

from Leipzig University and many others were also present.



Group photo at the University of Leipzig

2015.06.25

The CCS organized a “Global Chinese Studies Series,” inviting Professor Florian C. Reite from Institute of Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), and Professor Peter Zarrow from Department of History, University of Connecticut, to share their research findings.

Prof. Reite discussed, using the Taoist classics as reference, on the similarities and differences between “Five Thunder Skills” of Sung dynasty and the Qingwei school of Yuan dynasty. Moreover, Prof. Zarrow also explored the implied concept of utopia in the political thought of four contemporary Chinese representatives of utopian thought. The lectures of the two professors attracted many students and professors from many national universities as well as visiting scholars of the CCS.



Group photo of presenters and participants

CCS News and Activities

■ 2015 Dragon Boat Festival Luncheon for Visiting Foreign Scholars

On June 10, 44 visiting scholars and their families from 20 countries of the CCS Research Grants for Foreign Scholars in Chinese studies and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Taiwan Fellowship were invited to a pre-Dragon Boat Festival celebration luncheon. The occasion aims to offer scholars, besides doing research, the opportunities to experience the cultural significance of the traditional folk festivals.

Director General Tseng and MOFA Department of Policy Planning Deputy Director General, Vincent Jing-Yen Liu were all present to joyfully celebrate with the scholars and their families. All enjoyed the Dragon Boat Festival specialties: rice dumplings, lychees and other delicacies. A video clip introduced the Dragon Boat Festival in the context of Taiwan Festival traditions. The venue was filled with laughter the whole ambiance relaxed and convivial.

Many visiting scholars also showed their individual talent, making the atmosphere more warm and lively. An assistant professor from Lawrence University, Brigid Vance, using bilingual magic tricks shared her personal research experiences which arose resonances among the other scholars; Mr. Tatsuo Araki, PhD candidate from the University of Tokyo, presented the Chinese version of the traditional Japanese Rakugo, performed “Super Scary Bun.” This amused the audience and filled the venue with laughter. MOFA Department of Policy Planning deputy representative, Li Yn Chou, sung in Huangmei tone (a Chinese folk song) the “Butterfly Lovers-Visit Yingtai,” which received an enthusiastic applause.



The NCL and MOFA colleagues with visiting scholars

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ Inauguration of New Taipei City Main Library

The New Taipei City Main Library was inaugurated in May 2015. It has nine floors. Each floor presents a different theme according to the needs of young people, the elderly and the ethnic groups. In the world study area, it presents cultural resources not only of Taiwanese aborigines, new immigrants and the world, there is also a New Taipei Memory Center for people to learn more about the history of New Taipei City. Furthermore, the library provides 24-hour

self-service machines enabling the patrons to borrow and return books. It is Taiwan's first 24-hour service library. This is made possible with a 7 meters automated stocker system which can accommodate 2,059 books. It is Taiwan's largest smart self-service machine. The reader has only to make an appointment through the Internet to borrow books and will be able to get the book requested even in the middle of the night.

■ 2015 Taiwan's Top Ten "must-see" Library Polling Event

From June until September 30, 2015, the Library Association of the Republic of China (LAROC), Taiwan, launched a voting activity via the internet to select "Taiwan's Top Ten must see Libraries." This is to encourage people to choose the best ten from the 68 libraries in Taiwan. LAROC will recommend the top ten libraries chosen to the "International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions" (IFLA) and present them as part of the "1001 must-see Libraries in this life" In this way, libraries in Taiwan can also shine at the international stage.



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