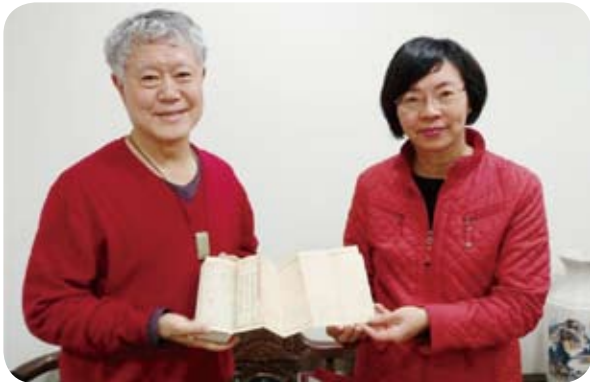


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Director General Tseng donates a book to Writer Hsun Chiang.

■ 2015 National Reading Habits Survey Results

The NCL has annually announced an analysis and statics on the reading habit of public library readers in Taiwan. The latest such data was released at a press conference and model reader commendation ceremony held by the MOE was on March 3, 2016.

Director General Tseng analyzed and explained the survey findings for 2015 to the national media people and to all those present. She pointed out that compared to the year 2015, there is a significant increase in the number of visitors coming to the Library, of those who borrowed books, and the number of books borrowed, website users and requests for library cards (the number of library users increased to 73.37 million, up 2%; the number of borrowers increased to 18.79 million, up 9%; the number of books borrowed is 69.43 million, up 9%, the number of library card applicants increased to 13.31 million, up 11%; the numbers of e-books borrowers increased to 0.836 million, up 35%). All these indicate that the efforts invested in promoting reading by the MOE, the NCL and public libraries in all level obtained significant results.

Director General Tseng further pointed

out that due to the strong all out support of the MOE, the NCL in concerted efforts with the 12 Regional Resource Centers set up by county and city governments effected the following actions: purchased large quantities of high quality and foreign language books; offered a variety of reading promotion activities. These attracted local residents and immigrants to go to the library with enthusiasm and use the software and hardware facilities. As a result, these not only strengthened the function of public libraries, through excellent Taiwan publications and books from different countries, new immigrants and residents were helped to integrate into the local culture.

Furthermore, the MOE invested a lot of financial aid to assist in the physical transformation of library premises, promoted parent-child reading and other related activities, encouraged more people to go to the library. Consequently, there is an increase in the number of books borrowed.

Director General Tseng also expressed the hope that publishing industries, cultural and educational institutions continue to cooperate with the NCL, with libraries at all level in innovative services and organize various activities, so that reading becomes a part of every citizen's daily life.

Education Minister Wu present at the press conference affirmed all the lending and reading model. He noted that public libraries have improved their library space in recent years and their respective collections increased as well. He encouraged the general public to make greater and better use of library facilities.



Group photo taken after the press conference.