

■ **The NCL's CCS in Cooperation with the UT Austin in Texas, USA, and the Ghent University, Belgium, Organize the “Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies”**

On April 8, the NCL's CCS in cooperation with the University of Texas (UT) at Austin organized the “Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies”. Prof. Li-chuan Ou from the National Taiwan University, Department of Chinese Studies, was invited to speak on the topic: “A New Perspective on *Dream of the Red Chamber*: The Concealed Aristocratic Culture of Traditional China”.



The lecture attracts lots of attendees.

About one hundred persons attended the presentation. From the perspective of cultural history, Professor Ou placed *Dream of the Red Chamber* in the space-time context at the time when it was written to explore the misunderstandings generated by this book because of the differences in the contemporary space-time and cultural background.

On May 9, the “Taiwan Lectures on Chinese Studies” was hosted at the Ghent University. Invited to this lecture was Prof. Dafydd Fell from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. He spoke on “The Use of Rap in Taiwanese Political Communication”. His talk investigated the role and impact of rap

music in Taiwan political communication.

Prof. Fell pointed out that in the past three decades, rap has developed into an important musical style in Taiwan. This musical style came after the democratization of Taiwan. Surprisingly, it is often used in political communication. The lecture attracted many students from Ghent University and a lively discussion ensued on how the elements of rap music influenced Taiwan election and its democratization process.



Prof. Fell's lecture is filled to capacity.

■ **NCL Holds a Joint Exhibition of Taiwan Antique Map**

The NCL jointly held an Exhibition of Taiwan Antique Map with Taiwan Historical, Beitou Museum, and Association for Taiwan Antique Maps and Cultural Relics to showcase the antique maps provided by cooperative units and collectors from February 22 to May 29 at the NCL. The old maps on display have different themes, such as Taiwan Industry Map that introduces the industrial development at all historical periods. At the opening of the exhibition, the exhibition appealed many artists, historians, local culture and history researchers, and museum and library staff to visit.



Director-General Tseng poses a photo with attendants for the Exhibition.

■ NCL Participates in the 2016 Council of East Asian Libraries (CEAL) Annual Conference and Gives a Presentation

The 2016 CEAL Annual Meeting was held in Seattle from the 28th of March to the 1st of April on the theme: “Librarianship: In Building Unique Online Resources through Institutional Collaboration”. The CEAL is composed of East Asian Libraries in North America. This year, the NCL was invited to the regular session of Committee on Chinese Materials (CCM) to share its experience.

With “Promoting Open Access to Digital Resources in the National Central Library in Taiwan” as topic, the NCL introduced the resources that many organizations jointly constructed and promoted in recent years that are available for public access. These include: E-publication Platform System, the E-book ATM App, the National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations in Taiwan, the Taiwan Citation Index - Humanities and Social Sciences, and Contemporary Celebrities’ manuscripts System. To promote the author’s permission and willingness to expand the dissemination of knowledge, a variety of outreach activities were organized.

NCL Publications

■ Handbook on the MARC 21 Format for Bibliographic Data 2nd Edition and Reprint



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The main contents of the revised manual are books and serials commonly used bibliographic format listed in MARC structure and instructions. The present manual corrects the mistakes in the former version and includes MARC new and sub-column of the past two years as well as western language RDA model sample or RDA recording

LIS Seminars

■ Effective and Sensible Internal Control: A Lecture by Dr. Yi-hsin Wang, Director of the Institute of Internal Auditors

Organizer: NCL

Date: Apr 11, 2016

Venue: Audio-Visual Briefing Room, NCL

■ 2016 Forum on Mobile Library Interdisciplinary Dialog

Organizer: National Library of Public Information

Date: Apr 15, 2016

Venue: National Library of Public Information