

■ Spring Poetry Festival

The NCL holds quarterly reading promotion activities on various themes. For the spring of 2016, the theme is on poetry. A series of lectures took place from March 5 to April 16. Invited speakers are six poets, writers and literature professors. They introduced the structure of contemporary and classical poetry, Russian and German poetry. They focus on what the poets want to express, their respective emotions, the historical and cultural context of their poetry. Hopefully, more people will love poetry, experience its delicate emotions, cultivate and expand imagination.

■ NCL Receives a Donation of Letters and Writings Belonging to the Late Historians

Ms. Binbin Chin, the daughter of famous late historian, Professor Chung-shu Chin, and widow of Professor Kenneth Pei-hsiung Ho, a late Hong Kong renowned sinologist, donated to NCL the lifetime collection her father's letters and documents, a total of 41 items for permanent keeping. She also gave the copyright of the two professors' fifteen scholarly works for digitization so that more people can benefit from their works.

The late Professor Chin graduated from the Hong Kong New Asia College. He was a student of Mr. Qian Mu and a famous Song history expert. The late Professor Ho was a doctorate graduate from Oxford University and has been a professor in the Chinese department at the Hong Kong Chinese University. His research specializations were on Western Chinese Studies, Confucianism, humorous essay style of Han Wei and Six Dynasties and other related areas.

To thank Ms. Chin for her generous donation and to pay tribute to the two professors, the NCL held a donation ceremony on March 11. A good number of the two Professors' former students in Taiwan, about 30 of them, were present. They shared

many anecdotes about the two professors and their scholarly attitudes in imparting knowledge. The atmosphere was heartwarming, touching the hearts of everyone. They all confirmed and commended the excellent work of NCL in data collection management as well as digitization and other related areas.

In her speech, Director General Tseng pointed out that the 29 letters from the collection of Professor Chung-shu Chin are documents from important political figures in contact with him. They are therefore very precious and significant historical materials. The NCL will carefully preserve them as a heritage.



Group photo at the donation ceremony.

■ NCL Participates in the AAS Annual Meeting and Book Fair

The NCL Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) participated in the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) annual meeting and Book Fair which was held in USA, Seattle at the Washington State Convention Center in March 31 to April 3. At the book fair, the CCS exhibited publications and DVDs from Taiwan published these past three years on humanities and social sciences related to Chinese and Taiwan Studies, a total of 513 volumes, 465 titles.

Thousands of people participated in the annual meeting. There were 360 forums and keynote lectures. Participants were researchers in Asian studies from universities in the United States, librarians and Asian academic researchers from around the world, and publishing institutions as well. The NCL hopes that through this Book Fair,

international Sinologists may get to better know the achievements of Taiwan Chinese Studies research and the current publishing situation thereby strengthening academic cooperation and exchanges.

Besides allowing scholars from around the world to browse through the books and materials exhibited and make orders as well, after the conference, the books exhibited were donated to the University of Washington and the University of Oregon to enrich their respective library collections, providing local researchers with related resource materials.



NCL staff and representatives of book donation recipients at the AAS Book Fair.

■ Workshop on Books Acquisition in Public Libraries and School Libraries

In March, the NCL held a workshop on Books Acquisition in Public Libraries and School Libraries in the north, central, east, and south regions of Taiwan. Those invited to attend and share their experiences in acquisitions were county and city cultural bureaus that purchase for the government, libraries, the Public Construction Commission Executive Yuan, and book vendors who are responsible for purchasing books. Attendees reported being very happy with the workshops.



Each workshop attracts a packed audience.

NCL Publications

■ The Joy of Reading - Handbook for the 2015 Reading Habits Survey Results Press Conference and Model Book Borrower Commendation Ceremony



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The NCL held the 2015 Reading Habits Survey Results Press Conference and Model Book Borrower Commendation Ceremony. Through the results of this survey, the yearly national reading habits and interests are better understood and served as a reference to plan out library innovation and service strategies.

LIS Seminars

■ Conference on Innovative Services and Emerging Trends of Libraries

Organizer: Interlibrary Cooperation Association, China Medical University

Date: January 21, 2016

Venue: China Medical University