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.