

were members of the World Poets Society, the Union of Mongolian Writers, the President of PEN International from Slovakia, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, Mongolian students in Taiwan, representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission, and many others. During Director General Tseng's remarks, she cited one of Murong Xi's poems, effectively opening up the poetic dialog between the two countries that day. The poems read at the event described many delicate feelings, including that between lovers, sentiments toward the island of Taiwan, the loneliness of entering society, the absolute freedom of one's heart, and fervent patriotism. Those in attendance enjoyed the intoxicating beauty of poetic description and savored the sentiments that make up life.



*Ms. Munkhtsetseg, Director of The Union of Mongolian Writers donates a Chinese calligraphy scroll to Director General Tseng.*

## ■ National Library of Malaysia Librarians Visit the NCL for a Two-week Learning Exchange

December 7-18, National Library of Malaysia Library System and Network Division Head Madam Nor O'baidah Abidin and Madam Farah Aliza Abd Aziz visited the NCL for a two-week learning exchange.

To meet the learning needs of these foreign librarians and to promote exchange of experience and interaction between the staff of the two libraries, the NCL held a group meeting to design courses on digitization and digital libraries. Topics included databases and bibliometric systems, digital archiving and services, digitizing ancient books, practice in digitizing, digital learning, etc. The classes were

taught by experienced NCL staff. Much experience was exchanged and a deep and intense interaction occurred during the courses. The visiting librarians were very impressed with NCL's many achievements in digitization. This exchange will greatly augment future digitization efforts for the two libraries.

The NCL also arranged a tour of the New Taipei Public Library, the Beitou Branch of the Taipei Public Library, and the National Library of Public Information for the two visitors so that they might have a better understanding of Taiwan's public library facilities design and digitization plans. For both of these Malaysian librarians, this trip to Taiwan not only enabled them to exchange professional knowledge on digital libraries, but also allowed them to experience the convenience of transportation in Taiwan, its respect of different cultures and religions, and the friendliness and warmth of its citizens.



*Director General Tseng (4th left, front row) with Malaysian librarians (2nd & 3rd left) and NCL staffs.*

## ■ NCL Two Posters Make a Great Hit in 2015 IFLA Poster Session

The 81th International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) General Conference and Assembly was held in Cape Town, South Africa. A poster session was also held with 132 posters on display from around the world, two of which are from the NCL. They are poster #54 "Reading across the Island, Happiness as High as Heaven" and poster #107 "Sharing Love through Books: NCL's charity sale for donating award-winning children books to remote areas in Taiwan," respectively.

The poster session provided a great opportunity for NCL's presenting the results of reading promotion to the whole world. Due to this, Deputy Director General Ying-mei Wu represented the NCL to attend the conference and poster session and to introduce NCL's

posters to visitors. In the first day of the session, lots of visitors were attracted to view the NCL's posters and take pictures, providing a successful promotion of NCL's services to international audience.



*Lots of visitors are attracted to view the NCL's posters.*

## ■ NCL Participates in the 9th Council Meeting of the Conference on Cooperative Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources

On November 4 2015, the NCL participated in the 9th Council Meeting of the “Conference on Cooperative Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources (CCDSCR)” and a seminar on “A review and prospects of Chinese resources sharing and cooperation opportunities” that were held at the Hong Kong Central Library.

NCL Deputy Director General Wu shared and discussed the topic on “Reflections on Cultural Heritage from the NCL digitization sharing and cooperation experience” with almost a hundred librarians from the different universities and public libraries in Hong Kong. There were also representatives from the different regions of China and Macau who shared their respective experiences and the direction for the future development of the cooperative development and sharing of Chinese resources.



*A group photo taken at the CCDSCR.*

## ■ NCL Participates in the 2015 World Digital Library Annual Meeting and the 4th International Summit of the Book

In an effort to help disseminate mankind's knowledge and to display the beauty of its holdings, the NCL has actively participated in the World Digital Library (WDL) since 2008 by providing high-quality digitized holdings and attending the annual meeting. The NCL's representative not only take part in the annual meeting on November 5-6 at the Egyptian Bibliotheca Alexandrina, but also the 4th International Summit of the Book held on the 6th and 7th.

## ■ NCL and Linking Publishing Company Cohost the 19th East Asia Publishers Conference

The East Asia Publishers Conference is organized by publishers from Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, and Japan. It is currently promoting the exchange of publications in East Asia. In 2015 the conference was hosted by the NCL and Linking Publishing Company. Held at the NCL, the theme was “Internet, Publishing, and Reading.” Director General Tseng was invited to talk on “Library Promotion of Reading as Seen from Trends in Taiwan Publishing and Reading Habits.” Also presenting at the conference were Taiwan publishers and librarians, as well as two famous founders of online reading groups. Many publishers from Mainland China, Hong Kong, Japan, and Korea attended and joined in the discussion on a vision and the future of reading and publishing in the Internet age.



*Director General Tseng presents a speech at the conference*

## ■ 2015 NBINet Library Partner Meeting

On November 27, two important annual