of the new generation in meeting knowledge needs.



NCL Director General Tseng presents a speech at the TK forum.

About 300 people attended the forum. University professor Dr. Varakorn Samakoses, the former Deputy Education Minister of Thailand,

presented a speech on the topic of "Education Reform: a path to Social Reform." NCL Director General Tseng was invited to attend and presented a speech entitled "New Paradigm for Taiwan's Public Libraries and National Library in Digital Era."

The speech outlined initiatives by various types of public libraries in Taiwan and the NCL to foster public reading habits and promote interest in reading. The talk highlighted the libraries' use of information technology to provide e-resources and mobile reading services that enable ubiquitous learning and information access in the digital era.

Events

■ *International Youth Leadership Camp Participants Visit the NCL and Attend Cultural Seminar*

Participants in the International Youth Leadership Camp held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on May 7 visited the NCL. The students were particularly interested in the library's digital information and impressed by the richness of the documents in the library's special collection.

The NCL invited Associate Professor Chen Kai-hsien of the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture at National Taiwan University to present a lecture on the topic "The Cultural Creativity of Taiwan Tea: Integrating the Science and Art." During the lively and compelling lecture, Professor Chen introduced the characteristics and development of Taiwan tea from the perspectives of history, culture and science. He also arranged a tea appreciation session with five varieties of tea during the talk, enabling the students to fully immerse themselves in the art and beauty of Taiwan tea.



Prof. Chen leads a tea tasting



Students in the Rare Books Room

■ **2014 Outstanding Thesis Presentation**

The NCL and Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology Library jointly held the “2014 Outstanding Thesis Presentation” to encourage Master’s and PhD candidates in Taiwan to produce outstanding thesis papers and promote the concept of authorizing public access to full-text theses to reduce plagiarism of academic papers.

Teachers and students from 22 domestic colleges and universities participated in the event. A total of 46 thesis papers were presented during five sessions focusing on the areas of “science and engineering,” “business and management,” “humanities and social sciences,” “digital design” and “biomedical and agriculture.” More than 350

people attended. NCL Director General Tseng awarded a “Certificate of Acknowledgement for Theses Presentation” to each of the students presenting papers at the event to commend them for authorizing the NCL to include their full-text theses in the library collection.

■ ***Storybooks are an eternal heritage you can experience yourself***

To promote reading and encourage better quality publications, the NCL and Linking Books co-hosted a lecture on “Storybook Creation and My Life.” On April 13, they invited renowned author, painter, and illustrator Hideko Ise to share her work.

She emphasized that those desiring to be illustrators should attempt to create a story themselves. Only then can they come to understand the role of the main character. She also revealed that she draws from her love of poetry and fables to get inspiration for stories, giving her a seemingly-endless supply of ideas.



Trees are an important element in Hideko Ise’s illustrations.