



Remarks by Director-general Tseng



A group photo at the Nanjing Library

The exhibition was themed “Encountering Happiness in a Sea of Books,” marking the first time that public libraries from both sides of the strait worked as joint curators. In addition to the exhibition and forums, visits were made to libraries in Beijing, Nanjing, and Yangzhou. The visiting of these libraries was an important platform for sharing and exchange between libraries in China and Taiwan. It was also a prologue to wonderful developments awaiting a new century of librarianship.

■ *NCL attends the 10th Conference on Cooperative Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources*

The 10th Conference on Cooperative Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources (CCDSCR) was held on October 20-24, 2014 in Hong Kong Central Library. The theme was “Digital Legacy—The Past and the Future of CCDSCR Projects.” The NCL was

represented by Deputy Director-general Wu Ying-mei and four others. Deputy Director-general Wu and the NCL staff spoke on “From Digitizing Collections to Globalized Development of Shared Resources: On the Cultural Sales of Special Collection Materials.” During the conference, the delegation used the opportunity to share ideas with other members and look for future possibilities in cooperative endeavors.



A Group photo at CCDSCR

■ *2014 Taiwan Reading Festival*

The NCL hosted the 2014 Taiwan Reading Festival in December, with various events being held all across the island. Over 60 institutions helped put on activities, making it the most co-sponsored reading event in the history of Taiwan. On December 7, a Reading Festival Carnival was held on the Zhongshan South Road sidewalks around the NCL. Libraries, cultural and educational foundations, book clubs, and schools throughout Taiwan were invited to claim one of the 29 stalls available, to share with the public the surprise and joy of reading. In addition, on December 20, the event “Little Library Director, Little Librarian for a Day” was held, wherein elementary school students were invited to the NCL and other public libraries to experience what it feels like to serve as a librarian.

An outdoor book wall was formed on Zhongshan South Road for the very first time, providing a wonderful reading outdoor atmosphere for the public. It was made from 200 wooden wine crates and 4,000 books. It was the main visual draw of the event. The stalls at the event were full of people, reading good books and attending quality activities, which like the sun in the winter warmed everyone’s heart.



Honored guests and participants take a photo during the opening ceremony.



Honored guests and participants take a photo at the press conference.

■ **Sharing Love through Books: NCL's charity sale for donating award-winning children books to remote areas in Taiwan**

To establish its new brand in reading-promotion events, the NCL held the first Taiwan Reading Festival in Dec. 2013 with the support from the Ministry of Education. In 2014, a total of 30 different activities were held, attracting large public turnouts. To help enrich the holdings of remote libraries so that children there can read quality children's books, the NCL held a "Sharing Love through Books" charity sale where it collected donations from different individual persons and institutions. A total of 885 items were donated by foreign embassies and consulates in Taiwan, local political leaders, library directors and staff, celebrities, national ping pong champions, professional baseball stars, super models, and many

others. The activity raised NT\$222,015 (US\$6,900). All proceeds and donors are listed under News on the NCL's website. (<http://www.ncl.edu.tw/ct.asp?xItem=23028&ctNode=1620&mp=2>) These proceeds were used to purchase illustrated children's books that received awards from Taipei Public Library and the Caldecott Medal of American Library Association. The books were then donated to seven remote elementary school libraries. Each school held a unique activity to thank the NCL for the donations, which enable their students to see a wider swath of the world through good books, as well as their own future.



The Charity sale was held at the entrance of the NCL.



At a charity auction

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