



Director-General Vilks (6th from right).

The NLL was established on 29 August 1919 and founded in Riga. The new building was completed in the end of 2013, and the new NLL opened for the public on 12 June 2014. The key characteristics of the new NLL building are flexibility, light and spacious. Therefore, it is called “the Castle of Light”.

Latvia has four distinct seasons of the year. Through energy-saving induction measures and programs, the greatest achievement is saving 30% electricity. Currently, solar panels are mounted on the Library roof top.

After his talk, Director-General Vilks presented a slide show of the interior and exterior premises of the NLL to share with the participants the magnificent building, the well-lighted interior and the space design reflecting a sense of modernity.

The NCL Director-General Tseng pointed out that currently, green architecture and the environmental consciousness are gradually increasing, so that is why NLL can come and address the development of green architecture technologies for libraries is a rare opportunity. During her speech, Director-General Tseng indicated that the unique elements of the NLL’s green design, when incorporated into NCL’s future plan, will result in a new library image that is “natural, energy-saving, environmentally-

friendly, and sustainable”.



All seats are occupied.

The NCL and NLL have enjoyed a close collaboration. In the year 2013, the NCL signed a cooperation agreement with the NLL to establish the TRCCS. The NCL provided books published in Taiwan and e-databases related to Chinese Studies and Taiwan Studies. In 2015, both libraries once again organized the “Exhibition: Imprints of Civilization” to introduce printing techniques and the developments in the printing industry.

Events

■ Summer Seminar

This summer, from June 4 to August 8, the NCL in cooperation with Lam Research Corporation have a series of lectures on “Sovereigns Come to Rule the World: Their Strategies, Wisdom and Talents”. Many historians are invited to explore the capacity, scope and depths in the governing of six famous emperors in Chinese history, their wisdom and important deeds.

The first session was given by Prof. I-tien Hsing of the Academia Sinica. Besides exploring the merits and strategies of Emperor Wu of Han Dynasty, he compared the Emperor Wu with western historical sovereign, ancient

Rome emperor, Caesar, to explore the definition of “hero”.



Prof. Hsing (center) with Director-General Tseng (left) on the stage.

The second and third ones to present were Prof. Te-hsi Sung of the National Chung Hsing University and Prof. Ching-cheng Liu of the National Cheng Kung University respectively. Prof. Sung spoke on “A Study in Imperialism—The Talent and Hegemonic Policy of Emperor Taizong of Tang Dynasty” and Prof. Liu delivered a speech on “Usurper? Warlord? Enlightened Ruler? Emperor Taizu of Song and the Sixth Generation of His Dynasty”.



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■ Director-General Tseng Attends the Awarding Ceremony of E-book Creation Competition

“The Sixth National and International Education Cup E-book Creation Competition” was jointly organized by *Taiwan E-book Association* and *GoGoFinder Cloud E-periodicals*. 671 schools participated in this competition. 6,466 persons registered and there were 505 entries. Director-General Tseng pointed out that the mission of the NCL is the permanent preservation of the nation’s digital cultural assets. The NCL “E-Publication Platform System” (EPS) has been in operation since 2011 and until today, 20,000 volumes have been collected and it is still increasing. The outstanding works of this competition will be included and recorded in the EPS.



Prizewinners are received the commemorative certificate by Director-General Tseng.