

Dr. Christopher Lupke gives his speech.

His two lectures were “Decoding Cui Suxin’s ‘Gongliao, How Are You?’: Post-verité Documentary and Environmental Activism” (Jul. 6) and “The Illusion of Teleology in the Cinema of Hou Hsiao-hsien” (Jul. 8). Both lectures attracted a sizable number of students. Deputy Director Wu played a short video “An Introduction to Resources in Taiwan for Chinese Studies” after the lectures. The video explained the process for applying for a CCS grant and encouraged more outstanding foreign scholars to apply, which would increase the research momentum in Taiwan.

■ **NCL Works with Local Counties to Develop Digital Holdings and the Library Facilities**

In recent years the NCL has worked with counties and cities in Taiwan to digitize high quality local publications. On Jul. 27 and Aug. 2, Director-General Tseng confirmed with Hsiao-yun Wu, head of the Cultural Affairs Department of Lienchiang County, and head of the Cultural Affairs Department of Pingtung County, Jin-fa Wu, regarding their desire to collaborate. This means that all three off-island counties (Kinmen, Lienchiang, and Penghu) have agreed to collaborate on digitizing their

local publications and sharing a database with the NCL.

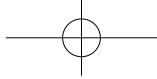


Director Wu (right) and Director-General Tseng.

The significance of this project is not to be undervalued. Not only will it aid in scholarly research and allow the proper preservation of historical materials and modern publications, it will also lead to the development of local culture.

During the roundtable discussions, Wu made a presentation on the optimized library services that the county has developed this year, such as extending hours of operation, incorporating senior-aged volunteers, and promoting family reading. Director-General Tseng and accompanying committee members gave concrete feedback on issues related to the library space design, reader services, and extension services.

In the meeting with the Cultural Affairs Department of Pingtung County, Mr. Wu asked Director-General Tseng and the three visiting committee members to help strengthen the county library facilities. Director-General Tseng stated that she would have experts and scholars to provide suggestions for improving the holdings, reader services, information services, and space at the Jhonjheng Library. She also emphasized that the positive boost in public satisfaction toward the government resulting from developing library services at the county and city levels cannot be overlooked.



Director-General Tseng (3rd from right), Long-yang Tseng (center), Deputy Director of the Cultural Affairs Department of Pingtung County and committee members.

■ Taiwan Children's Illustration Contest: Part of 2016 Biennial of Animation Bratislava

The NCL collaborated with the Slovak Economic and Cultural Office in organizing the "Taiwan Children's Illustration Contest, Part of 2016 Biennial of Animation Bratislava." The opening ceremony was held at the NCL on Sep. 6.

From then until Sep. 13, this illustration contest will be hosted by 9 major institutions in different areas of Taiwan. There will be 10 superior and 20 excellent rating works selected to join the exhibition of 2016 Biennial of Animation Bratislava in Slovak.



Participants watch the BAB film.

In the opening remarks, Director-General Tseng noted that the illustration contest provides Taiwan Children to attend international

exhibition. Through this exhibition, it allows more people in Europe to know Taiwan Children's talent in painting and animation.

Representative Mr. Michal Kovac of the Slovak Economic and Cultural Office, who spearheaded this joint event, especially thanked the NCL's support in his opening remarks for the opportunity to have the illustration contest organized in many locations in Taiwan, showing the creative energy and artistic culture of Slovakia.



Drawing contest in progress.

■ 2016 PNC Annual "Digital Library" Session Comes to an End

The Pacific Neighborhood Consortium (PNC) originated from a meeting of public university presidents in the Pacific region with the aim of mutual assistance between neighboring countries. Each year the annual meeting is held at a different coastal city, with lectures and discussions on the newest internet technology.

The 2016 PNC Annual Conference and Joint Meetings were held on August 16-18 at the Getty Center in Los Angeles. The theme of the conference was "Does Data Construct Reality?" The National Central Library was invited, as in years past, to organize the Digital Library session, which was held on the morning of Aug. 18.