

libraries to continuously improve their administrative quality, strengthen their reader services and propose innovative reading programs.



Group photo after the press conference

■ *Opening of Taoyuan and Penghu Areas Regional Resource Centers*

To help public libraries integrate resources and develop services, the NCL started the “Project for the Resource Integration and Development of Public Libraries” in 2013. Four Regional Resource Centers in the northern, central, southern, and eastern regions of Taiwan and eight Area Resource Centers will be established over four years. Director General Tseng attended the opening ceremony of Taoyuan and Penghu Area Regional Resource Center on February 12 and March 29, respectively.

The Taoyuan Area Regional Resource Center is located on the 4th floor of the Taoyuan Public Library. The Center’s holdings particularly focus on multicultural topics. In the future it will continue to add Chinese and foreign language titles (including Southeast Asian languages) to provide patrons with a richer multicultural information

service.

The Penghu Area Regional Resource Center is located at the Penghu County Library. The library’s holdings primarily focus on youth reading needs and services. In the future, it will begin working closely with the Southern Regional Resource Center (Kaohsiung City Library) and the Tainan Area Regional Resource Center (Tainan City Library) to establish an inter-region reader services system.



Director General Tseng at the Penghu Area Regional Resource Center.



At the Penghu Area Regional Resource Center

■ *2015 Taipei Literature Festival*

The NCL, Department of Cultural Affairs, the Taipei City Government, and Wenshun Magazine jointly held the “Memory and Retrospection: Taipei Literary Reading Seminar” on March 8. Renowned film

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