

new poetry in Taiwan. The works donated during the ceremony included ten long calligraphy scrolls that measured over 10 meters in length, paper for writing poems, abstract black ink paintings, and transcribed poetry, among others. Many famous people from the literary world were in attendance at the donation ceremony and viewed the exhibition.



Poet Mo Chang (left) donates a painting to the NCL.

■ Donation Ceremony of Writer Liang-hui Kuo's Collection of Works

On his own initiative, Kai-yuen Suen, the son of writer Liang-hui Kuo, edited and published “*The Complete Works of Liang-hui Kuo Collection*.” He then donated it to 48 local libraries. NCL Director General Tseng was invited to attend the book donation ceremony on December 26, 2015.

In her speech, Director General Tseng remarked that it is not easy for the library to collect materials especially personal writings. Mr. Suen exerted considerable efforts to collect the writings of Liang-hui Kuo from various local information agencies. Furthermore, through the NCL, he gathered related materials overseas, in the U.S., U.K. and other countries. He then single-handedly compiled, edited, proofread and produced 64 volumes. His untiring effort and filial piety are admirable.

Director General Tseng cited the importance of Liang-hui Kuo's manuscripts collections being deposited in the NCL in providing researchers in their research work as well as offering more readers to know her works and their creative process.



Director General Tseng (5th left) with Mr. Kai-yuen Suen (6th left) and attendees of the ceremony.

■ Commemoration Ceremony of the 100th Anniversary of Çanakkale Battles

To commemorate the First World War's most famous battles - the Battle of Gallipoli that took place one hundred years ago, the Australian Office in Taipei, New Zealand Commerce and Industry Office in Taipei, Turkish Trade Office jointly organized the “Commemoration Ceremony of the 100th Anniversary of Çanakkale Battles” at the NCL on October 14, 2015. Dr. Peter Pedersen, the speaker from Australia, and Mr. John Crawford, New Zealand speaker, personally offered three autographed copies of his books to NCL Director General Tseng, respectively, so that the NCL can keep in its collections this important historical event of the Gallipoli Battle.



Director General Tseng (1st right) with the representatives from Australia, New Zealand, Turkey and their respective speakers.

■ NCL and Ulaanbaatar Trade and Economic Representative Office in Taipei Cohost Poetry Readings by Mongolian and Taiwan Poets

The NCL and Ulaanbaatar Trade and Economic Representative Office in Taipei cohosted Poetry Readings by Mongolian and Taiwan Poets on November 10. Invited to the event were many renowned poets from Mongolia and Taiwan, including Taiwan poet Murong Xi. They read poetry and interacted through the written word. Also in attendance

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