

transmission and other areas. These contributions deserve our gratitude and study. Director General Tseng further stated that the papers presented at the symposium exhaustively and succinctly present the great love of the Western missionaries for the world.

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The CCS held a symposium for foreign scholars on the Taiwan Fellowship. Presentations were given in English, with four scholars presenting. Three more symposia will be held this year.

The first presenter was Wolfgang Pape, from the Centre for European Policy Studies in Belgium, who spoke on “Europe and East Asia: Comitology Versus Guanxi,” in which he compared the diplomacy policies of East Asian and European countries. Next, Kamer Kasim, the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences at Turkey’s Abant İzzet Baysal Üniversitesi, spoke on “The Relationship between Taiwan and Turkey.” He pointed out possible areas of cooperation between Turkey and Taiwan and highlighted strategies that helped get Turkey admitted into the European Union.

The third presenter was Chen Weiyl, a doctoral candidate from Tunku Abdul Rahman University in Malaysia. She presented on “Mainland China’s Energy Safety Policies in Southeast Asia,” exploring competition and cooperation between China and southeast Asian countries with regards to energy problems in southeast Asia.

The final presenter was Michal Thim,

a doctoral candidate from the University of Nottingham in England, who spoke on “Taiwan’s Unbalanced Response to China’s Military Threat.” He analyzed Taiwan’s policies that address China’s military threat and made some adjustments to the traditional military theory that applies the quantitative research. The symposium was attended by 32 scholars from 17 countries and corresponding diplomats, as well as officials from the Ministry of Education, scholars, reporters, and the general public. In all, approximately 110 people were in attendance.



The CCS holds first round of research presentations

CCS News and Activities

■ *CCS Holds Year-end Gala Banquet for Visiting Scholars*

The CCS held a year-end gala banquet for visiting scholars on the afternoon of January 24. Visiting scholar recipients of the MOFA’s Taiwan Fellowship grants were invited to the Lunar New Year’s Eve event. The gala was joined by 34 visiting scholars and family members from the United States, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Ireland, Belgium, Poland, Spain, Czech, Korea, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand and Nigeria.



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Before the banquet, NCL Director General Tseng and Deputy Director General Liu Ching-yan of the Department of Policy Planning at MOFA welcomed the scholars and family members and wished them a happy Lunar New Year. The CCS also arranged a self-introduction by the scholars during the banquet to encourage exchanges and sharing on their research in Taiwan. The participating scholars were greatly impressed by the CCS' meticulous arrangement of the banquet.

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ *Libraries Go the Extra Mile to Woo Youth*

In an age when young people are glued to their mobile phones, the National Library of Public Information and other libraries in Taiwan have been setting up "Mobile Phone Rooms." In a departure from the traditional "keep quiet" library policy, New Taipei City Youth Library, Taiwan's first library designed for young people, has set up an interactive discussion area, graffiti area, outside dance area and other facilities that have made it a popular new meeting place for young people.

The Zhonglun Branch of the Taipei Public Library (TPL) has also become a hot spot for

young people thanks to its collection of 85,000 comic books. The library lends out more than 160,000 volumes on average each year, ranking it first among the TPL branches in book lending. The branch also often holds educational activities and theme exhibitions related to comic books.

■ *80-year-old Grandma Marks Third Decade of Volunteer Book Repair*

The books in the collection of the Hualien City Library are frequently damaged due to high volume borrowing. Fortunately there is a "professional book doctor," 80-year-old book repair volunteer Sun Hsueh-chieh. For more than 30 years, Sun has restored countless worn out and damaged books. A lover of books, she decided to volunteer at the library in her later years and began to learn about book restoration. "Live, work and, of course, read into old age!" Sun says. In addition to her direct volunteer work, Sun has, with praiseworthy dedication, called on young people to read more and take good care of public property.

■ *Philanthropic Library Brings Special Children's Day Gift to Students in Remote Townships*

Pingtung County opened its tenth Philanthropic Library this year at Xinpi Elementary School. The new facility aims to further enhance the benefits of books through the library's shared reading resources, as well as help students to broaden their horizons and develop competitive skills for their future through reading. Xinpi is a remote township in Pingtung County, located about 30 kilometers from the county seat.

The students here depend mainly on the school