

cataloguing cooperation meetings, the “National Bibliographic Information Network (NBINet) Policy Committee” and the “NBINet Meeting of Collaborating Library Directors” were held at the NCL.



A group photo taken at the NCL after the NBINet meeting.

■ The Establishment of the “National Federation of Taiwan Theses and Dissertations E-databases”

On November 6, the NCL, combining with university libraries established the “National Federation of Taiwan Theses and Dissertations E-databases” in view of having a complete collection of the bibliographic data and electronic full text of national theses and dissertations to permanently preserve domestic academic research and to promote global knowledge sharing.

Besides presenting the main directions of cooperation, the current Federation General Assembly also elected 19 representatives from libraries to make up the “Development Committee”.

Also invited for the meeting were Hao-ren Ke, University Librarian of National Taiwan Normal University and a colleague from the NCL who pointed out the significance of the establishment of the Federation and strategies for future cooperation development. In the discussion were pointed out the eventual participation of university libraries from Hong Kong, Macao and Mainland China in the federation, the application of administrative work, the forms of database vendors cooperation and other related issues.



A group photo at the inaugural meeting of the federation.

■ The First Golden Information Awards

In an effort to increase civil servants’ ability to resolve issues by searching NCL databases for information, on November 16, 2015 the NCL hosted the first “Golden Information Awards: National Competition of Library Information Literacy for Civil Servants.” Following the competition, awards were presented by Director General Tseng.

This competition saw questions based on the five main information systems created by the NCL: Index to Taiwan Periodical Literature System, National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations in Taiwan, Taiwan Citation Index – Humanities and Social Sciences, Taiwan Memory, and NCL Gazette Online. Civil servants were divided into two groups: general (open to all civil servants) and professional (limited to librarians).

The top three from each group received awards. The silver medal for the professional group was awarded to a staff member from the NCL. In her remarks, Director General Tseng stated that information literacy is an important ability for civil servants, as they need to be able to fluently and effectively use library resources to find information required by their jobs and to increase the quality and effectiveness of their work. She also hopes that the contestants can go back and teach the people around them how to make use of library and information tools to find resources, thus increasing even further the overall ability of civil servants in this regard.



Director General Tseng (3rd left, front row) with the prizewinners.

■ 2015 Taiwan Reading Festival

Two years ago the NCL began holding a Taiwan Reading Festival, which entails working with various schools, libraries, and educational institutions to put on many reading-promotion events. These are aimed to increase the amount of reading the public does.