

Chinese Communist Party Congress”.

She explored that the history of Chinese-Vietnamese contact entered a new phase in 1919, when Chinese ceased to be the administrative and national language of Vietnam in the wake of colonization by France. However, throughout the early 20th century, Chinese continued to be used in Vietnam as a tool to acquire knowledge. She also discussed that as China has experienced a process of reform and opening for the past 30 years, it has launched many policies which were accompanied by a new socio-political terminology. Almost simultaneously, Vietnam began to implement its reforms. Although in 1945, Vietnam started to use the Latin script, Vietnam still continued to borrow socio-political terms from China and has continued to absorb them into modern Vietnamese.



Dr. Thúy Nhung Đỗ (5th left) with the participants.

CCS News and Activities

■ 2015 ROC National Day Reception

The National Day Reception held in the Taipei Guesthouse in celebration of the founding of the Republic of China is one of the grandest events of the Double Tenth (Oct. 10) National Day. To augment international scholarly and cultural exchange, the NCL arranged for recipients of both the CCS Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies and Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Taiwan Fellowship and their families to attend. The visiting scholars were all very excited to be invited to such an event, especially as the Taipei Guesthouse is a Tier 1 historical site in Taiwan and is seldom open to the public.

This year 34 scholars from 18 countries attended the reception. NCL's Director General Tseng, Deputy Director Wu, and directors attended with them. The groups joined three thousand others guests from Taiwan and abroad to celebrate in the Western-style

Baroque building and out in the courtyard. Both traditional Chinese music and Western classical music were performed, along with aboriginal songs and dances. In addition to offering an array of Chinese and Western food, also provided were specialty snacks from all regions of Taiwan, giving guests a first-hand experience at Taiwanese local culture.



A group photo taken in front of the Taipei Guest House.

News from Taiwan Libraries

■ 54th President of the Board Selected for Library Association of the Republic of China

The Library Association of the Republic of China selected their 54th president of the board and board members on December 29. Professor Hao-ren Ke from Graduate Institute of Library and Information Sciences at National Taiwan Normal University was selected as president.

■ NKUT Library and Information Service Center Holds Joint Meeting for Library Coalition of Universities in Central Taiwan

The Nan Kai University of Technology's Library and Information Service Center invited librarians and staff from 23 universities in central Taiwan to exchange ideas at the Joint Meeting for Library Coalition of Universities in Central Taiwan. In addition to lectures given to increase professional knowhow, several proposals were raised to bring about closer working relationships between the libraries and to improve the effectiveness of interlibrary cooperation.

■ User-friendly, Smart New Taipei City Library Wins Yet More Awards

New Taipei City's new main library facility opened six months ago, during which it has been the recipient of many awards. In fact, it has been certified as the first public building in Taiwan to meet the Universal Design requirements. In December 2015, the library created an open reading area suitable for all ages, which incorporates novel digital technology. This "Smart Interactive Information System" breaks through limitations on library service hours. In 2015 it was awarded the Friendly Building Award by the Ministry of Interior. It also won the 2015 Information Technology Month "100 Most Innovative Products" for Public Services, making it the only library to receive this award. New Taipei City Library has also garnered attention for its innovative approach to reading services. Furthermore, 26 of its branch libraries were heavily awarded in the National Public Library Evaluation. It is the most decorated library in Taiwan.

■ E-books Available in 2016 on Taiwan Academic E-book and Database Consortium

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provides trial uses of 37 Western e-book products and 6 Chinese e-book products until March 2016. For a trial use visit the following links:

Western e-books: <http://www.lib.ntu.edu.tw/doc/CA/TAEBDC/2016/trial2016.html>

Chinese e-books: <http://www.lib.ntu.edu.tw/doc/CA/TAEBDC/2016/chi2016.html>

■ Results of 2015 Comprehensive Digital Reading Promotion

The National Library of Public Information held a press conference to showcase the results of the 2015 Comprehensive Digital Reading Promotion Program. Specifically, they showed how digital reading was promoted in schools. This program is critical in promoting reading education in rural areas. It brings together the abundant resources of each national library, as well as those at the National Academy for Educational Research. Schools are provided with a free demonstration course, and more importantly teachers receive systematic teaching aids that allow school children to enjoy equalized learning resources and opportunities.



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