

achieving the aim of second language instruction.



Senior Lecturer Bai (5th from left) and Dr. Wang(4th from left) photograph with the participants.

CCS News and Activities

■ 2014 ROC National Day Reception

2014 Ministry of Foreign Affairs Double Ten Day Cocktail Party was held in the Taipei Guest House again this year. The MOFA invited CCS's foreign scholars and the MOFA Taiwan Fellowship recipients and their families to attend the party. In all, 60 scholars and their families from 30 countries attended. The party saw a scrumptious array of snack foods from all over the island, as well as artisans who producing traditional grass-weavings, paper-cutting, and doughfigurines. There were also many uniquely Taiwanese performances to help promote international cultural exchange and the feeling of "all people are one family."



A group photo taken in the Taipei Guest House

■ CCS invited five foreign scholars in Taiwan to participate in the "Glad To Meet You, Taiwan."

In conjunction with Taiwan's 2014 Reading Festival, the CCS designed an exquisite booth themed

"Glad To Meet You, Taiwan." They invited five foreign scholars currently in Taiwan on a research stipend, including University of Tokyo Ph.D. candidate Tatsuo Araki, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman lecturer Ms. Chen Weiyi, Kaspars Eihmanis from Latvia, Dr. Prashant Kumar Singh from India's Institute of Defense Studies & Analyses, and Rafal Felbu, a Polish national studying a doctorate in religion at Stanford University. These scholars were asked to talk about well-known folk stories from their countries and to give an oral reading of some. In addition, more than thirty books of folk stories from Taiwan and other countries were on hand for visitors to read. Simple question and answer games were also played. The entire set up attracted many visitors who actively participated.



Scholars photograph in front of the booth.

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ National Taiwan Library Holds Press Conference after Concluding 2014 Augmenting Use of E-books for the Visually Impaired Midterm Project

To announce the successful completion of its project to improve the use of e-books for the visually impaired, National Taiwan Library held a press conference on December 18. It revealed its newly developed app: Audio for the Visually Impaired. It also recognized publishers YLib, Linking Books, and Puomo, as well as the National Museum of Taiwan Literature and New Taipei City's Cultural Affairs Department for donating e-book files. Awards were also given to five finalists and one honorable mention in this year's Visual and Hearing Impaired Outstanding Thesis and Dissertation Award.

■ *New Main Kaohsiung Public Library Open for Use*

The new main Kaohsiung Public Library opened its doors on November 13. Mayor Chu Chen cut the ribbon with the public, signifying the opening of a gift that was given to the residents of the city. The new library is spacious and bright inside, with 1,600 seats spread throughout the building. It also has many works of art on display, including a public art wall and bust of Da Vinci made from old books and texts, giving patrons a great place not only to read, but also to enjoy art.

■ *Toufen Township Library Remodels, Boasts New 5-Star Reading Space*

The Toufen Township Library, located in Miaoli County, is currently remodeling to provide a better reading environment for patrons. Changes will be completed in November, including separating study and reading areas, making reading areas more spacious and comfortable, and relocating the administration offices to the basement. The first floor will house a children's reading area and a preschool treehouse reading area. The second floor will house the stacks and the multimedia area. It will also have a discussion

area for youth, in an attempt to promote the reading atmosphere.

■ *Tainan City Tries Convenient Store Book Return Service in Anding Area*

The Anding District Office in Tainan is teaming up with FamilyMart convenient stores to provide a book-return service called "Schedule Online, Return at FamilyMart". All one needs to do is schedule a return on the library's website, then take the library book to FamilyMart to return it. In the six months the project has been in operation, over 4,000 people have used it. Project coordinators are now looking at the possibility of offering a check out service as well.

■ *National Chiao Tung University Library First to Offer 3D Printing Services*

National Chiao Tung University Library is the first to house a 3D printer in its facilities. It is open to students and the public. All that's needed is a little creativity, a 3D model using computer software, then send the file to the library's 3D printing service website (<http://print3d.lib.nctu.edu.tw>). The site will calculate the time and cost needed to print the design. Once the printing cost is paid, the printer starts printing. Completed prints can be picked up at the library.



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